Upcoming Events

June 2-9 » Junior I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 2-9 » Golf I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 2-9 » Paintball I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 2-9 » Rock Climbing Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 2-21 » Fit for Life I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 6-8 » Olde Time Camp Meeting » Meister Memorial Church, TN
June 7-9 » Hispanic Camp Meeting » Georgia-Cumberland Academy, GA
June 8 » Ruthie Jacobsen speaking » Alpharetta Church, GA
June 8 @ 2:00p » Health Rally » Battlefield Community Church, GA
June 8 @ 7:30p » The Rose, Thorn & Fiddle and Celtic Chorus concert » Hamilton Community Church, TN
June 8-16 » Messiah's Mansion Old Testament Sanctuary Tour » Dalton Church, GA
June 9-16 » Junior II Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 9-16 » Mountain Bike Trip » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 9-16 » Paintball II Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 9-16 » Skateboard Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 9-16 » S.I.T. Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 9-23 » Pathfinder Mission Challenge » Pine Ridge, SD
June 9-23 » God in Shoes Mission Trip » Pine Ridge, SD
June 16-21 » Adventure Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 16-23 » Paintball III Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 16-23 » RAD Horse Trip » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 16-23 » Paintball III Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 16-23 » Wakeboard I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 16-23 » C.I.T. Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 22 @ 2:00p » Health Rally » Ringgold Church, GA
June 23-30 » Tween/Pathfinder Honors Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 23-30 » Ultimate RAD Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 23-July 14 » Fit for Life II Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 29 » Stewardship Sabbath » Cookeville Church, TN
June 30-July 7 » Teen I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 30-July 7 » Rock Solid I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 30-July 7 » Basketball Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 30-July 7 » Rock Solid Basketball Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 30-July 7 » Whitewater/Kayak Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 30-July 7 » Gym-Masters Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp

July 4 » Independence Day (office closed)
July 5 » Day of Prayer and Fasting

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*Please note that some of these events may have registration deadlines that have already passed.
June 6-8, 2013
Meister Memorial Church
Deer Lodge, TN

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Guest speaker is Chet Damron

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June 7-9, 2013
Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Calhoun, GA

"Para que todos sean uno; com tú, oh Padre, en mí, y yo en ti, que también ellos sean uno en nosotros; para que el mundo crea que tú me enviaste" (Juan 17:21).

Orador invitado es Pr. José Vicente Rojas

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VBS at Atlanta Southside: Atlanta Southside is having their VBS starting this week Monday, June 3, through Friday, June 7, each day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The theme is "Investigation Station."

GAP Camp: Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist School will be having a summer day camp for only $75 a week! Gap Camp will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday from June 3 to Aug. 2 for ages 4-12. Before and after care is available. Pay the first week’s tuition to hold your place. Limited spots available. The registration form and more info are available at sgsdaschool.org/article/10/gap-camp or contact the school at 423-892-6013 or Glen Wolters at 423-310-0652 or wolterseg@gmail.com.

Ruthie Jacobsen: Ruthie Jacobsen, coordinator of Prayer Ministries for the North American Division, will be speaking for Sabbath school, second service, and in the afternoon immediately following potluck at the Alpharetta Church this Sabbath, June 8.

HCC Summer Concert Series: Looking for a great family event that everyone will like on a Saturday evening? Well, Hamilton Community Church announces its first annual Summer Concert Series with inaugural performance from The Rose, Thorn & Fiddle and Celtic Chorus. This consort of young New Englanders ranging in age from eight to 18 and play an extensive repertoire of jigs and reels, tunes, songs, and hymns from Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and early America. Lively and engaging presentations are sure to please all age groups and music preferences. A suggested donation is $5 (at the door) for a family of four and a non-perishable food item, which will go to help a local food bank ministry. Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available during a 20-minute intermission. Location is 7997 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN. Concert will be June 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. For more information please visit hamiltonchurch.com/concert

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.

