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Last week after the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division released a statement affirming traditional marriage. The statement in part reads, “… Based on recent developments and decisions, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is concerned with the growing attacks on the biblical institution of marriage and feels that it is appropriate and necessary to reaffirm the stated positions of the Church as they relate to Christian marriage.

Seventh-day Adventists believe that the biblical teaching is still valid today, because it is anchored in the very nature of humanity and God's plan at creation for marriage. We reaffirm, without hesitation, our long-standing position. As expressed in the Church’s Fundamental Beliefs, ‘marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship.’ “

Three Institutions Partner to Create VBS Program

Three Seventh-day Adventist institutions partnered together to create this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. Called “Investigation Station” the program which focuses on creation, was the brainchild of the North American Division, the Review and Herald Publishing Association (R&H) in Hagerstown, Md., and AdventSource in Nebraska. The five-day program covers five stories from the book of
Genesis from creation to the aftermath of the flood. The program also includes a music portion with three different genres—contemporary, gospel and traditional.

The program was created to be an outreach tool says Candy Devore, director of the R&H Center for Child Evangelism and Ministry. “We know for a fact that greater than 32 percent choose Jesus as their savior between the ages of 5 and 12, and this is according to the Barna Group and NAD statistics,” she says. “We believe VBS is a powerful outreach tool that will reach kids.” Learn more about the program at kidsministryideas.org.

Potomac Members Give Concert Seats to Community

More than 450 community members, spanning from Pennsylvania to West Virginia, recently attended a free, Booth
Brothers concert at the Potomac Conference Camp Meeting in New Market, Va. Sharon Cress, the conference’s associate for discipleship, felt moved to invite the surrounding community to hear the popular Southern gospel trio sing on June 22.

Several weeks before the event, Potomac members shared posters, email blasts and personal invitations. During the week of camp meeting, children and teens distributed bread and concert invitations in the Timberville and New Market (Va.) area.

Potomac leadership wanted these visitors to have the best experience possible and reserved the front 500 seats (pictured) in the gymnasium for them. Some members even gave up their seats and sat in the overflow room. “The concert was awesome,” said Cathy Campbell, from Staunton, Va. “We felt the Spirit on that campus. Everyone was so kind and truly interested in talking with us, we were surely blessed.”—Story by Tiffany Doss

Ohio Conference Dedicates Ghanaian Church

After nearly eight years of saving and searching, Ohio Conference’s Cincinnati Ghanaian Mission church finally purchased a building, giving the congregation a place of their own in Hamilton to worship and witness. Pastors I.B. Boateng (left) and Emmanuel Kusi Yeboah (pictured center with Raj
Attiken, conference president) worked with the conference to obtain lease agreements and a loan acquisition from the Columbian Union Revolving Fund to make the purchase possible.

This summer, the church hosted a grand reopening and dedication of their house of worship. Attiken gave the Sabbath sermon and challenged all members to see themselves as temples and to let their lives be reflective of the Lord.

Cincinnati Ghanaian Mission members have witnessed in the community since worship at the new building started last August. Since then they have baptized 10 people and seen 12 transfers into the church.

New Editor Signals Change at *Insight*

For the first time, the editor of *Insight*, the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s weekly youth magazine, will be a trained counselor. Omar Miranda came to youth ministry from a career of counseling adolescents and their families. He has seen it all. “My heart breaks for our youth,” he says. “Many times our youth are getting themselves wrapped up in bad habits, sinful behaviors and deadly addictions all because they don't know Jesus. …It’s important that we give youth the truth that they can
only find what they truly desire and need in God alone."

The Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., publishes the magazine. Miranda plans to make the Web site insightmagazine.org more immediately responsive to teens looking for answers to specific questions or affirmation of their prayer requests. He envisions training events to coach parents and youth workers on how to better connect with youth.—Story by Kim Peckham

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**Don’t Miss The Second Week of Allegheny East’s Camp Meeting**
For those of you who still haven’t made it to a camp meeting within the Columbia Union territory this summer, Allegheny East Conference’s camp meeting in Pine Forge, Pa., which started last Thursday, continues this week and wraps up on Sunday. The evening and Sabbath divine service programs will be streamed live. For a recap of what has happened at camp meeting so far, check out AEC Today, which is hosted by the hilarious husband-and-wife team of Andre and LaTasha Hewitt. Click here to see their take on all the Pathfinder activities on campus. Visit the conference website for a complete schedule of speakers and to see more videos featuring the Hewitts.—Photo by Keith Goodman

Photo of the Week

Leslie Pollard, president of Oakwood University (Ala.), makes a point during his sermon at Allegheny West Conference Camp Meeting last Sabbath. He preached from Mark about the faith of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, who was sitting by the side of the road outside of Jericho when he encountered Jesus.
Joe Melashenko, Longtime Evangelist, Gospel Artist Dies

After battling cancer for four years, long time evangelist and gospel recording artist Joe Melashenko died Friday, June 21 in Paradise, Calif., at the age of 91. From 1948 to 1950 he sang bass with the King’s Heralds Quartet on the Voice of Prophecy international radio broadcast. In 1957 he was called into singing evangelism ministry in Massachusetts. He was ordained in 1961 in Bermuda, after which he pastored in Hagerstown, Md. and Rialto, Calif. In the 1970s, after serving as singing evangelist for the Voice of Prophecy (VOP), Melashenko and his wife, Anne, formed their own evangelistic team for VOP and for a dozen years traveled extensively throughout the western hemisphere conducting evangelistic campaigns.

Melashenko leaves behind his five sons and their families, including nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A memorial service will take place at the Paradise church Sunday, July 21 at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Voice of Prophecy or Quiet Hour radio broadcast ministries.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Click here for a complete listing of upcoming events around the Columbia Union Conference.

MARYLAND

June 30-August 4: The 3 Angels Farmacy will be conducting a Medical Missionary Training Course at Baltimore First church for six consecutive Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will learn about lifestyle diseases, healthy cooking, hydrotherapy and how to treat diseases with natural remedies. Fees: Single $165; Pairs $300. To sign up, send an contact Beniam Astatie at trueeducation1@gmail.com, (202)957-8036 (cell) or 3afarmacy.org.

July 14: Do you sing, play an instrument, recipe poetry, perform comedy acts, do interpretive dance, rap or some other creative art? If so, the Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md., is inviting you to share it at their 40th anniversary community fair. If you're interested, click here and let them know!

July 15-20: The Frederick (Md.) church is hosting a Vacation Bible School with the theme “Mission 1 To Eternity.” The program lasts from 6:30 to 8:45p.m. Sign up now at www.Fredericksdachurch.org or call (301) 662-5254 6437.

July 20: There will be a Review and Herald Homecoming in Hagerstown, Md. Join current and former employees for a Sabbath-day event celebrating 30 years since the move to Hagerstown. Services begin on the campus at 10 a.m. followed by an afternoon program of praise for God’s leading. Ted Wilson, General Conference (GC) president; Delbert Baker; GC vice president; and Jim Nix, director of the White Estate, are guests. Lunch is provided. RSVP to 30@rhma.org or (301) 393-4015. All are welcome. For details, visit ReviewandHerald.com/30.

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Rozman agreed, “Outreach through the health message is one of the most non-threatening ways to reach and get people to fellowship within the church without needing to attend a worship service per se. Who doesn’t want better health? We all want to be healthier personally and for our families. Events like this help us to build relationships and share the gospel through the health message that God has entrusted us with.”

Since 2011 the Middletown Valley church has held health programs and invited the community. The programs have included exercise classes and cooking classes focused on easy breakfast ideas and Asian and holiday cooking. The result is “we have made wonderful community friends through this health series,” Ball said.

One bonus of the children’s cooking fair was that church members got to invite local children to their August 1-3 Vacation Bible School. The attendees also got information from certified health professionals such as Ann Rivard and Ball who are nurses and Celinda Bauer, the church’s head deaconess, a dietician and teacher at nearby Highland View Academy in Hagerstown.

