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JESUS LOVES ME
On cold days, our old dog moves around the yard, finding a sunny spot to stretch out on the grass to keep herself in the warmth of the sun.

This reminds me that we must “keep” ourselves in the love of God (Jude 1:21). That doesn’t mean we have to act in some special way to make God love us (although our desire is to please Him). Because we are His children we’re loved no matter what we do or fail to do. It means instead that we should think about His love and bask in its radiance and warmth all day long.

“[Nothing] shall be able to separate us from the love of God” (Rom. 8:39). He loved us before we were born, and He loves us now. This is our identity in Christ; it is who we are—God’s beloved children. That’s something to think about throughout the day.

Five times in John’s gospel he described himself as the disciple Jesus loved (13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7,20). Jesus loved His other disciples too, but John reveled in the fact that Jesus loved him! We can adopt John’s theme—“I am the disciple Jesus loves!”—and repeat it to ourselves all day long. Or we can sing that familiar children’s song in our hearts, “Jesus loves me, this I know.” As we carry that truth with us throughout the day, we’ll bask in the warmth of His love!

I am so glad that our Father in heaven
Tells of His love in the Book He has given;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see—
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

—Bliss
God loves us not because of who we are, but because of who He is.

**Upcoming Events**

- **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 8-11** » 3-Point Play Basketball Camp » Conyers, GA
- **July 13 @ 2:00p** » Health Rally » Oglethorpe Church, GA
- **July 14 @ 10:00a** » SNOW Day in July » Cartersville Church, GA
- **July 14 @ 2:30p** » Free Health Information Screenings » Atlanta Metro Church, GA
- **July 14-19 @ 6:00p** » Vacation Bible School » Hiram Church, GA
- **July 14 » Natural Remedies Seminar» Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, GA
- **July 15 » God in Shoes Outreach» Jellico, TN
- **July 15-19 » Vacation Bible School » Gainesville Church, GA
- **July 16 @ 6:30p » Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries Seminar » Better Living Center, TN
- **July 16-21 » Family Camp » Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
- **July 17-19 @ 8:00a » Church School Rummage Sale » Bowman Hills Church, TN
- **July 20 » Stewardship Sabbath » McMinnville Church, TN
- **July 20 @ 9:15a » The Takeover: Youth Day » Atlanta Southside Church, GA
- **July 20 » "Christ's Method Alone" seminar with Dr. Samaan » Calhoun Church, GA
- **July 20 @ 2:00p » Health Rally » Hixson Church, TN
- **July 21 @ 1:00p » Cohutta Health Expo » Community Center, Cohutta, GA
- **July 22 » CHIP Program begins » Atlanta Metro Church, GA
July 27 » Stewardship Sabbath » Hamilton Community Church, TN

July 31-Aug 4 » Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting » Cohutta Springs, GA

July 31-Aug 4 » Regaining Eden Seminar » Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, GA

Aug 1 » Teacher's report to school

Aug 2-4 » Women's Leadership Training » GCC Office, Calhoun, GA

Aug 3 » Stewardship Sabbath » Valdosta Church, GA

Aug 3 @ 2:00p » Personal Ministries Rally » Duluth Church, GA

Aug 5-6 » Teachers' Convention » Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA

Aug 10 » Personal Ministries Rally » Athens Church, TN

REGISTER FOR EVENTS ONLINE AT REGISTRATION.GCCSDA.COM

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

Come get away with your spouse for this year's Marriage Retreat, to be held Oct. 25-27 in Gatlinburg, TN. Be blessed as you listen to the testimony of Rick and Cindy Mercer. Register at registration.gccsda.com.

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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 until 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.
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 until 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.

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. 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!

Rummage Sale: The Bowman Hills Church (300 Westview Dr., Cleveland, TN) will be hosting their annual rummage sale on July 17 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), July 18 (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and July 19 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Friday is half price day! The money raised is used to fund the school band and supply funds for many other special needs within the school. This is their sixteenth year for the event, which earned more than $25,000 last year.

Memorial Service: Atlanta Adventist Academy has gotten word that the family of Gus Ospina will have a memorial service for him on Sunday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Metropolitan Hispanic Church.

Evangelism Training at Southern Adventist University
Looking for intense evangelism training in a short period of time? Summer SALT from **July 21-28** may be just for you. A partnership between Southern Adventist University (SAU) and It Is Written, Summer SALT covers the essentials of personal and public evangelism. Experienced instructors will help you learn to awaken spiritual interest in others, prepare and give Bible studies, help people make decisions for Christ, implement a vibrant evangelism cycle in your church, and much more. Registration is only $119 before June 30! Plus, get a $20 discount when you enter code “IIW13”. Classes held on the SAU campus. Housing options available. Visit [southern.edu/salt](http://southern.edu/salt) or call 423-236-2034 to find out more!