**MAC Camp:** 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 Church and Carmen Adventist School. The camp will be held **June 10 to July 26**, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MAC Camp is designed to introduce young people to Jesus, give them new life experiences, and provide a structured environment for parents who need full-time child care. It’s a full experience with many of the same activities found in a traditional residential summer camp. In addition, MAC Camp will be providing daily academic instruction for kids to help bridge the gap between grades. For more information, visit our website at [macdaycamp.org](http://macdaycamp.org).

**Gardening Seminar:** Ever wanted to grow your own food, but aren’t sure where to start? Or are you an experienced gardener looking for some new ideas? Bountiful Blessings Farm is hosting a week-long gardening seminar, **June 23-29, 2013**. We are a family-run, certified organic farm providing produce to 100+ families in the Nashville area. Further details, as well as an outline of the week’s activities, may be found at [bountifulblessingsshared.com/seminars/](http://bountifulblessingsshared.com/seminars/). We’d love to have you attend! If you can’t make this one, you might be able to join us in the upcoming seminars, either during Oct. 20-27, 2013, or Jan. 26- Feb. 2, 2014.

**Wildwood Natural Remedies Seminar:** This seminar will be held **July 14-21** at the Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, GA. The theme is "Natural Remedies" and will focus on the basics about what they are, as well as their implementation. Topics will include: Natural remedy myths; Depression; Chronic pain; GMO; Nutrition; and much more! There will be a daily hands-on cooking class. In the afternoons, there will be 12 hours of practical training in hydrotherapy, massage, and food preservation. There will also be a 3-hour track on herbs and poultices. Early bird registration is $384 until June 10. For more information or to register, call 800-844-1099, ext. 1042 or 423-521-5058.

**Wildwood Regaining Eden Seminar:** This seminar will be held **July 31 to Aug. 4** at the Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, GA. The theme is "By Beholding," and is based on the premise that whatever you behold will eventually transform you, whether positively or negatively. Topics will include: What is abuse?; Depression; Overcoming anger and bitterness; Sustaining your emotional health; Fascinations; How food affects recovery; and much more! There will also be a daily 3-hour cooking class and a Q&A session. Early bird registration is $270 and ends June 10. For more information or to register, call 800-844-1099, ext. 1042 or 423-521-5058.

**Festival of the Laity FREE Virtual Conference:** Get equipped for effective ministry with no registration, travel, or hotel expenses! The North American Division Adult Ministries Department is offering FREE online training for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries leaders through the Virtual Festival of the Laity, held **Sept. 11-14, 2013**. Attend from the comfort of your home, church, or office—all you need is a computer with internet access. All of your church’s leaders can benefit these live broadcasts presented by globally respected facilitators. Visit [www.festivalofthelaity.com](http://www.festivalofthelaity.com) to sign up.

**2015 GC Session Music Audition:** The North American Division Music Committee for the 2015 General Conference Session (July 2-11 in San Antonio, Tex.) is now accepting applications from musicians/groups desiring to perform at the 2015 General Conference Session. Applications can be...
downloaded at the 2015 General Conference website at [www.gcsession.org](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e24b1f9c713d7b291a54065e6&id=0757c27679&e=62ae754e09[6/5/2013 10:14:05 AM]). Click the “Music Application Packet” tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through December 31, 2013.

### Other Announcements

**NAD NewsPoints**
See the NAD’s [report](#) on how Adventists responded to the F5 tornado that hit Moore, OK, on May 20.

**Sweet Pea Garden Pantry**
Sweet Pea Garden Pantry, a vegetarian deli, is now open in Jellico, Tenn. (I-75 exit 160 to 1st light; an hour north of Knoxville). Menu includes homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, smoothies, and light desserts. Open for lunch Sunday-Friday and until 7:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contact at (423) 784-9484 or visit Facebook page.

**Eden’s Pathway 10 Day Daniel Challenge**
Our next 10-day program is coming up soon (July 9-16). If you would like to join us for a 10-day cleanse program, please call our office to schedule (423-338-4144). Enjoy your special time to cleanse and refresh your body while learning to live a healthy lifestyle.