Rozman has one final tip to share: “If the kids participate, they will buy into it, if they are helping to prepare some of the food, so cook with your kids!” Click here to see more photos on their Facebook page.

Kids and their parents listen closely as a Middletown Valley member teaches them how to make a smoothie that tastes like peanut butter chocolate.

Want your kid to eat like he's super? Click here to see some of the recipes and tips from the Middletown Valley church's cooking fair.

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Arising from the diversity of the two human genders, the oneness of marriage images in a singular way the unity within diversity of the Godhead. Throughout Scripture, the heterosexual union in marriage is elevated as a symbol of the bond between Deity and humanity. It is a human witness to God's self-giving love and covenant with His people. The harmonious affiliation of a man and a woman in marriage provides a microcosm of social unity that is time-honored as a core ingredient of stable societies. Further, the Creator intended married sexuality not only to serve a unitive purpose, but to provide for the propagation and perpetuation of the human family. In the divine purpose, procreation springs from and is entwined with the same process whereby husband and wife may find joy, pleasure and physical completeness. It is to a husband and wife whose love has enabled them to know each other in a deep sexual bond that a child may be entrusted. Their child is a living embodiment of their oneness. The growing child thrives in the atmosphere of married love and unity in which he or she was conceived and has the benefit of a relationship with each of the natural parents.

The monogamous union in marriage of a man and a woman is affirmed as the divinely ordained foundation of the family and social life and the only morally appropriate locus of genital or related intimate sexual expression. However, the estate of marriage is not God's only plan for the meeting of human relational needs or for knowing the experience of family. Singleness and the friendship of singles are within the divine design as well. The companionship and support of friends looms in importance in both biblical testaments. The fellowship of the Church, the household of God, is available to all regardless of their married state. Scripture, however, places a solid demarcation socially and sexually between such friendship relations and marriage.

To this biblical view of marriage the Seventh-day Adventist Church adheres without reservation, believing that any lowering of this high view is to that extent a lowering of the heavenly ideal. Because marriage has been corrupted by sin, the purity and beauty of marriage as it was designed by God needs to be restored. Through an appreciation of the redemptive work of Christ and the work of His Spirit in human hearts, the original purpose of marriage may be recovered and the delightful and wholesome experience of marriage realized by a man and a woman who join their lives in the marriage covenant.

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) on April 23, 1996.
CALLED, A Digital Magazine for Adventist Clergy is Now Available on iPad

NAD Ministerial Department's new digital magazine for Adventist clergy was approved by the Apple app store and is now available for download for the iPad according to Dave Gemmell, Associate Director of NAD Ministerial. “Go to the iPad app store, and do a search for NAD Ministerial. Then download the app. It is around 750 megs so you will need a fast connection,” says Gemmell. CALLED is the name of the new digital magazine and is available at no charge.

The first quarter 2013 edition features seven articles on the role of women clergy in the NAD. Wanted, More Female Pastors shares the NAD leadership's desire to increase the number of women in pastoral leadership in the NAD. Women of Influence traces the history of women clergy in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Judges, Seminary Deans & Deacons highlights some of the women who played a spiritual leadership role in the Bible. Finding Relevance in Ancient Writings gives some principles of interpreting the scriptures. Let the Women Keep Silent deals with some of the texts that appear to some to limit the role of women in spiritual leadership. Ellen White on Female Leadership takes a look at the teachings of the female co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist church on the role of women in spiritual leadership. Exceptional Pastors opens a window to see how women clergy are already making a difference in the NAD.

Also in the first edition of CALLED is a resource for small groups, prayer meetings, young adult groups, entitled In The Beginning. At the core of this 13 week curriculum is a serial documentary tracing the journey of two college students as they travel across the country looking for clues as to the origin of the universe. Each episode also includes a study guide to help the group discuss and react to what they see. All of the videos and pdfs can be accessed from the CALLED magazine with a wifi connection.

