Facelift

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To address dwindling attendance at many camp meeting locations, conference leaders have put on their thinking caps, surveyed members and implemented savvy new formatting. What changes are keeping camp meeting relevant and members coming back?

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I Want What He Has

Seventh-day Adventists often lament the fact that we don’t see young people more in love with God and involved in church. We’ve all heard quotes about this “army of young people” that is supposed to appear, and we wonder where they are. I, too, sometimes wonder where the dedicated young people are, but I spend an equal amount of time wondering where our trainers and mentors are. If our older counterparts wonder why we aren’t more involved or passionate, they might find the answer in asking themselves the same question.

I was 14 when I heard author and speaker Ty Gibson. His sermon, about the love of God, was one I’d heard many times. But, the way he said it was different. You could tell he knew Jesus as a friend and believed what he was preaching. I remember thinking, I want to know what makes him talk about God that way. I want what he has.

A year later, I attended a youth conference where Frank Fournier, now president of Adventist-laymen’s Services & Industries, asked a question I will never forget: “If I randomly called you up one by one to talk about what God has been doing in your lives this past week, I wonder how many of you would have something to say?” I was horrified that I was raised in the church and still did not have anything to say.

Shortly after that sermon, some members were going door to door conducting surveys and offering Bible studies. Though it went against my personality, I felt compelled to go. At the first house, the woman told me it was nice to see a young person doing this and encouraged me to continue. Throughout the day, I saw that as young as I was, God could still be greatful to be with an older, more experienced person who helped me know what to do and say.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

One of the things I appreciate most about Jesus and His method of ministry is the fact that He led by example. He didn’t say He would do all the work or tell the disciples to do it alone. He invited them to follow Him and showed them how to minister. It is my desire to follow Jesus’ example of personal ministry and mentoring. I also long for the day when young and old in our church will work together to fulfill the Great Commission in a way that makes people want what we have too.

Daniela Pusic, a Bible worker and the Young Adult Ministries coordinator for the Mountain View Conference, is planning the young adult activities for camp meeting.
I’ve come to learn that some awful things have happened here in the past, things that I can’t believe,” stated Cesar Gonzalez, pastor of Chesapeake Conference’s Cambridge and Beacon of Light churches in Maryland. “These stories are decades old and people absolutely don’t forget. This was an opportunity to do something different.”

With excitement in his voice, Gonzalez explained that he and his members planned a special Sabbath for those who haven’t been to church in quite some time. To prepare for this service, the members of both churches prayed for each former member and wrote them letters inviting them to attend the special program.

Gonzalez’s congregants aren’t the only ones looking to embrace missing members. Over the course of two weeks in April, some 30 churches across the conference participated in a “Reconnect to Worship” Sabbath. Spurred on by estimates that some 50,000 former Seventh-day Adventists live in Chesapeake’s territory, conference leaders spent months planning and preparing their pastors and current members for the special outreach.

“We are actually planning at least quarterly reconnecting Sabbaths. This follow-up and pursuit of missing, former and inactive members is now a part of the lifestyle and lifecycle of our church. It will no longer be what we do, but who we are,” said Chris Holland, senior pastor of the Hagerstown (Md.) church.

“Many inactive members would like to return to church, but they don’t know how to take that first step. That’s why we designed the Reconnect to Worship Sabbath as an easy re-entry point,” explained Gary Gibbs, the conference’s Ministries Development director, prior to the April 6 and 13 events. “The services on this day [were] inspiring and hope-filled. … Our goal [was] to help every returning person experience a positive worship experience in a community that their soul longs for.”

Paul Richardson, who coordinates the ministry for the NAD, shares that former Columbia Union presidents, starting with Ralph Martin, recognized that inactive members often do want to come back home, which is what prompted them to start the Reconnecting Ministries initiative in 1993. They continued hosting Welcome Home Sabbath in the fall of each year.

While the initial numbers are still coming in for Chesapeake’s reconnecting Sabbaths, Gibbs already has some positive reports from their Maryland churches: the Reisterstown church had three inactive members return, the Capital Brazilian church had 40 and Glen Burnie welcomed 20 visitors. “Pikesville also reported a lot of people, with an estimated 15-plus inactives returning,” he says.

BY THE NUMBERS

North American Division Membership

1.1 Million
NAD membership as of December 2012

1 Million
The estimated number of people who have stopped regularly attending in last 63 years

100,000
The estimated number of Adventists who have reconnected during the past five years

Source: NAD Reconnecting Ministries
WHAT DREW YOU BACK TO THE ADVENTIST CHURCH?

“I WAS WANDERING, lost for more than 40 years. It took the death of my youngest sister to shake me out of my stupidity. As I watched her die, I realized it could have been me, and I would have been lost forever. My sister lived a Christian life and died at peace with God. Her witness to me had stirred a yearning within my soul that needed satisfaction. As I existed from day to day, I realized that when I went out the door for work or any other activity, I was playing Russian Roulette. The realization that I need to be ready every day or stand the chance of losing eternity loomed large. As an added blessing to me, God saw to it that my wife and I were brought to an understanding and love for the truth as it is in God. She and I were baptized the same day, giving our united hearts in service to God.”—Ed Williams, a member of Chesapeake Conference’s Williamsport (Md.) church and co-founder of Former Adventist Recovery Ministries (adventistfarm.com)

“I WAS BORN INTO AN ADVENTIST FAMILY and went to Adventist schools. I was 17 when I first told God that I didn’t want to have to follow His rules and that I was leaving. My next conversation with God was in 2000 when I was 22. I told Him, ‘I’ve been in the world and I’m miserable, so I realize I’m better in a relationship with You.’ I started reading and praying with a friend who attended a Pentecostal church and was active there for three years. From there I started thinking a lot about Adventism and my place in it. So I started visiting Adventist churches in the Washington, D.C., area. During that process, I met [my future husband], Andy, and he encouraged me to go back to school. Because of him, and other people he introduced me to, I was able to start participating in the part of Adventism that focused on community service and social justice issues, which was so meaningful to me and catalyzed me to where I am today.”—Mayda Clark, who serves with her husband, Andy, pastor of Ohio Conference’s Warren, Evergreen, East Liverpool and Ravenna churches

New Study Asks Why Members Leave

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has launched the “Adventist Retention Study,” which asks young people why they are leaving the church. The 20-minute survey can be found at facebook.com/adventistretentionstudy. This is the second phase of a General Conference-commissioned study by Southern Adventist University’s (Tenn.) Robert H. Pierson Institute of Evangelism and World Missions. The first study, conducted in 2011 and titled “Former Seventh-day Adventist Perceptions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” surveyed 190 former members in the United States.

In the March 21 Adventist Review article titled “Beyond Belief,” writer Andy Nash discussed the results of the study, which drew much commentary.

“There was rumor that people don’t leave the Adventist Church because of doctrinal issues, but that they leave because they had a bad experience. The article basically debunks that rumor, and now we understand that some people do leave over doctrinal issues,” says Ivan Williams, NAD Ministerial Association secretary, whose portfolio includes Reconnecting Ministries. “We cannot have a cookie-cutter approach to this. People leave the church for many and varied reasons, and we need to have many and varied reasons to reconnect and win them again.”

To address growing concerns, Williams says the NAD recently formed the Transformational Evangelism Committee, which will have a reconnecting and reclaiming component.
Campestres hispanos en Columbia Union

ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE
Fechas: 24 al 26 de mayo
Tema: ¡Solo Jesús!
Lugar: Camp Edena, 6470 Oakthorpe Road, Thornville, Ohio

Oradores:
- Roger Hernández, director ministerial y de evangelismo en Southern Union
- Henry Barrios, médico, y su esposa Marta, son directores de educación laica en Florida Conference
- Samuel Moreno, pastor de jóvenes en Oregon Conference
- Cantante invitado: Felipe Garibo

Mientras los adultos estén reunidos, habrá programación simultánea para los jóvenes y los niños. Para mayor información comuníquese con el departamento de ministerio multilingüe de Allegheny West Conference. Llame a Amneris Martínez, asistente administrativa, al (614) 252-5011, o a Walter Castro, director del departamento, al (703) 231-6642.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE
Fechas: 7 al 9 de junio
Tema: Gozosos al compartir a Jesús
Lugar: Gimnasio de Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Md.

Oradores: Alejandro Bullón y Rubén Ramos (en la foto)
Cantante invitada: Ruth Esther Sandóval (en la foto) de la República Dominicana
Graduación de la Escuela de Teología para Discípulos

MOUNTAIN VIEW CONFERENCE
Fechas: 28 al 30 de junio
Tema: Andando en el Espíritu

El tema del campestre de este año está basado en Romanos 8:9: “Mas vosotros no vivís según la carne, sino según el Espíritu...”. Los mensajes explicarán cómo vivir diariamente caminando en el Espíritu de manera práctica y experiencial. Para mayor información sobre el campestre, llame al pastor Walter Cárdenas al (703) 297-2294.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE
El campestre hispano de New Jersey Conference se llevará a cabo el 28 y 29 de junio, y los oradores serán Robert Folkenberg y Leandro Robinson. Vea la página 26 para mayor información sobre el campestre de New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
Fechas: 7 al 9 de junio
Tema: ¡Sembremos y Cosechemos!
Lugar: Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pa.

Orador:
- El pastor José Daniel Esposito es actualmente el director de los ministerios hispanos de Potomac Conference. Durante sus casi treinta años de servicio a Jesús y a su iglesia, se ha desempeñado como pastor distrital, departamental de jóvenes, evangelista, y ministerial. Está casado con Cármen, y tienen tres hijos—Paolo, pastor asociado en la iglesia de Sigo, Md.; Romina y Melisa, ambas estudiantes.

Su pasión es exaltar a Jesús por medio de la predicación del mensaje bíblico, seminarios sobre liderazgo, y la ganancia de almas por medio de los hogares iglesias.

Cantante invitado:
- Junior Kelly Marchena nació en la República Dominicana. Es un cantante internacional muy destacado. Su definición vocal es tenor dramático de fuerte convicción interpretativa; domina un registro de casi cuatro octavas. Anualmente presenta un promedio de ciento dieciocho conciertos. Hasta la fecha
Este año los líderes de los ministerios hispanos de Potomac Conference sintieron el llamado de Dios a tener el campestre en Richmond, Va., para ayudar a plantar una nueva iglesia en esa área. Antes del campestre, todos los pastores hispanos participarán en un importante alcance de evangelismo que culminará invitando a las personas al campestre. Este año los seminarios y programas se concentrarán en estimular a las familias a entrar en MOVIMIENTO para Cristo, y alcanzar a otras familias para Cristo. Todos los que están interesados en apoyar y celebrar esta iniciativa deben comunicarse con su pastor o Adventist Center for Evangelism and Discipleship al (301) 899-0012.

NEW JERSEY REINICIA EL CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO PARA JÓVENES

Por primera vez en seis años, New Jersey Conference abrirá sus puertas para el campamento de verano para jóvenes—Tranquil Valley Youth Camp—en Tranquility, del 22-29 de junio. Niños y adolescentes entre las edades de 10 y 16 años tendrán la oportunidad de aprender habilidades de la vida cotidiana y liderazgo, y acercarse a Jesús. El tema para el campamento de este año es “Fear Factor” [factor temor] y se enfocará en Lucas 8:50: “No temas, cree solamente”.

Elaine Nieves, directora del campamento de verano, dice que su vida cambió cuando trabajó en el campamento de verano mientras cursaba su segundo año en la universidad. “Experiménta a Dios de primera mano en Tranquil Valley Youth Camp, y vi jóvenes cuyas vidas se transformaron y entablaron amistades para toda una vida”, recuerda ella. “Estoy muy emocionada de tener la oportunidad una vez más de ser parte del campamento de verano que cambió mi vida, y espero que puedan difundir la voz a los jóvenes que conocen para que ellos también puedan venir y experimentar a Dios”.