**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)

**Bible Research—Online Bible Studies**: [BibleResearch.info](http://BibleResearch.info) is a website dedicated to providing free online video Bible studies for those seeking answers to their spiritual questions. If you would like to advertise this powerful resource on your personal, business, or church website, email Brian at brianyoung@gccsda.com to receive a web banner.

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Olde Time Camp Meeting
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June 6-8, 2013
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Deer Lodge, TN 37726

About Chet Damron
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Meister Memorial Church Pavilion
1145 Meister Hills Road
Deer Lodge, TN 37726-4308

Main Speaker: Chet Damron

Seminar Presenters:
Abigail R Houtchens, Daughter of God - Director, Next Step
Christian Counseling and Education Center; Licensed
Professional Counselor, National Certified Counselor.
Chet Damron - An ordained Adventist minister, teacher,
missionary, college president, hospital chaplain and motivational
speaker/counselor.

Guest Musicians:
Higher Calling Musical Group
Many local and area wide musicians

Directions
From Crossville, TN take US 127 North to
Hwy 62 East at Clarkrange. Go east on 62,
approximately 4.5 miles until you see the
church sign indicating a left turn (north).
Turn left on Jonesville Road and follow to
the end. Turn right and proceed east
approximately 4.5 miles. The church is on
the right at 1145 Meister Hills Road in
Deer Lodge, TN.

- Camp sites for tents, pop-ups, RV’s, motor homes are
  available FREE on a first come, first serve basis. No
electrical or water hook-ups. Meals provided in
Fellowship Hall, donations appreciated.
- Conference Shower Trailer on site.
- ABC Bookmobile sale – Friday afternoon 1:00-2:00pm
  and 4:30-5:30pm. Saturday night after sundown.
- Prayer Afterglow in the Church Sanctuary following the
  Thursday and Friday evening meetings.

All Times are Eastern Standard Time

Thursday – June 6

6:45 pm Musical Praise Time
  “Forgiveness that Frees”, Part 1 – Chet Damron

Friday – June 7

9:00 am “Forgiveness from a Brain’s Perspective”– Abby Houtchens
11:00 am “Psychological Impediments to the Process of
  Forgiveness” – Abby Houtchens
12:30 pm Lunch (meal will be provided, donations appreciated)
2:00 pm “Growing Through Your Grief”, Part 1 – Chet Damron
4:00 pm “Growing Through Your Grief”, Part 2 – Chet Damron
5:30 pm Supper (meal will be provided, donations appreciated)
6:45 pm “Forgiveness That Frees”, Part 2 – Chet Damron

Sabbath – June 8

9:45 am Sabbath School – Marilyn Lawrence, Superintendent
11:15 am Worship “BIG ABE Forgives – So Can I” – Chet Damron
12:30 pm Lunch (meal will be provided, donations appreciated)
2:30 pm “Stories of Changed Lives”
3:30 pm Higher Calling Concert
5:30 pm Supper (meal will be provided, donations appreciated)
6:45 pm “Forgiveness That Frees”, Part 3 – Chet Damron

Cradle Roll & Kindergarten: Sabbath ONLY 9:45am-11:00am

Primary, Junior & Youth Programs*
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm, 2:30pm-5:00pm
Sabbath 9:45am-11:00am, 2:30pm-4:30pm

*Primary, Juniors and Youth are encouraged to attend the evening
meetings.
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Higher Calling is a Christ-centered, ministry-driven, acoustic gospel band from northwest Georgia. Their mission is to encourage others with the good news of Jesus Christ while we wait for His return. Their debut CD project is dedicated to helping Bags of Love, a self-supporting comfort ministry serving foster children in the band’s local community.

Established in 2005, the band covers a fairly wide range of styles that include bluegrass, contemporary acoustic music, hymns, and praise songs. All songs are originally arranged around acoustic instruments—banjo, guitar, mandolin, dobro, bass, and fiddle. Even though one might be tempted to call the group a bluegrass band, Higher Calling goes well beyond what most people think of as the typical bluegrass sound.

