It’s that time of year, when Columbia Union families plan time off from work and the regular demands of life to pack up the kids—maybe even a few pets—and attend camp meeting. Check your conference’s schedule for the treats and blessings in store this summer!

What draws you to camp meeting?

- Fellowship 64%
- Spiritual Growth 25%
- I don’t go to Camp Meeting 11%

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S E T H B A R D U

Why Attend Camp Meeting?

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s a newly hired church employee in the latter half of the 1980s, I watched with much interest as church members, using all modes of transportation, arrived on the conference campgrounds for camp meeting. Prior to their arrival, I saw pastors and other conference employees prepping the campus. They pitched huge tents and small tents all over—some for youth, others for prayer and communion.

I wondered why people would take time off to come to camp meeting, leaving behind their comfortable homes to “camp out” in dormitories and trailers. There were also the young and young-at-heart who brought and pitched tents, reminding me of the children of Israel as they journeyed from Egypt to the Promised Land. What a sight!

Some of us cannot stay the entire time, but because we still have the opportunity to join the camp meeting, we pack our vans and mobile homes with our children or grandchildren and head to camp meeting. If staying on the campground is not an option, we drive to a nearby hotel and “encamp” there.

TIME FOR THE MASTER

With the fast pace of our world today, it makes sense for God’s children to make time for their Master. Camp meeting creates an atmosphere for us to come aside, spend quality time with God, sit at His feet and learn of Him. In so doing, we find ourselves energized and equipped to return to our homes and churches ready to witness for Christ. We may not all have the opportunity to attend camp meeting, but we should make time, once in a while, to leave behind the cares of this world to spend time with Jesus. In the words of a familiar spiritual, “Walk together children, don’t you get weary … There’s a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.”

So whether or not you attend camp meeting this summer, let us find time to “encamp” at the feet of Jesus that we may be revived. “Those who dwell under His shadow shall return; they shall be revived like a grain, and grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon” (Hosea 14:7, NKJV).

Seth Bardu serves as treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference.
UNION ALLOCATES $211K TO HOMELAND MISSION PROJECTS

The territory that comprises our great union is best viewed as a mission field that God has called us to reach,” says Frank Bondurant, Columbia Union Conference vice president for Ministries Development. “Accordingly, one of the fundamental core values for our next quinquennium is to ‘impact our communities by revealing the love of Christ, sharing the distinct Adventist message and inviting people to accept Christ as their Savior.’”

In support of this effort, the Columbia Union is partnering with local conferences to designate $211,000 for more than 10 local projects and ministries. Some of the projects include:

- **Life Skills Academy**—a youth mentoring program from the First church of Montclair, N.J.
- **Atkinson House**—a ministry for homeless men located in Coatesville, Pa.
- **Baby Blessing Project**—a ministry providing resources to teen and young adult parents led by the Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md.
- **Salisbury University Student Outreach**—a public campus ministry for young adults on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.
- **Church Planting Projects** in Appomattox, Va.; Cleveland, Ohio; Teays Valley, W.Va.; Westminster, Md.; Highstown, N.J.; Bayonne, N.J.; and Kearny, N.J.
- **Charleston, W.Va.**—local church revitalization and a citywide evangelistic initiative.
- **REACH Philadelphia**—a summer ministry that engages youth and young adults in evangelism and leadership.
- **Mission to the Many**—a Pennsylvania Conference initiative that includes the recruiting and training of young adults to serve as local missionaries in two local companies.
- **Community Praise Center**—a multisite campus project for this Alexandria, Va., church with a second campus slated for Leesburg, Va.
- **The Lynchburg Virginia Prison Ministry**—a pilot program that features a video conferencing visitation center to assist inmate family members.

MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO DISTRIBUTE **THE GREAT HOPE**

North American Division (NAD) leaders are encouraging members to prayerfully help distribute some 3 million copies of *The Great Hope* to their friends and family. Some 2 million copies of this abridged version of Ellen White’s *The Great Controversy* have already been distributed across the division. Below J. Alfred Johnson III, NAD director of Adult Ministries, shares the importance of this effort.

**Q: Why should Adventists get involved in this project?**

**A:** We praise our Lord for the privilege of having been called and commissioned to be agents of the One who is the answer to all of our challenges. His name is Jesus, the solution—The Great Hope—who will come with glory to do away with sin, disease, disaster, dishonor and death and grant the capacity to live His powerful life now, to all who are willing! This is great news that we cannot afford to keep to ourselves!

For more information about the book, visit sharethegreathope.com or purchase copies at your local Adventist Book Center.
The number of conference constituency sessions in the Columbia Union this year. Chesapeake Conference will be first on Sunday, May 20. New Jersey’s is planned for September 23, Pennsylvania’s for November 11 and Allegheny East’s for October 14.

UNION AIDS FIRST ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY IN LIBERIA

Teresa Bardu (below), wife of Columbia Union Conference treasurer Seth Bardu, is pictured at a groundbreaking for the Adventist University of West Africa. Bardu went as a representative of Dave Weigley, Columbia Union president, who wanted to show support for the first Seventh-day Adventist university in Liberia.

“Most schools here conduct classes on Saturday,” says Pastor James Golay, Liberia Union president, "so our leaders want to provide an educational option that benefits the community and allows our young people to observe the Sabbath.” Around 300 students are enrolled and attending classes in a temporary space. The new school will be located in Monrovia, Liberia’s capital, on 100 acres, and initially offer degrees in business, education, nursing and theology. Some financial support for this Columbia Union Missions Abroad recipient comes from the union’s healthcare networks.

Leaders Visit ADRA China Site

Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference president; Raj Attiken, Ohio Conference president; and Taashi Rowe, Visitor news editor, recently visited an ADRA site in Southwest China. Despite humble, sparsely furnished homes, two families welcomed the visitors with warm smiles.

One family is without a modern sewage system, which means grey water and human and animal waste go back into nature. At the second home, the family has an environmentally friendly biogas pump, which turns waste into energy that powers heat, lighting and cooking fuel. The Chinese government has been perfecting this technology for the past 80 years and will subsidize the installation of this pump for families who can contribute to a percentage of the cost.

This is where ADRA China comes in. Over the next two years, ADRA would like to help 100 families obtain these pumps, which at $700 each is out of reach for many families. After first visiting the area last May, Linda Zhu, ADRA China’s country director, said, “I realized this can be a great help for the families and prevent broader health and environmental problems.” The first installations are slated for May.

After leaving the site, Attiken said he “saw hope in the [villager’s] eyes that their lot would be improved … and was impressed at ADRA China’s mission of transforming and enriching the living conditions of these villagers. I saw it as a striking example of ‘disinterested benevolence’ motivated by God’s love for all people.”—Taashi Rowe

A villager in southwest China stands in her kitchen, which now has light, heat and cooking fuel due to a biogas pump that turns animal and human waste into energy.
NOTICIAS

TAASHI ROWE

PLANTACIÓN DE IGLESIA PROGRAMADA PARA EAST CLEVELAND

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Desde izquierda, Oswaldo Magaña, Manuel Flores y Eligio Hernández

Pidamos a Dios que sane nuestra tierra y a las personas que están sufriendo.
—José H. Cortés, presidente de New Jersey Conference, vea la pág. 23

BIENVENIDO, PASTOR PETER SIMPSON

El pastor Peter M. Simpson estará pastoreando las iglesias Ebenezer, la primera hispana de Cleveland, y el grupo de Willard, en la Asociación de Ohio.

“Desde muy joven, sentí el llamado de Dios a ser pastor, así que no vacilé en ir al seminario teológico para prepararme en el ministerio”, dijo él.

Simpson, que tiene una maestría en misionología y un doctorado en ministerio, ha pastoreado en todo Centroamérica—Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, y Honduras. “Indudablemente busco crecimiento”, dice él de su trabajo en el nuevo distrito. “Creo que Dios me ha llamado a contribuir al crecimiento de la iglesia”.

Está casado con Carolina, y juntos tienen dos hijos—Roy de 20 años, y Ryan de 18.

POR LOS NÚMEROS: ESCUELA DE DISCIPULADO

La escuela de teología para el discipulado comenzó en la Asociación del Potomac en el 2007 con trescientos veinte estudiantes. Desde entonces, este programa—cuyo objetivo es preparar a laicos para ser evangelistas, instructores bíblicos, y asistir a sus pastores—se ha expandido a las asociaciones de Allegheny East, Allegheny West, Chesapeake, Ohio y Pennsylvania. Estos son los números de los estudiantes del curso 2011 a 2012:

Graduados como evangelistas en Ohio y Allegheny West

32

Graduados como instructores bíblicos en Chesapeake

55

Graduados como asistentes al pastor en Pennsylvania

65

Graduados como evangelistas en el Potomac

145

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El pastor Roberto Rivera informa que Wilberto Funes, un estudiante en la escuela de teología para el discipulado, fue el evangelista en la iglesia hispana de West Columbus, durante la semana de evangelismo en el mes de abril.
Noticias

CAMPESTRES HISPANOS DE COLUMBIA UNION

Campestre hispano de Allegheny West Conference
Fechas: 25 al 27 de mayo
Tema: “Cada uno gana uno”
Localidad: 6470 Oakthorpe Rd., Thornville, Ohio 43706

ORADORES:
Pastor Alejandro Bullón, evangelista internacional
Eduardo Schmidt, director asociado de North American Division Evangelism Institute
Marcos Ventura, predicador juvenil

MÚSICOS INVITADOS:
Azarelle Ministry
Hugo Yin y Addy Morales

Para mayor información, llame al pastor Walter Castro, director de los ministerios multilingües, al (614) 252-5011 o al (703) 231-6642.

Campestre hispano de Mountain View Conference
Fechas: 29 de junio al 1ro de julio
Tema: “Dame este monte”

Acerca del tema: ¿Por qué no estamos alcanzando a las personas en los lugares donde vivimos? Tratemos de ser como Caleb, quien dijo: “Dame, pues, ahora este monte, del cual habló Jehová aquel día...” (Josué 14:12, VRV). No pidió la tierra conquistada, mas pidió el territorio más difícil. Durante el campestre aprenderemos a reclamar las promesas que ya se nos han dado.

Orador: William Ovalle es pastor en la iglesia de Central Hispanic, de Allegheny West Conference en Columbus, Ohio. Tiene un título en teología de la Universidad Adventista del Plata en Argentina.

Para mayor información, llame a la oficina de la Asociación al (304) 422-4581 o envíe un correo electrónico al pastor Walter Cárdenas, coordinador de los ministerios hispanos, a wcardena@gmail.com.

Campestre hispano de Potomac Conference
Fechas: 28 de junio al 1ro de julio
Tema: El santuario… un lugar de esperanza
Localidad: Shenendoah Valley Academy, 234 West Lee Highway, New Market, Va.

Orador: Alejandro Bullón, evangelista

Para mayor información, llame al departamento de ministerios hispanos al (301) 899-0012 o escriba un correo electrónico a jacquelines@pcsda.org.

Información adicional de los campestres:
Mountain View, 29 de junio al 1ro de julio. Vea la página 19.
New Jersey, 29 al 30 de junio. Vea la página 23.

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS DE ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE

- La escuela de teología y discipulado se llevará a cabo en el 3401 Old York Road en Baltimore, el 20 de mayo, 17 de junio, y el 19 de agosto.

- El día de la recreación presentará una variedad de juegos y deportes el 1ro de julio. Todas las iglesias están invitadas. Para más detalles, llame al pastor José del Rosario al (540) 207-2040.

- Campori de Conquistadores, bajo el tema: “Sólo sé fuerte y muy valiente”, se celebrará del 13 al 15 de julio en Pine Forge, Pa.

- El día anual de hermandad, bajo el tema: “Sus ministros: una llama de fuego”, se celebrará el 15 de septiembre en Pine Forge, Pa.

- El retiro de damas, bajo el tema: “Diseñadas a la imagen de Dios”, se llevará a cabo del 2 al 4 de noviembre en Lancaster, Pa. Para mayor información o para inscribirse, llame a Dolores Orellana al (717) 623-6572.
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What’s New?

Book > Where To? The Adventist Search for Direction
J. David Newman
This provocative book is designed to start a conversation among Seventh-day Adventists, says J. David Newman, senior pastor at Chesapeake Conference’s New Hope church in Fulton, Md. “It is written particularly for Adventists who are wondering why we are still here in the 21st century,” he explains. Is the church’s mission the same? Will Adventists finish God’s work? “I don’t claim to have all the answers, but I feel the church should be asking these questions,” he added. Pick up a copy at the Potomac ABC.

CD > In Hymn I Trust
Angela Bryant-Brown
Potomac Conference member Angela Bryant-Brown prays that the music she shares “will move others to recognize the awesomeness of God and praise Him in their own lives.” Bryant-Brown, who attends the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va., has filled the album with hymns like “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” and praise-and-worship-style medleys. After all, praise and worship is more than a music genre; she says it’s what she does in response to God’s presence in her life. Read more and order at Sounds4theSoul.com.

What’s Going On?
We’d love to hear about your latest project or ministry, find out what’s happening at your church, meet a recently baptized member or hear what you’re chatting about—and so would our readers.