ARTÍCULO ESPECIAL DE VISITOR
Campestre Revitalizado

Son realistas. Los campestres están cambiando. Su forma de operar. La forma en que se ven y se escuchan. También los que asisten. Los nuevos intereses de un cuerpo de Adventistas del Séptimo Día americanos en desarrollo y constante cambio instigan cambios. Una economía creciente y decreciente influye cambio. A pesar de todas las razones, los líderes de Asociaciones de los ocho estados que componen Columbia Union se han dado cuenta que los enfoques históricos en estas asambleas anuales—en donde los miembros se reúnen principalmente para orar, adorar, y cantar—tal vez ya no atraen a las masas. Para atender las preferencias cambiantes de nuestros miembros y hacer frente a la asistencia y participación menguantes en muchos lugares, estos líderes se pusieron a pensar, encuestaron a los miembros, y concibieron algunas soluciones eficaces.

Los planificadores se esfuerzan en crear conexiones positivas espirituales y emocionales a través de programas específicos a la edad y los intereses, la participación intergeneracional, la programación cultural, y el uso de los talentos locales. Aunque se desconocen los desafíos que traerá el futuro, estos intentos podrían ser algunas de las claves necesarias para cultivar y mantener la asistencia. Los participantes también pueden ayudar a planificar reuniones futuras dando a conocer continuamente sus necesidades por medio de encuestas. Sus respuestas ayudarán a guiar los planes futuros para que “nuestros constituyentes también tengan una voz sobre lo que se presente”, dice Heidi Shoemaker, directora de comunicación en Ohio. Lea más en inglés en las páginas 10-14.—Elizabeth Anderson
Chuck Scriven Talks Life, Learning and Living the Advent Hope

All of his colleagues call him “Chuck,” which is a great example of the personable attitude Charles Scriven, PhD, has taken with the numerous people he’s worked with, mentored and taught during his nearly 40 years of ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Last fall Scriven announced that he would retire this month from Kettering College (KC), where he spent the past 12 years as president.

“Dr. Scriven will be missed mostly for his good humor, humble spirit and the caring manner with which he daily interacts with faculty, staff, students and his administrative team,” says Roy Chew, president of Kettering Medical Center, which owns and operates the college.

Since Scriven took the helm in 2000—he’s the fifth president in the college’s 45-year history—the school has exploded from 510 students to its all-time high of 981 in fall 2012. During Scriven’s tenure, the college refocused its mission toward healthcare programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels, and started offering bachelors of science degrees in human biology, nursing and diagnostic medical sonography, as well as its first on-campus master’s degree in physician assistant studies. KC also launched online baccalaureate completion programs and is planning additional degrees, including a doctorate in occupational therapy.

Under Scriven’s leadership, KC’s physical plant also saw significant upgrades, including the 2006 addition of the Boonshoft Center for Medical Sciences, made possible by a $13 million capital campaign. It was the first major addition to the college since it opened in 1967.

Scriven is also credited for his leadership in the Takoma Park, Md., area. In 1985 he became the pastor of Potomac Conference’s Sligo church, and in 1992 was voted president of Columbia Union College (CUC), now Washington Adventist University, where he led until his call to Kettering. Scriven was responsible for bringing the internationally recognized New England Youth Ensemble from Massachusetts to CUC’s campus. He also oversaw federal litigation that eventually awarded CUC annual subsidies the state of Maryland had offered to other private colleges. The same litigation opened the way for state assistance toward the construction of the new Leroy and Lois Peters music building that opened last year.

Scriven’s talents include creative use of the pen. Accepting the call in 2001 to chair the board of the Adventist Forum—the publisher for the print and online magazine Spectrum—allowed him to use that gift. He has also published three books, most recently The Promise of Peace: Dare to LIVE the Advent Hope.

Scriven got his professional start earning degrees at Walla Walla College (Wash.), Andrews University.
Underscore

YO U'VE MAINLY SERVED IN THE COLUMBIA UNION. WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO STAY?

A: I love the pace and the people. Cities are a challenge and a stimulus, and I love sharing the experience and interpreting the gospel in this setting. Plus, the eastern part of the country feels like home to my kids.

WHAT LED YOU TO HELP START INSIGHT, TEACH JOURNALISM AND TO WRITE?

A: I had a great teacher at Walla Walla College (where I got a minor in journalism) and got hooked on trying to move mountains with words. My writing worked—just a little—and if all I do is break up the occasional dirt clod, it makes me happy.

IN THE PROMISE OF PEACE, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “LIVE THE ADVENT HOPE?”

A: It means that you live by the standards that will prevail in the new heaven and new Earth. These are the standards that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount and exemplified in His ministry on Earth.

YOUR ONLY TERM AS A CHURCH PASTOR WAS AT SLIGO, THE LARGEST CHURCH IN OUR UNION. TELL US ABOUT IT.

A: On Fridays, sermon-writing day, the Sligo pastorate was the toughest job I ever had. And, it was always deeply satisfying: the people and the staff I worked with were the best gift ever. I still teach an adventurous Sabbath School class at Sligo once in a while, and I love it.

WHAT HAS THE CHURCH DONE REALLY WELL IN OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?

A: Often, if not always, we have built the sense of connection and community. Whether we are at our best or worst, we have lifelong friendships that really matter. And another thing, our graduates make fine citizens of God’s world.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING THESE INSTITUTIONS?

To successfully [prove] that an education that upholds the Advent of Christ and throws open the windows of the mind really does make better graduates and a better world.

YOU'RE CREDITED FOR MAJOR UPGRADES TO

KETTERING COLLEGE. WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

A: I’m most proud of the faculty, staff and graduates. But it does matter that we have gorgeous and highly functional facilities. It’s a delight to know our people, and it’s a delight to walk in the door, and I’m proud of both these things.

DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR THOSE SUCCEEDING YOU?

A: Wherever you work, build communities of trust and passion. Adventists are pretty good at passion, but we tend to be a low-trust community—too often doubting one another, too often finding fault. I keep hoping that will change. I also learned that everything comes down to finding and supporting great colleagues.

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SPEND RETIREMENT?

A: I’ll read and write, spend more time at the gym, play tennis and maybe a little golf. I’ll try to learn more about vegan cooking. I’ll also continue my work with Spectrum and the Adventist Forum. Then there’s the kids and grandkids. I’m pretty sure I’ve been spending too much time at the office.

Mindy Claggett contributed to this report.

Chuck (second from right) enjoys time with his son Jonathan (far right) and his family, where they live in south France. His daughter, Christina, and her family live in Tennessee, and his youngest son, Jeremy, works for Adventist HealthCare in Rockville, Md.
Phyllis Morgan remembers when camp meeting was mostly about fellowshipping with old friends and singing hymns as a large assembly of Christian believers. “We always associated singing with camp meeting,” she recalled. But Morgan—who, along with her husband, James, are founding members of the Burnt Mills church in Silver Spring, Md.—noted that when they last attended Potomac Conference’s camp meeting three years ago, they were surprised by the new format.

“It was so entirely different than it was from the 80s,” she noted. Although Morgan appreciated the guest singer and other soloists, she missed the joy of participating in song. She also appreciated the plethora of seminars to choose from—and especially benefitted from one about how to give Bible studies—but believed the tradeoff was fewer gatherings to socialize.

For the Morgans, however, the one discovery that has kept them from returning is that very few of their old camp meeting friends still attend. “It could be that we have been in Potomac for over 50 years. Maybe we just see all the same people in this area that go to camp meeting,” she proposed. “We just didn’t see a lot of people that we used to see there.” She also noticed that the grandkids traveling with them had the same experience. “They didn’t seem to find friends. I remember making friends and seeing people year to year,” she said.

The changes the Morgans noticed have been purposeful. Camp meeting is changing. How it operates. The way it looks and sounds. Even who attends.

The new interests of a developing and ever-changing body of Seventh-day Adventists have necessitated change. A waxing and waning economy also influences change. But, what probably most influences conference leaders around the Columbia Union Conference’s eight-state region to make alterations to camp meeting is the fact that the more traditional approach to the annual event no longer appeals to the masses. Younger members don’t emotionally resonate with the good, old-fashioned camp meeting.

To keep camp meeting relevant to the majority of members, and to tackle dwindling attendance at many locations, conference leaders have put on their thinking caps, conducted surveys and implemented a number of savvy methods to keep members coming back.
Bridging the Generation Gap

Many conferences are trying to bridge the generation gap by providing programming that appeals to all ages. Tamyra Horst, communication director for the Pennsylvania Conference, reports that they are trying to jumpstart turnout with events that engage young people and families throughout the week. They also offer an interactive Sunday marketplace and interest-specific events, such as biking, hiking, canoeing/kayaking, a motorcycle ride, a children’s waterslide and a women’s tea. This year they’ll also host a general-interest concert featuring family-focused recording artists and speakers, Steve and Annie Chapman.

The Potomac Conference has made efforts to deepen their community imprint and uses the annual gathering to pool conference members’ gifts and talents to serve the New Market area. “We want residents to know that we’re here, that we see ourselves as part of the community and want to be of valuable service to them,” says Dan Jensen, communication director. So far, church members have remodeled the homes of two New Market members in need. Potomac also recently initiated a children’s program called Summer Splash, led by Barbara Manspeaker, that runs in tandem with their main meeting. Jensen says this program helps create a positive emotional experience for young attendees, many of whom are not Adventist.

Although Mountain View Conference’s camp meeting attendance remains high, Daniela Pusic, Young Adult Ministries coordinator, has a particular burden to grow young adults’ interest in the summer gathering. This year they plan to host daily meetings with young adult speakers, but will also unite age
groups by offering youth and adult activities. Mountain View young adults will serve the nearby community of Elkins, W.Va., by hosting a health expo, while the youth will host a free carwash. Pusic hopes this year’s activities will help spawn young adult groups in each conference church that will provide social, spiritual and service components.

**Tapping Technology**

Increases in technology are certainly altering the way information is shared during, to and from camp meeting, but might also be contributing to waning attendance. For some members, technological advances make it no longer necessary to attend camp meeting to hear prominent preachers. “They can hear them online or on TV,” states Raj Attiken, Ohio Conference president. “Until fairly recently, the only place you could hear the big-name Adventist speakers is if you went to camp meeting.”

Conversely, conferences have put technological advances to good use. New technologies help campers document camp meeting history for posterity. “We ask the kids and even the adults to text or email us photos,” reports Heidi Shoemaker, Ohio Conference communication director. “It’s amazing to see how many texts and emails have come in during camp meeting,” she adds. And, some of those images end up on their Facebook page.

**Embracing Culture**

In-person interaction is still an integral part of the camp meeting experience. One growing faction of the union membership that is discovering this are the numerous international cultures who’ve found sister communities inside the mid-Atlantic’s bustling cities.

For example, Allegheny East Conference’s annual gatherings continue to flourish. “We pride ourselves in being the old-fashioned camp meeting,” shares Robert Booker, conference communication director, whose attendees still meet outdoors under pavilions and tents and sleep in cabins and campers. However, he also notes that within the past 15 years, they have worked to satisfy the needs of cultural and language groups by providing places of worship for Haitian, African, East Indian and Indonesian constituents. “That has kept the camp meeting growing too,” Booker adds.

Rubén Ramos, Multilingual Ministries director for the Columbia Union, shares that the Hispanic constituency, the union’s largest subculture, continues to grow. As a result, conference planners—especially in the Allegheny West, Chesapeake, Ohio and Pennsylvania conferences—are trying to establish and build the camp meeting tradition by getting Hispanic members in these blossoming areas used to participating. Conferences with more established customs, like New Jersey and Potomac, are also meeting the demand of growing attendance by expanding the Spanish-language meetings from one to three days.

In Potomac, Hispanic members are revisiting the original purpose of camp meetings—to plant churches. This year they will branch off from their usual meeting place at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va., to a location closer to Richmond. They hope to start a church in the
Chesterfield community, reports Jacqueline Sanchez, administrative assistant to Potomac’s director of Hispanic Ministries.

In With the New
Shoemaker in Ohio says they realized they were pulling pastoral resources from congregations and communities to serve a relatively small number of camp meeting attendees. Therefore, they agreed to try more localized “hometown camp meetings” as a way to efficiently utilize human and financial resources. They conducted these local gatherings in 2009 and 2010.

