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 6—Questview Community Estate Sale—Lawrenceville, GA
Oct 6—Plant-based Cooking Class (Pt. 1)—Morristown Church, TN

Oct 7—Vegetarian Cooking Class—Cumberland Heights Church, TN
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 13—Fall Festival—Standifer Gap School, TN
Oct 13—Plant-based Cooking Class (Pt. 2)—Morristown Church, TN

Oct 14—Vegetarian Cooking Class—Cumberland Heights Church, TN
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 21—Vegetarian Cooking Class—Cumberland Heights Church, TN
Oct 24-27—Hispanic Youth Congress—Camp Kulaqua, FL
Oct 25-27—Marriage Retreat—Gatlinburg, TN

Oct 28—Vegetarian Cooking Class—Cumberland Heights Church, TN

CANCELED Nov 1-2—Homeland Lay Evangelism Training—GCC Office, GA
Nov 1-2—Family Ministries Leadership Training—GCC Office, GA
Nov 2—Prayer Ministries Day—Atlanta North Church, GA
-CONFERENCE EVENTS-

**Do Fast (Defend Orphans)—Oct. 18 & 19**
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—Oct. 18-20**
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—Oct. 25-27**
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.

**(Canceled) Homeland Lay Evangelism Training—Nov. 1-2**
The Adult Lay Evangelism Department is sorry to announce that the Homeland Lay Evangelism Training, scheduled for Nov. 1-2, has been canceled.

**2015 GC Session Music Audition—Dec. 31**
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.

**Cohutta Cancer Survivor Weekend—March 2014**
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.

-CHURCH & ORGANIZATION EVENTS-

**Chattanooga Messiah's Mansion—Sept. 28-Oct. 6**
Travel back more than 3,000 years into the desert between Egypt and Israel, where two million people banded together to build a tabernacle for their God. Each element in the tabernacle had deep, significant
meaning to the Hebrew people and will be explained in the tour. Tours will run daily from 1:00pm to 7:00pm with specially arranged group tours starting at 8:30am. The exhibit will be held Sept. 28-Oct. 6 at the Standifer Gap Family Center in Chattanooga, TN. The Messiah’s Mansion exhibit consists of five sections lasting about 15 minutes each. For more information, visit messiahsmansionchatt.org or call 423-954-0174 to arrange a group tour.

**Vegetarian Cooking Class—October**
The Cumberland Heights Church (Coalmont, TN) will be having a vegetarian cooking class every Monday night during the month of October. Call 931-692-4101 for more information.

**Sunbelt/Cohutta Springs Sprint Triathlon—Oct. 6**
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

**Community Estate Sale—Oct. 6**
The Questview Church will be hosting a community estate sale on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 7:00am to 3:00pm. Location is at 1404 Lawrenceville/Suwanee Rd., Lawrenceville, GA 30043. All new and gently used items will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Quality, hand-selected items at pauper prices! Items to be sold include: men's, women's, and children's clothes, shoes, jewelry, fine art, housewares, home decor, small kitchen appliances, patio furniture, rocking recliner, books, toys, decorations, and more!!

**Wildwood Pain Management seminar—Oct. 9-13**
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.

**Standifer Gap School Fall Festival—Oct. 13**
The Fall Festival at the Standifer Gap School will be on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the gym. All proceeds will go to support the classrooms. We will have a silent auction and fun and games for all ages! For more info, call the school at 423-892-6013.

**Winter Gardening Seminar—Oct. 20-27**
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
Atlanta Southside Homecoming—Nov. 8-10
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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Book Release: "Trust in HIS Glory"
Watch the book release trailer for this book by Teresa Littell, teacher at A.W. Spalding Elementary. In it, Teresa describes the events that transpired after the leukemia diagnosis in tumors found behind her young son’s eyes. His example of living to glorify God led to Teresa and her family being strengthened in their own faith, understanding that living each day for God is the only way to live. You can purchase the book through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

New Low Power FM Filing Window
Low Power FM (LPFM) radio stations have been offered a rare application “filing window” by the Federal Communications Commission for new LPFM stations from October 15 until 6 p.m. ET, October 29. The only previous opportunity to file applications for new LPFM stations was a series of regional filing windows conducted in 2000 and 2001.

"It is impossible to predict when another LPFM filing window might open, but it could likely be another decade away—if ever,” said John Geli, program/operations manager of the LifeTalk Radio (LTR) Network. “We don't want any of our Adventist churches, schools, hospitals, or other entities across North America and U.S. Territories to miss out on this rare opportunity to be able to apply for a low power radio station for their community,” he said.

Interested parties should prepare to take advantage of this rare opportunity now. The upcoming filing window will be open for applications throughout all 50 states and all U.S. territories. Learn more.

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.

3-POINT PLAY SHARES JESUS WITH KIDS AND SCORES BIG

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3-Point Play Shares Jesus with Kids and Scores Big

"The Conyers Church has just completed one of the most exciting 'evangelistic events' we have ever experienced," said John Strickland, pastor of the Conyers (Ga.) Church. "We had more than 175 visitors who attended our church for the first time and have never been in an Adventist church."

This outreach happened because of a basketball camp conducted by 3-Point Play Ministries, a ministry of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Eighty-four students (ages 8-13) attended with many parents observing. Parents were also invited to a special closing ceremony on Sunday.

Yes, the students learned basketball skills, but more importantly, each day they learned about Christ's saving power. This camp was one of five held this year in various locations. Every place where a camp has been held, Strickland's words have been echoed.

Students learn about basketball:
Dribbling, passing, shooting, proper defense.

Students learn about Jesus:
Love, grace, power, and help.

Approximately 200 students experienced that this summer. It can happen in your church also!

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