We can’t wait to hear from you: bmichaels@columbiaunion.net

Video > The Missing Link
Tyler Fishell
The Missing Link is a light-hearted animation created by Tyler Fishell, a member of Chesapeake Conference’s Willow Brook church in Boonsboro, Md. The 1.5-minute video features a humorous conversation between a Veja-Link and a piece of bologna that pokes fun at evolution. Fishell, who’s studying graphic design at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.), encourages teens, “Don’t be afraid to be a little strange or different; just keep it healthy and try to be Christ-like.” To watch this and other Sabbath-appropriate videos, visit guidemagazine.org.

From the Pulpit

He who came to this Earth, lived, died and ascended into the heavens and will one day return in glory … We are eagerly awaiting the blessed hope, that is, the hope which culminates in blessings.—Harcourt King, Pastor, Shiloh Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
On the Web

Facebooked >

Wil Froelich
The Pennsylvania ABC Ministry Team provided the service and “Equipped for Discipleship” seminar in the New Castle church today. The members there are a mighty lot preparing for an evangelistic crusade. They are ... sharing hundreds of Signs of the Times magazines around town. Praying for their success and [the] Holy Spirit’s guidance.—Blue Mountain Academy Church, Hamburg (Pa.)

Potomac Adventist Book & Health Food Store
Spend some time with your family playing Bible games. Some of your favorites are available in a Bible version at the Potomac [ABC]. Watch a video at http://photosinharmony.com/PABC/Games.html.—Silver Spring, Md.

Blogged >
Each of our itty-bitty cells was crafted by the Master Scientist, the Word, the Lamb of God. Each was made to work at its own job, to fulfill its duty with diligence. Paul says that we are God’s workmanship (Eph. 2:10). We are fashioned to do good works—to take care of our ever-working bodies, for example. Will we do that for the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world? —Gabrielle A. Baker, First Church of Newark, Newark, N.J. (http://plugin2god.blogspot.com)

In the Spotlight >
Christ Our Righteousness Church

IMPOR TANCE OF A NAME: The Lakewood church planted this small Ohio Conference congregation in the late 80s. They chose their church name as a reminder that perfection and salvation originate from the Lord. Membership has grown from 18 to 80, which includes a satellite home church plant. Local residents also regularly visit.

TRADITION CHALLENGED: In spring 2010, Pastor Dean Cinquemani proposed a dramatic challenge to his congregation in Olmstead Falls, Ohio. What if they used monies from their building fund—an investment that stretched back 18 years—to invest in and impact their small township? Members prayed about the idea and agreed to pursue the concept for five years. Their goal: to work like Jesus did during His years of ministry and improve their neighbors’ lives.

OPEN DOORS: Today the church operates out of the Community for Better Living, a center where they hold Sabbath services and provide a place for residents to attend workshops on parenting, health and finances. “The concept here is growth. We want to touch the community effectively and immediately,” explains Pastor Cinquemani. The church intentionally partners with businesses and invites area professionals to teach workshops.

SUCCESSFUL GROWTH: During Sabbath services, members share refreshments with those in the nearby shopping plaza. Friendly conversations typically end with an invitation to attend a “Discovering God” class at the center. The community has embraced the church, and local businesses frequently sponsor events, such as family movie nights and free CPR classes.—Tanisha Greenidge
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Welcome

Rain is a subject that always has a 50/50 popularity rating. Some folks like rain anytime it comes. Some folks don’t like it at all. I’ve never, before now, prayed for rain during camp meeting. Yes, I remember the times it rained and stormed. I remember the times when God Himself had to shield us from nature’s wrath. I have never asked the constituents of this conference to pray for rain. However, I still want it to rain during camp meeting. I want God to send rain—the latter rain. I am requesting that you pray for the latter rain.

We have chosen our theme “Let It Rain” with the thought and the intention of providing you with the messages and experiences that will have you yearning to get caught in a deluge of God’s outpouring of His Holy Spirit. So, come with your spiritual rain gear, June 28-July 8. I look forward to seeing you there. And, by the way, you won’t need or want an umbrella for this rain.

—Charles Cheatham, President

Let It Rain
Pine Forge Academy, June 28-July 8

Speakers

June 30 ■ Charles W. Drake III, PhD, heard the call to ministry early. He began preaching at the age of 12 and conducted his first evangelistic meeting at 16. A product of Christian education, he attended denominational schools from elementary through college, and earned a doctoral degree in executive leadership and administration.

He pastored 16 churches ranging in membership from 9 to 2,000. While serving as a pastor, he built or renovated eight churches and baptized over 3,500. He served as a conference administrator for 18 years as well as an adjunct instructor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Mich.). In December 2008, he was elected president of the Central States Conference (Kan.).

July 7 ■ Charles L. Cheatham, current president of the Allegheny East Conference, is the product of Christian education, having attended the Baltimore Junior Academy in Baltimore and Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pa. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in theology from Oakwood University (Ala.) and completed a Master of Arts in Applied and Systematic Theology from Andrews University (Mich.).

He entered the gospel ministry in October 1959 and, since then, has served as a pastor, started a radio broadcast, served as a media officer for Pine Forge Academy and as special assistant to the conference president. He also served as a departmental director and organized the Media Ministries department. He was elected executive secretary for the conference in 1987 and as its president in 2000. A new office complex was completed in 2010 under his leadership.

Youth Speakers ■ Furman F. Fordham, II and Java Mattison ■ Mattison is the publishing director of the South Central Conference. Fordham (below) pastors the Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tenn. He has pastored churches in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Australia. His passion is enlisting and empowering members for effective Christian ministry.

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**Family, Women, Prison & Health Ministries**

- **Pastor W.S. Lee** and **Wilma Kirk Lee** have been married for 45 years, and are Family Ministries directors for the Southwest Region Conference. They will present the workshop “Building Families With Jesus.” Monday-Wednesday, 1:30-5 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.

- **The Women’s Ministries Breakfast**, themed “Reclamation for Christ 2012,” will be held July 1, 9-11 a.m.

- **Edith Tucker**, the Allegheny East Conference Prison Ministries Federation president, will share Prison Ministries updates July 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

- **The Health Ministries Department** will offer health screenings.
  
  The first 150 persons can get the six major heart attack and stroke preventive tests for just $15. Other seminars and activities are also planned.

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**Adventist Community Services**

- **Are you prepared to help others in the event of a disaster? Joe Watts**, North American Division (NAD) Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response director, will offer multiple disaster response classes such as “Train the Trainer,” “Donations Management” and “Warehouse Management Training.” Monday-Wednesday 8:30-10:30 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.; Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Friday 1:30-3 p.m.

- **Steve Willsey, DMin**, will teach “Psychological First Aid for ACS Volunteers.” In this six-hour workshop, ACS volunteers will learn to administer psychological first aid to individuals who are suffering emotional distress resulting from an accident, injury or a sudden, shocking event. Monday-Tuesday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m.

- **In “Fundraising for Your Cause,” Kristin Netteburg Priest**, associate director at Philanthropy Services for Institutions, will share an overview of information and resources to start or improve fundraising at your organization. Then Monday, 1:30-3 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m., in “Grant Proposal Writing,” she will share information about the proposal writing process, from researching prospective donors to writing the actual proposal. Tuesday, 1:30-3 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.

- **Gaspar Colón, PhD**, is a professor of religion at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., and director of the Center for Metropolitan Ministry. He will teach “Theological Concepts of Holistic Ministry” to help congregations develop more biblical, effective, dynamic and holistic ministries. In “Performance Measurement for Effective Ministry,” he will show nonprofit/ministry leaders how to use performance measurement to enhance the effectiveness of their organizations.

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**Youth, Stewardship & Philanthropy Ministries**

- **Youth Empowered to Serve (YES!)** will present several workshops for young people, including “Real Religion for Real Young People,” “Salt, Light, Hands and Feet” and “Connect the Dots: Relationship Basics in Service Ministry.”

- **Vernee Stoddart**, founder of Wings Belleza, a mentoring organization for girls, will present “Boys, Beauty, Body and BFFs.” Girls will learn fun, interactive skills and discover that they were created as rare treasures.

- The seminars will be held Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 9-10:30 a.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.

- **The Philanthropy/Stewardship Department** will present “How to Thrive in a Weak Economy.”
Welcome

As we enter into worship on our campgrounds, we need to pray and seek the Lord’s presence. As we enter into a Holy convocation, let us pray for a spirit of expectancy.

As in the past, our focus this year will be witnessing and evangelism. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we have accomplished much, but there is so much more work to be done. We have seen God answer our prayers, and we recognize that only God can lead us to the place He has ordained for His people.

The visions we were given for this ministry have not always been easy to accomplish, and for good reason—it has required total submission to and dependency on the Lord. Oftentimes we view the “visions” as the responsibility of the “visionary,” but if a vision is to be accomplished, all of those with a “stake” must invest.

Let us look to “live beyond the veil.” We should seek the presence of a holy God and ready ourselves to be positioned to experience His power like never before. We believe that those who have gathered here will be blessed by God’s presence.

—William Cox, President

Living Beyond the Veil
Allegheny West Campgrounds, June 28-30

Speakers

Adult Pavilion, June 30 ■ William T. Cox, DMin, the new president of the Allegheny West Conference (AWC), is a graduate of Oakwood University (Ala.), the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (La.) and the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he received a Doctor of Ministry. His 32 years of pastoral ministry have been dedicated to populating the kingdom of God. He started in the Southwest Region Conference, where he spent 17 years before moving to the Southern California Conference.

There he pastored the Berean church in Los Angeles. He spent the past 13 years pastoring AWC’s Ephesus and Ethan Temple congregations in the Dayton area.

Women’s Ministries, June 29 ■ Carol Barron is the administrative assistant in the Adult Ministries Department of the North American Division (NAD). In April 2005, Barron graduated from the Lay Minister of Evangelism four-year training program conducted by the NAD Evangelism Institute at Andrews University (Mich.). She became a certified Lay Minister of Evangelism in the areas of evangelism, church growth and pastoral ministry. Barron co-authored the children’s devotional Quiet Times With Jesus, and has contributed articles to various periodicals. She travels extensively throughout the United States and abroad singing, teaching the Word of God and conducting prayer conferences and seminars.

Ordination Service, June 30 ■ James Doggette, DMin, is co-founder and senior pastor of the Madison Mission church in Madison, Ala., and has been the associate professor of Practical Theology at Oakwood University, his alma mater, since 1993. He is known as a “son of the church,” with a number of past and current relatives preceding him in ministry, including his father. Doggette’s 20-plus years of pastoral ministry have taken him across the United States. He is credited for helping build a church in Mansfield, La., from the ground up.
Youth & Children

Youth Pavilion, June 30, “Totally Committed: Body, Mind and Heart”  
Vandeon Griffin is the youth director for the South Central Conference and president of the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association. Prior to finishing his Master of Divinity at Andrews University (Mich.), Griffin served as a youth pastor or pastoral intern at churches in Mississippi, Tennessee and Michigan. Before taking his current position, he also pastored two churches in Alabama and one in Tennessee. Pastor Griffin says his passion is to see young people on fire for the Lord.

- Youth activities will include a Pathfinder parade immediately after the main service, an oratorical contest on Sabbath at 3 p.m. and olympic games on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Noah’s Ark, June 30, “Daniel & Babylon”  
Nine-year-old Jarod Smith has preached God’s Word across the Allegheny West and Ohio conferences, and in the South Central Conference. He attends the Temple Emmanuel church in Youngstown, Ohio.

- Children will get to rotate their Bible education between 10 learning stations. Columbus Zoo professionals will also treat youngsters to an animal show-and-tell presentation.
Welcome

Enoch is famous for having a close walk with God (see Gen. 5:24). So close in fact, that God took him to heaven without experiencing death. Have you ever wondered what the real-life dynamic was between God and Enoch?

_Patriarchs and Prophets_ tells us, “In the midst of a life of active labor, Enoch steadfastly maintained his communion with God. The greater and more pressing his labors, the more constant and earnest were his prayers” (p. 86). He would pull himself away from society in order to have time with God.

Our camp meeting takes place next month. It provides an opportunity to pull away from daily demands and spend time with God. The theme “Walk With God! Share His Grace!” is a call to emulate the experience of Enoch. So, come away from the daily grind for a few days to refresh your walk with God. Through personal time with God, great biblical preaching, uplifting music and practical seminars, you’ll be renewed and ready to return home with a new perspective.—Rick Remmers, President

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**THE Gathering**

**A RENEWED CAMP MEETING EXPERIENCE**

**Walk With God! Share His Grace!**

Highland View Academy, June 12-16

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**Worship Speakers**

**John Nixon** joined the Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) faculty in 2010 as professor of Religion and Spirituality. Nixon’s passion for preaching the Word has taken him to various cities throughout the United States and around the world. He was a featured speaker at the 2000 and 2010 General Conference sessions.

John McVay is a sought-after speaker. For the past six years, McVay has served as president of Walla Walla University (WWU) in Washington state. This summer he transitions to the School of Theology as a professor of Biblical Studies. Prior to coming to WWU, he served as professor of New Testament, associate dean and then dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.).

