Surgeon General Regina Benjamin to Attend NAD Health Summit

The time has come to celebrate the amazing way God has used His people across the Division to send a message of health and healing to their communities in 2011! Over the past year the North American Division (NAD) launched a health initiative called Adventists InStep for Life. On January 28, from 4-6 p.m. EST, we will celebrate what conferences, churches, schools, and hospitals did to impact their communities and contribute to the initiative. Hope Channel will cover the event live as community members, government officials, guests and Adventists of all ages will come to celebrate God’s healing touch through this initiative.

We surpassed our one million mile goal! More than one million miles were reported on the website and another one million miles were reported verbally or via email by active duty Adventist chaplains or Adventists serving in the armed forces. In addition, 101 community gardens and farmers’ markets were reported. Overall, 15,000 kids and adults, including 85 pastors, reported participation on Let’s Move Day and with Adventists InStep for Life.

These God driven results attracted the attention of the United States Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin, who, impressed by the leading role of the Adventist Church in improving the health of communities, changed her plans so she can attend the Celebration event that will take place in Orlando as part of the NAD Health Summit.

Aimed at preventing and reversing the obesity epidemic which kills over 300,000 people a year and affects kids as young as six, this initiative...
is here to grow and expand. Division ministry departments are all joining in to support this effort. Why? Simply because God called us to use His method of reaching people. Thus, we have the responsibility not only to choose to live the principles of full life (John 10:10), but also to tell the world about them. What an opportunity to use the “right arm of the Gospel” to meet the needs of those around us with disinterested kindness as Jesus did.

The time is here and the opportunity is now. Communities are waiting to partner with us. Have you started planning for your Let's Move Day (September 23, 2012) or Let's Move Week yet? You can join today. First, register and report your personal miles or group miles for your church, school or hospital at www.adventistsinstepforlife.org and then pray for God’s leading.

100 Years of Communication ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrated Thursday, January 19, at the General Conference office. Thank you for your support of the denomination's public relations ministry, which continues to “prepare the soil” and help tell of the church’s mission to the world.

The SDA logo is now officially recognized as an emblem of belief by the Veteran's Administration. Michelle Miracle, communication director for Iowa-Missouri Conference, assisted a Missouri church member get the Adventist logo etched on her husband's, a WWII veteran, headstone. The process took six years. MORE

You might be missing out on a great resource for news, inspiration, and more if you are not receiving AR INTOUCH, the online edition of the Adventist Review. Here are a few news stories from North America gleaned from recent issues:

The World Giving Index reports that the U.S has risen from fifth place in 2010 to the highest of 153 nations in monetary donations, volunteer work, and willingness to help a stranger. MORE

Most Americans say they are Christians, according to a Gallop Poll, with 52.2% as Protestant/other Christian, and 23.6 percent Catholic. Read more about it in the January 8 edition of AR INTOUCH.

A Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers was presented to James L. Gulley, a member of Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Md., and graduate of Southern Adventist University and Loma Linda University. Gulley was among 94 researchers who received the award, which is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. MORE
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• Retention Ministry - Keep "Them" through Hospitality (PowerPoint Program)
• Women in Touch (Friendship Evangelism)
• Heart Call - A Ministry to Reclaim Women Who Have Stopped Attending Church (PDF)
• Prayer Ministries
• North American Religious Liberty Association (NARLA)
• Religious Liberty Manual (Tips for overseeing your Religious Liberty Ministry)
• How to Reenergize Your Local Church Religious Liberty Program (PowerPoint)
• Liberty Magazine

Offerings:
• January 21, Local Church Budget
• January 28, Religious Liberty (Religious Liberty offering will be taken January 21. Resource materials are being mailed to each pastor and religious liberty leader. For more information, email:  

Hope Channel Programs

Hope Channel (HC)
(On DIRECTV ch. 368)
A special dedication service was held last week by the Pacific Press® Publishing Association (PPPA) for one million copies of *The Great Hope*, just off the press. *The Great Hope* is an 11-chapter adaptation of *The Great Controversy*. The one million print run underscores the commitment of Pacific Press® to *The Great Controversy Project*, initiated by General Conference (GC) President Elder Ted Wilson, in which he challenged the world field to attempt great things for the Lord and undertake a world-wide distribution of *The Great Controversy*.

Why *The Great Controversy*? Dale Galusha, president of PPPA, explained, “Ellen White said she wanted to see *The Great Controversy* distributed more extensively than any of her other books.” Quoting her, Galusha continued, “for in *The Great Controversy* the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books."

“In 2011 we’re encouraging all Adventist members to read it and become reacquainted with it,” stated Delbert W. Baker, GC general vice president and chair of *The Great Controversy Project* Committee. “But in 2012 and 2013, we want to distribute millions of copies around the world field.”