First Quarter CALLED includes an article and video lecture by Dr. Stan Patterson where give contrasts cmmonly held corporate views of leadership with the Biblical view of leadership.

The featured documentary in the first edition of CALLED looks at a new church plant in Philadelphia. Andrews University students Josh and Sara Withers visit with Pastor Tara VinCross and see what all is involved in planting a new church while still leading out in the mother church.

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August 24: The registration deadline for those interested in participating in the Christian Storytelling Café’s storytelling contest. The contest takes place in Hagerstown, Md., on September 1 and includes the following age categories and entrance fees: youth, aged 14-19 ($5) and adults, aged 20-plus ($10). For more information about the contest, contact Faith Crumbly at (301)797-1537 or ustorytellers@gmail.com.

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September 20-21: Walter Brueggemann, an acclaimed author and theologian, will be speaking at the 33rd G. Arthur Keough Lectures at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. The topic will be “Reperforming our Best Narrative.” His lectures will be in the Morrison Hall chapel. I his September 20, which begins at 6:30 p.m., he will address Choosing an Alternative Life: “Follow me.” On September 21, the lecture begins at 10 a.m. and he will address Imagining Neighborliness: “Love thy neighbor.” For more information, contact the Religion Department at (301) 891-4033.

NATIONAL
September 1: Enter the 2014 "Forever Faithful" International Camporee theme songwriting contest by September 1. Click here to enter the contest. If your submission is chosen, you could win two free tickets to the camporee and the honor of having your music become the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee official theme song. For more information, contact Justin Yang or Stacy-Ann Thomas.

Pennsylvania
July 28-August 17: The Willow Grove (Pa.) church will host the “Victory!” evangelistic revival from 7:15 p.m. nightly, on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Evangelist Sherry L. Hall will share the message each night. The church is located at 1576 Fairview Avenue. For more information visit willowgroveadventist.org.

Virginia
August 24: Potomac Conference’s EQUIP is an event designed to empower people to lead in their local church more effectively. The event offers more than 20 seminars that cover various topics, such as how to give effective Bible studies, build healthy relationships and be an effective church administrator. The seminar will be held at the New Market (Va.) church from 3-7:45 p.m. Click here to register. Deadline: Aug 23.

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September 6-21: Lonnie Melashenko will be the evangelist for a series of Bible prophecy meetings that will be held at Sandusky Middle School in Lynchburg, Va. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. each night. There will be no Thursday meetings. The final meeting will be held at the Lynchburg church. The school is located at 805 Chinook Place. For more information, contact Pastor Mike Hewitt at Mike Hewitt pastormikch@mac.com.
SEPTEMBER 14-15: Potomac Conference’s Women’s Retreat, will focus on God’s grace to us, how we show grace to others and how to move gracefully as women of God. Come for a weekend of spiritual, mental and physical refreshment in a wooded setting, amid tranquil paths with accommodations at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Va. Click here to register. DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 4

VIRTUAL
SEPTEMBER 11-14: The North American Division’s Adult Ministries is hosting a virtual Festival of the Laity to equip church members for ministries for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries and Prison Ministries. Registration is free. To find out more information about this event, visit the Festival of Laity website and then register online.

OCTOBER 1: The alumni association for Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md., is collecting stories of how the school has impacted your life. Send your stories to Susan Laurence Cooksey, alumni association president at to susan.cooksey@ta.edu, or Ronnie Mills, director of institutional advancement at rmills@ta.edu by October 1. The goal is to publish and present this book to alumni during the 2014 Alumni weekend. All proceeds from the book will benefit the Worthy Student Fund.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
AUGUST 25: The Takoma Park Church is hosting their fifth annual Community Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This outreach project is absolutely FREE and open to the public. Live Christian music will fill the air as children, family, friends and community members participate in wholesome activities for the entire family; such as, moon bounce, games, face-painting, and a free neck and back massage. They will also serve grilled veggie dogs and popcorn. The church is located at 6810 Eastern Avenue Northwest in Washington, D.C.