"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations...There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors." —C.S. Lewis

We are either agents that help or hinder others. By God's grace, may we be the prior more often than the latter.
Upcoming Events

June 2-21 » Fit for Life I Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
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 18 @ 7:30p » How to Become Friends with God Series » Better Living Center, TN
June 22 @ 9:30a » Faith, Family & Community Day » Atlanta Southside Church, GA
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 1-5 » Gym-Masters Day Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 4 » Independence Day (office closed)
July 5 » Day of Prayer and Fasting
July 7-14 » Teen II Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 7-14 » Rock Solid II Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 7-14 » Golf Camp II » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 7-14 » Soccer Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 7-14 » Wakeboard Camp II » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 13 @ 2:00p » Health Rally » Oglethorpe Church, GA
July 14 @ 10:00a » SNOW Day in July » Cartersville Church, GA
July 14-21 » Natural Remedies Seminar » Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, GA
July 14-21 » Surf Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 15 » God in Shoes Outreach » Jellico, TN
July 16 @ 6:30p » Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries Seminar » Better Living Center, TN
July 16-21 » Family Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp

REGISTER FOR EVENTS ONLINE AT REGISTRATION.GCCSDA.COM

*Please note that some of these events may have registration deadlines that have already passed.
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 gsdsaschool.org/article/10/gap-camp or contact the school at 423-892-6013 or Glen Wolters at 423-310-0652 or wolterseg@gmail.com.

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.

How to Become Friends with God series: Learn to know God better. Four Tuesdays, starting June 18, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at the Better Living Center (235 Delay St., Athens, TN). Presented by pastor Ron Wooten and elder Bill Harper. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss a night of these four inspiring meetings. If you need directions, please contact: Linda Curtis at 423-744-7611.

Faith, Family & Community Day: Atlanta Southside Church will be hosting their Faith, Family & Community Day on Sabbath, June 22, with Sabbath school beginning at 9:30 a.m. The schedule also includes the divine worship service, a fellowship luncheon, health screening, cooking seminar, and evening concert. Please join us and bring your friends and family!

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/. 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.

SNOW Day in July: SNOW (Spiritual Needs of Women) Day is a one day, Christian women's retreat. Your day will be enriched with music, worship and joy. Come let your heart be filled with the Holy Spirit as you fellowship with your sisters in Christ. The event will be held July 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cartersville, Ga., Church. Register by June 30. Visit gccsda.com to download a registration form.
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.

Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries Seminar: This free seminar is a chapter-by-chapter study of the book of Daniel. It begins Tuesday night, July 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Better Living Center (235 Delay St., Athens, TN). It will run for 12 consecutive weeks every Tuesday night. If there is enough interest, there will be a daytime seminar at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend any of the sessions, please register by July 14 at danielseminar.eventbrite.com. Tell all your friends about this seminar!

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 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. Click the “Music Application Packet” tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through December 31, 2013.

Cohutta Cancer Survivor Weekend: Cohutta Springs Conference Center would like to offer a weekend for cancer survivors and their families sometime next spring and would like some feedback. Do you know a family who could benefit from a cancer survivor weekend? Would your church like to sponsor in some way? Are you interested in becoming a corporate sponsor? Please contact Peggy Hallman at missions@cohuttasprings.com or call her at 706-695-9093.
Collegedale Camp Meeting 2013
All sermons from Brad Thorp and Dana Edmond are now available to watch and listen to online (Ed Wright's Sabbath evening address will be available later this week). Visit vimeo.com/channels/gcccampmeeting to watch. Pictures from the event are also available online—view them here.

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

Bible Research—Online Bible Studies: 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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Kossick Receives “Bright Star” Poetry Award

Betty Kossick, a resident of Calhoun, Ga., (and member of the Calhoun Church) was recently selected as the spring/summer 2013 “Bright Star” by A Galaxy of Verse (GOV). This non-profit literary organization, established in 1974, and located in Garland, Tex., publishes a twice-yearly poetry anthology by the same name.

Not only is Kossick the first member to provide a cover photo for the current issue, but coincidentally, she won second place in the “Birds” contest for a poem titled “The Strutter,” based on that photo.

“Reading other poets and writing my own poetry provide me with my happiest heartbeats,” Kossick said.

Kossick has written almost 700 poems, with many of them published and/or winners in a variety of contests. In addition to being affiliated with GOV, Kossick is also a long-distance member of Dayton Christian Scribes (Dayton, OH), a spin-off poets group she co-founded 35 years ago from Andrews University’s summer workshops in Berrien Springs, Mich. Kossick is still an active freelance writer and journalist, with 42 years of writing experience. She and her husband, Johnny, have been married for 63 years.

The Bright Star’s biography and selected poems provide the opening feature for the anthology, which also publishes poetry by members and contest winners. President and editor, Barbara Blanks, chooses a “star” based on the poet’s body of work and a continuing passion for keeping the art of poetry alive, accessible, and comprehensible.

The purpose of A Galaxy of Verse is to make available to good poets throughout the country, opportunities to have their work read by a national public. It encourages the creative process by publishing the work of its members. It is open to poets across the United States, with many of its members also affiliated with the Poetry Society of Texas and other established poetry societies. For details, please visit barbarablanks.com, and click on the appropriate tabs. Or e-mail galaxyofverse@gmail.com for more information.

Written by Barbara Blanks, editor of A Galaxy of Verse
More than 600 people from Sequatchie and surrounding Tennessee counties attended the all-day Sabbath Conference held at the Sequatchie County High School auditorium in Dunlap, Tenn., on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

Scott Clarke, a local Sabbath keeper said he heard many positive comments from attendees. Things like, “tremendous,” “very informative,” “inspiring,” and “I never thought of some of these things.”

Speakers for the conference included Michael Hasel, Ph.D., archaeologist, Egyptologist, and professor or Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology; Shelley Quinn, program manager at Three Angels Broadcasting Network Television; popular author and dynamic Bible teacher, Jo Ann Davidson, Ph.D., daughter of missionary parents to Israel; and Jack Blanco, Ph.D., author of the Clear Word, who served as pastor, teacher, and missionary.

Hasel spoke to the audience about the origin and historical roots of the Sabbath. He shared the story of how his grandfather, a soldier in the German army during World War II, kept the Sabbath faithfully during these war years and never once fired a shot at any serviceman.

Quinn’s topic, “Grace and Sanctification Revealed in the Sabbath,” reminded listeners of the blessings, mercies, and spiritual growth fostered by Sabbath-keeping.

Speaking on “The Seven Sabbath Miracles of Jesus,” Davidson reviewed the seven miracles that Jesus performed on the Sabbath, showing how God’s mercy and kindness is to be revealed every day through His children and that doing good to others on the Sabbath is very appropriate Sabbath-keeping.

“Even is you get dirty, sweaty, and smelly, if the ox is in the ditch on Sabbath, pull it out,” Davidson said.

“The Sabbath in Prophecy and End Time Events” was Blanco’s topic. He pointed out that interest in and the importance of Sabbath observance will continue clear to the second coming of Christ.

“Everyone seemed very interested in every presentation,” said David Ryder, pastor of the largest Sabbath-keeping group in Sequatchie County. “I was so glad for the huge turnout.”

The event was also live streamed for others to watch. Ryder said he had a lady call from France who was watching the
program.

Written by Dan Miller

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