Meanwhile, the Chesapeake Conference tried one-day regional meetings from 2008 until 2010. They continued their yearly meeting on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, and added gatherings in Hagerstown and along the Baltimore-Washington corridor. Samantha Young, Chesapeake’s communication director, reports that the regional assembly in Hagerstown went well, but the Baltimore-Washington area event never materialized because of the difficulty in securing an affordable venue.

Both conferences returned to an extended meeting schedule in 2011, citing that pastors and constituents missed the single, central locations. Ohio returned to a full week, with key changes: their event is now entirely pastor planned, led and organized, and features talent and program participants from their own territory, which helps keep their budget expenditures down. Shoemaker says she has noticed increased attendance. “It’s still not where camp meetings were in their heyday, but we’re doing it on a budget, and we’re getting a whole new demographic of people,” she shares. “We focus on families, we focus on intergenerational worship, we try to have activities that bring all generations together and we’ve been really pleased with the results.”

Chesapeake also revamped their event to give it a fresh feel, and now calls the five-day meeting “The
Gathering.” Young notes that “the new format meets a need we didn’t anticipate. For church members who worship in smaller, rural congregations, camp meeting provides a sense of belonging to a larger movement.” While the event is back as a three-year trial, Young says that so far it has been a success.

There has also been an emergence of specialty camp meetings around the North American Division, including cowboy camp meeting, singles camp meeting and Ohio Conference’s “Rev it Up!” Motorcycle Camp Meeting. Tom Hughes, pastor of the Newark (Ohio) church, organizes and leads it every year and draws enthusiasts from around the union and beyond.

Conferences will no doubt need to continue finding ways to keep camp meeting relevant as the church’s membership steadily transforms, but attendees can help shape the future of these gatherings by making their needs and interests known. As Shoemaker suggests, “This way our constituents also have a voice on what is presented.”

7 Little-Known Facts About Camp Meeting’s Past

1. Adventists adopted camp meeting from the Wesley movement (which created the Methodist Church) and the Campbellite movement (which created the Christian Church Disciples of Christ).

2. Frontier Americans would camp in a mountain meadow using whatever primitive shelters they could build, a tradition sometimes called the “brush arbor” camp meeting. Early Adventists were familiar with this tradition and utilized it along with holding meetings in churches and homes.

3. From the 1850s into the 1920s, the Adventist Church used big-tent camp meetings primarily as evangelistic events.

4. In the 19th and 20th centuries, a yearly conference constituency meeting was often held as part of camp meeting. Now conferences host their own constituency sessions every four or five years.

5. In the 1950s, camp meeting attendees stayed in rows of tents, with a semipermanent cooking shelter placed every three to four rows. County fire marshals stopped approving permits for tents starting in the 1970s.

6. Until the 1970s, it was normal for pastors to spend a week before and after camp meeting to set up and take down tents, but it kept the spiritual leaders away from their constituents for numerous Sabbaths. This created a negative impact on congregations.

7. Camp meeting used to be the main setting for pastoral ordination services, which are now typically conducted by the local churches.

—Monte Sahlin, Ohio Conference’s director of research and special projects
As I recount the many blessings I have received over the years, I am forced to stop and think, “What does God get from me for the countless, measureless blessings He gives me every minute of life?” It was that thought that ignited in my mind the theme for this year’s camp meeting: “What Shall I Render?” It is with a full heart that I welcome you to a brand new experience on these sacred grounds. For 10 days, we will examine how we respond to God's endless love.

We will be blessed with the ministry of Elder Carlton Byrd on Sabbath, June 29, and Elder Charles D. Brooks on Sabbath, July 6. Calvin Rock will present daily Bible seminars. The powerful preachers of the Allegheny East Conference (AEC) will fill the morning and evening services, and the ministry department leaders have planned practical seminars for your family.

As you enjoy the blessings of life and friendship, remember that God and God alone is responsible for all you have. I can’t wait to see what God will do when we acknowledge His gifts to us.—Henry J. Fordham, President

What Shall I Render?
Pine Forge Academy, June 27-July 7

Welcome

Carlton Byrd is the senior pastor of the Oakwood University church (Ala.) and the speaker/director of the Breath of Life Ministries. Breath of Life airs on four international television networks. Byrd holds bachelors degrees in theology and business management from Oakwood University, a Master of Business Administration from Tennessee State University and a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Mich). He is married to the former Danielle Mounter. They have two girls.

Charles D. Brooks is speaker/director emeritus of the Breath of Life television ministry, and has served the denomination for some 60 years and is, as he says, “still going.” Brooks has actively worked on six of the seven continents, baptizing more than 14,000 people for the kingdom of God. He has served as a pastor, evangelist, and field secretary for the Columbia Union Conference and the world church.

YOUTH SPEAKERS

Prior to receiving God’s call to ministry, Marquis D. Johns dropped out of school, spent time in jail, sold drugs and became a rap artist. After accepting Christ as his Lord and Savior in 2002, Johns committed himself to literature evangelism and Bible work. He attended and graduated from the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism and Oakwood University with a bachelor’s degree in church leadership. Since becoming assistant pastor of the Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md., there have been over 200 baptisms.

Pastor Noah Lafayette Washington holds a bachelor’s degree in ministerial theology from Oakwood University and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. He currently pastors the Bladensburg (Md.) church, where their mission is to gain a knowledge of Jesus, grow through the power of Jesus and give with the compassion of Jesus. Through Washington’s leadership, the church continues a passionate and vibrant worship service, community gas giveaways, community family adoption and Bible studies.

WELCOME
HEALTH MINISTRIES

You’ve seen the Rachel Ray Show and the Dr. Oz Show, now check out The Leah Show with host Leah Scott, director of AEC’s Health Ministries department. Below are just a few of the topics that she will discuss during live recordings.

Exercise is for Every Body It’s a proven fact that exercise is for every body. It can make you fit, fabulous and flexible. Regardless of age, sex or religion, it can give you strength, resilience, independence and joy. Ronda Davis and Valerie Roach, fitness trainers, will share training techniques and teach audience members how to make lifestyle adjustments that could save, lengthen or improve the quality of their health and ensure movement for life. The show will be taped in the J.R. Wagner School auditorium and multipurpose room.

Doctors in the Kitchen What does a stubbed toe or a splinter in a finger have to do with your risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease, suffering a heart attack or succumbing to cancer? It’s all about inflammation, and the best treatment may actually lie in your kitchen. Somewhere on your spice rack are several outstanding doctors and therapeutic inflammation specialists. Ralph Peterson, MD, DrPH, MPH, and his wife, Joy, have worked closely with the spice doctors and are well aware of their capacity to deal with inflammation and chronic disease. They will explain the reasoning behind the seasoning. Ralph graduated from the University of Montemorelos School of Medicine in Mexico and received additional training in general and internal medicine in the Washington, D.C., area, where he worked for more than a decade. He currently lectures at the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) in Trinidad. Joy is chair of the Family and Consumer Science Department at USC. The show will be taped in the J.R. Wagner School auditorium and multipurpose room.

SABBATH SCHOOL PRESENTERS

Sabbath, June 30, J. Alfred Johnson, Jr., director of the North American Division’s Adult Ministries Department

Sabbath, July 6, Carmela Monk Crawford, editor of Message magazine

Adventist Recovery Ministries

will also have special events and services.
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. LaTanya, my wife, and I are excited to invite and welcome all of you to our annual camp meeting this year, beginning Friday evening, June 28, and ending Sabbath, June 29. This year we chose the theme, “We Are Family,” as we strive to focus on faith, acceptance, mission, integrity, love and you.

The Friday evening service will feature a mini “preach out” with Pastor Nate Lyles, Lisa Hood and Pastor Christopher Thompson. Pastor Andre Saunders will lead Sabbath’s early morning manna. Leslie Pollard, president of Oakwood University (Ala.), will lead the divine worship service, and Dana Edmond, president of the South Central Conference, is the evening ordination speaker.

Come and experience worship and praise as we attend this great family reunion. Here is truth: we don’t need our situation changed if we can have our spirits renewed. Join us for a time of renewal. I look forward to seeing you!—William T. Cox Sr., President

Welcome

We Are Family
Allegheny West Campgrounds, June 28-29

Speakers

Dana Edmond, president of the South Central Conference (Tenn.), was born in Cleveland and attended Mount Vernon Academy in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He continued on to Oakwood College (now a university) and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich). Edmond first joined the South Central Conference in 1990 as the Youth Ministries director. While there, he became a weekly columnist for Insight magazine for seven years. He also wrote Do It Right—Love, Sex and Relationships God’s Way. He became South Central’s executive secretary in 2001, where he stayed until taking his current appointment in 2009. He has taught and pastored in Kentucky and Tennessee and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Leslie N. Pollard, PhD, is the 11th president of Oakwood University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree. He also obtained a Master of Divinity from the theological seminary at Andrews University and a Doctor of Ministry in preaching and worship from the Claremont School of Theology (Calif.). He later earned an MBA from La Sierra University (Calif.), and then a PhD in New Testament Language and Literature, with a specialty in apocalyptic literature from Andrews.

Pollard’s leadership has spanned local, national and international positions. He has served as senior pastor for a number of large church complexes, including the Oakwood University church. Pollard has also been a youth pastor, a university chaplain, a healthcare program administrator and an educational administrator.
FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Friday evening will be power-packed with preaching and music. Three dynamic speakers (pictured below) will deliver the word after an introduction by their spouse: Nathaniel Lyles, pastor of the Melrose church in Roanoke, Va.; Lisa Hood, who assists her pastor husband, Stan Hood, in leading the Three Angels Messages church in Danville, Va., and the Emmanuel church in South Boston, Va.; as well as Christopher Thompson, associate pastor of the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio.

SABBATH, JUNE 29
The guest speaker for the ordination evening service is Dana Edmond, president of the South Central Conference. The pastors to be ordained this year are Nathaniel Lyles and Christopher Thompson.

ATHENS: PAUL’S DANGEROUS JOURNEY TO SHARE THE TRUTH
The weekend begins with a petting zoo. Then kids will travel with the apostle Paul on his second missionary journey. Little ones can visit Paul and Silas in prison, learn of their miraculous escape and how they faced angry mobs. They will also hear the gospel of Christ preached.

Through field-tested rotation stations, kids and adults will also “time travel” back to ancient Athens. In a small group of up to 10, kids meet Paul and learn about his jaw-dropping experiences, go to the arena games for fun olympic “training” and visit the busy Athenian marketplace for snacks and activities.

RADICAL CHANGE
The weekend will be a call for all young people to make significant life changes so they can fulfill God’s purpose in their lives. Pastor Nigel Lewis of New York City will be the keynote speaker. The conference-wide purity retreat ministry will host a special program on Sabbath afternoon. Sabbath will end with a play titled “Radical Change.”

The weekend also includes a conference-wide spring camporee. Pathfinder clubs will reach the campgrounds Thursday evening, June 27, and their events will conclude Sunday morning. The annual conference olympics, which spans all age groups, from children through seniors, will also take place on Sunday. All churches may enter a team for the olympics. Team applications can be found on the conference website, awconf.org.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING
Solo Jesús!
24 al 26 de Mayo
Campo Edena, 6470 Oakthorpe Road, Thornville, Ohio
Para mas información vea la pagina 6.
Welcome
It is so easy to get distracted. There are pressures with our jobs, needs of our families and responsibilities at church. Our to-do lists are longer than our days. But, we can’t afford to lose our focus on Jesus. He is the mighty Creator with power to speak and bring worlds into being. Jesus is the loving Savior who died for our sins. He is the gracious Lord who calls us to follow in His footsteps. Jesus is the caring High Priest who intercedes on our behalf. As Seventh-day Adventists, we rejoice that He is the reigning King who will soon return.

At camp meeting, we will come away from our daily demands and refocus on Jesus. We will sing about Him and talk with Him in prayer. There will be time to learn more from His Word and enjoy friendships with others in His family.