Band members include Cheryl Jones, Sandi Bakland, Andy Nall, Steve Dyrda, and Jonathan Wurl.

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THURSDAY—JUNE 6

Please note there will be no health screening this year.

6:45pm   Musical Praise Time
Message: Forgiveness That Frees (Part 1) Chet Damron
Prayer Afterglow in the church sanctuary

FRIDAY—JUNE 7

9:00am   Forgiveness from a Brain’s Perspective Abby Houtchens
11:00am  Psychological Impediments to the Process of Forgiveness Abby Houtchens
12:30pm  Lunch (meal will be provided, but donations are appreciated)
1:00pm   Adventist Book Center Bookmobile Sale
2:00pm   Growing Through Your Grief (Part 1) Chet Damron
4:00pm   Growing Through Your Grief (Part 2) Chet Damron
4:30pm   Adventist Book Center Bookmobile Sale
5:30pm   Supper (meal will be provided, but donations are appreciated)
6:45pm   Message: Forgiveness That Frees (Part 2) Chet Damron
Prayer Afterglow in the church sanctuary

SABBATH—JUNE 8

9:45 am  Sabbath School Marilyn Lawrence
11:15am  Worship: BIG ABE Forgives—So Can I Chet Damron
12:30pm  Lunch (meal will be provided, but donations are appreciated)
2:30pm   Stories of Changed Lives
3:30pm   Higher Calling Concert
5:30pm   Supper (meal will be provided, but donations are appreciated)
6:45pm   Message: Forgiveness That Frees (Part 3) Chet Damron
Adventist Book Center Bookmobile Sale (after sundown)

CRADLE ROLL AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING

Friday   None
Sabbath  9:45am-11:00am

PRIMARY, JUNIOR, AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Friday   9:00am-12:00pm, 2:30pm-5:00pm
Sabbath  9:45am-11:00am, 2:30pm-4:30pm
(Primaries, juniors and youth are encouraged to attend the evening meetings.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Meals are provided in the fellowship hall. Donations are appreciated.
• The Conference shower trailer is on site.
• The Adventist Book Center bookmobile sale will be Friday 1:00pm-2:00pm and 4:30pm-5:30pm and Saturday night after sundown.
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CAMP MEETING BOOKMOBILE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
1:00pm-2:00pm
4:30pm-5:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Open after sundown

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Juan 17:21

EVENTO: Campestre Hispano 2013
FECHA: 7 al 9 de junio de 2013
ORADOR INVITADO: Pr. José Vicente Rojas

LUGAR: Academia Georgia Cumberland Conference (GCA), Calhoun GA 397 Academy Drive SW, Calhoun, GA 30701

REGISTRACIÓN: www.registration.gccsda.com
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Para más información comuníquese con su pastor o llame al Ministerio Hispano de la Georgia Cumberland Conference
706-629-7951 xt 391 & (800) 567-1844 Ext 391
On Monday, May 20, the second consecutive day of tornadoes in Oklahoma, an EF5 tornado with peak winds of 190 mph, tore through part of the state, touching down on the town of New Castle, Moore and other Oklahoma City suburbs. The tornado spent 40 minutes traveling 17 miles on the ground and devastated an estimated 30 square miles that included neighborhoods and two elementary schools. The latest count reveals that 24 people are confirmed dead, at least seven of them children. Authorities are continuing to search the rubble.

"Please remember to pray for the many victims of this tragedy, and for all of our faithful ACS and rescue and relief workers and volunteers," said Sung Kwon, NAD ACS executive director.

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) coordinators from across the United States will join in a teleconference tonight to coordinate response efforts. They will discuss plans for a collaborative response so people can be directed when and where they are most needed so their help and skills will be most effective. The actual needs of survivors will also be discussed. More information about how to volunteer or what items may be needed will be shared when it becomes available.