Both PPPA and the Review and Herald® Publishing Association are working closely with the Division for a national distribution program.

Get your pre-publication copy of *The Great Hope* for just 49 cents a book. You can place your order through your local conference office *The Great Controversy Project* representative.

Leslie D. Louis, executive secretary for the Gulf States Conference, has officially accepted the presidency of the Carolina Conference. Louis replaces Elder Jim Davidson who recently accepted the position of executive secretary for the Southern Union. This marks Pastor Louis’ 39th year of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. MORE

**The 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award nominations are now open.** The Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF) is officially accepting nominations and will recognize 10 Adventist K-12 teachers who amaze and inspire us, with an award that includes a $2,000 gift (made possible by generous donors), a medallion, and a certificate of excellence and recognition divisionwide. Only one nomination will be accepted from each Adventist school.

Anyone can participate in nominating a teacher. If you know a teacher whom you believe deserves this award, fill out the nomination form from AAF’s website and submit it for consideration by February 15.

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  HCC: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18 on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. EST/PST

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Health Summit Equips Leaders to REACH Out. Sponsored by the Health Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the 2012 Health Summit will convene at the Marriott Hotel in Lake Mary, FL, January 27-February 5. The event will focus on its theme, Choose Full Life, Tell the World, by offering seminars within four tracks. Registered attendees can choose a track(s) that serves them best within the scope of health ministry. More than 500 health professionals, health ministry leaders and pastors from across North America, Canada, and Bermuda will attend the weeklong event to equip themselves to educate communities for a better life and healthier lifestyle.

Katia Reinert, Health Ministries director states, “As Adventists we believe we have a sacred duty first to care for our own bodies and second to engage in health promotion and health education, partnering with others in the community as we do our part to prevent chronic illness and bring healing and wholeness to those suffering around us. The NAD Health Ministries wants every church to be a center for health in the community using our resources to motivate people to experience a full abundant life by improving the health and wellbeing of children, families and communities across North America.” MORE on seminars; REGISTER, or call 800-732-7587.

Recordings of devotional messages presented at the 2012 Adventist Ministries Convention by Dan Jackson, Alex Bryant, Jose Rojas and Adrienne Townsend, will be available separately or in a set through AdventSource.

Audio recordings (MP3 CDs) of the 2012 devotional books from the Review and Herald Publishing Association are now available. Read by a professional voice talent, each book is read to excite
their target audience from the excitement found in the junior devotionals to the classical sound of Ellen White for the beautiful compilation, *Lift Him Up*. If time is a problem, these recordings can be used while on the road, exercising, or going about your daily routines. You might want to get extras for gifts. Supply is limited. (NOTE: These discs are in MP3 format which will play in DVD players (audio only), MP3 players, and CD players that have the MP3 logo on them. They will not play in standard CD players.) MORE

If you would like to see or use photos taken at the Adventist Ministries Convention, they are available online at [www.flickr.com/photos/nadadventist](http://www.flickr.com/photos/nadadventist).

Parents of young children can travel light to Sabbath school in this digital age. Instead of carrying a bulky bag full of crayons, felt activity books, color books, now “there’s an app for that!” The app titled “GraceLink” is available for the iPad in the [iTunes app store](https://www.apple.com/appstore/). The GraceLink app has a default library of “felts” that can be used to tell stories from Scripture. Add the “crayons” and children can draw pictures or add color to the story told with the “felts.” The app also has an email feature so teachers can email the finished storyboard to kids after the story or kids can email family or friends after they’ve created their story masterpiece. Future plans include new weekly graphics that correspond to the Sabbath school lessons for Beginner, Kindergarten, and Primary Bible Study Guides, with both Student and Teacher editions. Images can be projected to a screen. MORE

Quotes from Church Leaders

“The work of God in our territories must be carried out with the authority of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise we are dead in the water!” - Dan Jackson at the opening session of the 2012 Ministries Convention.

“We need to stop looking at what we cannot do within our own power, and start looking at what God can do in His power! We must embrace God’s pronouncement of success.” - G. Alex Bryant at the 2012 Adventist Ministries Convention in Palm Harbor, Fla.

“If I’ve stopped growing, it’s time to go!” - Jose Rojas at the 2012 Adventist Ministries Convention at Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club.
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Only three countries in the top 20 have seen a decrease in their World Giving Index 2011 scores: Canada, Sri Lanka and Malta.

(WASHINGTON D.C.) - The United States now ranks the highest in terms of charity in a massive global survey that put the nation in fifth place in 2010, according to CAFAmerica, a member organization of the United Kingdom based Charities Aid Foundation International Network of Offices, providing charitable financial services to individuals, global corporations, charities, and foundations.

According to those surveyed, two out of three Americans said they donated money to charity (65 percent), more than two out of five volunteered their time (43 percent) and roughly three out of four helped a stranger (73 percent).

