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GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE
DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

calendar of events
Sept 21—Will Clinic—Macon Church, GA
Sept 21—Stewardship Sabbath—Murphy Church, NC
Sept 21—Personal Ministries Rally—Hiram Church, GA
Sept 21—Family Life Day—Atlanta Southside Church, GA
Sept 21—Annual Fall Festival—Lookout Mountain Church, GA
Sept 22—Let's Move Day [click for locations and events]
Sept 22—Will Clinic—Columbus Church, GA
Sept 22—Parenting Seminar—Collegedale Community Church, TN

Sept 23—CHIP Program begins—Atlanta Metro Church, GA
Sept 23—Will Clinic—Albany Church, GA
Sept 24—Will Clinic—Valdosta Church, GA
Sept 25—Will Clinic—Waycross Church, GA
Sept 27-28—Youth Ministries Convention—Cohutta Springs, GA
Sept 27—God in Shoes Outreach—Pikeville, TN
Sept 28—Will Clinic—Camden Church, GA
Sept 28—Stewardship Sabbath—Chesstatee Church, GA
Sept 28—Dan Jarrard presentation—Savannah First Church, GA
Sept 28-29—Health Emphasis Weekend (Jarod Thurmon)—Conyers Church, GA
Sept 29—Lakeview 5k & 1 Mile and Health Expo—Powder Springs, GA
Sept 29—Will Clinic—Savannah First Church, GA

Oct 1-10—Iowa Assessment Testing
Oct 4—Day of Prayer and Fasting
Oct 4-5—Northeast Tennessee Camp Meeting—The Oaks, Greeneville, TN
Oct 4-6—Hispanic Men’s Retreat—Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA
Oct 4-6—ACF Leadership Reboot—Cohutta Springs
Oct 5—Personal Ministries Rally—Ogden Road Church, TN
Oct 6—Sunbelt/Cohutta Springs Sprint Triathlon—Cohutta Springs
Oct 6—God in Shoes Outreach—Augusta, GA

Oct 8-12—Week of Prayer—Cohutta Church, GA
Oct 9-13—Pain Management seminar—Wildwood Lifestyle Center & Hospital, GA

Oct 10-13—The Battle for the Brain seminar (Vicki Griffin)—Morgantown, GA

Oct 13—God in Shoes Outreach—Andrews, NC

Oct 18-19—DO Fast! [click for more info and resources]

Oct 18-20—Men's Retreat—Cohutta Springs

Oct 20-27—Winter Gardening seminar—Williamsport, TN

Oct 24-27—Hispanic Youth Congress—Camp Kulaqua, FL

Oct 25-27—Marriage Retreat—Gatlinburg, TN

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**-CONFERENCE EVENTS-**

**Do Fast (Defend Orphans)**
Sponsored by the North American Division, the do fast, a 24-hour fast to defend orphans, draws attention to the plight of orphans and how we can help restore them to a life of health and opportunity, as God ordained for all humankind. The fast begins at sundown on Friday, Oct. 18, and ends at sundown on Sabbath, Oct. 19. Visit gccsda.com/events/33514 to learn more, watch videos, and download resources like posters, school tool kits, and more!

**Men's Retreat**
All men are invited to attend this year's retreat! The theme is "Men of Valor" and will feature guest speaker Jorge Torres, chaplain (major) US Army. The event will be held Oct. 18-20 at Cohutta Springs. Register online at registration.gccsda.com or call 800-567-1844 (x 340) for more info.

**Married Lovers' Mountain Getaway**
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 by at registration.gccsda.com.

**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.

**2015 GC Session Music Audition**
The North American Division Music Committee for the 2015 General Conference Session (July 2-11 in
San Antonio, TX) 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. Click the “Music Application Packet” tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through Dec. 31, 2013.

-Church & Organization Events-

Parenting Seminar
Are you a parent, teacher or child care specialist who wants to learn proven skills to deal with today’s children and teens? Advent Home Learning Center in Calhoun, Tenn., invites you to a community service seminar: How to Raise Responsible Children in a Challenging World. Dr. Blondel E. Senior will present this seminar on Sept. 22 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Collegedale Community Church. Call for registration prices. Proceeds go toward scholarships for ADHD and at-risk teens. Call 423-336-5052 or register online at adventhome.org.