When we spend time with Jesus, we become more like Him. Come, and experience the change! —Rick Remmers, President

New this year
Live-streaming
Air-conditioned Gym
Overflow Seating

Worship Speakers
Garbed in authentic-looking costumes, Dick Stenbakken’s dramatic Bible character portrayals during daily morning worships will appeal to all ages. Now retired, Stenbakken formerly directed Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. “The Bible is essentially a book of stories,” he says. “A good story well told sticks in the memory like Velcro. That is why Jesus told stories and parables to challenge His listeners with eternal truth. … As we experience Bible biographies, we encounter these folks, ourselves and the Almighty.” To learn more, visit biblefaces.com.

Highland View Academy, June 11-15

Derek Morris is an associate secretary for the General Conference Ministerial Association; editor of Ministry, an international journal for pastors; teacher for Hope Sabbath School, an international interactive Bible study on the Hope Channel; co-host of MINISTRYinMOTION; and an adjunct professor at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). He is a prolific author. He says that his greatest joy is found in helping people experience a life-changing encounter with the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Seminars

Do you feel stressed about sharing your faith with your friends and family? Every Christian knows that part of their call is to lead others to Jesus. However, most people feel ill-prepared and worry, “What am I supposed to say? What if I don’t know all of the facts?” In Rajkumar Dixit’s high-speed, practical seminar “Say What? How to Share Your Faith,” you will learn the basic tools for

In this modern age, where genetics experts are discovering the power of lifestyle to turn genes on and off to reverse disease, and cutting-edge medicine promotes lifestyle intervention treatment, some Adventists question the value of the “health message.” How does healing fit into the Gospel Commission? How does it make any difference for Christian living and witnessing anyway? In his seminar “Making the Body Whole: Healing and the Everlasting Gospel," John Kelly, MD, MPH, a lifestyle and preventive medicine specialist, offers a medical perspective.

Ellen White reminds us: “Our work for Christ is to begin with the family, in the home. ... There is no missionary field more important than this” (The Adventist Home, p. 35). In their three-part seminar, “Disciple-making Families,” Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, North American Division (NAD) Family Ministries directors, look at some theological principles and practical applications to help you build a healthy, strong, disciple-making family—the most important mission field in which you will ever serve.

In “Living Deep With God, Discovering Spiritual Depth in a Superficial World," Ann Roda-Hernandez, associate pastor for families and children at the New Hope church in Fulton, Md., asks, “How do you handle adversity, such as brutal despair and hopelessness, harsh disappointment and fear?” Living deep faith is about believing that God is always present offering wisdom and strength, yet knowing that God may not necessarily step in and fix the problem. This seminar explores the lives of David, Daniel and Elijah—individuals of faith—and how you, too, can live a life of spiritual depth.

Revelation is God’s book written especially for our day. In George Rice’s seminar, “Revelation and the Great Controversy,” you will learn how John structured Revelation, under the Spirit’s guidance, to unveil the Great Controversy—and how it affects us. What can be a confusing book to many, will make more sense as you discover the meaning behind Revelation. Now retired, George Rice is a biblical scholar and former pastor of the Triadelphia church in Clarksdale, Md.

In the workplace, the Adventist observance of Sabbath is sometimes problematic, either because work on the seventh day might be required, or because the changing hour of sundown Friday may
necessitate early departures from the job. Reasonable employers often make accommodations, but what should faithful Adventists do when the situation becomes serious and the ugly choice arises between one’s vocation and one’s religious convictions? Walter Carson addresses this urgent question in “Religious Accommodation in the Workplace.” Carson is vice president and general counsel for the Columbia Union Conference.

Adventist Health Study-2 (AHS-2) is one of the largest, long-term epidemiological studies in North America investigating the relationship between diet and lifestyle with cancers and other chronic diseases. In “Are Adventists Living Longer and Healthier: The Latest Findings From the Adventist Health Studies (AHS),” Terry Butler, DrPH, MPH, co-investigator on the AHS research team at Loma Linda University (Calif.), shares some remarkable findings already coming from the study. Nearly 100,000 Adventists from the United States and Canada are participating in the study, including nearly 1,500 Chesapeake Conference members.

Our families are major evangelistic centers. What message are we preaching through our family life? Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, NAD Family Ministries directors, ask the thought-provoking question, “What Have They Seen in Your House?”

Come and hear testimonies of outreach endeavors in “Chesapeake for Christ—Fulfilling the Mission.” Gary Gibbs, Chesapeake Conference Ministries Development director, hosts.

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

**Division/Location**: Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sabbath
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BEGINNERS (Birth-3 yrs.) Ad Building | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
KINDERGARTEN (4-6 yrs.) Music Hall | 7:15–6:45 p.m. | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
PRIMARY (7-9 yrs.) Church – Lower Level | 7:15–6:45 p.m. | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
JUNIORS* (Grades 5-6) Boys’ Dorm Chapel Speaker: Pastor Richard Aguillera | 7:15–6:45 p.m. | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
EARLITEENS* (Grades 7-8) Girls’ Dorm Chapel Speaker: Pastor Emesto Espinosa | 7:15–6:45 p.m. | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
YOUTH* (Grades 9-12) Library Speaker: Pastor Ahlin Payne | 7:15–6:45 p.m. | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
YOUNG ADULTS* (18-30+ yrs.) White Pine Lower Level Speaker: Pastor Robert Quintana | 7:15–6:45 p.m. | 10 a.m.–Noon | 10 a.m.–Noon | 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

* An activity fee of $35/per person covers all activities—Juniors, Earliteens, Youth and Young Adults

** Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center

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For the last 35 years, Kenneth Cox, director and speaker of the Kenneth Cox Ministries, has given careful and detailed study to the biblical prophecies and their relationship to current events. He holds a bachelor's in theology and history from Union College (Neb.), and a Master of Divinity from Potomac University in Washington, D.C., (the former name of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, which was then housed at the General Conference). In the early years of his work as an evangelist, it was his innovative use of multiple screens and projectors that paved the way for what we know today as multimedia evangelism. He has held evangelistic meetings on every continent and in more than 20 countries. Six of his evangelistic series are currently available on video and are used worldwide. His weekly television program, *Give Me the Bible*, can be seen on the 3ABN network and other television stations across North America. The Kenneth Cox Ministries is located in California.

Daniel R. Jackson: On June 28, 2010, delegates of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church elected Jackson president of the North American Division at their business session in Atlanta. The church’s 246-member nominating committee appointed him and the General Conference Session delegation, which is an international body of 2,410 appointed members and the highest governing body in the church, confirmed him.

Jackson is a native Canadian and, with the exception of five years of service in the Southern Asia Division, has lived and ministered in Canada. He is a graduate of Canadian Union College (now Canadian University College) and Andrews University (Mich.), from which he holds a master's degree in systematic theology. During his career, Jackson has served the church as a pastor, teacher and administrator. He and his wife, Donna, enjoy the three children and four grandchildren the Lord has given them.
Presenters

Saturday–Saturday, 6:30–7:30 a.m. ■ “Early Morning Visits With Jesus” ■ Dan Augsburger spends his time speaking about prayer, victory and revival in churches, schools, religious conventions and young adult gatherings throughout the world. He teaches the History of Christian Spirituality at Andrews University (Mich.). Augsburger holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Andrews. Learn more at path2prayer.com.

Monday–Friday, 9:30–10:45 a.m. ■ “Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus” ■ Tony Moore has been a committed follower of Jesus Christ since 1972, when he was converted at a Rolling Stones concert. He has served as a Bible instructor, church planter, pastor and more. In 2004 Moore launched Biblical World, a media ministry of which he now serves as the speaker and president. Last January he released Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus, a 28-part series about Jesus and the land where He was born, raised, died and resurrected.

Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ■ “Making Him Known” ■ Michael Campbell, PhD, an assistant professor in the Philippines is one of four speakers. His two talks on Monday and Tuesday will be titled “Ellen White as a Friend of Jesus” and “Ellen White as a Passionate Evangelist.” Jeremy Anderson, who is completing his Master of Pastoral Studies from Oakwood University (Ala.), has written three books and is passionate about his Lord and Savior. His Wednesday talk is titled “Not My Will.” Nathan Renner serves as the senior pastor of the Adventist church in Sonora, Calif. His talk on Thursday focuses on Paul being beaten, imprisoned and shipwrecked—all to make Jesus known. What motivated him?

Sunday–Friday, 2:30–3:45 p.m. ■ “REACH Appalachia” ■ Kurt Johnson is the Bible school director for the Voice of Prophecy and coordinates Bible correspondence schools for the General Conference. Johnson has conducted seminars on small groups and personal witnessing techniques worldwide and has written numerous books and Bible study guides for small groups and personal ministries.

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Sunday–Thursday, 4–5:15 p.m. ■ “The Ministry and Meaning of the Holy Spirit” ■ Stephen Bauer joined the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) in 1999. He previously served as a district pastor. His great burden is to equip people to live their lives by faith in what God says.

Musicians

Saturday, June 15, 4 p.m. ■ Dona Klein made her first recording when she was 4 years old and played for her first evangelism series when she was 12. In the years since, she has played and sung for hundreds of evangelistic meetings and numerous other functions around the world. Klein has recorded more than 25 albums and continues to travel with the Kenneth Cox Ministries.

Saturday, June 22, 4 p.m. ■ Connie Vandeman Jeffery recorded her first album, God Is Beautiful, during her junior year of high school, began singing on the It Is Written telecast the following year and received an Angel Award in 1990 for her album Jesus Never Fails. In 1993 she recorded the album It’s Beginning to Rain, and in 2001 recorded the popular Songs My Father Loved.
Special Features

Prayer Convocation ■ Friday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. Gather at the flagpole to pray together and ask for the Lord’s blessing as camp meeting is officially opened.

Sharing Jesus in the Marketplace ■ Saturday, June 15, 2:30 p.m. Come hear how Mountain View members are sharing Him every day in the marketplace.

Fasting Blood Draw ■ Sunday, June 16, 7-9 a.m. Come to the cafeteria for “health fair” prices on basic blood tests, including those for PSA and Vitamin D levels.

Lay Advisory Sunday ■ June 16, 8:30 a.m. The lay advisory will be held in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to join in this meeting and brainstorming session.

ABC Book Sale, Sunday ■ June 16, 10:30 a.m. Come to the auditorium and stock up on reduced-priced music, books and resources.

Education Hour ■ Saturday, June 22, 2:30 p.m. Cheryl Jacko, associate superintendent of schools, will lead a report on Mountain View education.

Opening & Closing Sabbath

JUNE 15
Devotional ■ 6:30 a.m. ■
Dan Augsburger will begin his early morning series titled “Early Morning Visits With Jesus.”

Sabbath School ■ 9 a.m. ■
Randy Murphy, a retired Mountain View Conference president, will be the Sabbath School superintendent.

Pam Lello, a returning missionary with Adventist Frontier Missions, will present the mission focus. Kingsley Whitsett, a retired conference president, will lead the lesson study.

Divine Service ■ 11 a.m. ■
Ken Cox will speak on the importance of being “born again.”

JUNE 22
Devotional ■ 6:30 a.m. ■
Dan Augsburger will conclude his weeklong series about spending time with Jesus.

Sabbath School ■ 9 a.m. ■
Cheryl Jacko, principal of Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.Va., will serve as Sabbath School superintendent. The mission emphasis will be on how conference members helped those affected by Superstorm Sandy.

Richard McCluskey, PhD, a retired professor from the Southwestern Adventist University (Texas), will lead the lesson study.

Divine Service ■ 11 a.m. ■
Dan Jackson will talk about getting to know Jesus and sharing that same Jesus with those about us.

Youth & Young Adults

YOUTH: “Where Were You?” (based on Matthew 25) ■ Youth Chapel, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Daily ■ For years Jeremy Anderson was held captive by the vices of sin, and after total submission to God’s will, he has been restored! Anderson is the published author of three books, From Prodigal to Prodigy, Power Apps and Self-Destruction.

YOUGN ADULTS: “Remnant” ■ Youth Chapel, 1:15 p.m. (Sunday) and 11 a.m. (Monday–Friday) ■
Nathan Renner serves as the senior pastor of the Adventist church in Sonora, Calif. He was called to ministry shortly after his conversion in January 1997. Through the Sonora church’s ARISE program, Renner has taught classes on the book of Revelation, Bible Boot Camp, evangelism and is presently teaching on the book of Romans. His passion is the local church and seeing it become all God intended it to be.
Welcome to Mountain View Camp Meeting 2013!