The new “World Giving Index (WGI) 2011” report is based on over 150,000 Gallup polling interviews with members of the public in 153 countries. The 2011 report looks at three aspects of giving behavior of individuals in the preceding month, asking if they have donated money to a charity, volunteered time to an organization, or helped a stranger.

The top-ranked U.S. was followed in the survey by Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom rounding out the top five. The four new countries in the top 20 compared to the 2010 WGI report are Thailand, Morocco, Nigeria and Liberia. Of these, Liberia has enjoyed the biggest rise from 39th to 14th place, although Morocco’s increase from 33rd to 12th is equally notable. Other major shifts in the rankings include the rise of the United Kingdom from eighth to fifth, and Thailand’s neighbor Laos moving to tenth place.

As the World Giving Report 2011 states: “The USA had been ranked fifth in 2010, and has risen to first this year. It has shown a steady increase in each of the three measures over the past year, ranging from four percentage points ‘volunteering time’ and to eight percentage points ‘helping a stranger’. It is this even progress across all three measures that has caused the country to rise to the top of the Index.”

CAFAmerica Interim CEO & Director of Finance David Venne said: “In spite of economic hardships and uncertainty in the future, the American spirit is caring and strong, as these survey findings clearly show. For almost 20 years, CAFAmerica has worked to shine the light on global giving and encourage U.S. donors to support communities and causes beyond our borders. The generosity of the American spirit expands beyond the US with 5 percent of American charitable monies flowing overseas. Our organization is helping US donors connect in a lasting way with communities around the world. The results of the World Giving Index 2011 survey show that China, Russia and India are among those near the bottom of the list. Our experience shows that these countries benefit enormously from US philanthropy.”

Venne added: “It is important that Americans continue to build-up indigenous philanthropy in countries, helping to create a vibrant and sustainable nonprofit sector. And while Americans can take pride in the survey findings, the truth is that there is much more we can all do when it comes to charitable giving in other nations. If donating more is going to be one of your New Year’s resolutions, our message is that you need to do your homework, use the tools provided by CAFAmerica and other organizations, and think about how to give in a way that will achieve a maximum impact.”

Charities Aid Foundation Director of Research Richard Harrison said: “This research confirms that when we look at giving in a rounded way, including the extent to which we volunteer and help strangers, America is the most generous
country in the world. America is the only country that ranks in the Top 10 globally on each of these three perspectives and this 1st place ranking should be seen as source of real pride for people across America.

Harrison added: "This research also shows that worldwide, more people are giving than was shown in 2010. This is a very positive and heart-warming insight into how the global community is responding to the economic and social turmoil. However at the global level, only two of the three measures have increased; the challenging news is that the proportion of people giving money to charity fell. This is worrying as falling donations mean less aid during disasters, less access to clean water, good hygiene and decent housing, and a reduced capacity to care for the most vulnerable in society. It is important for America and for the global community that Americans who can afford to give, do continue to give".

Only three countries in the top 20 have seen a decrease in their World Giving Index 2011 scores: Canada, Sri Lanka and Malta. In each case, the drop is of no more than two percentage points. Central America, Central Asia and Central and Eastern Europe are the only regions around the world not represented in the top 20.

The full World Giving Index Report 2011 is available online at www.CAFAmerica.org.

HOW U.S. GIVERS CAN GET MORE INVOLVED

CAFAmerica outlined the following tips for those who plan in 2011 to either start giving or to step up their donations:

1. Focus on a charity that makes sense for you. Charities have an obligation to provide detailed information to interested donors. Never give to a charity you know nothing about. You may wish to pick a charity or an initiative in one field of interest and in one geographic area and then stick to it. To get started finding a charity that is a good fit for you, go to http://www.cafamerica.org/cafasearchmodule/NpPublicProfileSearch.aspx. This Web tool allows you to search approximately 1,000 charities by nation, region, focus (religion, education, social services, health and medical research, the environment) and other key factors. Beyond the organizations documented in CAFAmerica’s online tool, donors may also select a target for giving from more than 100,000 charities around the world, and opt to make donations to the eligible organization of their choice.

2. Consider giving more to fewer charities. If you do give to many non-profits, consider donating larger sums to fewer organizations. In the world of small- and medium-size charities, a $1,000 donation to one charity may achieve a much bigger impact than $100 given to each of 10 different charities. This is not to say that someone has to give more than $100 to make a difference, and there is no right or wrong answer about which charity you should give to and at what level. However, it is generally true that, for those who can afford to do so, a few large gifts will generate a bigger impact than several small gifts.

