Spencerville Academy’s Grand Opening Slated for Sunday

Two years after breaking ground on what would be an unprecedented project in the North American Division, the Spencerville Adventist Academy is slated to celebrate their grand opening this Sunday, July 31 at 4 p.m. The new facility, located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Silver Spring, Md., is the realization of more than 25 years of dreaming, planning and praying on the part of the Chesapeake Conference’s Spencerville church. This state-of-the-art facility will serve more than 300 students from pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. Church leaders are billing the open house as an opportunity to “first thank and praise God for His marvelous leading.” The open house will also include a dedication, ribbon-cutting and tour.—Samantha Young
Washington Adventist Hospital Named Top 5 in D.C.

The *U.S. News & World Report* recently released its latest ranking of the nation’s best hospitals and named Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) in Takoma Park, Md., as one of the top hospitals in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. “Our intent when we published the first Best Hospitals annual rankings in 1990 was to help people who find themselves in need of unusually skilled inpatient care, and ... The Best Hospitals rankings judge medical centers on their competence in exactly such high-stakes situations.” Out of 4,825 hospitals that the news magazine reviewed, only 140 performed well enough to rank in even one specialty. As a top five hospital, WAH bested 50 other hospitals in the area.

WAH was recognized for expertise in diabetes and endocrinology, heart and heart surgery, geriatrics, gastroenterology and five other specialties. Washington Adventist Hospital is one of two Seventh-day Adventist hospitals in the area operated by Rockville, Md.-based **Adventist HealthCare**, an entity of the Columbia Union Conference.

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Hope Channel Seeks Prayer Warriors

We all know what Paul said about where two or three are gathered … but you may want to gather five of your BPFs (best prayer friends) and get involved in a new TV show focused on prayer. The *Hope Channel*, based at the Adventist world headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., is launching a new show called “Let’s Pray.” Starting September 12, the show will air live 8-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday at the channel’s Silver Spring, Md., studio.

“‘Let’s Pray' will help viewers develop a dynamic prayer life and find strength, peace and hope,” says Kandus Thorp, the show’s host and Hope Channel vice president. “We’ll offer biblical insight on what prayer is, hear testimony of answered prayer, talk with true giants of prayer ministry and share Bible promises about what Jesus offers through prayer.”
The program will feature an “Upper Room” prayer team comprised of Columbia Union Conference members, like you, with whom viewers will be invited to share their prayer requests live via phone, email and through social media.

“We are looking for teams with six to 15 people who love prayer and are willing to pray for others during the program and perhaps even those who are willing to share their own prayer requests,” explains Karen Suvankham, program producer. To get involved, email Suvankham at karens@hopetv.org.

Mountain View Conference Tithe Up 7 Percent

Mountain View Conference leaders are reporting a second quarter tithe increase of 7.3 percent over the same time last year. In addition, conference president Larry Boggess set a goal of raising $125,000 via the Mountain View Conference Mission Offering. As of last month, members have helped the conference exceed that goal by donating $132,399 (see graph). “It is amazing to see, in just a few months, what a dedicated group of people can do,” says Victor Zill, conference secretary/treasurer. “We need to continue to manage the resources under our care effectively and wisely, ensuring ministry moves forward.”

Allegheny East Members Bring Church to Shelter

A small group from Allegheny East Conference’s Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., spent Monday evening praising and praying with scores of men seeking shelter at the Central Union Mission on R Street in Washington, D.C. The Emmanuel-Brinklow Choir started the evening with a mini-concert that was met with clapping, dancing and even tears.

Anthony Medley, the church’s pastor, shared a brief sermon on the “cave” experience. “Sometimes a man can be so deep in the cave of being homeless, the cave of being hopeless, the cave of being sick, the cave of being
addicted, the cave of being forgotten about, the cave of being talked about … that only Jesus can pull you out,” Medley preached.

Ronald Allen, one of the men at the shelter, said he could identify with that cave analogy. “Crack and alcohol was my cave, but no one could help me but Jesus,” he shared.

The church presents this chapel service at the shelter every fourth Monday of the month. A full story and photos will be posted to columbiaunion.org later this week.