Garbed in authentic-looking costumes, Dick and Ardis Stenbakken’s dramatic Bible character portrayals during daily morning worship appeals to all ages. Both now retired, Dick directed the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, and his wife, Ardis, directed the world church’s Women’s Ministries Department. Learn more at biblefaces.com.
In “Personal Perspectives on Health” Inskip Allop looks at the three great principles for living healthfully and examines seven predictors of good health. In “Corporate Perspectives on Health,” he shares how to develop a meaningful health ministry in your church and use the Adventist health message as an evangelistic tool. Allop is a board-certified naturopath, medical missionary and pastor of the Middletown and New Castle Spanish churches in Delaware.

Charles Tapp presents “When All You can do is Pray: Studies on the Purpose and Power of Prayer.” Discover how prayer will help you realize the fullness of God’s love and peace in your life. Tapp is the senior pastor of the Sligo church on the campus of Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., where he teaches a class on the topic of prayer.

Jeffrey Wilson covers the popular topics of “A Christian Perspective on Money Management and Getting Yourself Out of Debt,” as well as “What’s so Important About a Christian Will? Lessons From the Life of Oseola McCarty.” Wilson is assistant to the president for Planned Giving at Adventist World Radio. He has been in ministry for 40-plus years, including many in Trust Services and development.

In “Bringing Home the Prodigals,” John and Sally Appel offer hope and peace that “God is not finished with our children,” and that we can commit our children to a heavenly Father who will never turn His back on any of us. They have walked the “road of suffering” with their prodigals. John is the Ministerial secretary for Chesapeake Conference. Sally is a recently retired teacher.

What does being a church member really mean? Join John McVay in a careful study of God’s Word focused on the epistle to the Ephesians in his seminar, “The Church: A User’s Guide.” McVay is president of Walla Walla University and has been a seminary professor of New Testament studies.

In “Roles, Rules and Rituals,” Dick and Ardis Stenbakken share strategies for building healthy families, churches and schools. The couple also presents “How to Talk so People Will Listen and Listen so People Will Talk.” Dick served as the director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the world church from 1992-2004. Ardis is a retired director of Women’s Ministries for the worldwide Adventist Church.

In “How to Read Your Bible” with a deeper understanding. He is an associate professor of religion at Washington Adventist University. He teaches courses in biblical languages, Old Testament and Christian spirituality.

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E. Albert Reece, MD, will teach “Practically Healthy: Knowing, Doing and Sharing,” which covers topics on obesity, diabetes and important health numbers. Reece is vice president for Medical Affairs at the University of Maryland and dean of the School of Medicine. At his laboratory, they study the biologic/molecular causes and consequences of diabetes-induced birth defects and how to prevent such defects.

In “How God Changes Lives” Sergio Manente, pastor of the Highland View church in Hagerstown, Md., examines five things that we can do to give God full access to our hearts, so He can do a marvelous work in us and we can experience the joys of the abundant life Christ has promised.
Featured Musicians

David Griffiths is a singer with a rich and powerful baritone voice. He is a prolific composer and an accomplished pianist. In 2009 the International Singer Songwriter Association named him Christian Songwriter of the Year.

Angela Stevens spreads God’s message from car radios to churches as a Christian recording artist and nationally syndicated radio personality. She has a busy concert schedule that reflects her new album, *Doxology*, which is centered around all-time favorite Christian hymns.

For more details and to register for lodging and meals, visit ccosda.org or call (410) 995-1910.
## Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting

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* Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center (MACRC)
Welcome

Welcome to Mountain View Camp Meeting 2012. Our theme this year is “Jesus Saves.” Jesus is the medium through which God poured out His infinite love upon a fallen world. Christ connects us in our weakness and helplessness with the Source of infinite power. During this week, we will contemplate the amazing sacrifice Christ made for each of us and, because of God’s infinite power, our unlimited possibilities. We will explore the height, depth and breadth of heaven’s love for you and me that the apostle John saw when he exclaimed, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (1 John 3:1).

It is the goal and prayer of the camp meeting planning committee that each attendee’s camp meeting experience be a time of getting to know Jesus better and His will for their life, and then reflect Him in their life when they return home to their church, family and community.

Jesus Saves

Valley Vista Adventist Center, June 15-23

Worship Speakers

Lonnie Melashenko has been the vice president for Spiritual Services and Mission at Kettering Adventist HealthCare in Kettering, Ohio, where he worked with leadership to foster and grow relationships within the organization and throughout the community. He led a team committed to developing initiatives for nurturing a strong, faith-based healthcare community, expanded parish nursing programs, provided leadership for healthcare chaplains and worked to attract and retain mission-oriented individuals. Melashenko is probably best known for his 18 years as the speaker/director for the Voice of Prophecy ministry. He is also a prolific writer and, along with his family, has recorded several music CDs and videos.

Karl Haffner is senior pastor of the Kettering (Ohio) church and mission strategist for Kettering Adventist HealthCare. Haffner holds bachelor degrees in theology and business from Walla Walla College (now a university), a Master of Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University and a master’s of divinity and doctor of philosophy from Andrews University (Mich.). While pastoring in Washington, he founded the North Creek Christian Fellowship in Bothell. He has authored several books, including Caught Between Two Worlds, Soul Matters, Pilgrim’s Problems, The Cure for the Last Daze, Out of the Hot Tub, The Cure for Soul Fatigue and Peace Like a Spider. He has also written hundreds of articles for publications such as the Adventist Review, Insight, Signs of the Times and Christian Living.

Larry Boggess
President

Victor Zill
Secretary/Treasurer
Presenters

Saturday–Saturday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. ■ “It’s All About Jesus” ■ Leighton R. Holley was born to missionary parents in Beijing, China. He started his ministry in Texas followed by 30-plus years of full-time evangelism in various states with a pastorate in Alabama. In 1996 he returned to Texas to pastor and subsequently served as Texas Conference secretary and then president. He now pastors the Choctaw (Okla.) church and is evangelism coordinator and Ministerial secretary for the Oklahoma Conference.

Monday–Friday, 9:30-10:45 a.m. ■ “Contemplative Prayer: A Clear and Present Danger” ■ Howard Peth taught for 42 years, including 31 years at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif. Now retired, Peth lives in the San Diego area where he spends much of his time writing and lecturing. He is the author of three books: Seven Mysteries Solved, The Dangers of Contemplative Prayer and the soon-to-be-released Profiles in Faith.

Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. ■ “God’s Health Plan” ■ Roger Gallant is a Seventh-day Adventist physician who appreciates what modern medicine can do, but has come to realize that God’s way is better. He believes God has a health plan to combat the lifestyle diseases of this world. It is inexpensive, but invaluable; easy to understand, yet profound; and simple to practice and highly effective.

Sunday–Friday, 2:30-3:45 p.m. ■ “WIN! Wellness—Homes of Hope and Health” ■ John and Millie Youngberg, PhDs, have served in family ministry since 1975, the year they initiated Family Life International at Andrews University (Mich.), which the General Conference and North American Division later sponsored. After some 25 years of specializing in family wellness, they pioneered the idea of curricular materials on total wellness that integrated physical, mind, spirit and family dimensions that enrich families. The Youngbergs have also authored more than 25 books.

Sunday–Thursday, 4-5:15 p.m. ■ “Home-Grown Nutrition” ■ Scott Arrington graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1982 but, after joining the Adventist Church in 1998, left his maritime career due to Sabbath conflicts. His interest in the Adventist health message led him to study how a vegetable’s nutritional quality is affected by growing methods. Arrington worked at organic farms, where he learned to grow and market chemical-free produce and manage compost operations. He now teaches others about healthy gardening.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. ■ “Who is an Adult?” ■ In September 2011, Maria Ovando-Gibson joined the faculty at Washington Adventist University located in Takoma Park, Md., as an associate professor of religion. She holds a Master of Divinity and a PhD in theology from the Fuller Theological Seminary (Calif.).

Musicians

Saturday, June 16, 4 p.m. ■ The Remnant is a gospel group formed in 1995 by two brothers, Steve and Randy McKoy. This semi-professional duo performs in churches and camp meetings throughout the U.S. and overseas. “Our songs all have a message; like little sermons,” say the brothers. Using prophecy, Bible stories and their own testimonies, the brothers convey God’s great love for humanity and Christ’s soon return.

Saturday, June 23, 3 p.m. ■ The Melashenko Four: Brothers Lonnie and Joedy Melashenko—who started singing at ages 5 and 6—and their wives, Jeannie and Judy, respectively, have ministered to thousands through their preaching and music with The Voice of Prophecy and Quiet Hour ministries. During the past few years, the Melashenkos have gone overseas to preach and sing: from Canada to Australia to Fiji.
Special Features

Prayer Convocation ■ Friday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. Gather at the flagpole to pray and ask for the Lord’s blessing as camp meeting is officially opened.

Sharing Jesus in the Marketplace ■ Saturday, June 16, 2:30 p.m. Learn how Mountain View members are sharing Jesus.

Fasting Blood Draw ■ Sunday, June 17, 7 a.m. In the cafeteria, take various blood tests at reduced rates.

Lay Advisory ■ Sunday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to meet in the auditorium and participate in the brainstorming session.

ABC Book Sale ■ Sunday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. Stock up on reduced music, books and resources.

Education Hour and Concert ■ Saturday, June 23, 3 p.m. Cheryl Jacko, associate superintendent of schools, will lead a report on Mountain View education, and The Melashenko Four will perform.

Opening & Closing Sabbath

OPENING SABBATH

Devotional ■ 6:30 a.m.
Leighton Holley will begin his early morning series titled “It’s All About Jesus.”

Sabbath School ■ 9 a.m.
J. Wayne Hancock, EdD, pastor of a three-church district in northern West Virginia/southern Maryland, will be the Sabbath School superintendent. Scott Shafer, pastor of the Cumberland and Frostburg (Md.) churches, will lead the Sabbath School discussion. Roger and Amy Krum, former volunteer missionaries in Micronesia, will lead the mission focus.

Divine Service ■ 11 a.m.
Karl Haffner will speak on “I Fication Clarification.”

CLOSING SABBATH

Devotional ■ 6:30 a.m.
Leighton Holley will conclude his weeklong series about Jesus.

Sabbath School ■ 9 a.m.
Cheryl Jacko will be the Sabbath School superintendent. Ham Canosa, EdD, vice president of education for the Columbia Union Conference, will lead in the lesson study. The conference mission team will present the mission emphasis.

Divine Service ■ 11 a.m.
Lonnie Melashenko will share the message “He’s On His Way.”

Youth & Young Adults

YOUTH: “Beloved” ■ Youth Chapel, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Daily ■ Jackie James has been chaplain at Fletcher Academy (N.C.) and Forest Lake Academy (Fla.) as well as assistant campus pastor at La Sierra University (Calif.). In 2003 he returned to Collegedale (Tenn.) to serve as a recruiter for Southern Adventist University, his alma mater, and is a speaker for the Connect worship service at the Collegedale church.

YOUNG ADULTS: “A Chosen Generation” ■ Youth Chapel, Sunday-Thursday, 4 p.m. ■ Etser Edouard was raised an Adventist in Boston but did not fully accept Christ until age 16. He left everything behind two years later and enrolled at Andrews University, where he graduated with a bachelor’s in theology. Edouard is now interning as the youth/young adult pastor of the Bethel church in Kansas City, Kan.

Youth Sabbath School is in the Youth Chapel, Young Adults in the Breakout Room, 9 a.m.

Campamento Hispano

“Dame esta montaña”
Junio 29-Julio 1

William Ovalle nació en la Cuidad de Guatemala en 1980 y se bautizo a la edad de 10 años. Cuando cumplió los 18 años, se salió de la iglesia, pero cinco años después, respondió al llamado de Dios y empezó a estudiar para ser pastor. Ovalle ahora es pastor de la Iglesia Central de Columbus en Columbus, Ohio, de la Allegheny West Conference.
Welcome to Mountain View Camp Meeting 2012!

"Jesus Saves"


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6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. -- "It's All About Jesus"

Leighton Holley

Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15

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7:00 - Sabbath School

Supe: Wayne Hancock

Lesson by: Scott Shafer

Mission Emphasis: Roger & Amy Kuehn

10:30 ABC Big Book Sale

9:00 - Conference Employees' Meetings (Youth Center)

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. -- "God's Health Plan"

Dr. Roger Gallant

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30

11:00 - Worship Hour

Lonnie Melashenko

2:30 - Sharing Jesus in the Marketplace

2:00 Concert

The Remnant

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. -- "WIN! Wellness - Homes of Hope and Health"

Drs. John and Millie Youngberg

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. -- "Home-Grown Nutrition"

Scott Arrington

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Young Adults - Youth Chapel -- Etser Edouard

Free Time / Prepare for Sabbath

5:00 - Education Hour with The Melashenko Four

6:30-ish Convocation

Supper 5:30 - 6:15

Health Professionals Supper

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Karl Kauffman  Karl Kauffman  Justin Howard  Maria Ovando-Gibson  Weymouth Spencer  Jackie James  Ruben Ramos  Lonnie Melashenko  Lonnie Melashenko

* Young Adults meet in break-out room of Youth Chapel each Sabbath for Sabbath School -- 9:00 a.m.
Welcome

This morning, as I was praying for the churches, their leaders and the members of each congregation, my thoughts turned to the delightful time when we all gather as a Seventh-day Adventist family in New Jersey to pray for personal and corporate needs. Camp meeting is fast approaching, and I look forward to our time together.