ACS DR is a member of National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) along with about 55 other nonprofit members. Each response organization has their own specialty and work together in a disaster area, cooperating seamlessly with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) other state VOADs in an orderly, well-trained manner within their own area of expertise. ACS DR specializes in handling donated goods and distributing relief supplies. This means that they collect, sort, warehouse and distribute goods. Much-needed relief supplies are distributed to survivors and responders using fixed sites which often are Adventist churches and schools, and also using mobile distribution units.

ACS is currently operating a distribution center from the Hope Adventist Fellowship in Moore. Collection centers are being operated at the Midwest City Adventist Church, Oklahoma City Central Spanish Adventist Church, Tulsa Adventist Fellowship, and Tulsa Adventist Academy.

ADRA International has committed $50,000 to the relief efforts, and will work with ACS to assist with the disaster response.

How You and Your Church or Group Can Help - With so much trouble and so many disasters surrounding us, or even far away, what can you do to help? ACS gives advice on how to be prepared for a disaster and to help others when affected [here](#).

ACS is able to leverage its partnerships and bulk purchasing power to provide goods to disaster survivors for a fraction of retail cost. A [financial donation](#) to ACS today will help your church bring vital supplies and relief to people devastated by the Moore, Okla. tornado. More information will be available soon regarding specific needs.

A flyer and/or [bulletin insert](#) are available for downloading on the Adventist Community Services website.

For an example of how your financial donations and ACS volunteerism are multiplied, [read this report](#) from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference ACS Director Terry Haight, who tallied up the value of the volunteers, the donated goods and help during one disaster aftermath in 2011.
Volunteering and donating: PLEASE do not self-deploy to the disaster area. Individuals who do not deploy with a disaster response agency in coordination with emergency management often create a second disaster. Contact your local conference Disaster Response Coordinator if you would like to volunteer.

If you would like to make a donation, the most effective and efficient way to help your church help others is to make a financial donation to Adventist Community Services Disaster Response. Each disaster results in different needs and needs will change as the recovery continues. Your financial donation will allow ACS to respond to these changing needs.

To donate:
- Visit www.communityservices.org
- Call 1-800-381-7171
- Mail a check to ACS, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD or
- Place a donation in your church offering plate marked “ACS disaster response”

For updates, "Like" the North American Division Facebook page and the NAD Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Facebook page.

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Calhoun Women to Dramatize “Women of Faith”

Carole Huddleston, director of women’s ministries at the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church in Calhoun, Ga., invites area women and the community-at-large to attend a unique church service with the theme “Women of Faith” that will be presented entirely by women parishioners on Sabbath, June 8, at 11:10 a.m. The usual two-services will be forgone to accommodate only one service that day.

Huddleston notes the message of the service will be a combined effort of women congregants who will portray various female faithfuls of the Bible. The portrayals will be done as an interview with Huddleston as the interviewer.

“Oftentimes in life we are met with discouragement, trials, and troubles and we wonder, ‘Why, God? Why is this happening to me?’ Our prayers are not always answered the way we want, and we question where God is in our lives,” Huddleston said. “God has promised in Romans 8:28 that ‘...all things work together for good to those who love God...’ and He instructs us in Psalm 27:14 to ‘wait on the Lord,’ and ‘be of good courage.’ Perhaps we forget that God is sovereign, that He is in control of everything, and He has a plan that we may not understand.”

Huddleston assures that "We will get a glimpse of real faith from some of the stories in the Bible of women who were called by God, women who waited for the Lord, and women who questioned, ‘Why, God?’ Women of faith ask, ‘Why?’ and patiently wait on the Lord!"

Gary Rustad, senior pastor, said the church is active with women’s ministries that reach out to others in the north Georgia area and beyond.

“Women have always been an integral part of the church and its continued witnessing outreach,” Rustad said. “As I look at the church today, I realize that a majority of the churches across North America and around the world would not be here today if it were not for our women of faith. I see the positive influence of women here in the church in Calhoun as they lead ministries and others to Jesus Christ.”

