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calendar of events
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

Nov 17—Vegan Supper Club—Knoxville First Church, TN
Nov 23—Visitors’ Day—New England Church, GA

Nov 30—Jaime Jorge Christmas Concert—Collegedale Community Church, TN

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

Dec 8—An Evening of Elegance: United in Love—Snellville, GA
Dec 8—GCA National Honor Society—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Dec 14—GCA Festival of Praise—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Dec 14—GCA Drama Vespers—Georgia-Cumberland Academy

Jan 4—NAD Day of Prayer
Jan 8-18—10 Days of Prayer

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**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.
-CHURCH & ORGANIZATION EVENTS-

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.

Christmas In My Heart with Dr. Joe Wheeler—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 Collegedale 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.

Vegan Supper Club—Nov. 17
The Knoxville Vegan Supper Club will meet on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 5:00pm at the Knoxville First Church (3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919). Attendees will enjoy a plant-based meal and see live food demonstrations. Participants will hear a presentation on sugar and diabetes by Dr. Larry Rahn.

Dr. Rahn is director of the Care Today Clinic, with the East Tennessee Medical Group. He obtained his medical degree from Loma Linda University and specializes in family practice, emergency medicine, and occupational medicine. He is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

The event is open to the public. There is no entrance fee, but a suggested donation of $10 per person can be made on site. Registration is limited to 50 participants and the registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 14. For more information and to register, visit knoxvilleinstep.com or contact Kimberly Crider at 865-264-3894.

Jaime Jorge Concert—Nov. 30
Enjoy a free concert featuring renowned violinist Jaime Jorge. The concert will be held on Nov. 30 at 6:00pm at the Collegedale Community Church (4995 Swinyar Dr., Ooltewah, TN 37363).
Church in the Park

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The Oct. 26 Church in the Park event had much participation from church members and friends. Chad, a former restaurant owner, willingly accepted the challenge of feeding 100 people. A praise and worship band, Let Your Light Shine, from the Peachtree City Church agreed to lead the music. William Bohannon, Carrollton Church member, volunteered to share his testimony about walking away from a secular music recording label and letting God lead him into Christian music. The local chapter of Adventist Christian Fellowship, on the campus of University of West Georgia, shared about their weekly Bible study and social gatherings. Loaves and Fishes, the Carrollton Church’s food bank, prepared bags of food for those who came. And the church’s young people joined in the program, sharing the scripture reading from John 3.

The smell of food cooking on the grill, the sound of music in the air, and the noises of happy children doing crafts drew people from the neighborhoods surrounding the park. The small church spent the afternoon worshipping and rejoicing with about 50 guests and visitors who also attended, many of them requesting more information about the church.

“This is one of the best Sabbaths I have ever had,” said Renee, one of the Carrollton youth.

The church plans to host another Church in the Park in the spring as the members live our their mission of “Loving All, Learning Together, Living in Service, Leading in Discipleship” to share Jesus with their community.

Written by Nate Elias, pastor of the Carrollton Church

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