As you know, the conference theme for 2012 is “Time to Pray.” It is also the theme of our camp meeting. Let us ask God to heal our land and pour out His Spirit upon us, His people, so that we can finish His work.

Our guest speakers for camp meeting will be Pastor Shawn Boonstra for English and Pastor Robert Folkenberg for Spanish. We will have time to worship, study the Word of God and pray. We will also have a report on the progress of Mission Caleb—our outreach to the cities, towns and universities in New Jersey where there is no Adventist presence. Please plan to be present all weekend, as this year’s camp meeting will be an unforgettable experience.

I look forward to seeing you there!—José H. Cortés, President

Time to Pray
Tranquil Valley Retreat Center
June 15-16

Speaker

Shawn Boonstra, associate secretary of the North American Division (NAD) Ministerial Association, will speak Friday evening and Sabbath. He has served as a pastor and evangelist in both Canada and the United States. He previously served as speaker/director of the It Is Written television ministry. He became an Adventist 18 years ago during an It Is Written evangelistic series in Victoria, British Columbia, and has been sharing his newfound faith ever since.

Boonstra has authored more than 15 outreach-oriented books and pioneered a number of innovative evangelistic approaches, including short, interactive satellite events such as The Appearing, The Presence and Out of Thin Air. He has worked in evangelism in many cultures and with audiences ranging from seven to tens of thousands.

Youth and Children’s Ministries

The Youth Ministries Department’s theme for 2012 is “STAY,” an acronym for Spiritually True Active Youth. “The Christian walk is more than just sitting in a pew; it’s about living your faith in action,” said Pastor Paulo Macena, youth director. “Our goal is to help the youth understand the need to stay spiritually true to Christ while being actively involved in the mission of the church. I know [our youth] will be blessed by the programming we have planned.”

Cristina Macena, the conference’s Children’s Ministries coordinator, is planning an exciting program at camp meeting. “We will be focusing on ‘Kidz 4 Jesus’ as our theme,” she said. “In addition to our regular Sabbath School and children’s church, we will also have a combined children’s program in the afternoon starting at 3.”
Bienvenido

Hoy en la madrugada, mientras oraba por las iglesias, sus líderes y los miembros de cada congregación, me deleité pensando en la posibilidad de reunirnos con toda la familia adventista de New Jersey para orar e interceder por las necesidades personales y corporativas. El campestre se acerca rápidamente y estoy realmente deseando que llegue ese tiempo para orar en unanimidad, no solamente los unos por los otros, sino los unos con los otros. Como ustedes saben, “Es tiempo de orar” es el lema de la Conferencia para el 2012 y este también será el lema de nuestro campestre. PIDAMOS a Dios que sane nuestra tierra y a las personas que están sufriendo. Vamos a orar para que Dios derribe su Espíritu sobre nosotros, su pueblo, para que logremos terminar el trabajo.

Nuestros oradores invitados serán el Pastor Shawn Boonstra para el campestre de inglés y el Pastor Robert Folkenberg para los de habla hispana. Tendremos tiempo para adorar, para estudiar la Palabra de Dios y para orar. También recibiremos un informe sobre el progreso de la misión Caleb. Por favor, hagan planes para estar presente todo el fin de semana pues el campestre de este año será una experiencia inolvidable. ¡Allí nos veremos! —José H. Cortés, Presidente

Es Tiempo de Orar
Tranquil Valley Retreat Center
29-30 de junio del 2012

Presentador

Roberto Folkenberg, Sr., orador de los cultos de adultos (viernes de noche y sábado). Roberto Folkenberg Sr., fundador y director de “ShareHim”, un ministerio de la conferencia de Carolina, será el orador para el fin de semana del Campestre Hispano. La familia Folkenberg y la familia de su esposa, Anita (Emmerson), colectivamente han dado más de 150 años de servicio a la misión de la iglesia adventista del séptimo día. Folkenberg ha servido tanto en la División Norteamericana como en la Inter-Americana.

Campestre de los Jóvenes y los Niños

El departamento de Jóvenes ha escogido el tema “STAY” (por sus siglas en inglés—Spiritually True Active Youth) para el año 2012. “El caminar cristiano es más que sentarse en una banca, es poner tu fe en acción,” dijo el Pastor Paulo Macena (fotografiados a la derecha con su esposa, Cristina), director de jóvenes. “Nuestro objetivo es ayudar a los jóvenes a entender la necesidad de ser fieles a Cristo y a la misma vez estar envueltos en la misión de la iglesia alcanzando a personas jóvenes y demostrándoles el amor de Cristo. Deseo ver nuevamente a nuestros jóvenes bajo la carpa este año y yo sé que serán bendecidos con la programación que hemos planeado.”

Los programas del Ministerio Infantil estarán bajo la dirección de Cristina Macena, coordinadora del Ministerio Infantil de la Conferencia. “Estaremos enfocándonos en “Kidz 4 Jesus” como el tema para el campestre de este año. En adición a nuestros servicios regulares de escuela sabática y de la iglesia para niños, en la tarde tendremos un programa combinado para niños comenzando a las 3 p.m. Deseo ayudar a nuestros niños a aprender más acerca de Jesús,” dijo Cristina Macena.
Division Leaders Fellowship With New Jersey Pastors

Three members of the North American Division (NAD) Ministerial Association recently fellowshipped with New Jersey Conference pastors. Ivan Williams, Ministerial director; Dave Gemmell, associate director; and Shawn Boonstra, associate director, joined the pastors at the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center (TVRC) in Tranquility.

Williams spoke about the five values of a pastor: faith, family, finances, fitness and fellowship. He encouraged pastors to not only work hard but also lead a balanced life so they can serve God over the long run. Boonstra shared how his evangelism really began to prosper when he discovered that his primary role as an evangelist is to find people who are already under the conviction of the Holy Spirit rather than trying to do the convicting himself. Gemmell shared how pastors can begin to connect with the Millennial generation, which he calls the “technotribe.”

“I was extremely blessed to meet with a team of extraordinary pastors,” Williams said. “These men work hard and play hard. It is exciting to see God bless their ministry.”

Gemmell said, “I was impressed by the fact that New Jersey had an 8 percent tithe gain in the heart of the recession. Something is up in New Jersey that the NAD needs to pay attention to.” And Boonstra said, “Having clear achievable goals led New Jersey to grow almost a thousand members a year. Evangelism is clearly the business of the church. I can’t wait to see what is going to happen with the dozen or so Caleb projects.”

The future looks bright to José H. Cortés, president of the New Jersey Conference. “We’re getting busy preparing for New York evangelism in 2013,” he said. “We can’t wait to see what God is going to do.”

—NAD Ministerial Department

Above: The New Jersey Conference pastoral team
Top: Pastors form a circle and pray.
Pastor Eduardo Monteiro and his wife, Patricia, recently joined the New Jersey pastoral team. Pastor Monteiro transferred to the New Jersey Conference from the Ontario Conference in Canada where he pastored both English and Spanish congregations. Monteiro is a native of Brazil and Patricia is from Mexico. They met while both were living in the Washington, D.C., area.

He will pastor the Luzo-Brazilian, Waldwick English and Wayne English churches. “I am happy to have Pastor Eduardo Monteiro and his wife, Patricia, join our team,” said José H. Cortés, conference president. “He can preach in English, Portuguese and Spanish, and I know he will be a real asset to the conference.” Monteiro replaces Pastor Paulo Macena, who was named Youth and Children’s Ministries director last summer.

Luzo-Brazilian Church Celebrates Grand Reopening

Last month many members and former pastors joined in celebrating the Luzo-Brazilian church’s grand reopening. The city of Newark condemned the building in 2007. Although the church had been classified as a historic building, everything except for the outside stone wall needed to be torn down. It took church members almost four years and more than $1.5 million to rebuild. The rebuilding took place under the leadership of Pastor Paulo Macena, who was invited back for the grand reopening event and asked to cut the ribbon. During the removal of the old building, they uncovered the original cornerstone and found inside a time capsule dated 1883. Inside the time capsule was a Bible.

Present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony were José H. Cortés, conference president; Jim Greene, executive secretary; former pastors Therezina Barbalho and Paulo Macena, conference Youth Ministries director; and current pastor Eduardo Monteiro. The church was also packed with former members celebrating the event.

A crowd gathers outside the church for the ribbon cutting.
The men and women who lead our congregations are called, equipped and empowered to cultivate spiritual maturity and life-altering faith in members. These pastors take seriously the task of developing disciples of Jesus. They are, therefore, well qualified to also organize and conduct a comprehensive event for members across Ohio and beyond.

For the second consecutive year, a team of Ohio pastors planned our camp meetings. Their knowledge of how to provide the best experience for forming believers is very evident in the top-quality program they developed. They paid careful attention to the spiritual, social and physical needs of all age groups. They effectively balanced teaching, discussion, music and other elements that will challenge and inspire all attendees. The fresh, biblically grounded messages by our pastors will take us deep into God’s Word.

I look forward to the spiritual treat that awaits us, and I invite you to join us for this week of renewal and recommitment.

—Raj Attiken, Conference President

Truth is Jesus
Mount Vernon Academy, June 10-16

Sabbath Speaker

Yuliyan Filipov’s encounter with Jesus transformed him from an atheist into a devoted Christian and minister of the gospel. God’s call to pastoral ministry prompted Filipov to leave his engineering career and pursue theology in two Seventh-day Adventist seminaries: Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen in Austria and Andrews University in Michigan. His deep love for the Word of God has motivated him to study diligently the original languages of the Bible in order to make his preaching and teaching solidly grounded in God’s Word. Currently Filipov serves as the lead pastor of the Worthington church. He has been happily married to Milenka for more than 20 years.

HOMETOWN CAMP MEETING

Chillicothe/Jackson
Southern Ohio Camp Meeting, June 1-3
Pike Lake State Park, Bainbridge

Speaker: Robert Stevenson

Enjoy a relaxing, spiritual weekend in beautiful southern Ohio. Robert Stevenson, principal of Mount Vernon Academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio, will bless attendees with spiritual insights. Attend one day or the entire weekend. Camp sites and cabin information is available at dnr.state.oh.us. Sabbath lunch and supper will be potluck style. For more information, contact Ron Anderson at randerson143@yahoo.com or (740) 637-9010.
Presenters and Seminars

Monday-Friday, 10:45 a.m. Ron Anderson has served as pastor, educator and principal and currently pastors the Chillicothe and Jackson churches. He is always looking for ways to make Christianity practical and hands on. In his seminar “Fundamental Beliefs on Five Fingers,” he will ask attendees, “Have you ever been tongue tied when someone asked what you believe?” Anderson will provide attendees with “a witness at your fingertips”—an easy way to answer that question.

Monday-Friday, 7 p.m. Main speaker Yuliyan Filipov will also present “Sinless Perfection—What Does the Bible Say?” The word “perfection” means different things to different Christians, but add to it the adjective “sinless” and there is bound to be controversy, which can divide churches. Pastor Filipov will identify some common mistakes people make when they define biblical perfection. He will not only give biblical clarity on the subject, but will also teach the solid principles of interpretation, which will prove very helpful in personal Bible study.

Monday-Friday, 10:45 a.m. Laszlo Hangyas says he was born with an analytical mind that helps him understand the literary form and message of two very important books in the Bible: Daniel and Revelation (on which he wrote his dissertation). In his seminar “The Seven Blessings of Revelation,” Hangyas, pastor of the Brooklyn and Westlake churches, will explain how Revelation is the most structured book of the Bible; its complexity is based on thought parallels that occur in an inverted order. This literary structure will help attendees focus on the main theme of any biblical book. Learn how passages in Revelation put emphasis on some of the main turning points of the great controversy, especially on the second coming of Christ.

Monday-Thursday, 7 p.m. Tom Hughes has been an Adventist pastor for more than 32 years. He is currently pastor of the Newark church and is actively involved in a motorcycle ministry. In his presentation “The Sanctuary in Heaven,” Hughes will use the symbols of the sanctuary to explain righteousness by faith.

Monday-Friday, 7 p.m. Alexander Bolotnikov currently serves as Jewish Ministries director for the Ohio Conference and for the Shalom Learning Center in Florida, an Adventist center for Jewish ministry. He has served as a professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Russia, prior to which he was a parish pastor. In his presentation “Sabbath: Obligation or Celebration?” he’ll answer the questions: Do we really have to keep it? Are we indeed saved by the law? How can we make the Sabbath experience a delight? How can we rejoice in living by the law?
Monday-Thursday, 7 p.m. ■ Jeba Moses has pastored with the Ohio Conference for 23 years, and currently leads the Clifton congregation in Cincinnati. He is also a health educator at the University of Cincinnati. In his seminar “Eating to Live, Love and Last,” Moses will help listeners learn: how to fill their plate to lose weight and maintain healthy weight by eating more; how quality of life is directly proportional to the food you eat; why eight out of 10 people who lose weight gain it back; and how to make excellent nutritional choices that will please your heart, scale, dietitian and doctor.