"Knowing Him and Making Him Known"

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6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. -- "Early Morning Visits with Jesus"

Daniel Augsburger

Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15

Supt. Raady Murphy

Lessons by: Kingsley Wintett

Mission Emphasis: Pam Lebo

Registration

9:00 - Sabbath School

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Ken Cox

Donna Klein

11:00 - Worship Hour

ABC Big Book Sale

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6:30 Flagpole Convocation

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Friday (Locating) 12 - 7 PM

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Youth: 1:30 - 2:15 PM

Primary: 2:30 - 3:45 PM

Adult: 3:45 - 4:15 PM

Family: 4:30 - 5:30 PM

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. -- Conference Employees’ Meetings (Youth Center)

Bauer Johnson Cox Moore Augsburger

Supt: Cheryl Jacko

Lesson by: Dr. Richard McClankey

Mission Emphasis: Hurricane Sandy Relief Work

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30

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4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. -- "The Ministry and Meaning of the Holy Spirit"

Free Time / Prepare for Sabbath

Conce Vanderam Jeffer

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

Supper 5:30 - 6:15

Health Professionals Supper
The New Jersey Conference Youth Department team is hoping to motivate youth to personally reach out to other youth from their community, school, neighborhood or work. With the theme “PRAY” (Personally Reaching All Youth), departmental leaders are encouraging all youth to do their part to fulfill Jesus’ Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, “Go and make disciples!”

All youth are invited to come and bring their friends to this new and improved camp meeting. The weekend is going to be packed with activities, interactive classes, inspirational speakers, spiritual moments, uplifting testimonies and fellowship. “It is going to be something different from the previous years. If you want to know how it will be, you will have to come and check it out for yourself,” says Paulo Macena, conference Youth Ministries director.

SPEAKER
Pastor Vandeon Griffin serves as the Youth Ministries director for the South Central Conference. He also serves as the president of BAYDA (Black Adventist Youth Directors Association). Griffin has a passion to see young people on fire for the Lord, doing what He has called us all to do: “be a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come” (Matt. 24:14).

Children’s Camp Meeting
With the theme “DNA: Different! New! Amazing!” the New Jersey Conference Children’s Ministries team will focus on the way God made each child different, special and with amazing gifts to be used for the Lord. Sabbath School will be divided by ages, and children’s church is designed for children 5 and up. There will also be a children’s program starting at 3 p.m.

Leandro Robinson o “Pastor Leo” nació en la República Dominicana. Fue criado en Nueva Jersey y asistió a la Escuela Superior de Hoboken (Hoboken High School). Pastor Leo está comprometido en compartir el evangelio con otros y ha predicado en Series Evangélicas en África, la República Dominicana, Texas y Nueva Jersey. El también a predicado en semanas de oraciones y semanas de revivimientos para los jóvenes. Como Director del Ministerio Juvenil de la Conferencia de Pennsylvania, el Pastor Leo está emocionado pertenecer de un equipo que está activamente discipulando a los jóvenes y sus líderes para alcanzar a otros para el Reino de Cristo. El estará hablando sobre el tema “PRAY” (Personally Reaching All Youth/Alcanzando Personalmente a la Juventud) y motivará a todo joven que haga su parte en cumplir con la Gran Comisión de Jesús en Mateo 28:19, “¡Ve y haced Discípulos!”

Con el tema “DNA: Different! New! Amazing! (¡Diferente! ¡Nuevo! y ¡Maravilloso!)” el Equipo del Ministerio Infantil de la Conferencia de Nueva Jersey enfocará en la forma en que Dios hizo a cada niño diferente, especial y con talentos maravillosos para ser usados para el Señor. La Escuela Sabática será dividida por edades, y la Iglesia Infantil será para niños de 5 en adelante. Tendrán un programa especial de niños empezando a las 3 p.m.
Welcome

The Methodist preacher Hugh Bourne, who organized England’s first camp meeting in May 1807, was expelled from the Wesleyan Methodist Church for holding an alternate worship gathering! In America, the camp meeting concept caught on since it suited the frontier lifestyle when there weren’t many traditional churches or preachers or diversions from work. Camp meetings were also an important feature of the “second great awakening” in the early 19th century.

Seventh-day Adventists later adopted the camp meeting practice from the Methodists. The annual tradition has endured within Adventism, although the conditions that gave rise to the practice have just about disappeared. There is something about fellowshipping, dining, worshiping, studying, playing and serving that refreshes the mind and spirit. If you’ve experienced this, you know what I mean. If you’ve never attended, why not do so in 2013? Experience a 150-year-old Adventist tradition—reshaped, reformed, redesigned—to spiritually invigorate you and every member of your family.

—Raj Attiken, President

More About Jesus
Mount Vernon Academy, June 9-15

Special Guest and Feature

JUNE 14-15

Merlin Burt, PhD, a former Ohio Conference pastor, will focus on the 150th anniversary of the Adventist Church. During his presentations Friday night, Sabbath morning and Saturday night, he will help camp meeting attendees review the origins and development of our denomination.

Burt is director of the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University (Mich). He is also director of the White Estate Branch Office and associate professor of Ellen White and Adventist Studies in the Church, both located at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews. Previous to his current position, he served in a similar capacity at Loma Linda University (Calif.).

Burt is an Andrews alumnus who received his PhD in Adventist studies in 2003. His dissertation examined the development and integration of the Sabbath, sanctuary and Ellen White’s role in Sabbatarian Adventism between 1844 and 1849. He has published various articles and chapters and has served as a speaker, editor and organizer of various conferences and symposiums. He recently authored Adventist Pioneer Places: New York & New England, and is currently writing a textbook on the development of Adventist theology. He is also the editor of a soon-to-be-published volume titled Ellen White Issues.
In “Spiritual Maturity: A Decrease That Leads to an Increase,” Winston Baldwin, senior pastor of the Centerville church, will break down how people who know God will grow by grace and more into His likeness. He’ll answer questions like, “How do we know this is happening?” “Is there a blueprint for Christian growth in the Bible?” and “Why are so many afraid to talk about growth?” Baldwin pastored churches in Florida, Georgia and Tennessee and taught at Memphis Junior Academy for six years. He has held evangelistic crusades in several states as well as Africa and India.

Alexander Bolotnikov will present “The Parables of Jesus: Obvious but Unknown?” Although Jesus’ parables were meant to teach core Christian values, and are the most read sections of the Synoptic Gospels, people still ask many questions about their true meaning: Did the rich man really go to hell? Could the unfaithful steward obtain his salvation through bribes? Pastor Bolotnikov will address these difficult questions. Bolotnikov is the conference’s Jewish Ministries coordinator, the pastor of the Delaware church and director of the Shalom Learning Center in Florida. Pastor Bolotnikov is currently completing his PhD at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

Romans 8:38-39 states there is nothing we can do to be separated from the love of God. In “Jesus Loves Me Anyway: An Intro to Following Jesus,” Pastor Lori Farr will use Scripture to explain how in our journey with Jesus we may experience seasons, but no matter the season, God’s love never fails. Pastor Farr transferred to Ohio in May 2007 straight from Andrews University after finishing her Master’s in Divinity. She now serves as senior pastor of a four church district in Northeast Ohio, and is working on her DMin.

Russell W. Gaskill, CPA, CGMA, MBA, has served in Ohio for many years as a bivocational pastor at the Clarksfield church in Northern Ohio. He will present “The Widow’s Mite: God’s Plan for Financial Wellness.” Since God has blessed us as stewards of our wealth, why do we tend to struggle to manage our finances on our own? How does God advise us to manage our money? Learn how to erase negative trends and conquer this important spiritual issue. Gaskill is the corporate tax officer for the Kent Watersports companies in New London and has been active in public accounting for more than 15 years.

In “Healthy Cooking for Families,” Sandra Hrabowy will teach how to cook delicious, healthy food on a budget. Cooking classes will consist of healthy vegan lunch and dinners that incorporate familiar, easy-to-find ingredients. Hrabowy grew up in Youngstown, the daughter of a butcher. She graduated from Youngstown State University with degrees in engineering and business. At age 28, after viewing a slaughterhouse video, she became a vegetarian overnight, then a vegan at 36. When she attended a
Daniel/Revelation seminar in 1995 and heard the health message, she knew the Adventist Church was where she belonged.

Although Adventists know the correct day to worship God, Pastor Tom Hughes wonders how many understand how to worship God biblically. What does the Bible say about applause or musical instruments in the divine service? What does the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy state about women leading as pastors? In “What the Bible Says About Worship,” Pastor Hughes will share that, surprisingly, God has a lot to say about these issues. Hughes has been a Christian for more than 40 years, and an Adventist pastor for more than 32. Hughes is currently shepherding the Newark church.

Jeba Moses has pastored with the Ohio Conference for 24 years. He currently leads the Clifton congregation in Cincinnati and is a health educator at the University of Cincinnati. In his seminar “Listening for Heaven’s Sake,” learn the biblical art of listening with your heart and head so that someday others might return the favor! For this intense eight-hour class, Pastor Moses will only be able to accommodate those who can commit to attending the entire series. (Sorry, no dropping in mid-program). The class has regular practical exercises.

### Additional Programming

**Soul Café: Lori Farr**, pastor of a four-church district in northeast Ohio, will help campers start each day in the Word of God. Participants can grab their favorite drink and muffin and join the small, interactive study groups.

**Extra Activities**: There are departmental programs for kids of all ages—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 for worship, work clothes for service projects and suits for swimming.

**Entertainment**: The Ohio Has Gifts Sabbath afternoon concert will feature talent from Ohio churches. A Sabbath evening concert will feature Ohio’s own Trina Schone. Sunday evening there will also be a special showing of *The Conscientious Objector*, the true story of Desmond Doss.

**Commemorative Photo**: After the Sabbath worship service, a commemorative 150th anniversary photo will be taken.

**Women’s Tea**: Enjoy this annual camp meeting tradition at the Mount Vernon Academy Café, Thursday, June 13, at 12:30 p.m. The devotional speaker is Marika Marton.

**Lodging**: $40/day for a dorm room with a deposit of $85 paid in advance, or $200 for the entire week. Guests must return their room key and leave rooms/baths as clean as they find them or forfeit their $85 deposit. There is to be no cooking in rooms or dorm kitchens; refrigerator permitted. Dorms have bunk beds; bring bedding. RV sites with electric $20/day. Tent spaces with electric $10/day or $5/day without. For additional information, contact Dean Rico Woolcock at campmeeting@mvacademy.org or (740) 326-2580.

**Meals**: Lunch and dinner are available for purchase Monday–Friday; price range is $2.50-$7.00. Kettering Adventist HealthCare will sponsor a free meal on Sabbath. Make meal reservations no later than Monday, June 3, at ohioadventist.org or call (740) 397-4665, ext. 111. Groups of 10 or more must provide all names when registering.

*For more information and a detailed schedule of camp meeting events, visit ohioadventist.org or call (740) 397-4665, ext. 114.*
Rev It Up!
Revival Christian Biker Camp Meeting
Mount Vernon Academy, June 7-9
People of all faiths are welcome!

Presenters and Seminars

Friday, June 7, 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 come to Jesus. He will tell the amazing story of how Leave a Mark Ministries grew from witnessing in a bar and into a successful ministry.

Sabbath, June 8, 9 a.m. ■ John “Preacher Man” Harris is the president of the Armor Bearers 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 deals with all biker groups in Ohio and is a soul winner for Jesus.

Sabbath, June 8, 10 a.m. ■ Pastor Tom Hughes will present the startling truth about “The Christ in the Crossbones,” an amazing journey through history, revealing the Christian origins of these symbols and how they can be successfully used in witnessing to bikers today. Hughes is known on radio, TV and the Web as The Bible Biker (biblebiker.com). 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.

Sabbath, June 8, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. ■ Dick Montanez will present “The God of Every Day & Trading the Scarlet Letter for the Scarlet Cord.” Montanez is a senior theology student at Pacific Union College (Wash.) graduating in June. Montanez has served as the head chaplain for the Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry for seven years. Passionate for new and fresh outreach ministries, he searches for ways the body of Christ can impact and reach the unchurched for Jesus. He believes that “everyone God saves has a testimony.”

