Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time. — Oswald Chambers

Upcoming Events

May 11 » Personal Ministries Rally » Knoxville Church, TN
May 11 » Homecoming Celebration » Standifer Gap Church, TN
May 11 @ 7:00p » Heritage Singers Concert » Collegedale Community Church, TN
*Tickets*
May 12 » ACF graduates' brunch » Atlanta Berean Church
*RSVP* or *email Michaela*
May 17-19 » Korean Camp Meeting » Cohutta Springs
May 17-19 » Singles' Camping » Cades Cove, TN
May 18 » Health Rally » Bowman Hills Church, TN

May 18 » AAA Graduation » Atlanta Adventist Academy
May 18 » GCA Graduation » Georgia-Cumberland Academy
May 19 » CA Graduation » Collegedale Academy
May 22-25 » Collegedale Camp Meeting » Southern Adventist University
May 27 » Memorial Day (GCC office closed)

June 1 @ 2:00p » Personal Ministries Rally » Cleveland Church, GA
June 6-8 » Olde Time Camp Meeting » Meister Memorial Church, TN

June 7-9 » Hispanic Camp Meeting » Georgia-Cumberland Academy, GA
June 8 @ 2:00p » Health Rally » Battlefield Community Church, GA

June 8-16 » Messiah's Mansion Old Testament Sanctuary Tour » Dalton Church, GA
June 9-23 » Pathfinder Mission Challenge » Pine Ridge, SD
June 9-23 » God in Shoes Mission Trip » Pine Ridge, SD
June 10-14 » Sanctuary VBS Program » Dalton Church, GA

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*Please note that some of these events may have registration deadlines that have already passed.

Good! News In A Crumpled World

MAC Camp
June 10-July 26
Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

This year's featured speakers will be Brad Thorp, president of the Hope Channel Network, and Dana Edmond, president of the South Central Conference.

The Marietta Adventist Church is excited to announce the launch of MAC Camp, and Christian summer day camp, operating on the grounds of the Marietta Adventist
Seminars will be offered on health, financial planning, lay evangelism, parenting, women's ministries, and astronomy!

Other highlights include Adventist Book Center sales, Village Market sales, and much more.

DOWNLOADS:
Camp Meeting preview

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Homecoming Celebration: Standifer Gap Church will have a special Homecoming Day on May 11 to celebrate the retirement of the LIFT debt, which provided for the purchase of land for the Family Center. A Sabbath school special will be presented by former pastor Jerry Johns. Worship service will be by pastor Mickey Mallory. After a fellowship lunch, there will be a praise service with special music, including the Covenant of Praise Men’s Chorus. To end the day, there will be a symbolic burning of the mortgage note.

Heritage Singers Concert: Collegedale Community Church will have the Heritage Singers in concert on May 11 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available online at the church website (collegedalecommunity.com). There are only 13 Heritage Singers concerts in the United States this year—come enjoy and be blessed!

ACF Graduates’ Brunch: You are invited to celebrate the ACF students who are graduating this semester. Join graduates, their families and friends, on May 12 for brunch. Location is the Atlanta Berean Church (312 Hamilton E. Holmes, Atlanta, GA 30318). Dress is traditional church attire. RSVP here or email Michaela Lawrence Jeffery at mlawrence@gccsda.com with how many guests are in your party.

Messiah’s Mansion: The Dalton Church will be hosting Messiah’s Mansion Old Testament Sanctuary tours June 8-16 and a sanctuary-themed VBS program for adults and children June 10-14. Visit their website for more info.

Other Announcements

Doodle for Google
Natasha DiBiase, a 3rd grader at Lake City Junior Academy (an Adventist school in Coeur d’Alene, ID) was selected as the State of Idaho winner in the Doodle for Google contest. Until May 10, the public will vote on their choice for a national winner. Please take a few minutes of your time to follow the link below and vote for Natasha. If she is selected as the national winner, her doodle will be used on Google’s search engine and she will receive a $30,000...
The school will also benefit with an astounding $50,000 technology grant!

Remember: Voting ends May 10. Vote for Natasha!

**NAD News Points**
See the most recent highlights from the North American Division.
Click [here](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e24b1f9c713d7b291a54065e6&id=437888e011&e=62ae754e09)

**CREATION Health Leadership Seminar**
Due to the overwhelming interest in CREATION Health amongst pastors and lay leaders throughout the North American Division, Florida Hospital Mission Development is conducting a two-day CREATION Health Leadership Training Seminar in Orlando on May 13 and 14.

Experience empowerment and vitality from the transformational principles of CREATION Health. This seminar is for anyone who wants to add more life to their years and more years to their life... and wants to help others do the same as a certified CREATION Health trainer.

This is the only CREATION Health Leadership Training Seminar that Florida Hospital Mission Development is conducting on the east coast in 2013. So if you or someone you know wants to become a certified CREATION Health instructor, then please do all that you can to attend this upcoming event on May 13 and 14.