Friday, 6 p.m. ■ In her presentation “Our Lord’s Delight,” Lori Farr, pastor of a four-church district in northeast Ohio, will discuss how to open up the Sabbath.

**Soul Café:** Every morning Pastor Lori Farr will help campers start their day in the Word of God. Participants can grab their favorite drink and muffin and join the small, interactive study groups.

**Forks Over Knives:** On opening night, enjoy a special showing of this documentary about the health benefits of a vegetarian diet.

**Extra Activities:** There are departmental programs for kids—cradle roll through teens—and afternoon activities/outings for everyone: swimming, bowling, Camp Mohaven Day and area outreach service projects. Don’t forget to bring your Bibles, work clothes and swimsuits.

**Entertainment:** The “Ohio Has Gifts” Sabbath afternoon concert will feature talent from Ohio churches. There will also be a Sabbath evening concert (artists to be announced) and a live play Sabbath evening, “Esther: Queen of Persia,” coordinated by Alexander Bolotnikov.

**Lodging:** $30/day for a dorm room with a room deposit of $85 paid in advance, or $150/5 days or $185/7 days. Guests must return their room key and leave rooms/baths as clean as they find it or forfeit their $85 deposit. There is to be no cooking in rooms or dorm kitchens; refrigerator permitted. Dorms have bunk beds; bring your own bedding. $20/day for RV site with electricity. Tent spaces also available. Contact and additional information available at ohioadventist.org.

**Meals:** New this year: a light lunch only will be available for purchase weekdays. Kettering Adventist HealthCare will host a free meal on Sabbath; Friends of the Ohio Conference will host a free meal Friday evening. Reserve meals by Monday, June 11, at ohioadventist.org or call (740) 397-4665, ext. 111.

**Women’s Tea**

This annual highlight will be held at the Gallagher Center, Thursday, June 14, at noon.

For more information and a detailed schedule of camp meeting events, visit ohioadventist.org or call (740) 397-4665, ext. 165.
Rev It Up!
Revival Christian Biker Camp Meeting
Mount Vernon Academy, June 8-10
People of all faiths are welcome!

Presenters and Seminars

Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 9 a.m. ■ Rudy Hall, a motorcycle enthusiast, author and president of Remnant Publications, will present “Morning Motorcycle Meditation: Studying With a Purpose.” Hall is a soul winner with the gift of evangelism who will take attendees on a ride deep into the Word of God!

Friday, June 8, 7 p.m. ■ Paul Collins is one of the founding members of the Leave a Mark Church in Columbus, Ohio. He is a Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) member and past chaplain, and a well-known speaker at motorcyclist gatherings. Collins has always been passionate about helping bikers find Jesus.

Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. ■ John “Preacher Man” Harris is the president of the Armor Bearer Motorcycle Ministry, which has a church and community service center in Goshen used for witnessing to bikers, providing them with free medical and dental care and many other services. Harris actively interacts with all biker groups in Ohio and is a soul winner for Jesus.

Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m. ■ Tom Hughes is known on radio, TV and the Web as The Bible Biker (BibleBiker.com). He has ridden his Harley to the Arctic Circle and in all 50 states. He is a street evangelist at big rallies across America, has founded CMA chapters, been a past president and is currently a CMA chaplain. For more than 40 years, Hughes has shared God’s Word in sermon and song with thousands as a speaker, teacher and praise leader.

Saturday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. ■ Keith Cordis, who recently purchased a Harley Road King, has been a biker since 1982 and currently serves as a chaplain for the Racers for Christ and for Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry. He has sung the national anthem on ESPN and had two concerts with Ralph Carmichael. Cordis was born and still lives in Napa, Calif., and graduated from Pacific Union College.

Sunday, June 10, 9:30 a.m. ■ Dwight Hall is a writer and author and has been a biker since his teens. He was raised a Christian but wandered away in his youth to seek adventure. He became a U.S. Army Ranger and went on a journey that led him back to Jesus. His testimony will surely encourage every biker to stand up and be a witness for the King of Kings!

Additional Information

Attendees are encouraged to bring their motorcycles. There will be biker games and a 100-mile ride into the beautiful, Amish countryside surrounding Mount Vernon.

Lodging: Dorm rooms $30/day plus $85 room deposit to be paid in advance. Dorm rooms have bunk beds: bring your own bedding. RV sites with electric $20/day. Tent spaces also available as well as nearby motels.

Meals: Free meals are provided for lunch Saturday and brunch Sunday. Free-will offerings will help with the event costs and toward outreach among bikers. Reserve meals online by June 4 at ohioadventistorg, click on Biker Camp Meeting or call Ruth Ann Van Nostrand at (740) 397-4665, ext. 111. There is no penalty if you are unable to come.

For more information, call Tom Hughes at (740) 739-0750 or email TomHughes@BibleBiker.com. Full schedule, additional contact information and brochures available at ohioadventist.org.
**The Clear Gospel for the Last Days**

**Blue Mountain Academy, June 15-23**

**June 15-16**

**Worship**

Join Lincoln E. Steed, editor of *Liberty* magazine, for the first weekend of camp meeting as he speaks on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, Sabbath afternoon and Sabbath evening. Steed was born in Australia and began his education there before moving to the United States where he continued his studies at what is now Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. He earned a postgraduate degree at Andrews University (Mich.), and is the author of the book *The Last Mountain* and numerous periodical articles.

He has traveled extensively promoting temperance and religious liberty issues. Steed also serves as the associate director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the North American Division.

**Special Feature**

View the powerful movie *Courageous*, which shares the story of four fathers and law enforcement officers who resolve to live lives that will impact their families and ultimately their communities. Because of the realistic police scenes, this movie is not recommended for children under 13. It will be screened on Sabbath afternoon.

**June 22-23**

**Worship**

What is the everlasting gospel? Join Elizabeth Talbot as she explores the Scriptures to find Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Born in Argentina to Seventh-day Adventist missionaries, Talbot is the co-host for the *Voice of Prophecy* daily broadcast and the founder of the Jesus101 Biblical Institute. She is regularly featured on the Hope Channel’s *Jesus101*, Loma Linda Broadcasting Network’s *CrossTalk* and the Spanish program *Cántico Nuevo*.

Talbot has authored numerous books and articles, including the sharing book *Surprised by Love: The Unexpected Rescue of God’s Children*.

**Concert**

Christian artist Abi Feliciano will present a Sabbath afternoon of inspiring praise and worship music. A pastor’s kid in Puerto Rico, Feliciano developed a love for music early in life. Today Feliciano, his wife, Trina, and daughter, Alina, often sing together.

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Seventh-day Adventist community nurse Alysha Hollingshead receives her faith community nurse pin during the 2011 parish nurse training class.
WORSHIP SPEAKERS

Stephen Chavez, managing editor of the Adventist Review, will present “The Gospel in Revelation” for early morning worship during the week. The devotionals, anchored in Revelation, will explore links to some of the greatest stories of redemption throughout the Bible. Then in the “The Disciplined Christian” seminar, he will look at how our practice of spiritual disciplines—Bible study, prayer, witnessing and service—translate into godly actions, noticed by our family, friends and neighbors.

“Islam and Christianity in Prophecy” ■ For this morning worship series, evangelist Tim Roosenberg will carefully explore and unlock the mysterious book of Daniel, unveiling a thrilling picture of prophecy that includes the past, present and future roles of catholicism, Protestantism, Islam and the United States in the final conflict ahead. Roosenberg, an outdoorsman, will then share lessons he’s learned that reveal that the characteristics of physical survival are also the keys to spiritual survival. His afternoon seminar, “Surviving and Thriving in Troubled Times,” will teach you to trust in God and live by faith.

Pastor and author Philip Samaan, DMin, will present the evening worship series, Sunday-Thursday at 7 p.m. in the gym. His focus will be “The Dynamics of Becoming Christ-like.” Weekday afternoons, Samaan, a theology professor at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.), will look at “The Elijah Message and Last Day Events.” The Elijah message of restoration is an urgent message on revival and reformation for now—to restore our hearts to God’s heart, to restore our marriages, our families and our churches for the outpouring of the latter rain.

SEMINARS

“Lifelong Weight Management” ■ Join Cheryl Goff, MSN, CRNP, each morning for a fun and informative session exploring choices and changes, not just for weight management but also for vibrant living. Goff is the administrator for Adventist WholeHealth Network.

“Common People, Uncommon Mission” ■ Bernie Andersen loves to tell stories. He will share our common history with Adventist pioneers and help you recognize God’s call to live as the pioneers did—fully committed to the gospel commission. Andersen, a senior financial advisor, is an active board member for Adventist Heritage Ministry.

“You’re Church, It was no Accident” ■ Don Sherencel believes every member of the Adventist Church has been called to ministry and that our history will inspire and equip us for that calling. Join this historian as he shares stories from our Adventist church history that will remind us from where we’ve come and challenge us to live our mission. Sherencel is assistant director of the Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Mich.

“The Ripple Effect” ■ Join Derrick and Althea Collins as they share how our relationship with God creates a ripple effect that impacts our relationships, families, church and community. Derrick is a Bible teacher and guidance counselor at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy (Ga.), and Althea works as a school psychologist for the local public school system.
“Burn Brightly Without Burning Out” ■ As impossible as it may seem, profession, relationships, ministry and other facets of our life can work together—without burnout. In this seminar, Chris Buttery will examine Bible-based principles to help you better manage your commitments and live a life that shines bright. This class will also equip you to live the Spirit-filled life God has planned for all His last-day children. Pastor Buttery; his wife, Jennifer; and three children, Aaron, Joanna and Abigail, presently serve the State College/Lewistown/Mifflintown/Clearfield/Pioneer End Time Ministries district.

“Uncommon Prayer in a Common Life” ■ Join Anne Crawford, Pennsylvania Conference prayer coordinator, and learn how to make prayer a part of everything you do, every moment of your day. You’ll also learn to allow God to turn common problems and worries into peace and joy as we take it all to Him and believe that He will answer. Crawford will help you discover how prayer can transform your life and heart, and the lives of those you love.

“The Right Stuff” ■ Have you spent too many years of your Christian journey wrestling day after day with what it is you’re doing right? Come investigate the life-changing possibilities of what it might mean to finally discover the secret to being right with popular speaker Denise Reinwald, who is a licensed massage therapist. Together you’ll search the Scriptures anew to find out what it means to be His child, to be reborn into His image, even in the most demanding circumstances.

Sunday Activities and Training

Learn and Give: Visit Adventist WholeHealth’s mobile screening unit on Sunday morning and discover your cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure numbers. Then give the gift of life at the Miller-Keystone Bloodmobile. Both vehicles will be parked near the pavilion. Health screenings begin at 8 a.m. The bloodmobile arrives at 9 a.m.

ABC Book Sale: On Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the gym, don’t miss the biggest camp meeting Adventist Book Center sale ever! There are also daily specials throughout the week!

“Learn to Reveal Jesus and Make Disciples Through Your Local Church Ministries” ■ Ray Hartwell, conference president, kicks off Sunday with “Pray for Boldness” as he looks at how a “last-day” church can pray for boldness—and what they need to be bold about. This keynote address leads into a day of training for local church leaders with 18 seminars offered throughout the afternoon. Topics for the afternoon include:

- Organizing your church for outreach
- How to have an effective prayer ministry in your church
- Children’s Ministries
- Elders in a small church
- Hospitality
- School boards
- Sabbath School
- Urban outreach
- Discipleship
- Family Ministries
- Lay preaching
- Evangelism
- Sharing the Bible with others
- Church and school budgeting and planning

Participants will be able to attend two sessions, with the first at 1:30 p.m. and the second at 3 p.m. Pick up a seminar listing at Locating.
Young Adult Worship

June 15-16 and June 22-23
Blue Mountain Elementary School

June 15-16 ■ “Mystery: The Enigma of Sin and the Extraordinary Solution” ■
Young adults are invited to join John Millea and musicians Nick Snell and Erich Mace for a powerful worship experience. Beginning Friday at 7:30 p.m., young adults will gather for worship and fellowship. Breakfast and Bible study begins Sabbath at 10 a.m. followed by a worship service at 11:15 a.m. The afternoon features a hike and prayer room, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Worship begins with a mini-concert at 7 p.m., then a presentation with Millea at 7:30 p.m. Since his conversion more than 10 years ago, Millea has served as a Bible worker, evangelist and pastor.

June 22-23 ■ “LOL4G: Live Out Loud for God” ■
Beginning Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Blue Mountain Elementary School, young adults are invited for a second weekend of worship and music with Pastor Charles Richards. The weekend will continue Sabbath morning with breakfast and Bible study at 10 and worship at 11:15 and again at 7:30 p.m. Richards also provides therapy to troubled youth and families.

Haitian Camp Meeting

June 23, 11 a.m.
Blue Mountain Academy Chapel

INVITATION SPÉCIALE

A toute la communauté Adventiste Haïtienne de la Pennsylvanie conférence, les églises: Shekinah, Lebanon et Mt Pocono seront heureuses de comprendre vos noms sur la liste des présents à ce premier rassemblement haïtien au cour du camp meeting. Merci de vous joindre à nous le samedi 23 juin au culte d’adoration.

