Nov 3-9—Week of Prayer—Austell Grandview Church, GA
Nov 4—Vegetarian Cooking School—LaFollette Company, TN
Nov 6-9—CHIP Summit & Leadership Training Workshop—Tucson, AZ
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—Homecoming Sabbath—Cedar Ridge Church, TN
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
Nov 16—Christmas In My Heart with Dr. Joe Wheeler—Chattanooga First Church, TN
Nov 16—Women’s Ministries Day—Alpharetta Church, GA

Dec 7—Festival of Praise—Springfield Baptist Church, Conyers, GA
Dec 7—Country Gospel Concert with Kenny & Donna Morse—Jellico Church, TN
Dec 7—Christmas Handbell Program—Rossville Church, GA

-CONFERENCE EVENTS-

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“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 6:00 pm showing at the Marietta Church. This is a premier event that will feature special music by local students and a guest appearance by director Martin Doblmeier. Free admission. Download the poster or handouts.

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. 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-**

**Atlanta Southside Homecoming—Nov. 8-10**
The Atlanta Southside Church is pleased to extend a special invitation to current and former Atlanta Southside members to join them for the 46th anniversary of the church, which has had 46 wonderful years attending to the spiritual and physical needs of the community. The anniversary celebration, to be held the weekend of Nov. 8-10, will be on the church premises. The theme for the weekend is “There is No Place Like Home.” Come back home and see old friends and families this weekend. The celebration begins Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:30pm with a service of thanksgiving. Victor Maddox, Georgia-Cumberland Conference vice president for pastoral ministries and discipleship, will be the speaker for Sabbath. The afternoon events include a luncheon, reminiscences, and a concert. On Sunday, there will be a family fun day on the church premises. This anniversary celebration is an opportunity to thank God for all His provisions over these 46 years. Anyone who has old pictures of members or events at Southside, please contact the church at 770-478-6999.

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**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 4:30pm. 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 vespres. For more information, contact Emma Hunter at 423-253-7909 or emmamay51958@tds.net.

**Christmas In My Heart with Dr. Joe Wheller—Nov. 16**
Dr. Joe Wheeler, Adventist author, editor, compiler, and America's leading anthologist, will be sharing stories from the "Christmas In My Heart" book series on Sabbath, Nov. 16. Join us and Dr. Wheeler at Chattanooga First Church for the 10:55am worship service, where his sermon will be "Our Lord and The Daily Story Hour," and a special children's story "Tell Me A Story Of Christmas." Plan to stay for fellowship dinner, as well.

Then from 1:50pm to 3:00pm, there will be another special story time with Dr. Wheeler for elementary school children. If your child has a special book by Dr. Wheeler, he will sign it for them. Bring a cushion or blanket for your child to sit on.

At 4:30pm, Dr. Wheeler will be presenting his second topic: "The Story—and Stories—of Christmas In My Heart," at Collededale Community Church. Plan to stay for the reception and book signing following sundown worship. His latest book, "Abraham Lincoln: Civil War Stories" will also be available for signing.

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Albany Church Rejoices with Baptisms, Dedication, and Wedding

Kelly and Gary participate in the salt ceremony during their traditional Irish wedding on June 2 at the Albany Church.

Baptismal candidates and their families are recognized on Sabbath, June 1, at the Albany Church.

The first weekend of June, the Albany Community Church (Albany, Ga.) experienced a truly heaven-sent blessing. On Sabbath morning, the church witnessed a dedication and three baptisms. The weekend finished with a traditional Irish wedding.

On June 1, the Sabbath morning worship was blessed! One of the congregation’s young families, Scott and Leigh Prichett, came forward with their two children—daughter, Riley (10), and son, Rad (4). Rad was dedicated to the Lord, and Riley was baptized. Two more individuals also came forward to be baptized: Kelly Davis and Gary Riley.

On June 2, the church was active again, this time for the marriage of Riley and Davis, the two individuals who had been baptized the previous day. The ceremony was informal and included a number of Irish traditions including traditional men’s dress; locking the doors so the groom cannot escape; the salt ceremony, signifying the union of the couple as one flesh; giving a silver horseshoe for blessings upon the
couple’s new home; the first congratulations for the new bride by the pastor; and the Irish blessing given to the couple by those in attendance. Bagpipes completed the Irish wedding.