Here is the registration link for more information:

**Summer Housing at Advent House (UTK)**
If you'll be studying at UTK during the summer, we have a room available for rent at Advent House. Please contact Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, Advent House director, for more information. 865-522-3193 or [mlawrence@gccsda.com](mailto:mlawrence@gccsda.com)

**Text Alerts**
1. Each month if you want to know what Atlanta Southside Church is doing in Jonesboro, text the word "southsidesda" to the number 55469. You will receive a response that will include the activities and services of the church.

2. If any other Adventist church or conference office in the United States would like these same text alert services, please contact Kareem Williams: [onereems@yahoo.com](mailto:onereems@yahoo.com) or 678-485-3900.

Services include: Creating keyword alerts, text blast, auto response, customized mobile website, scheduled auto-send and more!

3. If individual members of the church body would like to utilize the service for a small business or personal use, then it is available for them as well.

Please forward this info to any communication directors you think could utilize this service.

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BRAD THORP
WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY SPEAKER
Brad is president of the Hope Channel Network, the official television voice of the world Seventh-day Adventist church. His ministry has included serving as associate director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute and as the associate Ministerial Association secretary for the Euro-Africa Division.

DANA EDMOND
FRIDAY/SABBATH SPEAKER
Dana has served as pastor in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Beginning in 1990, he was youth director for the South Central Conference for 11 years, then conference secretary for eight years, and he currently serves as South Central Conference president.

SENIOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE
YOUNG ADULT SPEAKER
Timothy is the Faith Community and Health Liaison for Loma Linda University Health. His latest printed work is a book with his father, Dr. V. Bailey Gillespie, titled Love Them and They Will Come. He will be speaking about “Jesus the ONE,” based on 1 John.

KEN ROGERS
SENIOR YOUTH SPEAKER
Ken currently serves as Youth and Young Adult Ministries director for the Southern Union Conference. He enjoys helping young people connect with each other, their churches, and Christ. His theme will be “What Would God Say?”
SEMINARS

RON MALLOCH / ASTRONOMY
The Heavens Are Telling—This is a pictorial view of prophetic history as it is written in the stars. This story of the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan is clearly told in the constellations of the heavens. The story is still written in the heavens for all to see.

FITZROY GRAHAM / HEALTH SPEAKER
God is the designer of this incredible human machine. So He knows how, where, why, what, who, and when. Understanding the basic physiological principles of what God gave us can change how we make decisions regarding our health. "I have set before you life and death, ... choose life, so that you and your children may live" (Deut. 30:19, NIV).

HEATHER NEAL / HEALTH SPEAKER
Is your schedule full to overflowing? Are you interested in becoming physically active, or are you active and wanting to get more benefits, but can’t seem to find the time? This physical fitness seminar will talk about the great benefits of gaining fitness and how to do so quickly with minimal time commitment. Come and learn how!

KENNETH NEAL / HEALTH SPEAKER
Do you or does someone you know suffer from feelings of sadness or worry? Come learn about treating depression, anxiety, and other emotional problems using principles found in God’s Word and Ellen White’s writings. God desires for us to be joyful and at peace in Him!

JARED THURMON / HEALTH SPEAKER
Adventism’s Secret Sauce—Seventh-day Adventists have been shown by recent studies to live longer than any other group in North America. We have been told the health message is the right arm of the gospel...yet something is missing. Why is the church in North America—with such amazing studies and science—shrinking? Perhaps we missed something? Let’s discuss where we are and why we are on the verge of Adventism being on center stage.

Does Your Faith Have Cancer?—Faith is believing in something that we can’t prove...or can we? Have you ever felt like your prayers bounce off the ceiling? Let’s discuss how to ensure that our faith is so healthy that it can withstand anything—even cancer.
KAREN LEWIS / LAY EVANGELISM SPEAKER
Secrets to Successful Soul Winning with Jesus—This series shows how a relational approach to personal evangelism is the most effective. This highly simple and practical series shows step-by-step how to identify and conduct your first Bible study with a friend, neighbor, or family member. You will be astounded by how easy it is once you understand some basic concepts. Be careful—attending this seminar may change your life!

DON JACOBSEN / PRAYER SPEAKER
Parenting Kids Who Glow in the Dark—No other generation has had to face the issues that today’s kids encounter. But God has promised parents supernatural resources to provide the help we need. How can we help our kids grow up to be pure and strong in a culture that seems determined to overwhelm them with non-spiritual values? You’ll find not only hope, but also specific strategies for your kids at any age.

BARRY BENTON / TRUST SERVICES SPEAKER
Finances for the End Times—Rules you need to live by in order for you and your family to safely endure financially in the years to come.

Tax Issues and Estate Planning—The rules are changing; learn about the changes and how these changes affect your tax and estate planning.

ED REID / TRUST SERVICES SPEAKER
Preparing for the Devil’s Last Great Temptation—God has graciously told us how things will end so we can be prepared. Revelation 13 tells us that Satan will tempt God’s people with a financial embargo—they will not be able to buy and sell. God has told us how to prepare for that situation. Learn the valuable principles of financial faithfulness.