At the close of the service, the women interviewees will greet attendees in role-mode as the Bible characters they portrayed. A
potluck meal will also be served, and all who attend are welcome to partake.

Written by Betty Kossick
Photo contributed

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Standifer Gap Church Celebrates Being Debt Free

The rain on May 11 did not prevent the ceremonial burning of the mortgage for the Standifer Gap Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Over the last 75 years or so, the church went through many growth spurts as additional land was purchased and the buildings expanded. A $500,000 update on the church and school in 2000 left the church with a mortgage planned for payoff in 2006. Giving decreased, however, and a considerable amount was still owed. Then in 2007, the property next to the church became available. Plans were made to build a multi-purpose pavilion, which was completed debt free, but the cost of the land was added to the existing mortgage, resulting in a debt of about $350,000.

Through careful planning, special offerings, and the support of church members led by elder William Wampler and treasurer Doug Frood, the mortgage was paid off in April, and a homecoming celebration was held May 11. Sabbath School consisted of remembrances of former years by several members, followed by the lesson by former pastor Jerry Johns. The church service included the third- and fourth-grade class helping with the children’s story and special music by the Junior Tone Chimes Choir. Mickey Mallory, current pastor, had the sermon. After a potluck lunch, a musical celebration was held followed by the burning of the mortgage.

Written by Judith Schermerhorn
Picture by Darwin White
Morristown Students Perform Underground Railroad Reenactment

The paper quilt made by the students. The quilt was part of the quilt code, which the slaves used to recognize safe houses.

Students of the Morristown Seventh-day Adventist School presented a celebration on Feb. 23, 2013, of the Underground Railroad. This culminated their study of the US Civil War and paid tribute to those who brought about change during this dark chapter of our nation’s history.

Students in kindergarten through seventh grade served as conductors and guided their passengers (the audience) as they assembled their supplies and began their way through a series of five safe houses on their way to Canada. Along the way, they sang songs of encouragement and maintained a lookout for bounty hunters with their dogs. They found rest and refreshment at the safe houses, which were identifiable to them by a lighted lantern out front and a quilt in the window. For the final leg of their journey, they boarded a rowboat to take them across the river to Canada.

Upon arriving in Canada (the gymnasium), they celebrated by singing songs of deliverance and feasting on gumbo, beans, and cornbread. Students proudly showed guests their writing and poetry and explained the code of the paper quilt they had pieced. Modern legend claims that certain quilt patterns are believed to have held a secret code to aid slaves in their escape.

Morristown students have developed a deeper compassion for the people of that era who were in bondage and a greater understanding of the risks taken by free people who aided them in their journey to freedom.

Written by Kathy Tompkins
Photos contributed
First Day of Camp Meeting Brings Good News

Camp Meeting 2013 kicked off Wednesday evening, May 22, on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. The theme this year is “Good! News in a Crumpled World” and features guest speakers Brad Thorp, president of the Hope Channel Network, and Dana Edmond, present of the South Central Conference.

Thorp was Wednesday’s speaker, encouraging listeners with how technology is a powerful tool for spreading the gospel and reminding them why we, as Christians and specifically Adventists, are here—for a mission to introduce others to Christ.

A small group of young adults met nearby at Collegedale Adventist Middle School, where Nate Elias, pastor of the LaGrange, Ga., and Pine Mountain Valley, Ga., churches, facilitated a panel discussion about how a person of faith works in the area of pop culture.

Other age-group programs included senior youth with guest speaker Ken Rogers, who presented on the topic of “What Would God Say?”, earlitew, who listened as William Hurtado talked about “defending your kingdom;” juniors, who learned about the first angel’s message with Rob Snider, primary, whose theme is “Following the Footsteps;” and kindergarteners, who eagerly listened as Andrew Shurtleff talked about Genesis 1:1.

Camp Meeting continues tomorrow with a full day of seminars, the Adventist Book Center’s sidewalk sale, and the evening programs.

Written by Britni Brannon, Communication assistant director
Photos by Jeremy Arnall, Britni Brannon, and Shana Michalek