3. Do your homework and donate safely. There is no substitute for due diligence when it comes to international charitable giving. Donors who give via CAFAmerica can be reassured that any foreign or U.S. charity that they want to support will be reviewed to make sure that funds are used for their intended purpose. We get answers to these questions: How long a charity has been working? What risks are associated with giving to a specific country? Can we independently verify a charity’s mission? These are a few of the many questions we ask before we make an advised grant. As a donor you should also ask questions before you give. Ask about the charity in which you are interested and find out more about it. Talk to friends, family and neighbors, and use the internet to learn more about a charity or issue that interests you. Ask the charity about its achievements, what has failed, and how it is financed. Many charities provide some of this information online or you can email them. If they are being transparent they will tell you. Then you will be able to find out
whether the charity is likely to use your gift wisely. If you're interested in a major
donation to a charity or for an initiative in a country then there is no substitute for
seeing their work in action. So consider making a visit or a country tour to find
out what you really would like to support.

4. Focus on sustainability – not "one shot" giving. If you are considering a
larger donation, it's important to think about what happens after your money is
spent by a foreign charity. Do the services offered decline? Do programs get
dismantled? This is why "sustainability" is increasingly an important issue for
donors who don't want to see their gift go to waste. Think about the long term by
asking the charity how they spent your gift and what was achieved by it.

5. Review your giving regularly. Look back over the past year and ask the tough
questions: Did you fulfill your goals for cross-border giving? Do you need to make
changes? Do you need more help in establishing your goals? If so, what worked
and what will you change for next year? It's important to avoid the "check off the
box" syndrome of international charitable giving, where you simply go back each
holiday season to the same charities and write them the same check as the
previous year.

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Network of Offices, which provides charitable financial services to individuals,
global corporations, charities, and foundations. CAFAmerica is dedicated to
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grant making solutions for donors and charities. CAFAmerica makes over $40
million in grants annually to charities in more than 75 countries around the world.
CAFAmerica's range of charitable solutions include: Donor Advised Gifts, Donor
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US Ranks #1 in World, Up From 5th Place in 2010

Salem-News.com
1-12-2012 Recognition for Adventist Veterans

Seventh-day Adventist Logo now officially recognized as an emblem of belief by the Veteran's Administration.

by Michelle Miracle, Communication/Sabbath School Director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference

In late 2005 church member, Rosalee Dye contacted the Iowa-Missouri Conference office with a request to send a copy of the official Seventh-day Adventist logo to theVeterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, Missouri so it could be etched on her husband, Burton’s headstone. Since the headstone was about to be made, I rushed a fax off to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery with the black and white logo they needed. A few days later I got word from the cemetery director that the Adventist logo could not be put on Burton’s headstone because the logo was not on the Veterans Administration’s official “Emblems of Belief” list. In order to get our logo on the list I needed to supply the VA, via the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, with very specific documentation regarding the validity of our organization.

I was a little surprised that this process didn’t appear to have ever been initiated by the Church, so I decided it was time. In gathering the requested information I learned that an organization cannot on its own start the process to add their emblem to the list; a written request from the next of kin of a deceased veteran has to come first. As Mrs. Dye had already started the process, we as a Church needed to submit a letter, signed by a primary contact person, that certified the emblem was widely used and recognized as our official logo.

I contacted the late Reger Smith Jr., then Director of Public Relations at the General Conference, and enlisted his help in compiling the necessary documents, including the Letter of Certification. Once the pile of papers with very detailed information about the establishment of our church, our beliefs, organizational structure and worldwide membership stats was mailed, I patiently waited for a response.

What ensued were two years of phone calls and e-mails to the person in charge of the Emblem of Belief Management at the VA. I was assured on every occasion that our paperwork had been received and would be reviewed for approval. In 2007 I found out that the VA began the process of changing the way Emblem of Belief requests were evaluated and as a result, our request had been tabled.

All throughout this process I had been speaking with my dad, a Vietnam Veteran and Clinical Social Worker/Team Leader for the Citrus Heights, CA Vet Center, about the lack of progress. He assured me that just because the wheels of the VA turn slowly, it didn’t mean they weren’t turning.

In 2009, after two more years of waiting, being in regular contact with the VA, I was ready for a new strategy. My dad suggested that to get the wheels turning faster I should enlist the aid of a Senator. I wrote to Iowa Senator and Navy Veteran, Tom Harkin asking him to help in any way he could with the Church’s emblem request. His staff was very helpful and asked for detailed information about our submission. A letter was written and signed by Harkin asking the VA about the status and reason for delay of our emblem request. The VA wrote back to Harkin and explained that until the changes to the Emblem of Belief evaluation process were approved, the Church would have to wait for a decision.

I had to wait another year to see this six-year request come to fruition. In March, 2010 Rosalee Dye received a letter from the VA stating that the rules had changed and now any emblem, whether on the official list or not, could be requested to be etched on a headstone. Only the descendent’s next of kin can make the request, and once approved, the VA only needs a black and white digital image of the logo.