Life After Debt - How to Get There—The major problem involving most of the world and our own country is debt that is spiraling out of control. Many families face the same problem. Learn how to deal with debt and how to live without it. It will be a special blessing and comfort to live in these last days without the stress of debt.

GINNY ALLEN / WOMEN’S MINISTRIES SPEAKER
God’s Love Song—Speaker and prayer warrior Ginny Allen will share personal stories, examples and Bible truths, and a picture of a God that loves us, changes us, and uses us. Women from all walks of life will resonate with the experiences and truths she shares and will go away believing that God loves them and has the power to change them.
MAC Camp Activities...

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volleyball  christian drama  giant
creative arts  model rocketry  waterslides
pottery  waterskiing  rock climbing
legos  tubing

...and MUCH MUCH more

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$140.00 per week
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Conference Office Installs Solar Panels

5/6/13

CALHOUN, GA—In February, the Finance Committee voted to move forward and purchase a 50-kilowatt solar panel system with 200 separate panels for the Georgia–Cumberland Conference office. The system has been installed south of the actual office building and is estimated to produce 7,500 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, according to Darrel Starkey, project coordinator for the Conference.

“The power provider (North Georgia Electric Membership Cooperative – TVA) will pay the solar user for the energy harvested at the going rate plus a fixed added premium per kilowatt generated for 10 years,” Starkey said. “After that time, they pay whatever the going rate is at that time. The system is designed to be maintenance free and has a life expectancy of more than 20 years. It’s estimated the system will pay for itself in eight to nine years. Any energy generated from that point forward is profit above cost.”

The system is designed to connect to the internet to report to the solar company and the customer monitor with output details, tracking the energy being produced.

“Schools who have installed these systems are using the monitoring tool as a teaching aid in the classroom, which is pretty cool,” Starkey said. “It is quite a lengthy process before you actually install the solar panels because of agreements with all involved.”

The Conference sees the new equipment not only has a financial investment but also an earth-friendly one.

“We are doing our part to be green, which is consistent with our values of being good stewards of the earth’s resources,” said Kurt Allen, vice president for Finance.

The solar panels will be operational before this summer.

Written by Tamara Wolcott Fisher, Communication director Photos by Brian Young, Communication assistant director

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Ministering to Hearts and Appetites in Chattanooga

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CHATTANOOGA, TN— Jan. 20 was a chilly Sunday, but eagerly congregated outside of Green Thumb Vegetarian Kitchen were 25 people from the surrounding area, as well as from places only word of mouth could reach. They all shared one goal: to kick-start a new lifestyle by learning to prepare healthy, delicious foods.

Green Thumb is run and operated by Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, Ga., and at the door, everyone received the “Seven Secrets—Healthy Cuisine Your Family Will Love” cookbook, which has proven to be a remarkable tool in the lives of Wildwood Lifestyle Center guests. Wildwood staff then demonstrated common recipes like pizza, lemon pie, and meatballs—all made with healthy ingredients like tofu, walnuts, pineapple, and cashews. Green Thumb’s manager, Kevin Lee, is a New York City-trained chef with more than 20 years of experience. Lee gave the students a real treat when he taught them the art of making simple sushi rolls.

The event was the second of many community-focused cooking schools, a practical approach in touching the hearts of those from the northwest Georgia and Chattanooga area. The organizers see offering the cooking school as one way of following the Savior’s method of “ministering to personal needs and winning their confidence” (MH 143) and trust that as the bodies of those they minister to regain vigor, the Lord will bid them grasp His hand as He brings renewed life to their souls, as well.

written by Kaneesha Lord photos contributed

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Serve others and build relationships through involvement in a wide variety of community activities and agencies.
Georgia-Cumberland Conference – LifeGroups Make Community Happen

4/29/13

CRANDALL, GA – Several college-age students gathered in a chalet at Cohutta Springs the first weekend of February to learn more about LifeGroups. LifeGroups is small groups of young adults meeting to share what is happening in their lives. It builds community, a commodity in this fast pace, technology driven world.

According to facilitator Kevin Kibble, the associate chaplain at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn., LifeGroups provides three key elements at Southern. 1. The need for community. 2. Rebuilding trust in relationships. 3. Strength in fellow believers meeting together.

The lead student coach working with LifeGroups at Southern, Tony Anobile, said, “It’s a very slow moving ministry, organization wise for three to four years. People know outreach and vespers, and dorm worship. Small groups are not just a Bible study. It is about community and building family, building a new mindset.”

Kibble said, “We want to be able to say to our students at Southern, ‘See how this works here.’ Because when they graduate they may go to a congregation where maybe the music is not their favorite, and maybe some of the local things are not what they are used to but they already have experience in gathering together believers in their home, opening the Bible, praying together, providing spiritual support for one another they can become leaders in whatever church they find themselves in.”

Elani Richards, a nursing major from Southern, had returned to college after spending time abroad as a student missionary. She was seeking a ministry and found LifeGroups. Richards leads a group of six to seven nursing students and says, “You can’t give love to people unless you have that yourself. I cannot share what I don’t know myself. I would encourage anyone to consider getting involved and be willing to have God use you.”

Tamara Wolcott Fisher

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