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Dec 12—CA Band Christmas Concert—Collegedale Academy
Dec 12-13—Come, Walk Thru Bethlehem—Oglethorpe City Park, GA
Dec 14—Wonderful Jesus Christmas Pageant—Battlefield Community Church, GA
Dec 14—GCA Festival of Carols—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Dec 14—GCA Drama Vespers—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Dec 15—Vegan Supper Club—Knoxville First Church, TN
Dec 15—Hixon Church’s Homeless Christmas Program—Chattanooga, TN
Dec 15—CA Choir and Orchestra Concert—Collegedale Church, TN
Dec 21—Annual Christmas Concert—Alpharetta Church, GA

Jan 4—NAD Day of Prayer
Jan 4—Pioneer Outreach Rally—Savannah Church, Pooler, GA
Jan 4—Adventurer Directors’ Council—Cohutta Springs (camp side)
Jan 5—Pathfinder Directors’ Council—Cohutta Springs (camp side)
Jan 8-18—10 Days of Prayer
Jan 17-18—Engage Youth Rally—Bowman Hills Church, TN

-CONFERENCE EVENTS-

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.

High School Retreat—Jan. 31-Feb. 2
High School Retreat is a great Bible conference event for Adventist students (grades 9-12) who are not attending SDA schools. This event will be held Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, 2014. Prior participants state that this weekend at Cohutta Springs has been life changing. Save $10 per student if you register by Jan. 13. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan 27. Register online at registration.gccsda.com or contact Alyse at 706-629-7951 (x346) or alyse@gccsda.com.

LifeGroup Retreat for Young Adults—Jan. 31-Feb. 2
Come for the weekend of Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, 2014, to experience LifeGroup training and get involved with what God is doing. Learn how to connect yourself and your peers to Jesus on a weekly basis. Enjoy great
Children’s Ministries Convention—Feb. 7-9
This year’s theme is “Our Eyes are on You” and will feature guest speaker J.N. Mike Faison, a creative children’s ministries presenter from Savannah, Ga. The convention will be held Feb. 7-9 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Register online at registration.gccsda.com; deadline is Jan. 26.

Social Media: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly—Feb. 9
This communication workshop will be presented by Ernest Staats, IT director for Georgia-Cumberland Academy. The workshop is free and will be held on Feb. 9, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, at the conference office. Register online at registration.gccsda.com

-FALL 360-

Fall 360
360 is the video news magazine of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. This issue features Plum Tasty, a vegan/vegetarian restaurant in Greeneville, Tenn. Check it out!

Attention Pastors: Prepare-Enrich Marriage Counseling Training/Certification
If you are interested in doing premarital or marital counseling, then you will want to attend a special
certified training program on the campus of Southern Adventist University on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, at 9:00am. The program uses Prepare-Enrich, which is one of the most extensively used premarital programs in the United States. Just one day of training will enable you to become certified in this valuable program. If you take this course through the Prepare-Enrich website, the cost is $225; however, we are able to offer a live seminar at a price of $175 with an extra $25 discount for pastors and ministry leaders. The $150 cost includes a full resource kit, certification, and other counseling tools. For more information on Prepare-Enrich, visit their website at prepare-enrich.com. For information about the training, please contact Dr. Alan Parker at parker@southern.edu or to register for the Prepare-Enrich training workshop directly, please click here.

Attention Communication Leaders: "The Mobile Way—Intro to Storytelling Mastery" Free Webinar

Chip Dizard (co-host of TechTalk), along with Amani Channel, will be hosting a free webinar this coming Thursday, Dec. 12 at 4:00pm.

There are some people who will tell you how easy it is to make great videos. It can be easy, but if you're just getting started, it can be downright frustrating. We know because we've been there. We've made our share of mistakes. We've crashed and burned once or twice, and have created more than a few poorly produced videos. It's part of the process. So how does that benefit you? We're students of the craft and like you, we're always striving to get better and we want help you do the same. People ask often ask us, "What's the best camera and the easiest way to start creating videos?" The answer is simple, use what you have, and these days more often than not, the camera that you have is your smartphone or tablet. You'd be amazed by the types of videos that you can create with a mobile device. From mini movies, to sales and marketing videos, and everything in between. As easy as it seems to create a video with a mobile device, if you don't use the proper techniques it may turn out badly, and nothing will be more discouraging than that. We're sharing mobile storytelling essentials in a live webinar called, "The Mobile Way—Intro to Storytelling Mastery," on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 4:00pm.

We'll share video production and storytelling tips including:

- The 4-Step Production Formula (works for any type of video)
- Affordable Gear (that will Save you thousands)
- The best kind of videos for mobile
- Mobile Software Editing Options
- How to get started right away

Learn from two web video pioneers who want to help you share your story with the world. Space is limited, so sign up now. We're really looking forward to sharing this information! You won't want to miss it! Register now.

Chattanooga Students Selected to Perform on Popular NPR Music Show; ‘From the Top’ Taping Broadcast in Chattanooga on Jan. 23
From the Top, the preeminent showcase for young musicians heard weekly on NPR stations across the country, is coming to the Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga to tape a radio broadcast on Jan. 23 at 7:00pm. The popular program will feature the amazing performances and captivating personal stories of extraordinary young classical musicians from across the country. This episode is brought to the Tivoli by Southern Adventist University’s WSMC Classical 90.5 FM and is sponsored by Memorial Hospital. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 423.757.5050 or visiting wsmc.org.