Rosalee wrote me and asked if I would e-mail the VA our logo. I had tears in my eyes as I read the letter, praising the Lord for His goodness and the patience He granted me throughout the trying process. Less than a year later the Seventh-day Adventist logo was etched on Army Lt. Burton Dye’s headstone. Dye served in the United States Army for 16 years, four of those years overseas during WWII, and to the best of my knowledge his is the first headstone to receive the logo.

Being content with the VA’s approval of Mrs. Dye’s request and uncertain that the logo would ever be added to the official Emblem of Belief list, I stopped checking the VA website for updates. Until March, 2011, when I visited the site and cried again as I saw that the Adventist logo was finally on the official list. Meaning that the Adventist logo is now officially recognized as an Emblem of Belief by the Veteran’s Administration. I stopped checking the VA website for updates. Until March, 2011, when I visited the site and cried again as I saw that the Adventist logo was finally on the official list. Meaning that the Adventist logo is now officially recognized as an Emblem of Belief by the Veteran’s Administration.

I want to thank Rosalee Dye for the service of her husband Lt. Burton Dye, my father and all other veterans for their selfless sacrifice, because freedom isn’t free and you are not forgotten.
Adventist Among White House Honorees

Doctor cited for National Cancer Institute work.

BY ADVENTIST REVIEW STAFF

James L. Gulley, a member of Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, was among 94 researchers who received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award is the highest honor given by the United States government to science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

Gulley, who earned his B.A. at Southern Adventist University, and his M.D. and Ph.D. at Loma Linda University, is a senior investigator and director at the Center for Cancer Research at the National Cancer Institute, which is part of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Since 1999 Gulley has been involved in designing and running numerous clinical trials to treat prostate cancer at the National Cancer Institute. He is the author of more than 100 articles, reviews, and chapters on immunotherapy and cancer treatments, and has made presentations at national and international meetings.

According to the White House, the Presidential Early Career Award is awarded to individuals nominated by 16 federal departments and agencies “for their pursuit of innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology and their commitment to community service as demonstrated through scientific research, public education, or community outreach.” The awards, established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, are coordinated by the Office of Science and Technology Policy within the Executive Office of the President.

At Sligo church Gulley is an elder and chair of the stewardship committee. He and his wife, Trenise, have two children.
Adventist Tops Hospitals in Green Energy Purchase

The hospital system is participating in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership.

By Ryan McDermott

January 17, 2012

Adventist Healthcare, the health-care system that runs hospitals in Takoma Park and Rockville, recently became the largest purchaser of green energy of any health-care system that's participating in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership, according to a news release from Adventist.

The company was honored Tuesday by the Montgomery County Council.

"We are honoring them [Adventist Healthcare] because they have gone above and beyond what is required in terms of being good to our planet," Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-Dist. 1) said.

This energy initiative has resulted in Adventist Healthcare purchasing nearly 15 percent of its electricity in the form of green energy, according to the release. Adventist is reducing its carbon dioxide emissions by 5,119 metric tons each year, because of the 15 percent purchase.

Adventist's next step is to remove an additional 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from its footprint by 2014.
Southern Adventist Students To Volunteer On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
posted January 13, 2012

More than 850 students and faculty from Southern Adventist University will volunteer at nearly 40 locations around the greater Chattanooga area on Monday, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

This is the university’s 19th year sending students into the community to offer up their time and talents.

The students will volunteer from 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m., at the Samaritan Center, Bachman Academy, Chattanooga Arboretum, Creative Discovery Museum, and the Tri-County Fire Department, among others.

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Volunteers Spread Spirit of MLK Jr. Day

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Doctor Martin Luther King Junior had a dream that everyone would live together in unity. Today, we recognize that dream and those who are trying to make it a reality. We caught up with some volunteers who are spreading the spirit of MLK Day.

Volunteers are spending their day off of work and school helping out others. At the Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department, students from Southern Adventist University say helping out is a fitting way to spend Martin Luther King Junior Day. "Southern is all about service so it was just the perfect day, because we had school off, to come help our community any day we could," said Crystal Catarama, a freshman at SAU.

This is the 19th year that students like Crystal are stepping up. They spent the morning sweeping and mopping the garage, while a dozen others washed and waxed the fire engines.

"It's stuff we do on a regular basis, but it is nice to have a lot of people come in and help you get down and get stuff," said Sally Weeks, a firefighter with the Tri-Comm. Fire Dept.

Across town, about 25 home depot employees are spending the holiday doing various projects at the Chambliss Shelter, which is a safe haven for children in need. "We are cutting a tree up that fell on their bike path so that they can use their bike path in the spring, we're building a retaining wall and filling it in with dirt to make the patio area bigger so it will seat more people and then we are painting a small room on the inside," said Jan Pope with Home Depot.