Hispanic Camp Meeting

June 29-July 1, Blue Mountain Academy
Tema: “¡Levántate, Resplandece!”

ORADORES

Breve Reseña de Carlos Patrick
nació en la República Dominicana. Ha cursado estudios de teología, español y educación en la Universidad Adventista de las Antillas, Puerto Rico, en Newbold College Inglaterra, y en la universidad de Lampeter en Gales Reino Unido. Actualmente funge como pastor en la ciudad de Londres, donde reside con su querida esposa Malle Patrick. Trabajar por la juventud, es una de las pasiones dominantes del ministerio del Pastor Patrick.

Rene and Alvy Quispe traen una amplia experiencia multicultural en favor de las familias. Han ministrado en los Estados Unidos, Europa, el Caribe, América Central y América del Sur. Ambos han participado en numerosos programas televisivos y radiales. Rene obtuvo una Maestría en Divinidad en Andrews University, Michigan, y la Maestría en Educación y el Doctorado en Psicología y Consejería Familiar en el Seminario Bautista del Sudoeste, Fort Worth, Texas. El Dr. Quispe es Director del Departamento de Hogar y Familia en el Pacific Health Education Center, una institución cristiana, donde él y su esposa enseñan.
Welcome

We all have seen a young child walk up to an adult, flex their little arms and emphatically say, “I’m strong.”

We have an attraction to strength; the strong win and the weak lose. No one likes to be a “loser,” making Paul’s concept to the Corinthians counter-intuitive: “When I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10). Paul knows the human condition. We strive to look good, desire an appearance of strength, appeal, beauty, wisdom and other glamorous likenesses. Paul knows that each humanly perceived strength, however, is truly a weakness. He realizes that when we acknowledge our weaknesses and depend on Jesus, then we are strong.

May this camp meeting be a time when we each renew our commitment to focus on Jesus, accept Him as our strength and Lord. For when I am weak, then I Am strong.

—Bill Miller, President and Sabbath Speaker

For more information on the Sabbath concert and other special features, go to pcsda.org/campmeeting.

When I am Weak, Then I Am Strong
Shenandoah Valley Academy, June 19-23

Speakers

Henry Wright has received more than 40 awards and recognitions for pastoral leadership, preaching and evangelism. He has worked as a professor of religion and pastoral ministry, as president of the Allegheny West Conference and vice president of the Columbia Union Conference. He is currently the senior pastor of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va., and teaches Homiletics and Church Administration at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md.

Ángel Manuel Rodríguez, ThD, recently retired as director of the Biblical Research Institute, where he started in 1992 as an associate director. Born in Puerto Rico, Rodríguez has served as president of the Antillian College (now part of the Antillean Adventist University) and academic vice president of Southwestern Adventist University (Texas). He is a member of the American Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion, the author of several books and has a monthly column in the Adventist World.

Karen and Ron Flowers recently retired from their work as co-directors of the General Conference’s (GC) Department of Family Ministries. Both are certified family life educators, have presented seminars on marriage and family living in more than 85 countries and have produced 35 books, videos and other resources for Family Ministries including Family: A School of Human Relations.

Gary B. Patterson authored Find It in the Yellow Pages and the Minister’s Handbook for the General Conference, and has written numerous articles for the Adventist Review, Ministry magazine and the youth and collegiate quarterlies. Patterson started his ministry in 1960 as an evangelistic pastor in the Upper Columbia Conference. He has served as president for the Georgia Cumberland and Pennsylvania conferences, vice president for the North American Division and general field secretary for the GC. Since retiring in 1998, he has worked as president for Sunbelt Home Health, Inc., and an interim senior pastor for six churches.
Seminars

“How to Win Souls and Become a Disciple of Christ” ■ The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a clear mission for its members: preach the everlasting gospel, win souls and make disciples. In this five-part seminar, Lillian Torres will suggest how to discover and receive spiritual authority, confidence and handle doubts and fears that keep you from becoming an excited and courageous witness for Jesus. Learn the ABCs of giving Bible studies and learn how to answer difficult questions. Torres is a Bible instructor and lay trainer for the Pennsylvania Conference and Columbia Union Conference.

“Leadership Essentials for Women” ■ Explore principles that apply to leaders in all church positions using Jesus as a model for healthy and effective leadership. Presenter Carla Baker will also help attendees focus on specific resources for Women’s Ministries in the local church. Baker is the Women’s Ministries director for the North American Division.

Everybody Wins! Christian Principles of Conflict Resolution” ■ Learn how and why conflicts arise and how Christians can resolve them. Presenter Maurice T. Battle, Potomac’s associate for Pastoral Ministries in the northern region, will share principles that can help members strengthen marital, work, family and church life.

“Happiness is an Inside Job: How Christians can Live a Fuller and Happier Existence” ■ Why do Christians who have the good news and have been told to “count it all as joy” find it difficult to live happy lives? Byron Greenberg, a licensed clinical psychologist with a private practice in central Virginia, will address the importance of happiness in the church, home and at work. This class is not designed to address clinical depression. Greenberg, who also works as an assistant professor at Virginia State University, gears this seminar toward those who recognize that their level of happiness is not as deep or wide as they wish it to be.

“The Book of Revelation, Jesus and the Old Testament Prophets” ■ Watch the book of Revelation come to life through its roots in the Old Testament. Through the seminar, Robert H. Banks, DMin, Potomac’s ministerial associate for the southern and central regions of the conference, will try to bring clarity through the lens of the ancient prophets who form the backdrop of a message that is so urgent for Christians today.

“Common Sense Health Ministry for Such a Time as This” ■ Everyone faces health and financial concerns. In this presentation by Barbara Watson Paille, draw close to Jesus while learning to take charge of personal health. Learn how to facilitate relevant health ministries and teach others about plant-based, common sense cuisine and an active lifestyle that promotes health and saves money. Paille is the creator/director of the StepFast Lifestyle DVD Series, author of the companion Total Vegetarian Cookbook and the Amazing Health Cookbook, and trains others to lead in health education.

“Reaching Out: Why People Leave the Church and What We can do About It” ■ Speaker Kelly Mowrer is founder and head of the Live at the Well ministry. She also hosts two programs on 3ABN, Praise and His Words Are Life, and serves as scriptwriter for The Quiet Hour’s Windows of Hope. In her seminar, she will include personal stories, comprehensive facts and data to illustrate ways to connect with missing members and create a climate of health within the church to help prevent future losses.

“When all You can do is Pray: Studies on the Purpose and Power of Prayer” ■ Prayer is often the last thing we turn to, even though it is meant to be a daily, life-giving communion with God. Find the true purpose of prayer and realize the fullness of God’s love and peace. Presenter Charles Tapp is the senior pastor of the Sligo church on the campus of Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md.

“A Matter of the Heart” ■ Giving money to the church is often attached to thoughts of stewardship. However, Jesus had a much bigger and personal meaning that went straight to the heart. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:21, NKJV). Hugo Chinchay, Potomac’s director of stewardship and trust services, proposes that treasure is what you value in your life as a priority. At this seminar, discover how your spiritual priorities may not be in the right order.
Seminar

“Building Stronger Churches and Communities Through Youth-Adult Partnerships”

Presenter Justin Vibbard suggests that ministry can become stale and stagnant without the vibrancy, perspectives and energy brought by youth, who he claims are the lifeblood of any congregation and community. In his two sessions, participants will look at how to involve and empower young people in the ministry of serving others, while making the greatest impact in the world. Vibbard and his wife, Laura Conrad, are co-coordinators for the North American Division’s YES! (Youth Empowered to Serve) program.

“Religion and the Workplace”

In the workplace, the observance of Sabbath is sometimes problematic—either because work on the seventh day might be required or because the changing hour of Friday sundown may necessitate early departures. Reasonable employers often make accommodations, but what should faithful Adventists do when the ugly choice arises between one’s vocation and religious convictions? Walter E. Carson, vice president and general counsel for the Columbia Union Conference, will provide proven solutions.

“How to Care for Friends and Others in Crisis”

This workshop by Steve Willsey is an introduction to psychological first-aid and critical incident stress management, two models used by Adventist Community Services (ACS) to prepare volunteers to assist traumatized survivors of disasters and other critical incidents. Get practical information on how participants can care for themselves and others to lessen the impact of stressful situations. Willsey served as a pastor for 42 years prior to developing a crisis care ministry for ACS. He now serves as Crisis Care coordinator/East for the North American Division.

“What is ACS?”

Many remember the Dorcas Society, but what about crisis care, elder care or Youth Empowered to Serve? Adventist Community Services is not what it used to be. It is fully modernized and expanded to include many facets of outreach to communities. Bob Mitchell, Potomac’s ACS coordinator, will inform attendees of the many service opportunities that await them in their communities.
# CAMP MEETING 2012

## 2012 Camp Meeting Young Adult, Youth, and Children’s Schedule

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Leader: Anita Richards  
Assistant: Jeanne Howard | 9:00-10:45 am  
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| Beginners II (2-4 yrs.)  
Co-Leaders: Clarice Rickard  
Krista Wolters | 9:00-10:45 am  
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| Kindergarten (4-5 yrs.) (Elementary School)  
Leader: Crystal Richards  
Assistant: Kathy Mitchell | 9:00-10:45 am  
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| Primary I (6-7 yrs.) (Elementary School)  
Leader: Tammy Charles  
Assistant: Merri Long | 9:00-10:45 am  
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| Primary II (8-9 yrs.) (Elementary School)  
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Assistant: Tamara Baker | 9:00-10:45 am  
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| Juniors (10-12 yrs.) (Church Fellowship Hall)  
(bring $15 for Thursday)  
Leader: Will Johns  
Assistant: Nathan Krause | 7:00-9:00 pm | 9:00-Noon  
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| Early Teens (13-14 yrs.) (Girls Dorm Chapel)  
(bring $10 for Thursday)  
Leader: Daniel Royo  
Assistant: Priyanka Fielder | 7:00-9:00 pm | 9:00-Noon  
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| Youth (High School Age) (Administration Building Auditorium)  
(Activity Fees $20)  
Leader: Sonia Perez  
Assistant: Jennifer Deans | 7:00-9:00 pm  
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Banquet & Evening Program | 9:30-11:00 am  
Sabbath school  
11:00-Noon  
Church Service  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Ministry Outreach  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Evening Program |
| Collegiate (18-35 yrs.) (Student Center)  
Leader: Shane Anderson  
Assistant: Daniel Darrinhuma | 7:00 pm  
Evening Program | 7:00 pm  
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Evening Program | 7:00 pm  
Evening Program | 9:30 am  
Beginning of All-day Program |
| Developmental Disabilities (Home Economics Room)  
Leader: Marianne Minnick | 11:00 am-3:00 pm | 11:00 am-3:00 pm | 11:00 am-3:00 pm | 11:00 am-3:00 pm | 11:00 am-3:00 pm |

**Note to Parents:**
- Registration for children ages birth through 9 years is required for safety and insurance.
- On-site pre-registration is Tuesday evening at the SVA gym (adult meeting) or Wednesday morning at the school.
- Children’s Divisions will open 15 minutes prior to each meeting and remain open 15 minutes after each meeting. To make camp meeting more enjoyable, please respect the ages for each division and the meeting times. Before and after programs, you are responsible for the supervision of your children around the pond and ball field areas. For the safety of your child, please know where he/she is at all times.
A Foundation for a Walk With God

By encouraging young people to seek a relationship with Christ, Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) provides a foundation for a walk with Him. Students are given numerous opportunities to find God, and to study and share His Word with the rest of the world. Being spiritually active is a personal choice, and BMA staff does their best to help and support students on that journey.

Leadership classes, Bible studies and religious programs teach students about Jesus and His love. Youth rallies and occasional guest speakers have a major impact on students' hearts. FOCUS (Focus on Christ's Ultimate Sacrifice) Week is a special time for students and faculty to reconnect with God and soak up His presence. From inspirational speakers to deep discussions, BMA students are given an environment to grow as human beings with God as their strength.

Teachers enjoy working with students, not only on academics, but also on their relationship with Christ, which forms a strong connection between students and staff. That is what brings us together as a school and family. With supportive faculty and staff, young people are comforted that they are not alone in their walk with God. God’s love is showered throughout the academy and is seen within the characters of the people here.

School Board Announces New Principal

With principal Craig Ziesm er planning to retire at the end of the school year, the Blue Mountain Academy School Board voted David Morgan (below) as the new school principal, effective July 1. Morgan is transferring his service from the Pennsylvania Conference office, where he served as vice president of education for the past five years.

During his time at the conference office, Morgan helped the Board of Education become more focused on school performance, ensuring that Pennsylvania schools operate as financially stable ministries, which enables them to continue being “distinctly academic and decidedly Christian.” Morgan started his ministry in Pennsylvania as the head teacher of the Coudersport Seventh-day Adventist School, which is now closed.

Four years later, he moved to Williamsport to teach at the Mountain View Christian School. He later became their principal. God then called him to serve as principal of the Reading Junior Academy, a school he attended for 10 years. Eight years later, he moved to BMA as vice principal.