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New Jersey Conference Reopens ABC

New Jersey Conference officers recently signed an agreement with the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., to reopen a bookstore at the conference office at 2303 Brunswick Avenue in Lawrenceville, just outside Trenton. Not only will the bookstore offer the traditional books, Bibles and health food products found in most Adventist bookstores, it will also service a growing literature evangelism program. The branch store at Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility, N.J., will continue to operate on a limited schedule, and there are plans to work with churches and schools in the future to open “mini-stores” throughout the conference. The Review and Herald took over operations as of July 1. Cleber Machado (above), who speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese, will manage the store in Trenton and also provide oversight to the TVRC branch.—Jim Greene

Students Lead Public Campus Ministry at Princeton

Meet Denver Jn Baptiste (center) and Josephine Elia (right), graduate students at Princeton University, who are helping to lead the Seventh-day Adventist Princeton Fellowship at the Ivy League school. Baptiste, a second-year molecular biology major from St. Lucia, and Elia, a fourth-year chemical engineering major from Indonesia, are doing all
they can to connect Adventist students on campus and introduce others at their Princeton, N.J., school to Christ. This fall, with the support of Princeton (N.J.) church pastor Art Randall (left) and his members, they plan to host a Friday night Bible study group and distribute copies of The Great Controversy. The students also teach Sabbath School at the Princeton church, and Elia, who is on her way to Honduras for a mission trip, also plays the piano. In this video clip, she explains why she believes Adventists need to have a presence at Princeton and share Christ in the academic environment.—Celeste Ryan Blyden

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Potomac Pastor Commissioned

Last Sabbath Jennifer Deans’ family, friends and church members joined together to celebrate a milestone in the life of the Vienna (Va.) church’s associate/youth pastor. A number of this young pastor’s friends and family took part in Deans’ ordination/commissioning service. “It was clearly one of the most spiritually-moving ordination/commissioning services I’ve ever attended,” said Gary Genser, senior pastor of the Vienna church. “The depth of the sermon, the holiness and conviction of the prayers, the sincerity and beauty of the music and the testimony of the other presenters really touched the congregation—the joy and affirmation of Pastor Dean’s ministry was clearly visible.”—Dan Jensen

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Best Hospitals in Washington, DC

How we picked them

Of all 59 hospitals in the Washington DC metropolitan area, the 24 listed below are the top-ranking. This metro area, also called DC, includes Alexandria and Arlington County, Va., and Bethesda and Rockville, Md.

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Children's Hospitals

Children's National Medical Center
Washington, DC

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Cancer; Cardiology & Heart Surgery; Diabetes & Endocrinology; and 7 other specialties.

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On a very warm Sabbath afternoon July 23, 2011, Jennifer Deans’ family, friends and church members joined together to celebrate a milestone in the life of this young pastor. A number of Jennifer’s friends and family took part in ordination/commissioning program, sharing their thoughts, reading from Bible and singing several songs.

Gary Genser, senior pastor of the Vienna church, opened the program. "It was clearly one of the most spiritually-moving ordination/commissioning services I've ever attended," Genser said. "The depth of the sermon, the holiness and conviction of the prayers, the sincerity and beauty of the music and the testimony of the other presenters, really touched the congregation – the joy and affirmation of Pastor Dean's ministry was clearly visible."
As the Youth/Associate pastor of the Vienna Church, Jennifer was honored to be the latest woman within the Potomac Conference to be ordained/commissioned to serve as a pastor within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “It was such an honor to see the support from my family, friends and the conference – it was a wonderful reminder of who we serve.”
Bill Miller, president of the Potomac Conference, had the privilege of giving the ordination/commissioning homily. Drawing on the lessons of Luke 4, Miller encouraged Jennifer to always remember that God chooses those He needs to preach the Word, and as such, it's critical that she spend quality time with God as one of His chosen. “As I reflect on the program, I was touched by the outpouring of support the Vienna Church showered on Jennifer. Being called to serve is very humbling, and also very rewarding. We know that Jennifer will touch many lives throughout her ministry, and we're proud to have her serving here in the Potomac Conference.”
Jennifer Deans ordained/commissioned at Vienna SDA church | Stories http://www.pcsda.org/Stories/jennifer-deans-ordainedcommissioned-at-vie...
At the conclusion of the ceremony, all the ordained ministers who were in the congregation were invited to come up and lay hands on Jennifer and her husband, Kevin. When asked what she would want people to remember from this event, Jennifer responded, "Just because pastors are called and publicly recognized, people shouldn't minimize their individual roles within evangelism. Jesus is calling every one of us to be his witnesses, and we need to live in that calling every day."

Story by Dan Jensen; Photos by David Hittle
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congrats
written by siguem, July 28, 2011

sorry we could not make it to this special moment of your life and ministry Jen. But we are so excited and happy for you. Big congratulations. You will be missed now at the interns meeting 😊