And these are jobs that the shelter has been trying to get done for months, but just didn't have the resources. "Martin Luther King was all about bringing people together and doing things for each other so it's a great way to be able to celebrate that day and have people come and show us what that day means to them," said Katie Harbison, the Vice President of Development and Administration at the Chambliss Shelter.

These are just a few of the ways people across the nation are honoring the civil rights icon, who would have been 83 years old this year.

A total of about 850 SAU students were out and about today at places like the Creative Discovery Museum and the Samaritan Center on Lee Highway.
Seventh-Day Adventists' youth federation meets for praise, service projects

Madison Academic Magnet High School was filled with song and dance and praise and worship on Saturday during the North Mississippi-West Tennessee Youth Federation meeting.

The "North Mississippi-West Tennessee" name identifies the local branch as one of six youth federations that are part of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, said Lornette Stokes, president of the federation.

"Seventh-day Adventist youth from the area come together in federation meetings like this about twice a year, once in the winter and once in the summer," she said. "The youth participate in seminars, hear sermons and do service projects. This year they have divided into groups and worked on five different projects, where the kids go out and serve different parts of the community."

Stokes said the federation's winter meeting began Friday night with a Health and Temperance Competition at Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, the host church for this year's event.

Sabbath services were held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Madison auditorium, with the Tigrett Middle School choir conducting a mini-concert.

Groups participated in four service projects between 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. and visited several nursing homes, the Dream Center and the RIFA Soup Kitchen, with the fourth group staying at Madison to prepare Red Cross care packages.

A program at 1 p.m. consisted of two skits, with youth from Mississippi presenting the first one and youth from Tennessee presenting the second one.

Following lunch, the Federation Choir was scheduled to perform a mini-concert at Madison. An evening program was planned at Tigrett Middle School's gym.

Attendance numbered around 300, with youth coming from 14 of the federation's 23 churches in North Mississippi, Memphis and Jackson. The theme of the event was "Youth Arise: Your Time Has Come."
Crandall Dukes, an Adventist Youth Council leader from Maranatha, said the weekend gave the children involved a chance to get out and help people in ways that they might not normally think of.

"I grew up in a church with adults who were always involved with me, and I have a child that is 2 years old," he said. "It is just my goal to reach out to them and set an example for them."

Kiana Lanier, 14, is a member of the Maranatha youth group. She said that the weekend has been a fun experience where she has been able to meet other youth of her faith and learn from them.

"I have had fun learning about God and meeting people from different churches this weekend," she said. "The thing I enjoyed the most about the weekend was doing the community service. I learned that helping others really makes you feel better."

As the host church, Maranatha prepared the lunch and organized the events to be held at the other local locations.
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Adventist Health has expanded its affiliation with Cerner Corp. to roll out its proprietary electronic health record system across the health network of more than 130 outpatient clinics in four states.

The Roseville-based company began using Cerner's system in hospital settings in 2001. The effort was expanded to home-care agencies in 2009.

The new initiative to include outpatient clinics will complement use in hospitals and home health, improving care coordination across the Adventist system, Alan Soderblom, vice president and chief information officer at Adventist Health, said in a news release.

Expansion to outpatient settings means doctors and other providers will have instant, secure access to complete patient charts.

Kansas City, Mo.-based Cerner also collaborates with Adventist to provide predictable data center services, computer-assisted coding and automated care management and accounting.

Adventist is headquartered in Roseville, but has no local hospitals or other facilities.

The health system operates 18 hospitals, more than 130 clinics, 14 home-care agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers serving residents of California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.
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Hundreds of people in the Chattanooga area made their day off a day on in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior.

Students and workers honored his legacy the way he spent his life...in service.

For Abraham Zaias and 70 of his fellow school mates from Southern Adventist University...there's nothing puzzling about how to spend Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday.

Abraham Zaias, Southern Adventist University, "He was a great inspiration to many people around this great nation. I feel that this community service day it's a... it's just a great way to honor his legacy and serving others."

The group at the Samaritan Center checking games, painting walls and sorting food is among more than 850 students and faculty from Southern Adventist...lending a helping hand at 40 different locations around the Chattanooga area.

Lydia Hasan, Southern Adventist University Student, "Just doing good service and having fun at the same time and just giving back to the community."

It's an annual partnership between Southern Adventist and the Samaritan Center.

Jessica Parks, Samaritan Center Volunteer Coordinator, "It helps us better serve other people in the community too so they're doing a small thing with a huge impact."

And it's not just Southern Adventist making a huge impact on this day of service.

Jan Pope, Home Depot, "We're here cutting up a tree, filling in a wall...well building a wall and filling it in with dirt and painting a small room inside."

