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Oct 14—Vegetarian Cooking Class—Cumberland Heights Church, TN
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Oct 18-20—Men's Retreat—Cohutta Springs
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Oct 20-27—Winter Gardening seminar—Williamsport, TN
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Oct 24-27—Hispanic Youth Congress—Camp Kulaqua, FL
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Oct 27—Wild Tree Tasting Party—Athens Church, TN
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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

Nov 4—Vegetarian Cooking School—LaFollette Company, TN
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Nov 7-8—Choral/Bells Festival—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Nov 8-10—Atlanta Southside Homecoming—Atlanta Southside Church, GA
Nov 9—Health Rally—Decatur Church, TN
Nov 9—Movie Premier for "The Blueprint"—Conyers & Marietta Churches, GA
Nov 9-10—ACS Disaster Response Training—Murphy Church, NC

Nov 10—Tenacious Tour—Hamilton Community Church, TN
Nov 16—Folk Music Concert—Athens Church, TN

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-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](http://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](http://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.

**Festival of Praise—Dec. 7**

This year's Festival of Praise will be held Dec. 7 at 5:00 pm at the Springfield Baptist Church (1877 Iris Dr. SE, Conyers, GA). A joint effort of the South Atlantic and Georgia-Cumberland conferences, the day will feature music, praise, worship, and honoring ministry heroes. Guest speaker will be Dan Jackson, NAD president, and a highlight will be the Festival of Praise mass choir with director Jarrett Roseborough. If you're interested in joining the choir, click here to fill out the interest form. Don't miss this event!

**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](http://gcsession.org). Click the "Music Application Packet" tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through Dec. 31, 2013.

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**-CHURCH & ORGANIZATION EVENTS-**

**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.

**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 at [bountifulblessingsshared.com/seminars/](http://bountifulblessingsshared.com/seminars/).
Wild Tree Tasting Part—Oct. 27
Learn how to spice up your vegetarian and vegan meals with this wild tree tasting party! It will be held at the Athens (TN) Church fellowship hall (235 Delay St., Athens, TN) on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2:00 pm. For more information, contact Emma Hunter at 423-253-7909 or emmamay51958@tds.net.

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.

Movie Premier—Nov. 9
"The Blueprint: The Story of Adventist Education," Martin Doblmeier's documentary film that focuses on the extraordinary education system operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be premiered at 3:00 pm on Nov. 9 at the Conyers Church followed by a 5:30 pm showing at the Marietta Church.

Tenacious Tour—Nov. 10
On Nov. 10, Hamilton Community Church will be hosting Light Up This City—Tenacious Tour. Come learn how God uses a terminal diagnosis to turn a man and his family into champions. Special guests will also include Bo Bice, Daves Highway, and John Berry. Admission is free. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Learn more about the tour.

Folk Music Concert—Nov. 16
Don & Donna Mohl bring their unique blend of gospel/folk music back to Athens Church (230 New Englewood Road, Athens, TN) on Nov. 16. They will lift their voices in praises to the Lord with an extended Sabbath school concert, worship service special music, and again at a Sabbath evening vespers. For more information, contact Emma Hunter at 423-253-7909 or emmamay51958@tds.net.

Festival of Praise Mass Choir
Sign up to perform with the mass choir, directed by Jarrett Roseborough. First rehearsal will be Oct. 26 at 5:00 pm. Contact Michele McFarlane-Webb at 706-602-7384.

Communication Resources
Later this month, the NAD Communication Department and Advent Source will be releasing four new books for church communicators that will prove to be a blessing for your local church communicators.

- **Crisis Management Boot Camp**: A Practical Guide to Crisis Communication, by Celeste Ryan Blyden
- **Mobile Ministry**: Using Technology to Spread the Gospel, by Joel J. Sam and Jason Alexis
- **Media Outreach**: How to Get Your Stories in the Media, by George Johnson Jr.
• **Social Media**: Creating an Interactive Communication Plan, by Jason Caston

Download the flyer to learn more about the books.

**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 Oct. 15 until 6:00 pm (EST), Oct. 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.

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**COHUTTA SPRINGS FOUNDATION RETREAT BLESSES MEMBERS**

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Clifford Goldstein, keynote speaker for the Cohutta Springs Foundation members' retreat

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Olivier LeMaitre, Cohutta Springs Conference Center executive director

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Darrel Starkey, former Cohutta Springs Foundation president

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Brian McDaniel, new Cohutta Springs Foundation president

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The foundation (formerly known as the Development Associates) provides counsel, direction, ideas, and funds for programs and projects at Cohutta.

“The foundation continues to work hand in hand with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference helping to defray the cost of many new and improved facilities like the recent dining hall addition and patios,” said Darrel Starkey, who has served as foundation president for the past five years.

The members’ weekend was packed with fun and inspiration. Clifford Goldstein, editor of the adult Sabbath School quarterly and author, was the keynote speaker. Another highlight was listening to reports from Rob Lang, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp director, and Olivier LeMaitre, Cohutta Springs Conference Center executive director.