Health Emphasis Weekend
The Conyers Church is having a Health Emphasis Weekend Sept. 28-29. Guest speaker for the Sabbath-morning worship service and afternoon health seminar will be Jarod Thurmon. On Sunday, there will be a 5k run/walk, and at the end of the 5k, refreshments and free health screenings will be offered. Jarod Thurmon will also be presenting a cooking class for the community on Sunday afternoon.

Sunbelt/Cohutta Springs Sprint Triathlon
Now celebrating its 30th year, the Sunbelt/Cohutta Springs Sprint Triathlon features a 1/2 mile swim, 18-mile bike, and 4-mile run. It will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp in Crandall, Ga. Packet pickup will be from 10:30am to 11:45am, and the race will start at 12:30pm. More information and registration can be found online at southerntriathlon.com.

Wildwood Pain Management seminar
Oct. 9-13, Wildwood Lifestyle Center & Hospital will be hosting a Pain Management seminar. It is designed for health professionals and also enthusiastic people who are interested in health. A variety of medical professionals will speak on the different causes of pain and methods of pain management. This year’s presenters include Joe Gager, PT; Roby Sherman, MD; Zeno Charles-Marcel, MD; Agatha Thrash, MD; and Mark Johnson, MD, to name a few. Our topics include physical therapy uses for pain; overlooked causes of pain; cancer pain; nerve blocks, epidurals...treatment for acute pain; psychological intervention for chronic pain; opioid withdrawal; and more! Early bird registration is $375 until Sept. 15 (includes seminar entry, housing, and meals) For more info, call 800-844-1099 (x1043) or visit wildwoodhealth.org/seminars.

Winter Gardening Seminar
Don't pack away those gardening tools just yet! Bountiful Blessings Farm and the Dysinger families are hosting a Winter Gardening Seminar Oct. 20-27. Just think: You don't need a heated greenhouse in order
to enjoy your very own fresh veggies all winter long! More details may be found at bountifulblessingsshared.com/seminars/.

Atlanta Southside Homecoming
The Atlanta Southside Church will be holding their first homecoming during the weekend of Nov. 8-10, celebrating 46 years in the Jonesboro, Ga., area.

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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.

“Did You Know” series: 28 Fundamental Beliefs
The North American Division Office of Communication has produced 90-second videos of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs. The videos are on the MyWayToJesus.com website. This website project was developed for people who have no idea about who Jesus is. We know that many people are seeking for Jesus or “a higher power.” This site will answer many questions for those that are seeking and will ultimately direct them to the answers they are looking for. The videos are just one part of the website project. However, it is a major part. The videos are also being used as commercial spots on Hope Channel (beginning this month), on the new General Conference website (being released this fall), and will be made available to churches to use free of charge through AdventSource. View the spots at http://vimeo.com/channels/didyouknow.

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ALIVE AGAIN
Chris Marshall served this past summer as a student missionary in Argentina, where he witnessed a dead church become alive for Jesus once again. [Read the story]
CAMS AND COCA-COLA PARTNER TO BE BETTER STEWARDS

Collegedale Adventist Middle School (CAMS) is excited to announce a new venture in stewardship—environmental stewardship, that is. [Read the story]

WOMEN SHARE ON "THE SOUL OF LEADERSHIP"

A different approach was taken for the 2013 women’s leadership event, held August 2-4. [Read the story]
The author, Chris Marshall (second from right), stands with friends from the Santa Ines Church in Argentina, where he gave an evangelistic series in May.

This past May, I traveled to Argentina, to the city of Posadas, Missiones, as a student missionary. The church I was assigned to was in the city of Santa Ines.

Before the meetings began, the local pastor told me this church was known as one of the “dead” churches in the city. He said it had grown stale, and the members were not very active. That first Friday night, there were about 10 people. The next morning, about 25 people were at the worship service. At the end of my message, I made a very special call. I told everyone to invite their non-Christian friends to the meetings and asked anyone willing to invite a friend to stand. Everyone in the church rose to their feet! I initially thought people weren’t taking the call seriously. But that night at the meeting, attendance doubled—there were 50 people! Everyone, including the children, had invited a friend. The pastor later told me that he had never seen the members so alive and on fire for Jesus and outreach.
Santa Ines is located in a very rural area. Very few people have cars or even know how to drive, so most walk. The soil is rich in iron and clay, making it very muddy when it rains. It rained a lot, and I was surprised at how many people came to the meetings despite the mud; some had to walk for 20 minutes through the mud to make it to the church.