**CHIP Program:** The Atlanta Metro Church will begin their CHIP program on **July 22**. The CHIP teaches how to prevent, arrest, and even reverse many health conditions through education, motivation, support, and friendship found in the program. Learn to reduce the risk of heart disease, normalize blood pressure, lower cholesterol, lower triglycerides, stabilize fasting blood sugar, reduce BMI, and improve sleep, resilience, and depression. Pre-register by calling 404-395-9459 or email [atlanta_chip@yahoo.com](mailto:atlanta_chip@yahoo.com). The church will be offering free information screenings, as well, on **July 7** and **July 14** at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**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. For more information or to register, call 800-844-1099, ext. 1042 or 423-521-5058.

**Missional Pastor Orientation:** Chris Donavan, missional pastor coordinator, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference ministerial leadership invite you to become a missional pastor and plant a church. Attend the 2013 annual Missional Pastors Orientation and learn how the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is empowering and supporting lay pastors to start new churches. Come gain knowledge about a biblical paradigm for reaching people in an effective, missional process and discover your destiny for helping others fulfill the great commission! This event will be held **Aug. 23-25** at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. The orientation is free, but space is limited. For more information, contact Chris Donavan at [cdonavan@gccsda.com](mailto:cdonavan@gccsda.com) or the Ministerial Department at 800-567-1844.

**Southern Union Women’s Conference:** Time is running out to register with the early-bird discount for this event, to be held **Sept. 5-8** at the Charleston Area Convention Center in South Carolina. Registration is available online at [southernunion.com/womensconference](http://southernunion.com/womensconference) or by calling
800-732-7587.

**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 [festivalofthelaity.com](http://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 [gcsession.org](http://gcsession.org). Click the “Music Application Packet” tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through Dec. 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](mailto:missions@cohuttasprings.com) or call her at 706-695-9093.

**Other Announcements**

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

**Assistant Chaplain Search**
Advent House is part of the Adventist Christian Fellowship network. The assistant chaplain position spans (preferably) 2 years and is ideal for someone who is dedicated to student ministry on a public campus.
Purpose of the Position

- To deepen the individual’s relationship with God through opportunities for ministry, personal study, reflection, prayer, and worship
- To provide experience in all the various functions of a public campus chaplain but specifically in the area of social and spiritual programming
- To provide assistance to the Chaplain in secretarial duties, planning ministry functions, contacting students, and encouraging the participation of all possible members
- To provide a mentoring relationship between Chaplain and assistant, encouraging growth, offering instruction, and extending leadership

In addition, this is a task force position that includes a monthly stipend and free housing with students within Advent House.
If interested, take a look at the job description here.

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.

Recent News

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First graders from Jasper Adventist Christian School display the family farm they built, a winning entry in the 2013 K’NEXpert Classroom Challenge.

Five years ago, after learning about K’NEX building sets at a teachers’ convention, Linda Dickinson, first through fourth grade teacher at Jasper Adventist Christian School (Jasper, Tenn.), purchased a bridge building set and lesson plans from the company. She later learned about a free K’NEX contest for elementary students, so she entered her first, second, third, and fourth classes in the K’NEXpert Classroom Challenge.

She and her students were happily surprised that first year when the first-grade entry won. The first-grade entry won again following year.

"Each year since I have entered this contest, which is a great learning experience," Dickinson said. "The children have to follow specific guidelines and write reports about their projects."

Dickinson said using K’NEX as part of her curriculum makes it easy to incorporate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education into her classrooms. This year's contest required first and second graders to build a family farm and third and fourth graders to build a water wheel.

"We are very excited to be chosen again this year for not just one class but two!" she said.

Both the first-grade entry and the fourth-grade entry were selected as winning classes. Each child in the winning class receives a $20 box of K’NEX, and the teacher is given a $350 credit to spend at the K’NEX store for each winning class! From previous winnings, Dickinson has purchased a giant box of K’NEX geometry and math sets and additional bridge sets. She and her students are truly honored to represent Jasper Adventist Christian School and to have won the 2013 K’NEXpert Classroom Challenge!

Written by Linda Dickinson, first through fourth grade teacher at Jasper Adventist Christian School
Photos contributed
Colledgade Church Earns InStep for Life Award

Sam Chetty, Collegedale Church associate pastor, displays the InStep for Life award the church received at the North American Division meetings in New York in March 2013.

Visit the Collegedale Church website
Learn more about InStep for Life

Health ministry has become a frequent focus of Sam Chetty, Collegedale Church associate pastor. The church has offered two-day health fairs for the community, along with cooking classes, health classes, and Dinner with the Doctor programs. With Chetty being an avid marathoner (as well as an ultra marathoner), it only seems natural that he would start a walking/running club at the church and eventually join with the North American Divisions’ (NAD) InStep for Life program.

At the annual NAD Health Summitt in New York on March 16, 2013, Chetty accepted an award for the walkers and runners of the Collegedale Church. Three churches across NAD received awards for the most accrued miles for an individual church. Collegedale took second place, with 577 participating members who accrued 74,869 miles in 2012. Southern Adventist University also received an award for the university with the most miles (2,827) and participants (54).

The awards were presented by Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, along with White House U.S. Department of Health representatives, Heidi Christensen, associate director of faith-based and neighborhood partnerships; Dr. Jaime Torres, director; and Dr. Michelle Davis, health administrator.

Written by Sherrie Williams