“After 21 years of leading camp ministry, I still can't describe all the good things that take place at camp,” said Lang. “There are too many things on so many levels for so many lives! Camp is a place where faith comes into focus. With more than 30 outdoor activities and the opportunity to develop essential life skills at the same time, it is unparalleled as a life-changing experience, and it is fun! I will be baptizing two boys at camp because that is where they made their decisions for Jesus and being a Seventh-day Adventist. This evening I will be officiating a wedding for two young adults who met at camp while working on staff. A new Adventist home will be formed! This is what is happening today because of camp ministry!”

The weekend also included recognition for Rick and Shelly Stern, from Collegedale, Tenn. The Sterns were the recipients of the Winton Preston Award, which acknowledges members who show extraordinary support in growing foundation membership and provide outstanding support.

“I wish every member of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference could experience the thrill of hearing the annual mission and ministry report presented to the foundation members during the annual retreat,” Starkey said.

Membership is open to all. Contact Cohutta Springs at 706-695-9093 for more information.
The Garden, located in the backyard of the Calhoun Church

If you haven’t seen The Garden in Calhoun yet, you need to come for a special event on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 7:00 p.m. That is when the music pavilion’s ribbon cutting takes place. The Garden is a fascinating miniature surprise located literally in the backyard of the Calhoun Church (1411 Rome Rd., Calhoun, GA).

Visitors stroll through an array of beautiful flowers and greenery, as they spy miniature porcelain people and animals as small as two inches and dwarf-sized structures of churches, houses, and cathedrals (including a replica of the famed Notre Dame in Paris, France). All the artistry is designed and constructed by Adventist church members, along with a host of others in the Calhoun community and beyond. Some of the community groups who helped make this possible: local Girl Scouts, The Red Hat Society, and a group from Riverview Baptist Church.

A grant of $2,000 from the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia made the music pavilion possible. Representatives of the foundation will be on hand for the ribbon cutting. The pavilion, however, towers over more than 50 diminutive buildings that are all built from the tiniest pebbles, stones, rocks, pieces of glass, and shells, held together with cement and wire. The pavilion towers because it accommodates real-sized people. Appropriately, local area musicians will perform a concert at the event.

DeWitt (Old Dog) Boyd, a self-employed artist is the project’s architect. He came up with the idea to build the garden six years ago. Early on, the Calhoun Church formed a Garden Committee. Wil Starr serves as committee chairman, and Dick Miller as the liaison for the church.

“Various assistants have helped me, primarily Joyce Maples,” Old Dog said. “Without people like Dottie Starr and all of them there wouldn’t be The Garden.”

Anyone who wishes to volunteer with The Garden’s ongoing expansion of artistry or help with the physical upkeep (such as weeding) can...
call Old Dog at 706-263-1937.

There is never any charge to visit The Garden. Visitors who plan to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets. A candle-lighting ceremony will occur at dusk following the ribbon cutting and entertainment. Parking is at the church site, and a gravel walk leads to The Garden. Further questions can be made to the church office: 706-629-5470.

The Garden is now listed as one of the places to see in north Georgia. [www.exploregeorgia.org/listing/11119-folk-art-garden](http://www.exploregeorgia.org/listing/11119-folk-art-garden)

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Photo contributed
(from left) Juli Hamilton, Melissa Hannah, and Joyce Amico, attired in chapeau finery for the Homespun Tea at the Calhoun Church.

About 110 women attend the Homespun Tea at the Calhoun (GA) Church on Sept. 22. The theme was “When you can’t see His hand, trust His heart.”

The filled fellowship hall found ladies in their finery, yet maintained a homespun atmosphere provided by quilts from various decades. One quilt in particular was an heirloom from the American Civil War period, a plain quilt of a muslin-type fabric, unlike the fancy work of later-day quilts.

“A tea provides women an atmosphere for unhurried conversation, a time for making memories, and sharing in a peaceful, serene, feminine environment,” said Carole Huddleston, director of the church’s women’s ministry. “Ladies should feel comfortable dressed up in all their tea "finery," or in just a simple garment. The objective is to enjoy the time by visiting with one another, sampling delightful dainty treats, and just relaxing. The goal is to bring ladies of the community into common ground: a tea together with prayer and fellowship.”

Glenda Hayward, coordinator for the tea, said the idea to host a tea for the ladies in the community started at the beginning of this year.

“In January, when the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church passed away, we wanted to reach out to the women of their church. But the tornado hit, and we had to take care of the more practical needs of the community,” Hayward said.

However, the idea stayed with the planning committee, and the women decided to host the tea at a later date and to invite the community women to attend “to enlarge the circle of Jesus.”

To make the occasion extra special, the planners invited author Ruthie Jacobsen, a resident of north Georgia and coordinator for the North
American Division’s Prayer Ministries Department. Jacobsen is also a former talk show host for 3ABN TV and is known for her prayer conferences across the United States and in several foreign countries.

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