Thought 1:
In the movie "Hitch," Alex "Hitch" Hitchens plays a personal relationship expert who is helping an awkward, insecure Albert Brenneman win the girl of his dreams. One piece of advice Hitch offers Albert: When it comes to kissing her, only go 90% of the way; make her come the other 10%. It's a cocky, teasing gesture.

Thought 2:
Lyrics from "The Space Between Us" by Shawn McDonald:

But I'm right here, and You're right there
Will You take this wall I built and tear it down

And do what You always do
Making the old so new
"Taking away the space between us
Filling it up with more of You
You do what You always do
'Cause You're my rescue
Taking away the space between us
Taking away the space between me and You"

Conclusion:
You and I are pursued by One who loves us. Only He's not just going 90% of the way and waiting for us to make up the difference. He makes the first move, stepping in our direction and filling all the emptiness with Himself.

Given the cultural standards for dating, this may be easier for women to grasp than men, but it's a big deal to be so recklessly pursued and desired by someone, especially this Someone. Our relationship with God is not unlike a good love story, where we all play the part of the distant, hard-to-get girl, and God is the romantic hero, not willing to give up until He's put everything He is and has into winning our affection. He wants our love—a longing so intense, He's going 100% of the way.

Upcoming Events

March 13-14 @ 6pm » Sustainable Preparedness Seminar » Johnson City, TN
March 14 @ 7pm » Community Gardening Class » Rossville Church
March 15 » God in Shoes Outreach » Chatsworth, GA
March 15-16 » GCA Days » Georgia-Cumberland Academy | website
March 15-17 » Women's & Teen Girls' Spring Retreat » Cohutta Springs Conference Center

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March 16 » LifeGroup Training » Sharpsburg, GA
March 22 » Hispanic Women's Retreat » Cohutta Springs Conference Center | poster | flyer
March 23 » Youth/Young Adult Festival » Dalton, GA | flyer
March 23 » Health Rally » Rogersville Church

flyer

March 23 @ 7pm » "The Hour of the Cross" » Ebenezer East Ridge Hispanic Church
March 23-30 @ 7:31pm » Undefeated Evangelistic Outreach » Hamilton Community Church

poster

March 24 @ 3pm » Seder Meal » Johnson City Church
March 29 @ 6pm » AGAPE Feast/Communion » Buford Family Church
March 29 @ 6pm » AGAPE/Passover Feast/Communion » Chattanooga First Church
March 29 @ 6:30pm » AGAPE Feast/Communion » Knoxville First Church
March 29-31 » Adventurer Family Weekend » Cohutta Springs

March 30 @ 10:45am » "Death & Resurrection of Jesus" » Conyers Church
March 30 @ 11am & 4pm » "Bow the Knee" Easter drama » Calhoun Church
March 30 @ 11am » "He is Risen: A New Hope" » Knoxville First Church
March 30 @ 6pm & 8pm » "De Belen al Calvario" » First Atlanta Hispanic Church
March 30 » Leadership Training-Health & Personal Ministries » Savannah Church
March 31 @ 7:30am » Sunrise Service » Collegedale Community Church
March 31 @ 7pm » "De Belen al Calvario" » First Atlanta Hispanic Church

April 5-6 » South Georgia Camp Meeting » Macon Wimbish Road School Auditorium
April 5 » Day of Prayer and Fasting
April 5-7 » GCA Alumni Weekend » Georgia-Cumberland Academy | find out more
April 6 » Leadership Training-Health & Personal Ministries » Algood Church (Cookeville, TN)
April 6-13 » Spring Evangelism » Chattanooga Hispanic Church
April 11-13 » ASI Southern Union Spring Conference » Dalton, GA

April 13 @ 9:30am » Community Guest Day (with Lonnie Melashenko) » Sweetwater Church
April 13-14 » Family Ministries Training » Georgia-Cumberland Conference office

April 19-21 » Pathfinder Camporee » Cohutta Springs
April 20 @ 2pm » Health Rally » Standifer Gap Church

REGISTER FOR EVENTS ONLINE AT WWW.REGISTRATION.GCCSDA.COM
*Please note that some of these events may have registration deadlines that have already passed.

Youth & Young Adult Festival
This year's event will be March 23 in Dalton, Ga., and will feature guest speaker Jonathan Henderson, young people from around the conference at the afternoon Expression Session, and a concert with Bebo Norman in the evening. It is sure to be a blessed day.

Visit registration.gccsda.com to register online or to download a form from the document center. Online registration available through March 21, meal order deadline is March 12. For more information, contact Alyse at 800-567-1844, ext. 346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

DOWNLOADS:

Family Ministries Training
Give us 24 hours of your time to equip you for effective family ministry in your church!

This event will be held April 13 at 2pm to April 14 at 2pm at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference office. The weekend includes 5 of the 10 seminars needed to obtain the Basic Family Ministries Certification. (The 5 remaining seminars will be offered Oct. 19-20, 2013.)