Four groups converged on the Chambliss Children's Home...around 50 people helping to spruce the place up...for free.

Katie Harbison, Chambliss Children's Home, "To be able to do these projects with volunteer labor instead of having to pay for it is huge for us because then we can spend that money... for things like cutting down trees and painting ...we can spend it on the kids which is really what we need to be doing."

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Southern Adventist University Students Volunteer At St. Andrews Center

posted January 16, 2012

20 students from Southern Adventist University spent their Martin Luther King holiday cleaning the facilities at St. Andrews Center. The event was coordinated by the African Student Union.

Event Coordinator Oyinda Ajumobi said, “We came out in honor of Dr. King to serve others and to represent the love of Christ in the community.”

The students tackled many in depth cleaning projects across the 1907 building.

According to St. Andrews Center Executive Director Kristi Strode, “These students represent the best of what can be seen in American youths today. Instead of sleeping in on a cold winter day, they are here making a difference in the building, and this will bring much joy to the many clients who come here. Because we are non-profit, we do not have financial resources to do these types of maintenance projects. Having this provided by the community is awesome!”

St. Andrews Center is a non-profit ministry offering an Arts Academy for Latino youths and a Food and Faith Initiative getting food back into this inner city food desert.
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Churches Share Space, Ideas for Ministry

Pairing of local Adventist and Lutheran congregations feels "like a big family."

By Candi Hannigan | January 15, 2012

“Our congregations complement each other,” Adventist Pastor Zane Yi said. “Our congregation has a lot of young married members and Celebration of Grace has parents of children that have children so the two communities coming together felt like a big family.”

After meeting in the Cherokee Arts Center and a storefront in Holly Springs, Krekling said Celebration of Grace members are happy to settle into a new facility.

“There’s a permanency of being in a building that looks like a church and being in a neighborhood,” Krekling said. “It gives us a very clear ministry as well. If we look around a five-mile circle of the church, we see so much diversity. We have a clear mandate to go out and help the folks in that five-mile radius.”

The congregations worked together to host Vacation Bible School for neighborhood children this summer. Forever Fed, a nonprofit food ministry, holds a monthly event in the parking lot, and volunteers from both churches turn out to help.

The congregations are roughly the same size, according to Krekling. Between 35 and 40 worship each Sunday at Celebration of Grace, and close to 50 attend the Saturday Adventist services.

Krekling is eager to begin English and Spanish as Second Language classes, and possibly an after-school program for neighborhood children.

“We’re really looking forward to serving our neighborhood and the city of Canton together in the upcoming year, and welcome new friends to join us,” Yi said.

*Editor’s note:* A version of this story previously appeared in the January edition of *The Cherokee Vine*, a monthly newsletter that highlights news and events from churches, ministries and charitable organizations in Cherokee County.
New Chattanooga business owner makes treasures out of discarded objects
By Holly Leber
Friday, January 13, 2012

Zach McDonald poses for a portrait at his shop, 86 Things, in Warehouse Row. McDonald, a Southern Adventist University graduate, works in design, wedding styling and repurposing of old items. Photo by Jake Daniels.

Zach McDonald, 27, makes new things out of old things: a table from an old suitcase, a lamp from a tuba, a sculpture from a telescope.

He uses the word "things" intentionally. His company is called 86 Things.

"I use the word because it's less pretentious," he said. "Everyone can connect with 'things.' It's a more universally relatable word."

The "86" is in reference to restaurant slang for "get rid of" -- as in "86 the bacon" -- and is based on the designer's penchant for finding uses for discarded items.

"Older stuff feels less mass produced and manufactured," said McDonald. "It's like treasure hunting. When I go junk collecting, I really am looking for things that are unique."

Each week, he said, he goes collecting -- in thrift shops, in antique stores, in the woods, along the roadside.

"I've always been a collector of random stuff," he said.

He finds ways to make random stuff beautiful or useful. A twist of vines and an old heating duct becomes a lamp. Discarded washers and watch gears transform into jewelry. An old milk bucket, painted teal and filled with cotton blossoms, makes a charming visual element.

A 2008 graduate of Southern Adventist University, where he studied fine arts and entrepreneurial management, McDonald is a believer that art doesn't have to be just something done for play.

"I really want artists to do what they're supposed to be doing," he said. "A lot of people are hearing 'good luck, have a Plan B, art's not a career.' I think it could be."

He hopes to be able to act as a mentor and offer internships to local art students, helping them to turn creative ideas into commercially viable ones. University art programs, he said, don't always do enough to help students make a living from art.

"I think [young artists] need to know what they're looking for and who can help them," McDonald said.

McDonald has returned to his alma mater to speak to art students about the possibilities available to burgeoning artists.