“David brings a unique strength to the position of principal of Blue Mountain Academy, having served as a teacher, principal and academy vice principal here in the Pennsylvania Conference,” shares Ray Hartwell, Pennsylvania Conference president and BMA school board chairman. “Having a heart for students and for the mission of Jesus Christ here in the Pennsylvania region, David is well qualified to lead the ministry of Blue Mountain Academy. I welcome the passion and joy he brings to seeing our young people grow in Christ, while also encouraging their academic journey.”

Morgan says he is excited about this new opportunity to impact the lives of young people in the conference that educated and trained him. “[Taking] the opportunity to work with a staff that is both talented and passionate was easy. But, even easier was the opportunity to work alongside them as we teach our students of a loving God Who sent His only Son to die for them, regardless of their mistakes. [We want to] help them grow in their understanding of a God with such love [in hopes that they will] give their lives to Him and purpose in their hearts to live a life of service for Him.”
Road Show Makes Physics Fun for Young Students

Cary Corbin, BMA’s physics teacher, took the Physics Road Show to Williamsport, Pa., for the second show of the season. There Mountain View Christian School students got to experience firsthand how expanding gas cools off, thus giving up heat energy—a lesson in thermodynamics. He used aluminum soda cans and water to demonstrate methods of keeping an engine from melting. The empty soda can melted easily, but when water was put into the can, it did not melt until the water had boiled away. Atmospheric pressure crushed the “boiled” soda can to illustrate how quickly some thermal events can take place.

Wayne Corbin, a member of the Williamsport church, accompanied Cary and agreed to help. Wayne brought a Harley Davidson cylinder and cylinder head, along with examples of thermostats from car engines. Why? An engine is a heat conversion device. It takes chemical energy (gasoline) and converts it to heat by burning it in the combustion chamber. The expanding gas pushes on the piston and converts the heat energy into mechanical energy to move the motorcycle (or whatever vehicle).

They concluded the lesson by explaining how kinetic energy can be turned back into heat energy by studying how bullets melt when they hit a steel barrier.

My Dominican Republic Bel Canto Tour Experience

Without a doubt, Bel Canto’s 2012 International Tour was one of the best experiences of my 16-year-old life. For 10 days, Bel Canto members (pictured with friends) had the privilege of setting out on a mission trip to Santiago, Dominican Republic, to perform as part of a weeklong evangelistic series. It was an exhilarating and eye-opening trip that I, if given the chance and a time machine, would do all over again.

The moment our airplane touched down, the beauty of that country swept over me. Driving through the town of Puerto Plata, I mused about someday making it my home. The next day, we kicked off our first performance. At the end of each song, almost on cue, a hearty “Amen!” exploded from the audience, with the loudest of them usually coming after “Via Dolorosa,” which we sang in Spanish. After all of our concerts, the members of the different churches greeted us with pleasant warmth that made me feel at home.

If there’s anything that I learned from Bel Canto’s tour of the Dominican Republic, it’s that, when it comes to God, there are always many more forces at work than meet the eye. It was truly a wonderful experience.—Stephen Acosta (’13)
Mission Team Shares Christ in Europe

Ten Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) students and four sponsors traveled to Germany and Austria during spring break for a unique outreach journey. The group’s mission: to witness to residents and meet other Seventh-day Adventist young people.

For their first outreach appointment, they visited with the students of PLANT Academy, an outreach training program based at the Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen, an Adventist academy and seminary in Austria. The students had fun attending the German and English classes with the Austrian students. The SVA and PLANT young people then visited several neighborhoods in Brauna to conduct surveys and distribute literature.

Later the SVA students got involved in 10 prayer meetings for Adventist youth in Bavaria, Germany, including two youth Sabbaths in Nürnberg and Munich. They focused on the life of John the Baptist and on becoming God’s messengers who proclaim the Second Advent. SVA students also conducted two morning worships at the Immanuel School near Munich, one of the few Adventist elementary schools in Germany. The SVA group also made sure to tour historical sites in Salzburg, Mondsee, Nürnberg, Munich, Newuschwanstein and Dachau, and ski in the Austrian Alps!

Here are a couple of comments from the group about the journey: “The trip to Europe was an eye-opening experience, much like any mission trip. It allowed me to see how a group of people can be so different in their way of living but can still be accepting and ultimately have the same goal to reach people for Christ,” shared senior Graydon Jedamski.

“I met many fearless warriors for Christ, and I aspire to be more like them,” said junior Angel Lawhorn.—Buz Menhardt

Men’s Singing Group Wins Youthfest Showcase

About 80 SVA students attended Potomac Conference’s Youthfest themed “ARISE.” The event, held at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md., offered baptismal and outreach opportunities to the homeless, elderly and service-men. A new feature of the event was Friday evening’s Young Artist Showcase, highlighting musical and drama performances by conference youth. SVA’s own male a capella group Inspiration won first place in the showcase! The group later recorded two of their songs at the General Conference for a future broadcast on the Hope Channel.

Kandus Thorp, vice president at the Hope Channel, gives the a capella group Inspiration—SVA students Aren Bruce, Ian Durias, Seth Fogg, Diego Swayne, Kendle Valcourt and Jonathan Rodman—their winning certificate.
Academy Days Visitors Earn “Faith-Based Intelligence”

More than 115 visiting students checked into SVA’s “FBI Headquarters”—where FBI stands for faith-based intelligence—to experience SVA life at the school’s annual Academy Days. Although the visitors hailed from 22 schools and Adventist academies, they all got a chance to bond over snow cones and ice cream, games, picnics and dorm sleepovers. They also visited classrooms for mini lessons, took tests, participated in music auditions and demonstrated their athletic abilities.

At Monday’s awards ceremony, students cheered when $90,000 in academic, music and sports scholarships was given away, making it possible for many students to attend SVA. It was a perfect opportunity for potential students to witness the value of Christian education and the formation of lifetime friendships.

Students Enjoy “A Night in the Orient”

Dozens of volunteers worked for hours to transform the gymnasium into an Asian wonderland for the annual Student Association Banquet. To go along with the theme, the room was filled with origami swans, paper lanterns and lots of black and red décor. Some students chose to go with dates, others went with a group of friends, but everyone claimed they had a great time.

School Honors Academic Achievers

At a recent induction ceremony, the following 15 students joined the SVA chapter of the National Honor Society: Chelsea Campbell, Amanda Champion, Sarah Davis, Earl Eiselstein, Shannen Henry, Erik Jung, Laura Keplinger, Kimberly Krebs, Ken Laughlin, Susie Lee, Lauren Long, JiYoo Park, Jeanine Tacaca, Steven VandeVere and Alexandrea Wetzel.

To help celebrate their success, along with students who earned their place on the Principal’s List, school staff hosted a Latin-inspired brunch. After dining on omelets and pastries handmade by a local Latin bakery, each student received a certificate acknowledging their accomplishment. Many proud parents attended the celebration.

National Honor Society (NHS) members Katrina Pepper and Kimberly Krebs interact with a young reader during the local library’s Dr. Seuss Day—a volunteer activity NHS members participated in this year.

Calendar

April
24-29 Canada Music Tour

May
19 “Best of Everything” Talent Show
21-23 Final Exams
25 Consecration
26 Baccalaureate and Class Night
27 Commencement

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**Blooming Relationships**

The foundation of God’s kingdom is unconditional love, which is also the basis of healthy relationships. As sinful human beings, we strive to meet that principle, but usually fall short. However, we should never stop trying to show unconditional love to our fellow human beings.

In the educational environment, this is especially important because a healthy relationship is important for learning to occur. James Comer, of the Yale Child Study Center, puts it well: “No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.” At Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA), all faculty and staff strive to keep healthy and respectful relationships with all of our students. We do not accomplish this every day, 100 percent of the time, but we keep this concept as a constant goal. If you want to fully unlock the potential of the children and young adults within your sphere of influence, keep your relationship with them a top priority and you will see them begin to blossom like the flowers of spring.

**Special Chapel Highlights Black History, Student Talent**

During a special chapel program for students in third through 12th grade, Spencerville Adventist Academy embraced the opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of African-Americans to this country. Sandra Brown and Gail Gibbons (below), both SAA parents and Campus Ministries personnel, designed the program.

Special musical selections included one that was custom written for the day, plus performances by students from elementary through high school. Speakers included Milton Brown, from the Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and Chris Gibbons, from the Johns Hopkins Medical Institution in Baltimore. There was also a video custom designed for SAA students that profiled notable figures like Ben Carson, a respected Seventh-day Adventist neurosurgeon; James West, a noted inventor, and first lady Michelle Obama. Each feature communicated to the students that they have a creative, loving heavenly Father who has given them all important gifts and abilities.

“Each student left with goodie bags that reinforced how special they are to our community, and with a message of inspiration to go forward and make a difference as God has called them to do,” reported Somer Knight, campus chaplain. SAA administrators hope to make this an annual celebration of diversity and, as Dr. Carson noted, a celebration of the uniqueness of each individual.

During the Black History Month assembly, sixth-grader Sonali Prillman conducts the Adventist Children’s Choir in “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”.

Brian Kittleson
Principal
Lady Hornets, Coach Win Big at Basketball Tournament

For years Spencerville Adventist Academy’s varsity basketball teams have had the opportunity to compete at the Southwestern Adventist University Basketball Tournament in Texas. At this year’s tournament, SAA’s Lady Hornets (below) earned the top spot as tournament champions! They not only took home the first-place trophy, but three other awards: sophomore JoJo Brown was the tournament’s Most Valuable Player, Michelle Kelchner was the Outstanding Senior Player and Jey Edward, SAA head coach, received the Outstanding Coach Award. Additionally, all of the players got to compete and socialize with other Seventh-day Adventist athletes and share their God-given talents in a well-organized, Christian atmosphere.

“It was really rewarding to have team bonding and to perform at our best against such talented teams,” remarked sophomore Katelyn Juneau.

SAA leaders believe their athletic program fits into an important part of their overall mission to “prepare the whole person for service to God and man” because it promotes good sportsmanship, leadership, self sacrifice, forethought, perseverance, maturity, respect, teamwork, generosity and integrity. “These valuable lessons are learned both on and off the courts and are a consistent part of our coaching and mentoring process,” states Marty Cooksey, athletic director.

Lady Hornets, Coach Win Big at Basketball Tournament

Inductees Raise NHS Membership to 37

SAA’s National Honor Society (NHS) recently inducted 17 students to its chapter and now claims a membership of 37 (most pictured below). Since the SAA chapter started in 1996, more than 175 of its members have graduated. Congratulations to the new members: seniors Chelesia Anderson, Jimmy Brockett, Josué Hernandez and Zachary Sharpe; juniors Vanessa Baioni, Gabrielle Cook, Brandon Enriquez, Sarah Mann, Julia McEdward and Paige Morgan; and sophomores Kacey Banks, Stephen Eide, Matthew Fennell, Juliana Handel, Katelyn Juneau, Gayoun Pak and Kyle Weigle. Inductees must display the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

“I’m proud of each one of these new inductees and look forward to their overall leadership and service on our campus,” said Nathan Hess, NHS advisor.

Band Concert Funds Safe Water for 35

SAA’s combined bands, under the direction of Rod Kerbs II, put on their first concert in the new school auditorium. Sixty-three student musicians filled the auditorium with tunes from popular Disney animations to benefit the charity Water.org.

“As a result of the donations that night, 35 people from developing nations were guaranteed clean, safe drinking water—for life!” exclaimed Kerbs.

Calendar—May

8 High School Spring Concert
10 PreK-8 Spring Concert
19 Alumni Homecoming
   Alumni Drama Performance
20 Strawberry Festival
   SAA Constituency Meeting
24 Eighth-Grade Graduation
25 Last Day of School—12:15 Dismissal
27 Senior Commencement
Talent is Never Enough

In 2008, when I accepted the challenge to provide leadership for the Columbia Union College, some individuals offered their congratulations, while others said they were not certain if they should offer condolences or congratulations. Four and a half years later, I can testify that when we establish a committed partnership with the Lord, success is guaranteed. Columbia Union College is now Washington Adventist University (WAU); this year we experienced the largest enrollment ever, and on April 14, we dedicated the first new building on campus in 40 years—The Leroy and Lois Peters Music Center.

The success we are experiencing is clearly due to our partnership with Jesus and a talented committed team of leaders, faculty and staff. I want to use this medium to give thanks to the Almighty and the dedicated board of trustees, faculty and staff for their commitment to the mission of Washington Adventist University. In the book Prophets and Kings, Ellen White writes: “True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God’s providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them” (p. 486).

In the introduction to his book Leadership Prayers, Richard Kriehbaum speaks of a leader’s relationship to God: “Leaders do not pray to inform God of what is happening. He already knows. And they do not pray to get Him to do what they want. He already wants what is best for everyone involved.”

Now as we close out another academic year, our prayer of thanksgiving is: Thank you, God, for blessing us with talented individuals and for Your desire to accept the worries and challenges of WAU. God, grant us humility and the tendency to put You in the spotlight on the journey toward institutional excellence. Help us, God, to keep in daily focus the needs of our students. We recognize You as the Master Teacher and we give to You the honor and glory. Amen.