Register by April 11!

DOWNLOADS:

Bulletin Inserts & Registration Form
**Copy&Paste**

**GCA Academy Days:** This two-day event is for students in grades 8-11 who are interested in experiencing academy life at a boarding school. Academy Days will be held March 15-16, 2013, in Calhoun, Ga. Online registration is available at [gcasda.org](http://gcasda.org). For more details and information, call Brigett Pangkey at 706-728-4760.

**Seder Meal:** The Johnson City Church will be hosting a traditional, Jewish Passover meal on March 24 at 3pm. Reservations are required. Please call Cathy Pollard at 423-480-9525.

**Bow the Knee:** The Calhoun Church will perform “Bow the Knee,” and Easter drama on March 30 at 11am and 4pm. The 11am performance is in lieu of the usual weekly Sabbath service. Refreshments will be served for attendees following the 4 p.m. service only. Free-admittance, gift to the community to celebrate the Easter season.

**Sunrise Service:** The Collegedale Community Church will host their Sunrise Service on March 31 from 7:30am to noon. It will include a worship service, large breakfast, Bible character vignettes with a petting zoo, a “Triumphal Entry” parade for the children, and games.

**ASI Spring Conference:** Come join ASI members and non-members as they attend the annual 2013 Spring Conference this year being held April 11-13 at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton, Ga. Keynote speakers, Randy Skeete, Chester Clark III, and Stephanie Sheehan will discuss this year’s theme "For Such A Time...” Early bird registration ends March 15; regular registration ends March 31. Register online at [asisouthernunion.org](http://asisouthernunion.org).

**Community Guest Day:** Join the Sweetwater Church (Austell, GA) for their Community Guest Day Celebration Sabbath on April 13. Keynote speaker will be Lonnie Melashenko, former speaker/ director for the Voice of Prophecy. Services begin at 9:30 am. Lunch is for everyone. For details contact Tessa at 770-906-6058.

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**Other Announcements**

**Special Needs Buddies**
Hamilton Community Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., is seeking Special Needs Buddies to help twice a month with a child with Autism to attend Sabbath School and Church. They will receive training until they are comfortable. If this is something any of your students are interested in, please let us know. Contact Debra Ketelsen, Hamilton Community Church G.L.U.E. Team Leader, at 423-485-1011.

**Southern Adventist University Begins Vegetarian Culinary Arts Program**
Southern Adventist University is currently enrolling students for its new Vegetarian Culinary Arts program, set to begin in fall 2013. The program begins as a one-year certificate track, but the university plans to include associate’s and bachelor’s degree options by 2014.

Southern is the only Adventist school in North America offering culinary arts, and one of only a few colleges or universities in all the country providing training focused on the preparation of...
vegetarian and vegan foods. The bulk of the curriculum will consist of instruction in professional cooking. Some of the other courses being taught include Food Safety and Sanitation; Introduction to Food Purchasing, Preparation, and Presentation; International Ethnic Cuisines; and Introduction to Marketing for Culinary Professionals.

A new, full-time faculty member has been hired as the director and lead professor. There will also be several adjunct professors teaching classes, as well as guest speakers for class demonstrations.

To view a complete list of courses and requirements, visit southern.edu/culinary.

A Message from Mark Piotrowski:
Church Conflict Management
This is another reminder and invitation for you and your leadership to join us for a professional development event that will take place here in Savannah starting on Friday evening, March 15 at 7pm.

Dr. Ben Schoun, General VP of the General Conference, will be presenting a special workshop on this crucial area of church leadership. Conflict is unavoidable and is to be expected when introducing change on any level in the church, and how one processes it and manages it can make all the difference in our lives and the lives of our members:

An outline of our weekend program is the following:
Friday night at 7pm:
Conflict and Human Nature
Where the Sin Lies

Sabbath morning at 10am:
Biblical Approaches for Dealing with Conflict

Sabbath afternoon/evening:
How Conflict Works
Tools for Conflict Management or Resolution
Living with Diversity
Chairing Tense Meetings
Arriving at Consensus

Place: The Clubhouse
The Gates at Savannah Quarters
Gateway Dr., Pooler GA 31322

All of Dr. Schoun's presentations will be on PowerPoint and a 34-page handout will be made available for you! I will appreciate it if you could let me know how many leaders you are planning to bring with you so that we can plan for the fellowship lunch accordingly.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Updates
Don't forget that updates about the Georgia-Cumberland Conference arm of ACS DR are always available at gccacs.blogspot.com
Recent News

Raw, Vegan "Meet-Up" a Winner with the Community

Elementary Students Take Joy in Music

Maddox Accepts Invitation for Vice President of Pastoral Ministries and Evangelism

High School Retreat Gets Real with Students

Annual SonRise Resurrection Pageant Seeks to Reach Neighbors on Easter Weekend