Sunday, June 9, 9 a.m. ■ Adventist Motorcycle Ministries (AMM) is dedicated to reaching bikers for Jesus Christ and cooperating with the CMA, Bikers for Christ and other organizations to reach bikers one heart at a time. AMM is forming an Ohio chapter. Get information about becoming a part of this dynamic worldwide ministry.

Saturday Night Concert, June 8, 8 p.m.
The Glory Way Quartet

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 $40/day plus $85 room deposit paid in advance. Room keys must be returned and rooms/bathrooms cleaned to get deposit returned. No cooking allowed in rooms or dorm kitchens; refrigerator permitted. Dorm rooms have bunk beds; bring your own bedding. RV sites with electric $20/day. Tent spaces with electric $10/day, or $5/day without. For reservations, contact Dean Rico Woolcock at campmeeting@mvacademy.org or (740) 326-2580.

Meals: Free meals are provided for lunch Saturday, June 8, and brunch Sunday, June 9. So that we know how to plan, reserve meals online 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.
Young Adults
Blue Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School
June 14-16
Evenings and Sabbath worship with Pastor Matthew Gamble
June 16
Afternoons at Blue Marsh Lake
June 17-22
Evenings and Sabbath worship with Pastor Sam Leonor
June 17-20
Community outreach each morning and afternoon

SPEAKERS
Matthew Gamble is the senior pastor of the Elmshaven church (Calif.). He is also a senior consultant with the Center for Creative Ministry, and served as a consultant to the Center for Secular and Postmodern Studies. He serves as an advisor to the North American Division Young Adult Advisory.

Sam Leonor, chaplain at La Sierra University (Calif.), believes that, like the apostle Paul, people can experience dramatic personal change when they come in contact with the gospel. He is devoted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and exploring contemporary biblical spirituality.

Grace in the Remnant Church
Blue Mountain Academy, June 14-22

SPEAKERS
June 14-15
Roscoe J. Howard III is vice president of mission and ministries for the Adventist Health System (Fla.). In this role, Howard provides leadership in the areas of diversity and unity, refines mission opportunities throughout the 43 campuses, and bridges collaboration between Adventist Health System and the Adventist Church.

June 21-22
John Bradshaw is speaker/director of the It Is Written international ministry. He appears on the “It Is Written” weekly program, the “From the Bible” radio broadcast and the 1-minute “Every Word” daily devotional. Learn more at itswritten.com

CONCERT
June 16
Concert with Steve and Annie Chapman at 7 p.m. After more than 35 years ministering through music, Steve and Annie continue to uphold the family in their lyrics. Using songs from numerous recordings, ranging in subjects from marriage to the challenges of parenting, the Chapmans will present a concert of music and stories that is designed to encourage all who attend.

For more information on all Sunday events and the seminars/activities during the week, or to register online, visit paconference.org and click on “Camp Meeting” or look for bulletin inserts at your local church.

HAITIAN CAMP MEETING
Blue Mountain Academy Chapel
June 22
Cette année encore... Les frères et sœurs de Shekinah, de Lebanon et de mont Pocono invitent la communauté haïtienne de la Pennsylvanie et des environs au deuxième grand rassemblement spirituel haïtien du camp meeting, le samedi 22 juin prochain à 10 AM. Merci de participer à notre culte d’adoration cette année encore.

Darnel Marius
Pasteur

Pasteur Edmond Sénéque vit aujourd’hui aux philippines où il prépare son Ph D à AIAS. Il a travaillé en Haïti comme pasteur, directeur de Jeunesse et président de mission. Lui et épouse Ruth ont deux filles: Sendie et Sendelle.

Para información sobre el camp-pestre hispano de Pennsylvania Conference vea las páginas 6-7.
# Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

720 Museum Road, Reading, PA 19611-1492  
Phone 610-374-8331  
June 14-22, 2013 Camp Meeting Reservation Application  
Applications only accepted with payment included

**Date**

**Name**

**Address**

**City/State/Zip**

**Phone (Cell Phone if possible)**

**Total # in your party**

Provide information below for children.

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**NOTES:**

1. A completed application with payment in full is required for all reservations. Partial payments will be returned to sender. Checks should be made payable to Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.

2. We regret that we are unable to provide wheel chairs and other equipment for the disabled.

3. All those who plan to stay in the Dorms and have children ages 10 and over, will be asked to stay in the respective dormitories -- i.e., girls in Girls’ Dorm and boys in Boys’ Dorm.

4. Children under 18 years of age are not permitted to stay overnight at any of the camp meeting facilities unless accompanied by an adult.

5. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS** are allowed in the campgrounds or in the camping areas. Names of local kennels will be provided in your confirmation packet.

6. Use of microwaves, air conditioners, and other electrical appliances are **PROHIBITED** due to the lack of adequate electricity. **THIS INCLUDES ALL RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PARKED IN KEYSTONE WITH 20AMP SERVICE.** (Exception — Grove City trailer sites, as they all have 30amp service.)

**Signature**

**Print Name**

**Date**

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

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☐ Request for ____ extra single mattress | $265.00 | $ |

| Tent with electricity & floor  
☐ 1 double mattress —or— ☐ 2 single cots  
☐ Request for ____ extra single mattress | $120.00 | $ |

| Small personal tent or trailer space up to 20ft. long, with electricity  
(Located on field by Boys’ Dorm) | $60.00 | $ |

| Keystone Cabin — 5 sets of bunk beds | $120.00 | $ |

| Keystone Trailer space, with electricity  
Trailer size: _________ ft. | $120.00 | $ |

| Grove City Trailer space,  
with 30 amp electricity usage  
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| Small personal tent or trailer space up to 20ft. long, with electricity  
(Located on field by Boys’ Dorm) | $20.00 | $ |

| Keystone Trailer space, with electricity  
Trailer size: _________ ft. | $25.00 | $ |

| Grove City Trailer space,  
with 30 amp electricity usage  
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**Total Charges**  

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**FULL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:**

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**Signature:**
Welcome

As fellow believers, we have the privilege of encouraging one another. The prophet Jeremiah encouraged the people of Israel to “set up road signs; put up guideposts and mark well the path by which [they] came” (Jer. 31:21). By setting up these indicators, we can see the movement of God in our life, which gives us confidence in His promise to never leave us or forsake us (see Heb. 13:5).

Ellen White reminds us about the importance of reviewing what we’ve been through: “In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (Christian Experience and Teaching, p. 204).

Let’s remember where God has brought us and continue on our journey with Him. Soon and very soon we will reach our heavenly home! —William K. Miller, President

Still on Our Journey Home
Shenandoah Valley Academy, June 18-22

Speakers

Jan Paulsen
served as General Conference president from 1999 to 2010. Among the hallmarks of his administration were his commitment to worldwide church unity, his ongoing conversations with the church’s youth and young adults, and his efforts to expand the church’s mission reach and community presence around the world. Along with numerous articles and scholarly works, Paulsen has written three books, including the recently published Let’s Talk: Conversations With Young Adventists About Their Church. He earned a doctorate in theology from Tubingen University in Germany.

James Nix has been serving as director for the Ellen G. White Estate since 2000. He is a 1969 graduate from La Sierra University (Calif.) with a dual major in history and theology. He later earned master’s degrees in divinity and library science. In 1981 Nix co-founded what is now known as Adventist Heritage Ministry, and currently serves as chair of its board. He has authored or contributed to several books including In the Footprints of the Pioneers.

Walter Pearson, Jr., is the speaker/director emeritus for Breath of Life Ministries. Prior to Breath of Life, he was associate director for evangelism and church growth at the General Conference (GC) Ministerial Department. Pearson was first employed at the GC as the associate director of the Ellen G. White Estate. Pearson graduated from Oakwood College (now a university) in Alabama with a degree in religion and theology. He also completed graduate work at the University of Kentucky and Georgia State University.

Michael Campbell, PhD, is assistant professor of Historical/Theological Studies at the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies in Silang, Cavite, Philippines. Prior to this, he was a pastor in Colorado and Kansas for five years. Campbell studied theology and history at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) before obtaining graduate degrees at Andrews University (Mich.). He has published numerous articles in scholarly and denominational periodicals.
“Women Making a Difference in the Local Church and Community”—Carla Baker will explore principles that apply to leaders in all church positions, using Jesus as a model for healthy and effective leadership. Baker, Women’s Ministries director for the North American Division, will help attendees focus on specific resources for Women’s Ministries to make an impact in the local church and community.

“A New Creation—Restoring Our Oneness With God Through Christ”—Systematically designed to explain the theology and practical steps involved in becoming a “new creation” in Christ, this seminar will focus on the corporate aspects of the fall and salvation of man. The presenter, Travis Walker, currently pastors three congregations in Virginia: the Christiansburg and New River Valley churches and the Mountain View company.

“Reaching the Hearts of Your Muslim Friends”—Junnie Ree Pagunsan, associate pastor of the Patterson Avenue and Far West End churches in Richmond, Va., will share his working experience at Iligan Medical Center, a hospital where 90 percent of the patient population is Muslim. Pagunsan’s perspective and insight will provide better understanding on how to respectfully relate to Muslims, build positive bridges and share our unique, end-time truths.

“The Pathway to Happiness: Practical Ways to Enhance Health”—Is it possible to be happy, and all the time? Why are mood disorders so common in our society and in the church? In these interactive workshops presenter Ariel J. Warden-Jarrett will explore the healing impacts of Scripture, music, laughter, nutrition and exercise. Warden-Jarrett is a musician and board certified family physician practicing in Bowie, Md.

“Shepherding a Child’s Heart”—Based on Tedd Tripp's book Shepherding a Child’s Heart, this seminar is designed for anyone who is facing the challenge of raising godly children in an ungodly world. Byron Greenburg, a licensed clinical psychologist with a private practice in central Virginia, will address the Bible’s method and guide to refocus ourselves and our children on the root of behavior.

“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.
Seminars

“The Problem of Ordination and Authority”—Darius Jankiewicz, associate professor of historical theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.), will discuss the three parts of ordination and authority. He will first explore the history and theology of ordination, the nature of Christian authority as it relates to leadership within the church and the origins of the incorrect understanding of authority within the church.

“Dare to Be a Lady”—Pulling from her book Dare to Be a Lady, Catia Mills will unveil the importance of a woman’s choices and her destiny. Through historical and literature research, Mills believes women are called to be pure, strong in faith and convictions, and never afraid to be different from the masses. Mills is a teacher, public speaker and founder of Against the Current Ministries.

“Who Was Ellen White?”—In this three-part seminar, Michael Campbell will introduce Ellen Harmon’s personal struggle with God, which led to her conversion and continue with stories that offer an intimate glimpse of her personal life as a wife, mother and someone who struggled with depression. Campbell, who teaches theology and Adventist Church history at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in Cavite, Philippines, will conclude by offering suggestions to get the most from her writings to help you grow closer to God.

“Discipleship 101 and Beyond”—Jesus commands us to make disciples, but how would you define a growing disciple? What factors do you think limit discipleship? What does it look like to develop a disciple? What are the stages of discipleship? John Cress, Potomac’s director for Pastoral Ministries, will examine these questions and more. In addition, each attendee is sure to gain a tangible way to engage themselves and others in growing disciples.

Special Features

Booth Brothers—With their harmony-drenched vocals and warm, easy voices, these brothers have been sharing their faith and music fulltime since 1998. While they say their musical influences come from a wide range of performers—the Gatlin Brothers to legendary gospel greats like Bill Gaither and Mosie Lister—their inspiration comes straight from God. This trio has been blessing audiences with their appearances on the Gaither Homecoming tour and their own fairly heavy touring schedule during the last several years. They are known for their high energy and humorous, yet touching concerts, but their deepest desire is to show God’s love, grace and forgiveness through the songs God has given them to sing.