University’s Growth Tops Maryland Independent Colleges

Washington Adventist University is not only the fastest growing institution among U.S.-based Seventh-day Adventist institutions (see the March issue of The Gateway); it is also the fastest growing among the Maryland Independent Colleges and University Association (MICUA).

From fall 2010 to fall 2011, MICUA recorded just over 16 percent growth rate in undergraduate full-time students for WAU, just ahead of Capitol College with 13.1 percent. Mount St. Mary’s University, Maryland Institute of Art, Washington College and Stevenson University also saw positive growth.

MICUA’S 16 members are fully accredited and provide unique educational opportunities to 63,000 students annually.
Washington Adventist University recently hosted the Columbia Union School Administrators Council’s (CUSAC) annual committee meeting. The council is a meeting of school teachers and academy principals from Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions across the Columbia Union.

President Weymouth Spence, EdD, spoke to the gathering and presented his plan for WAU, which is enjoying record enrollment and a much improved financial outlook. Among WAU’s goals is to have 3,000 students enrolled by 2020, including online.

Left to right: Hamlet Canosa, education vice president for the Columbia Union Conference; David Byass, senior music major; Christina Pallas, senior music major; and Gabrielle Morrison, junior elementary/special education major

Student representatives from various departments attended the meeting and shared their thoughts on Adventist education with the administrators. The day also included a tour of The Leroy and Lois Peters Music center and a lunch meeting with senior WAU administrators.

“By hosting the CUSAC’s annual meeting, [WAU’s] administrators, faculty and students were able to build a stronger relationship with administrators of Columbia Union schools,” said Sophia Ward, PhD, student success and engagement specialist and a professor in the Department of Education. “WAU really showed the committee members that we produce students who excel.”—Kevin Manuel

Russian Bible Translation Director Shares Updates

Washington Adventist University’s Bible Translation Institute leaders recently spent the Sabbath immersing members of the university community in the Russian culture and bringing them up to date on the institute’s Russian Bible translation project. The Bible Translation Institute is a project between Washington Adventist University and Zaoksky University in Russia. Mikhail Kulakov Jr., DPhil (pictured), who directs the institute, started the day with a sermon. In his sermon, he reflected on the struggles of his father, Mikhail Petrovich Kulakov Sr., who founded the institute.

In the afternoon, Russian soloist Elena Rudoy performed a concert. A renowned performer in her native land, Rudoy received her music training from Gnesin’s Russian Academy of Music. She also obtained a Master of Arts from Andrews University (Mich.). She is currently dean of the Music Department at Zaoksky and visited WAU on behalf of the institute.

Kulakov also shared some updates about the project, including its background. He said the latest translation of the Bible into Russian was published in 1875, and for most Russians, the text is practically unreadable. The current project involves translating the entire Bible into Russian. The Old Testament is being translated from the ancient Hebrew and the New Testament from the biblical Greek.

Kulakov said, of all current major efforts in Russia to produce a translation of high scholarly and literary quality, only two projects received positive evaluation—one being the translation produced by the WAU-Zaoksky partnership.

The New Testament, the Psalms and the Pentateuch have already been completed and published. The institute plans to publish the translation of the entire Bible by 2015.

—Steven del Rio
Extending Sacred Work

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

— Acts 1:8

The world needs servants – people like Jesus, who “did not come to be served, but to serve.” In Adventist healthcare, our mission is to reflect our creator through dedication to service. This understanding keeps our organization’s compass focused on the things that truly matter.

Walking around Greene Memorial Hospital and now Soin Medical Center, I’m moved by the way our staff members seek opportunities to reach out. I see them touch the lives of patients and families who may be scared, concerned, and overloaded with stress. Sometimes patients have just heard the word “cancer.” Other times they are simply waiting for test results, or a visit from their physician. Working at an Adventist institution gives me the opportunity to pray with these patients and ask for God’s healing presence and comfort.

Often, our staff members experience real problems too – challenges with children, parents, their own health or their walk with their Creator. These challenges can be as overwhelming for our employees as a medical illness can be for patients. During my career in Adventist healthcare, I’ve been led by example. True leaders have said to me, “Terry, let’s kneel down and put this issue before the Lord.” I’ve learned when you get up from your knees with someone caring enough to take you with them to our Lord in prayer, you are strengthened in a special way by that person. This truly reflects our Savior’s love. I’ve come to treasure my opportunities to pause, pray and encourage our employee team.

My take-away from the Adventist leaders who have nurtured me on my journey, is that to serve our patients, we have to take care of our teams. In tough economic times, sometimes even involving staff reductions, the best answers come from solutions which begin on our knees. This best expresses my commitment to service. Serve our team, and our team will more effectively serve our patients.

Terry Burns, President of Greene Memorial Hospital and the Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center and member of the Kettering Adventist Church.
Kettering Adventist HealthCare Opens New Hospital

After a year and a half of construction, the Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center was ready to open their doors. It took the construction crew over 38,000 hours to complete the hospital. They excavated over 119,665 cubic-yards of dirt, which would fill 11,966 dump trucks. Contractors poured more than 17,520 cubic-square-yards of concrete, equivalent to 35,048 tons or more than 70 million pounds. Painters applied 4,050 gallons of paint, enough to paint approximately 150 residential homes. The electrical wire, if stretched out, is 420 miles, which would cover the distance between Columbus to Washington, D.C.

Each piece, like the making of a puzzle, created a healing environment. One more piece fell into place with the hiring of our specialized team of employees. But before the opening...

Blessing Ceremony

February 20th was a special day when 64 participants came together to bless 280 rooms and 319 employees. Twenty-one different religious communities were represented through clergy and lay liaisons of the Greene County community, as well as Kettering Adventist HealthCare, Kettering College, University of Dayton, the military, and various Seventh-day Adventist Churches of the Greater Dayton area. Three different prayers were offered.

One to bless the hands of the employees...

“Bless these hands in their ministry of healing. May their touch on our patients, their own family, and the community create a wonderful ripple effect, not imagined or expected. Amen”

Another to bless each room...

“God may this room be filled with your ministry of healing and may all who enter take comfort and refuge in the shelter of your love. Amen”

The final blessing for the actual employee working in that room...

“We ask a special blessing our employee John Smith. May your love surround him in the responsibilities of their care and personal life. In Your name. Amen”

Now the final piece was in place and we were ready to open our doors.
The Creation Wall

Sculpturing for the artist James H. Devries is a second endeavor following a successful career as an entrepreneur and manager. After studying Architecture for two years, Devries changed his major and graduated from the University of Michigan with an engineering degree. Sculpture became a passion for Devries in 1998 when he saw a sculpture while visiting a ranch in Montana.

Devries's sculptures range from portraiture to the abstract. His dream is to someday complete a series of sculptures that portray all of the major themes in scripture.

The title of the creation wall sculpture, “Ineffable Love,” means “too beautiful to describe with words.” For the artist this reflects not only the beauty of creation, but also the unfolding of God’s plan in the rest of Scripture. The beautiful creation surrounding us today is but a shadow of God’s glorious creation before the fall of man. God desires an intimate relationship with us and to eventually dwell with us again in the renewed creation. It is the artist’s prayer that this sculpture will change others to a greater understanding of our loving God.
**Network News**

**Indu & Raj Soin Medical Center Gets Top of the Line Patient Interactive Software**

The GetWellNetwork is an interactive software system that uses the bedside TV to entertain, educate and allow patients to be more actively engaged in their care.

The software exchanges data with our existing health information technology, Epic, to document all patient choices. Patients will take a more active role in their care process by learning more about their condition, communicating with caregivers, preparing for discharge, and caring for themselves at home. Each patient will be prompted on their TV to read, respond, and acknowledge specific information regarding their stay.

Patients will also have the opportunity to order room service, fill their discharge prescriptions and shop at the gift shop all with a click of a button from the comfort of their bed. Patients can also entertain themselves with access to Facebook, a variety of movies and a range of games.

**Sharing Easter Joy**

Kettering Adventist HealthCare, Kettering Adventist Church, and Kettering College collected baskets, school supplies, toys, candy, and toiletries to make baskets for women and children. Over 270 baskets and 25 bags were delivered to local shelters in the Dayton Area. Employees, students, faculty, church members, and pastoral staff gathered together to assemble the baskets.

Richa Stevens, Chaplain for KAHC, says “there is such a need for women and children in the different facilities to know someone somewhere cares.”

**Doors Open at Soin**

After a ceremonial lighting of the Emergency department sign, Soin Medical Center opened for business February 22 at 8 a.m. The first day exceeded expectations.

**Opening Day Stats**

| ER visits: | 31 | Inpatient admissions: | 5 |
| CT scans: | 7 | Diagnostic X-rays: | 20 |
| Echocardiogram: | 1 | Total lab tests: | 91 |

**Team Effort**

Vice President for Patient Care Belinda Mallett, wrote in an email to leaders: “Response from our patients and their families has been phenomenal. They appreciate the energetic, helpful, and smiling staff; they love the healing, restful environment; they have enjoyed eating the great food in the cafeteria; and above all can feel the spirit of caring from every person they have had contact with.”
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OBITUARIES

LANGSTON, Constance M., born May 30, 1938, in Washington, D.C.; died July 18, 2011, in Harrisonburg, Va. She was a member of the New Market (Va.) church. She is survived by her brothers: Gary (Jane) Langston, MD, and Barleigh (Heidi) Langston; and eight nieces and nephews.

RADCLIFF, Ronald Jr., born April 27, 1932, in Jackson, Ohio; died May 27, 2011, in Centerburg, Ohio. He was a founding member of the Westerville (Ohio) church, where he served for many years as head elder. His greatest joys in life were his church, his family and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Radcliff of Centerburg; his sons: Ronald E. (Lori) Radcliff of Centerburg, Timothy (Stephanie) Radcliff of Sunbury, Ohio, and Mark (Connie) Radcliff of Westerville; his daughter, Pamela (Dary) Schneider of Columbus, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

SLACK, Deborah, born July 25, 1959, in Pennsylvania; died August 6, 2011, in Maple Shade, N.J. She was a member of the Cherry Hill (N.J.) church. She is survived by her daughters: Tiffany Reynolds of Voorhees, N.J.; Tabitha Duckrey of Philadelphia; Felicia Bonilla of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Leah Duckrey of Mt. Ephraim, N.J.; and Rebecca Duckrey of Mt. Ephraim; and granddaughter, Oksana (William) Bonilla of Berrien Springs.

VOGT, Robert David, born April 24, 1926, in Davy, W.Va.; died September 17, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. He was the son of the late John F. and Lena (Williams) Vogt. Robert was a member of the Hill church in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He was an Army veteran of WWII. Before the war, Robert attended Mount Vernon Academy and after the war attended the Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology and the Columbus College of Art and Design. He joined the Printing Art Press in 1947 and was the owner and president of the company until his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Verna L. (Weaver) Vogt; daughters, Zandra L. (Jack) Smith and Rhonda S. (Charles) Gherman; grandchildren: Sibley L. Poland, A.J. Smith, Samantha Gherman and Robert Gherman; sisters, Pauline Templeman of Hendersonville, N.C., and Shirley (Richard) Schmaechtenberg of Maryland; a brother, William (June) Vogt of Mt. Vernon and Jeff (Belinda) Vogt of Coolville; cousins, Doris (Vogt) Parks of Marion, Va., and Margaret (Williams) Graves of Marion; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by a daughter, Tonda; and brothers: Carl and J. Floyd Vogt.

WRIGHT, Kenneth A., Jr., born November 11, 1934, in Union Springs, N.Y.; died September 11, 2011, in Winchester, Va. He was a member of the Winchester church. He was a 1963 graduate of Columbus Union College (now Washington Adventist University) with a BS in business administration. Following graduation, Kenneth managed two credit unions before entering denominational service. He served at the Voice of Prophecy, then at the Arizona Conference, Bass Memorial Academy, Mountain View Conference, Wisconsin Conference, Pakistan Union, Potomac Adventist Book Center and the General Conference Treasury Department. He retired in 2005 and moved to West Virginia. Survivors: his wife, Ruth E. Wright, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; a daughter, Sharon E. Wright, of Pasadena, Md.; a son, Kenneth A. Wright III, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; and a brother, Burton L. Wright, of Avon Park, Fla.

YOUNG, Ethel Lillian, born November 11, 1915, at the family home near Russell, Pa.; died there on June 19, 2011, in the company of family members. She was a member of the Russell church. Ethel earned a BS degree in education from Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in 1933, a master’s degree from the University of Maryland in 1954 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Andrews University (Mich.). Employed by the Adventist Church, she worked for nine years as a supervisor of elementary schools in the Columbia Union. For four years, she served the denomination overseas as the elementary supervisor of the Far Eastern Division. Ethel also edited textbooks and wrote curriculum guidebooks for the Adventist schools for 15 years. She is survived by three nieces: June Gleason Roys of Silver Spring, Md., Gay Gleason Mack of Adelphi, Md., and Dell Gleason Bond of Hector, N.Y.; a nephew, Gary Gleason of Silver Spring, Md.; and grandnieces and grandnephews.
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