It is such a blessing when the children of church members step up and say, “I’m ready to dedicate my life to God.” Pray God’s Spirit continues working in the churches of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Written by Rhonda Wilson
Georgia-Cumberland Conference

(From left) Walter Britton, Ezequiel Cancelado, Neftaly Ortiz, Nancy Ortiz, Wendell Stover, Mygdalia Boles, BJ Boles, and Joel Mayen make up the evangelistic team that traveled to Cuba in July.

A local (left) who brought his grandson to the Vacation Bible School in Potrerillo de Cuba lets Neftaly Ortiz take a turn driving his horse and buggy.
More than 200 children attended the VBS during the evangelistic meetings held by Neftaly and Nancy Ortiz in Potrerillo de Cuba.

Joel Mayen poses for a group photo with church members in Cueto de Cuba.

An evangelistic team from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference led by Neftaly Ortiz, Hispanic evangelism coordinator, set out for Cuba on July 10 to conduct meetings. Simultaneously, Tropical Storm Chantal was brewing in the Atlantic and threatening to become a hurricane. The projected course of the storm had it headed straight for the location where the group would be—Holguin, Cuba. The team of eight individuals prayed earnestly regarding the storm, that it not delay or cancel the trip. To God’s glory, the storm dissipated and did not make landfall. The evangelistic team arrived on schedule, and the evangelistic meetings occurred without disruption. This would be the first of many miracles God would work in Cuba over the next two weeks.

The country of Cuba is its own union within the structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. According to the current Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook, at the end of 2012, the Cuba Union Conference had 302 churches and a church membership of 32,963. Cuba itself has a little over 11 million inhabitants, meaning a ratio of one Adventist for every 340 people. The union is comprised of three conferences—Central, East, and West—and one mission, Eastern. The evangelistic team went to the East Cuba Conference, which encompasses 82 churches and 9,124 members. The plan was to conduct six simultaneous meetings in Las Tunas, Cañada de Melones, Potrerillo, Banes, Moa, and Cueto. These locations were specifically chosen in order to evangelize smaller, more rural locations outside the urban area of the regional capital of Holguin.

The beautiful people of Cuba, while poor, are content with what they have and do not complain. They are hungry for the Word of God. Pastors make the equivalent of only $25 a month, yet they maintain a wonderful spirit of service. The faithful church members were supportive of the meetings, giving of their time and resources. It was impressive to see the sacrifices people made to attend the meetings: walking long distances, riding for hours in the backs of crammed trucks, and getting home late at night only to be there early the next
evening. In the small community of Retrete, three Adventist women invited their neighbors to the meetings in Banes, Cuba. A truck was hired to bring the group the 40 minutes each way along the bumpy roads. In the end, more than 50 were coming in the truck, and they wanted to continue studying!

The meetings were a spiritual blessing to the evangelistic team, the host churches, and all of those who came to hear the truth of Jesus. Lives were changed, people gave their hearts to the Lord, and a great revival occurred among the members. Hundreds of non-Adventist children attended Vacation Bible Schools that were held at the sites. Overall, more than 1,250 people attended the evangelistic meetings at the six locations. There were 69 baptisms during the meetings, and more than 150 precious people made decisions to be baptized.

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Written by BJ Boles, former pastor of the Augusta First Church

Photos contributed
Cleveland First Hispanic Celebrates Adventurer Club

The Cleveland First Hispanic Company celebrated the inauguration of its first Adventurer club on Sept. 14.

Hector Hernandez, pastor, baptizes one of the Adventurer club members.

On Sept. 14, the Cleveland First Hispanic Company (Cleveland, Tenn.) held an inauguration service for its Adventurer club. Before the ceremony, members rejoiced over the baptism of one of the girls in the club.

The church started the club as a way to reach out to community children following this summer’s Vacation Bible School.

The group consists of 20 members—nine Eager Beavers and 11 Adventurers—and is only 60 percent Adventist. Adriana Almaguer leads the club with the help of seven staff members.
Written by Hector Hernandez, pastor of Cleveland First Hispanic Company

Photos contributed