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**Family worship and Breakfast**

**EARLY MORNING SERIES (GYM)**

- **Beginners I (Birth-2 yrs.)**
  - Leader: Anita Richards
  - Assistant: Samantha Baker
  - Time: 8:00-9:15 am

- **Beginners II (2-4 yrs.)**
  - Leader: Clarice Rickard
  - Assistant: Jeannie Howard
  - Time: 7:00-8:00 am

**MORNING SEMINARS**

- **Primary I (6-7 yrs.)**
  - Leader: Kathy Mitchell
  - Assistant: Crystal Richards
  - Time: 9:00-10:45 am

- **Primary II (8-9 yrs.)**
  - Leader: Wendy Wood
  - Assistant: Tamara Baker
  - Time: 9:30-12:30 pm

**LUNCH**

- **Worship Service**
  - Time: 10:45 am

**AFTERNOON SEMINARS**

- **3:00 - 5:00 pm**
  - Special Feature

**SUPPER**

- **7:00-9:00 pm**

**EVENING WORSHIP**

- **Special Music, Features and Historical Storytelling**
  - Time: 9:00-10:30 pm

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- **Note to Parents:**
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Sending Students on a Journey to Excellence, Part 2

In my last editorial, I shared many of the goals Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) set to help us reach our mission: “to provide a Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist education that leads students into lives of service for God.” In addition to caring for our students’ mental and spiritual development, we care deeply about their academic well-being. One of the goals of the North American Division through their Journey to Excellence (journeytoexcellence.org) initiative, which plays an important role in the development of our curriculum, is intellectual development.

We are committed to providing the best for the enhancement of our student’s academic growth through advanced placement and honors classes as well as electives that offer gifted students the chance to be challenged at a level that meets their academic needs.

Consequently, it only makes sense to recognize students for their hard work. This spring we recognized nearly one third of our student body for academic excellence on the Iowa Test of Educational Development. Eighteen students earned $1,000 scholarships for being in the 90th percentile, while another 30 students earned $500 scholarships for scoring between the 76th and the 89th percentile. Overall, many BMA students scored one full grade level above the national norms! These scholarships help students who give their best afford a top-notch, Christian education. We are very proud of our young people.

We also provide a learning specialist for students who need additional assistance. Kerene Anglin, MA, EdS (above), works one on one with students to help diagnose their weaknesses and then provide a plan for making them stronger in that area.

Anglin explains, “Our students’ success is partly due to parents and staff who have dedicated their time to ensure a quality education for our students, and who strongly encourage them to perform beyond expectation.” She adds, “The teachers at BMA help prepare our students by focusing on the areas of need and building on their strengths, specifically in the areas of vocabulary, writing, spelling and math concepts. We also encourage students who struggle in the regular classroom to receive special assistance or accommodations at the Learning Support and Testing Center to ensure academic success and to achieve their academic goals.”

This is just a brief glimpse of BMA’s philosophy and this “journey to excellence” we give our students, and a further reason why we believe our students “are called by name” (Isa. 43:1) to serve an awesome God!
Alumni, Friends Make Big Impact on Campus

David Morgan, principal, reports that this has been a year of positive change at Blue Mountain Academy. Through the gracious giving of the school’s alumni, who believe in the mission of training young people for lives of service to God, student living spaces have gotten a facelift, and much more.

Herb and Marilyn Dennison (’67) contributed heavily to the remodel of the bathrooms in the administration building. Gary Reese (’62) played an instrumental part in constructing the well building on campus. He and Bob Monroe, a Coudersport church member, are also building a gazebo made possible by donations from Patricia Sorenson, a long-time BMA supporter.

An anonymous donor recently helped BMA update its sign along I-78 (below). A donation from Tom Sitter (’67) is helping them prepare the greenhouses for their future purpose. Scott McAuliffe (’06) helped with maintenance, while other alumni contributed financial gifts to students in need. Helpful alumni have even impacted the school board. More than half of the current board members have either attended BMA or had a child attend BMA.

“Seeing the support that has come from our alumni has made me feel like I’m part of something special,” said Stephen Reese (’93), vice principal of finance. “I knew God was calling me away from my business to work in the mission field, but I was unsure if BMA was the right decision for me and my family. Seeing how my fellow alumni have given so freely to impact the lives of our students has convinced me that I have been called!”

BMA was also blessed to share space with Maranatha Volunteers International, which recently brought more than 20 volunteers from across the country to paint, clean and repair various buildings on campus. Morgan says he is touched to see his school so greatly benefit from so many committed alumni and friends who decided to be part of impacting the lives of students, “all in the name of preparing our young people to acknowledge their Father’s call to take the gospel to the world!”

Principal Earns New Degree

Congratulations to BMA principal David Morgan (’81) for his recent completion of a Master’s in Leadership from Andrews University (Mich.). “During my course of study, I came to realize that leadership is more than a position; it is a process that requires much prayer, reflection and review in order to continue being an effective servant leader for God,” he shared. He is pictured at a summit in the Colorado Rockies, which he says is reflective of his “leadership journey.”

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Elementary Students Mentor Younger “Buddies”

An elementary school mentoring program is rapidly developing at Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA). Older students are matched with younger students. Activities include younger students reading to older students, math fact practice, academic presentations, playing games and writing/sharing books.

A few weeks ago, the program was in full swing in Bev Boyer’s first-grade class, where students built pyramids, gave speeches, did word searches and decoded hieroglyphics. These may seem like normal classroom activities, with one exception—the teachers were sixth-graders! In an effort to teach their first-grade “buddies” about Egypt, Mindi Nix’s sixth-grade social studies class presented the above projects.

Justin Swanson, a first-grader, said, “It was fun to have our buddies come. I liked the pyramids on our window sill, and I liked the sand in our diorama box.” Sarah Klingbeil, a sixth-grader, beamed, “I enjoyed teaching the first-graders, since I want to be a teacher when I grow up. When we were about to leave, my buddy, Rose, came up and hugged me. It reminded me of [when I was in] first grade and how important the role of a teacher is.”

Recently, the eighth-grade class, under the direction of Sharon Williams, created “symbiotic relationship centers” to share with students in grades K-2. The eighth-graders worked in groups to make their displays. Each group focused on animals who work together for survival. They then set up displays, games and brochures in the school’s library so that the younger children could rotate through the groups and learn from their young instructors. Both groups asked, “When will we do this again?” Dylan Blackard, an eighth-grader, quipped with a grin, “I actually enjoyed this project!”

Students and teachers reported that the spring Week of Prayer was also a blessing. High school students shared the worship talk with their middle school peers each day. During assembly, the eighth-grade class presented spiritual object lessons to the elementary students. Students also led song service, played guitars and provided special music. Each day eighth-graders wrote one-page newspapers that addressed a spiritual theme and included poems, advice columns, articles and artwork. They distributed the papers daily to the middle school students.

The student response was extremely positive. Jason Hess, an eighth-grader said, “We played a role in teaching children about God and His morals.” Georgia Kent, also an eighth-grader, shared, “It felt like we were learning more than the younger students because we had to study before presenting.” —Sharon Williams
Acro Squad Members Learn About More Than Athletics

On the surface, Acro Squad may appear to be just a high school gymnastics and acrobatics exhibition team. Members perform action-filled sequences and routines that include tumbling, human pyramids, flying high in the air and other jaw-dropping stunts. However, if you ask Richie Silile, who has coached the group since it officially started in 2002, the squad is about much more than athletics.

Under the leadership of Silile and his crew of well-qualified, volunteer coaches, students learn the important values of hard work, unfailing commitment, true teamwork, dependability, standing for Jesus and using any and all of their talents to share the gospel.

Some of the team’s activities include attending the annual Acrofest (which gives them exposure to Seventh-day Adventist university campuses), performing at assemblies for sister schools and hosting a year-end home show. Throughout the year, the team also participates in various outings, vespers programs, chapels and gymnastics clinics for younger students.

Members also learn to be leaders and to coach others in the same way they were coached when they entered the program—with love, hard work and continuous encouragement.

Nayeli Moretta, a sophomore and first-year team member, says, “The best part about Acro Squad is that you can be yourself, learn a not-so-common sport and get a chance to encounter God while being part of a team.”

Gabby Cook, a senior and team captain, explains, “In acro you get the chance to become friends with other students that you wouldn’t normally get to know. I love the whole family feel that our team has and how it never changes, even when the roster does!” Alumni members often make it a point to stop in on practices and performances when they are in town, which proves Cook’s point.

“With God’s help, Acro Squad will continue to grow and to positively impact the lives of hundreds of other students of all ages, shapes and sizes,” Silile says.
Providing Education for Life—Here and After

A spiritual movement has swept across our campus this year, where both students and faculty have felt God’s presence in a new way. Nearly 60 students were anointed at the end of our student-led Week of Prayer. You can watch the videos of these touching testimonies at shenandoahvalleyacademy.org, where students describe the way they experienced the Holy Spirit. I have been so blessed to be a part of this campus transformation, and we all agree this movement needs to continue.

At Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA), we have teachers who are educating our students for the future. We believe that what we offer through our spiritual programming, along with academics, extracurricular activities, clubs and newly added outdoor education classes, is not only providing skills necessary for our students to succeed, but also education they will be able to use for life. Quality classes, programs and activities have always been important to us, but now we want this quality to permeate every aspect of our students’ lives.

Imagine an SVA generation, not only college bound but also heaven bound. Leading for Christ. Equipped mind and body. Living with purpose. I am so thankful to be the principal at SVA where I get to provide “education for life.”

ASSIST Pilot Connects the Young and Old

SVA students have been participating in the pilot version of a program called ASSIST (Academy Student Service Initiated Stipend for Tuition), which was started by a man living near Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). He was really touched by the fact that a student used to stop and visit his elderly mother every day. The effect it had on her greatly impressed the man. The happiness which he saw enter his mother’s life through these visits inspired him to set aside a large amount of money to encourage this type of relationship. The man anonymously established a fund to be distributed to high schools to start student jobs with people like his mother. In these jobs, students visit with elderly people who do not get many other visitors and who truly enjoy company. Here is senior Maria Wixwat’s account of the program, which is overseen by Pastor Buz Menhardt, along with Susan Finlaw, assistant dean:

“SVA’s pilot version of ASSIST started shortly after February home leave. Our version of ASSIST will not last the full 12 months, but only the short time left in the remainder of this school year. Visiting the elderly not only benefits them, but also us. I have also realized how much I treasure the time I get to spend with one of our local church members. Every time I am there, she impresses me with her strong faith in Jesus and her continual joy despite the hardships she goes through. Another SVA student, senior Kerianne Vaz, says that her visit with Bill Strickland, a former SVA faculty member, made her feel almost like they were related, as if he was her grandfather. This pilot program has really affected everyone involved in such a positive way, and I hope it will continue next school year to bless others.”

As part of the ASSIST program, senior Samantha Landau enjoys visiting with a senior citizen at Shenandoah Place.
Steven M. May 2013

HAPPENINGS

Talent, Academics Showcased at Parent Weekend

Shenandoah Valley Academy’s Parent Weekend gave parents a glimpse of their children’s lives at the academy. Family members spent the weekend with the students celebrating life by having worship, sharing talent and giving respect for academics and wisdom. “It was clear that parents were pleased to see their children interfacing with and contributing to practical life,” reports Mitzi Bame, science teacher.

During the Sabbath church service, all attendees celebrated giving worship to God in music through the media of handbells, orchestral strings, as well as wind, brass and percussion instruments. “I loved the variety of music that the students played, and the number of students that participated,” said Mark Bame, father of freshman Clinton Bame. “The energy of the pieces lifted my heart and mind to God.”

Following the divine service, adventurous parents and students hiked with Jim Little, plant services director, and the Outdoor Education Class into the mountains above the nearby Luray Caverns.

The talent show Saturday night, sponsored by the Student Association (SA), was another packed venue for the weekend. The audience enjoyed performances by junior Megan Wilken, who shared her poetic rendition of Three Little Pigs, and sophomore James Matthews (above), who wrote and performed his poem “Girls.” Senior Randy Wiedemann, who showcased his violin skills, was the night’s first-place winner. Other talents included vocal solos by senior Sreylea Sok and sophomore Gabby Whonder, a men’s octet rendition of “Mr. Sandman” and a saxophone solo by junior Eric Sloan. During intermission, parents sold ethnic foods, like spring rolls, samosas and enchiladas, to benefit the SA.