For one particular older couple who attended the meetings every night, this was their first experience with a church teaching beliefs other than Catholicism. Initially, they didn’t seem to respond to the calls; they never filled out any decision cards. I later found out that these two people, like many of the Santa Ines people, were not able to write, and were limited in their ability to read. At the end of the meetings, both of them came to the front in tears. They said the messages were the most beautiful thing they’d ever heard, and now they wanted to be baptized and follow Jesus. Then they gave me a paper on which they had tried their best to write a letter telling how appreciative they were of the messages. I am so excited to see them in heaven one day.

Being involved in international evangelism has given me a clearer picture of our mission here on earth far beyond what an entire year of school classes could ever do. By sharing our beliefs with others, I have come to better understand what I believe and want to spend the rest of my life telling people about Jesus.

Written by Chris Marshall

Photos contributed

*This student earned a Student Evangelist Scholarship through the Education Department. To qualify, students must attend a GCC academy or college and preach a 16- to 18-night evangelistic series.*
CAMS and Coca-Cola Partner to be Better Stewards

Linzie Lovett, a sixth-grade student at Collegedale Adventist Middle School, empties recyclables into the school’s collection bins.

Image attributed to: Murray Cooper

Collegedale Adventist Middle School (CAMS) is excited to announce a new venture in stewardship—environmental stewardship, that is. In partnership with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Cleveland, Tenn., CAMS opened its recycling station in August with cardboard and mixed paper bins and plans to soon add #1 plastic and aluminum containers.

As part of the grand opening, Debbie Millard came as the guest speaker for the school’s chapel on Aug. 30. Millard has been with Coca-Cola for more than 13 years and, more importantly, has been the operations clerk/environmental site contact for the Department of Quality Systems and Environmental Compliance since 2007. Coca-Cola of Cleveland is the only Coke plant in the United States to have a recycling outreach program. They partner with 46 businesses and schools in the area in keeping more than 500,000 pounds of paper and plastic products out of landfills. The plant gives training, supplies the collection bins, and transports the waste to the recycling facility. They also offer incentives in the form of credits that can be put toward recycled copy paper or tree saplings to enhance the environment.

CAMS had a desire to be a part of this effort not only for the obvious reason of being more environmentally responsible but also to encourage environmental awareness in the students and their families. Many parents bring their recyclables from home to the collection bins at the school, and the school looks forward to having more families join in. Their big-picture vision is to have all schools in the Greater Collegedale School System and the Collegedale Church participating in the program.

CAMS invites you to join them in their effort to be good stewards of the earth. Together, we can divert a few extra tons of waste from landfills and help raise environmental awareness in today’s youth.

Written by Leanne Barto
Photos by Murray Cooper
Shelly Turkenkopf gives a presentation titled “Living Within Limits” during the women’s leadership event on Aug. 3.

Image attributed to: Tamara Wolcott Fisher

A different approach was taken for the 2013 women’s leadership event, which was held August 2-4 at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Office in Calhoun, Ga.

The theme was “The Soul of Leadership” and four presenters covered a range of topics including “When Leaders Lose Their Souls” with Tammy Fisher, conference communication director; “Living Within Limits” with Shelly Turkenkopf, elementary teacher at A.W. Spalding School in Collegedale, Tenn.; “Spiritual Rhythms in the Life of the Leader” with Kim Thompson, conference regional education director; and “The Loneliness of Leadership” with Jo Dubs, conference women’s ministries director.

“Many of our local church leaders are feeling the pressure and demands of life pulling them in all directions,” Dubs said. “The weekend training gave an opportunity to learn leadership principles following after the life of Moses that will help each of us in our own personal walk with God and thereby strengthen us to serve better in the areas we have been asked to serve. [Principles like] how to pray, how to stay faithful, how to wait, how to lead, and how to let go when it is time.”

Participants were also encouraged to spend time seeking God through journaling and prayer.

“The weekend was inspirational. It was encouraging,” said Karen Tillotson, a member of the Douglasville (Ga.) Church. “It provided a lot of ideas and things for going forward. One of the presentations that I really took with me in my heart was that we have to take the time to come closer to God first. Ask Him for guidance and then everything else will fall into place.”

LaVerne Barnett, from the Adairsville (Ga.) Church, said she wants to see women “get on board and unify.”
“God has something special for us to do,” Barnett said. “Together with our brothers in Christ, we can move forward as we allow the Lord to bless us.”

Written by Tamara Wolcott Fisher, communication director

Photos by Tamara Wolcott Fisher