"It was really good because they were able to see a fairly recent graduate that is being successful and able to work for himself," said fine arts assistant professor Elizabeth Pontvik. "He was a very dynamic and engaging speaker and was able to share recent real-world experience, how to use his artwork to make a living in ways he never could have imagined as a student."

McDonald has partnered with another new local company, Homespun Parties & Events. The front room of Homespun's Warehouse Row storefront is dedicated wholly to 86 Things.

McDonald does anything he can to build a career out of his love and talent for art: He paints, restores furniture, designs, decorates and plans events.

Rene Mote's daughter, Tiffany Mote Roennfeldt, was a classmate of McDonald's at Southern Adventist University.
Roennfeldt got married in Australia, where she now resides, but her mother wanted to throw her a stateside reception to celebrate with family and friends at home. She hired McDonald to plan the event, which was held at Loose Cannon Gallery.

"I just said, 'Honey, it's all yours,' and I'll tell you what, I have never seen anything like it."

Each table featured a different theme and used branches, candles and pages from old books to decorate. A mixture of natural-colored texture fabrics were layered to create tablecloths. The buffet tables were set up with antique sleds upon which the food was set.

"He totally transformed the atmosphere," said Mote. "I wanted to spend the night there because the ambiance was so warm and inviting. I felt it would take me all night to really appreciate what he did. My daughter had tears in her eyes."

McDonald lives in Collegedale, in a basement apartment he describes as "not extremely homey." He has a roommate and a little wood shop studio. The porch is filled with the junk he collects. He spends his days designing on the computer and his nights making things.

His artistic mind is a family trait, he said. "My grandma and dad were both really creative."

McDonald began exploring art in high school. He dabbled in film and graphic design before focusing on fine art at Southern. He studied painting and eventually began exploring decorating and repurposing. He opened 86 Things in November 2011 and is hoping to get more custom work.

"I'd love to help people redo their own stuff," he said.

Customers say he is insightful and has a good eye for what would make someone happy.

"He kind of can read what you like," said Maria Nudd, who worked with McDonald to redecorate the interior of her Hendersonville, N.C., home. "The moment you meet him, he can tell your style."

Nudd, 31, has three children, ages 4, 3 and 19 months. One element of McDonald's work was to decorate rooms for the children.

"I wanted kind of a frou-frou room for my girls," she said, "and of course that's probably not his style, but he knew exactly what I wanted, and he did it."

To make Nudd's little girls feel like princesses, McDonald painted a dresser pink and silver while adding candelabras. In Nudd's son's room, McDonald painted murals of construction equipment.

"Another really cool thing he did is he got regular old clipboards and painted them black, then put pictures of construction equipment on the clipboards and arranged them really neat," she said.

The most important thing he's learned, McDonald said, is the value of trusting his own instincts.

"I think you have to trust yourself, trust your ideas, and go for it," he said. "Do not be afraid to fail."

He has one big idea he just can't shake.

"I want to make a dining room table out of a grand piano," he said. "That's been in my head for five years, but people don't really want to give you their grand piano to cut apart."
Glendale Adventist set to open new facility

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Glendale Adventist set to open new facility

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With the third phase of Glendale Adventist Medical Center’s West Tower in the final stages of licensing, officials on Friday celebrated the facility’s completion before the official opening.

Scheduled to start accommodating patients and their families later this month, the third phase adds 35,000 square feet of space and 60 new beds, including two new intensive care units, according to an announcement from the hospital.

Two new surgical telemetry units also will be available.

In a statement, Warren Tetz, senior vice-president of operations at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, said the additional “state-of-the-art patient treatment areas” will “better address the needs for our growing community.”

-- Jason Wells, Times Community News

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December 21, 2011 - Leslie D. Louis, executive secretary for the Gulf States Conference, has officially accepted the presidency of the Carolina Conference. Louis replaces Elder Jim Davidson who recently accepted the position of executive secretary for the Southern Union.

Elder Louis has served over five years as the Executive Secretary in the Gulf States Conference. Prior to that he has been a teacher and/or administrator in the Florida, Ohio, Carolina and in Kentucky-Tennessee. Before joining the Gulf States Conference he was the principal of Madison Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. For five years Elder Leslie D. Louis served the Gulf States Conference as the Superintendent of Education. In 2006, he was elected by the delegates of his constituent churches to serve as their Executive Secretary, and was once again re-elected to serve another five year term in this capacity on June 5, 2011. This year marks his 36th year in his service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The love of his life and faithful supporter of his ministry is his wife Carole. She is a nurse working for Medical Outreach Ministries. The couple have two adult children – both graduates of Southern. Their son Christopher along with his fiancée Rebecka have both completed their Masters Degrees in English from Andrews University and are currently teaching English in Korea. Their daughter Catherine and her husband, Greg are physicians who are currently in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Elder Leslie D. Louis will become the 37th president to lead the Carolina Conference.

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