On Sunday the school highlighted students’ academic successes. To start, staff members announced the induction of 15 students (above) into the National Honor Society. Later at the Principal’s Brunch, faculty celebrated students who had attained a 3.5 or higher GPA.

“Sunday was the highlight of our weekend, where our daughter was inducted into the National Honor Society. We were so proud,” commented Lorra Dennis, mother of junior Bethany Dennis. “The National Honor Society and the Principal’s Brunch is an example of how SVA honors those who apply themselves and work hard to excel in their academics.”

Cyndi Werner, mother of senior Hans Werner, appreciated that Godly wisdom was also a focus. “I was touched by Keith Hallam’s message because he led the audience to the conclusion that the implementation and study of Christ’s life is true wisdom! [Then] he made an appeal for the audience to get wisdom!”

Senior Randy Wiedemann performs “Csardas,” which earned him first place during the talent show.
A Day in Baltimore With 44 Students

I recently cleared my calendar to spend the day with 44 Washington Adventist University (WAU) students who were competing for the regional Enactus championship. Enactus is an international nonprofit organization that brings together students and academic and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. Guided by academic advisors and business experts, student leaders create and implement community empowerment projects around the globe. The experience not only transforms lives, it helps students develop the kind of talent and perspective that are essential to leadership in an increasingly complicated and challenging world. My intention was to support the students, faculty, staff and community advisors who were competing for just the second time, after many years of being inactive.

At the end of the day, I learnt that our students counted among 62,000 from 38 countries, representing 1,600 universities and 7.3 million project volunteer hours. Our WAU students presented the three local projects they were involved with to a panel of judges under a rigid set of competition standards. It was a joy to observe them at the regional level in competition, showcasing how they are engaging minds and transforming lives in Takoma Park, Md.

By the way, WAU Enactus students are now regional champions and are preparing to compete this month at the national level.

Seniors Win Maryland Music Award

Two Washington Adventist University music majors recently walked away with the Maryland State Music Teachers Association Chamber Music Festival Award at an annual competition held in the Leroy and Lois Peters Music Center on the campus.

Tenor Aaron Tucker (pictured right), and piano performance major Jonathan Kiplinger, performed three works for the competition: “Una furtiva lagrima” from the opera Elixir of Love by Gaetano Donizetti, “Allerseelen” by Richard Strauss and “Widmung” by Robert Schumann.

The two judges for the event, pianist Yoon Huh and violinist Eva Cappelletti Chao, praised the duo for their “great teamwork.” One judge described Tucker’s singing as “exquisite” and compared him to a young Placido Domingo. Another judge praised Kiplinger’s “beautiful tone” on the piano.

Tucker studies voice with Medea Namoradze, DMA, at WAU, while Kiplinger studies piano with Daniel Lau, DMA.

The festival is a statewide competition of chamber music for duos, trios and quartets in three divisions:
Administrator Wins Best Paper Award

While at the Maryland Association for Institutional Researchers (MdAIR) conference in Baltimore, a paper presented by Janette Neufville, associate vice president for Institutional Research and Effectiveness, was named the best paper for fall 2012.

Her presentation, which was titled “Using Balanced Scorecards with a Focus on Benchmarking,” discussed the use of balanced scorecards, which are based on Kaplan and Norton’s measurement tool (early 1990s), advocating measurement of key performance indicators (KPI) from four perspectives: financial, internal processes, employee learning and growth, and customer. These indicators collectively measure the health of the organization against established goals.

When WAU’s balanced scorecard was created in 2008, administrators were focused on proving an historical trend of four years for each KPI. “We included a goal for each indicator, with a target year, and assigned an individual institutional leader,” explained Neufville. “Provision on the document was made for notes to explain calculations and include some drill down information, such as differentiating between faculty and staff data. We later included benchmark data, which allowed for comparison against national norms, peer groups and aspirant peer groups.”

Neufville’s presentation emphasized finding and reporting benchmark comparisons. As an AIR Affiliate Best Paper Award winner, Neufville will represent Maryland and present at the international annual conference sponsored by the Association for Institutional Researchers conference in California.

Students Get New Activity Center as Campus Master Plan Takes Shape

WAU students are celebrating their new activity center—a recreational and general use space—capable of seating more than 350 students. Construction on the project began in late January; it was completed and dedicated last month.

“This is yet another project completed under our campus master plan,” said President Weymouth Spence. “We are serious about transforming this campus into a comfortable and modern facility that is so important to our students’ sense of well-being.”

The facility, which is a redesign of the pool area, was executed at a cost of just under $900,000. It will serve as a multipurpose venue for group study, lectures and presentations, Singspiration, Sabbath worship and other general meetings and campus events.

Alcira Groomes, a senior political studies major and president of the Student Association, said she is excited about this update to the campus. “Students are generally happy with the idea of a more defined space and a student-oriented location,” she says. “They realize that we are still in need of a student center, but they feel that WAU is heading in the right direction.”

Plans are now under way to renovate the athletic field.
Teaching Our Future Physicians

There are few places in the world that can change your life when you enter. The hospital or doctor’s office is one of them. From the joy of your first born to the test results that come back, lives are changed every day at Kettering Adventist HealthCare. Training to listen attentively to patients and families, to care for the patients’ physical, mental and spiritual needs during illness and healing is the overarching goal of Medical Education.

Medical Education was built into the foundation charter of Kettering Adventist HealthCare and since its inception doctors-in-training have been part of its care.

In this feature issue you will be introduced to the strong relationship the Medical Education department at Kettering has built with Loma Linda School of Medicine. In fact, the first 5 interns were all from Loma Linda.

Training takes more than just endurance. It is following a calling of giving of oneself beyond what is asked. True healing involves understanding the spiritual component of illness and prayer. Praying with patients and families is a reflected value of our core teaching faculty who are mostly Adventist.

We are coaches as well as healers and draw students from Andrews, Southern, Washington Adventist University and Union as well as Adventists from state schools to our program. In the last several years almost 50% of the residents are Adventist and our goal is to train them for our hospitals.

As Director of Medical Education I want to thank the Columbia Union for its prayers and support as we continue this sacred work of training physicians for the Lord’s service.

Robert T. Smith, MD, FACP
Director, Medical Education
Kettering Adventist HealthCare

Dr. Robert Smith attends the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church

Training takes more than just endurance. It is following a calling of giving of oneself beyond what is asked.
Two Facilities, One Goal  By Dr. Robert T. Smith

One of Kettering Adventist HealthCare’s hospitals, the Kettering Medical Center and Loma Linda University have enjoyed a strong relationship for almost 50 years. The first 5 interns at KMC were from LLU which we have tracked down and found that they have served in the mission fields and all went on to successful careers.

Currently there are 66 physicians from LLU on the active medical staff. This does not include the residents which would double this number. A number of key clinical and administrative positions are graduates and/or former faculty members at LLU: including Greg Wise, Bob Smith, Becky Wang, David Small, Cathy Bacheller, Adam Fershko, Brian Schwartz, Lyndi Schwartz, John Shrader, Harvey Hahn, Robert Barker and many others.

We are proud of our history with LLU and are looking forward to a continued strong presence in the training of SDA physicians at KMC and recruiting them to our medical staff. We are one of the few Adventist healthcare facilities with a transitional year program and an internal medicine residency program. These resources provide a rich environment for LLU graduates to fulfill their postgraduate training. Many of these graduates have been impressed with their training at KMC and have returned as faculty and medical staff members. From our frequent visits to Loma Linda, we know the students highly regard Kettering Medical Center and view it as top of mind awareness for external rotations.

Our long-term relationship with Loma Linda University has resulted in higher quality of care, a rich pool of engaged recruits to our medical staff and fulfilling academic and business advantages for both facilities.
Ropes Challenge Course
Orientation for Internal Medicine and Transitional Year Residents – June 2012

During orientation all residents participate in a ropes course to not only get to know their colleagues but to improve communication and team building skills.
Top 100 Again
Truven Health Analytics, formerly the healthcare business of Thomson Reuters, recently named Kettering Medical Center one of the nation’s 100 top hospitals.

Kettering was honored based on performance in 10 areas: mortality; medical complications; patient safety; average patient stay; expenses; profitability; patient satisfaction; adherence to clinical standards of care; post-discharge mortality; and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, and pneumonia.

The winning hospitals were announced in the February 25 edition of Modern Healthcare magazine.

This is the ninth time that Kettering Medical Center has been recognized with this honor. Late last year they were also named one of 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals by Truven Health.

Innovative Cancer Procedure
A new study in the New England Journal of Medicine points out when doctors treat left-sided breast cancer with radiation, the patient’s heart is often affected in a negative manner. But for three years now, Kettering Adventist HealthCare has been using a technique to minimize the damage to a breast cancer patient’s heart.

“Respiratory gating synchronizes the delivery of radiation to the part of a woman’s breathing cycle when her breast is farthest away from her heart,” says Dr. Douglas Einstein, MD, PhD, medical director and chairman of radiation oncology at Kettering Adventist HealthCare.

Simply put, when the patient takes a breath, the doctor delivers the radiation. As they breathe out, the doctor pauses the radiation. This strategy keeps the dosage of radiation to one-third the amount found to cause minimal damage to the heart.

Soin Celebrates Birthday
Twelve months after its ER opened for business, the hospital continues to grow. In January, crews began building out the fourth floor with 32 private medical/surgical private rooms to prepare for a July opening. A fifth floor remains empty for future use.

While the hospital is licensed for 95 inpatient beds, those designated for medical and surgical patients are already reaching occupancy rates of more than 80%.

“We are really humbled to have served with our team this past year and experience such success,” says Terry Burns, president of Soin and Greene. “We look back on the last 12 months, the number in this community we’ve served, the welcome Beavercreek and Fairborn offered, and we can only thank God. We appreciate the rest of the network rallying around us as well.”

Soin President Terry Burns and employees in the lobby of Soin.
AWR travels where missionaries cannot go

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OBITUARIES

CHERRY, Lee, born November 17, 1942; died December 14, 2012, in Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of the Hagerstown (Md.) church. Lee worked in the art department at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, located in Hagerstown. He and his wife, Shirley, moved to Alabama to be near their children, who were attending Oakwood University. Survivors: his wife, Shirley; his son, Christian, and his daughter, Imani.

PHILLIPS, Kathleen J., born November 8, 1941, in Mansfield, Ohio; died December 26, 2012, in Fort Myers, Fla. She was a member of the Mansfield (Ohio) church. Survivors: stepsiblings Chuck Phillips of Fort Myers, and Brian and Ken Phillips of Mansfield; stepdaughters Pam Rager of Avon, Ohio, and Elaine Heater of Conroe, Texas; sisters Marcia Arnold of Rockville, Md., and Janet Ratz of Mount Vernon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Charles B. Phillips.

SCHMIDT, Arturo, born February 26, 1923, in Cordoba, Argentina, a son of the late Friedrich and Betty Maria Nauer Schmidt; died December 22, 2012, at his home in Trumbull, Conn., surrounded by his family. He was a member of the Takoma Park (Md.) church. Arturo graduated in 1949 from the Colegio Adventista Del Plata (Argentina), with ministerial and business degrees, and later completed postgraduate courses at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was ordained as a minister in 1964 and began his career as an evangelist in his native Argentina. He continued his ministry in Paraguay, Chile, Peru and throughout South America. In 1970 he accepted a call to the Euro-Africa Division, serving in evangelism and pastoral training throughout Europe and Africa. He came to the United States in 1975 as an evangelist in the General Conference Ministerial Department, from where he traveled throughout the globe preaching the gospel message. In 1983 he became the Islamic team director at the General Conference, spearheading evangelistic work with the Islamic populations in different countries. During his last years, he volunteered his time to area ministries in Argentina and Connecticut. Survivors include: his three children Carlos (Janice Rutherford) Schmidt of Breckenridge, Col., Roy Arturo (Cindy Richardson) Schmidt of Bells, Tenn., and Lisel (Hernando) Orjuela of Trumbull; six grandchil

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