The broadcast taping features several young musicians, five of which are from East Tennessee. The performance will showcase the McCallie School Guitar Quartet, which includes Chattanooga students Drew Shikoh, Matthew Norris, Ralston Hartness, and Griffin Jayne. Also featured will be pianist Mayuki Miyashita, from Maryville, Tenn. In addition to From the Top, the Tivoli event includes performances by the Chattanooga Youth Symphony and Southern’s Symphony Orchestra during a special pre-broadcast performance.

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Jerline Porch celebrated her 99th birthday on Oct. 11.

Members of the Calhoun Church (Calhoun, Ga.) hosted a birthday for member Jerline Porch on Oct. 6.

Ninety-nine years is a long lifetime—and all of it has been lived in Gordon County. Jerline was born to Jesse Washington Mann and Ida Shepherd Mann on Oct. 11, 1914. As the seventh of 12 children, her life provided constant interest.

Reared on a farm, working in the fields, she learned good work ethics and a labor-intensive life. She started teaching other students before she completed seventh grade, and as an adult, “a committee of three came to me requesting that I restart a school for Black children in Sonoraville that closed down 50 years previously.” She did—with no degree. She often performed nursing duties such as helping deliver babies and caring for the sick. She still gets tears in her eyes when speaking of a baby sister and a brother who had typhoid fever.

“I also operated on cats and chickens,” she said, chuckling.

Again, no degree for her nursing smarts. Over the years, she even worked as a truck driver.

Through it all, she sang songs like “Amazing Grace” and other “back yonder” songs, she said.

“We sang in the field while chopping cotton.”

Singing runs in her family. She still sings around the house and recently sang at church for a women’s ministries program. She notes kin as outstanding singers.
“A cousin of my Papa, Roland Hayes, was well-known, the world’s highest paid tenor in the 1920s. And Papa’s brother was a good baritone.”

As a young woman of 20, she met a young man of 22, Horace Porch.

“I didn’t invite him to come visit, but he kept coming,” she said.

His insistence paid off, and a year later they married, becoming parents to four children, with two sons still surviving. Again, tears fill her eyes whenever speaking of her late husband and the loss of their two children.

“He could build anything from the ground up,” she said of Horace. She lost him “after 48 years, two months, and three days.”

Regardless of her many years, her progeny is small: one granddaughter, one grandson. No greats or great-greats.

Jerline still keeps a garden, but it’s bucket gardening these days, as she grows tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and cantaloupes for starters. And her favorite crop: herbs. Her doctor once told her, “I don’t know what you’re doing, but whatever it is, keep doing it.” She maintains that God and the herbs get the credit.

Jerline keeps herself busy with various hobbies. She enjoys growing flowers—roses being her favorite—and is known around Calhoun for wearing pretty chapeaus, most of which she creates herself.

“I’ve always liked hats since I was a little girl,” she said.

Though several of her close relatives have lived well into their nineties, Jerline said she never thought she’d live to be 99. She notes that her heritage is Cherokee and Black on her father’s side, and Cherokee and White on her mother’s side.

When asked what she’d say to God about allowing her to have such a long life, she brightens and replies, “I’d thank Him and ask Him if I’ve done what He wanted me to do. And ask Him to forgive me for my sins.”

Written by Betty Kossick

Photo contributed
A Big Hug From God

Pastors lay hands on Carole Verrill during her commissioning prayer.

Image attributed to: Brian Young
Victor Maddox (right), vice president for pastoral ministries and discipleship, congratulates Verrill and hands her the certificate of commissioning.

Image attributed to: Brian Young
The Verrill Family: Tom, Carole, Christina, Kaitlyn, and Andrew.

Image attributed to: Brian Young

Carole Verrill has been active in ministry since the age of 10, when her pastor’s wife saw potential in her and asked her to lead out in one of the Sabbath school divisions.

“She just saw a love for children in me, even though I was just a child myself,” Verrill said. “She encouraged me to get involved in leading and teaching in the cradle roll division in our church. And I started there because she had faith in me, and I kept on ministering, and I found out I just loved it and was passionate about it.”

Because of her love for children and teaching, she majored in elementary education at Atlantic Union College. While attending the Florida Hospital Church, Verrill’s husband, Tom, saw they had an opening for a children’s minister and encouraged her to apply.

“Carole has always had a passion for ministry in families and children. It’s where her heart is,” he said. “When the opportunity opened, her life seemed to [have been] leading up to all they were looking for. It seemed to fit who she is and what she’s about.”

God opened those doors, and she had the opportunity to serve as pastor at the Florida Hospital Church for three years before moving to the Collegedale Church, where she has served for the past five years.

On Sept. 14, friends, family, and conference officials gathered at the Collegedale Church for her commissioning.

“It’s an honor and I take this like an affirmation hug from God—just a real big hug from Him,” Verrill said. “I’m thankful He’s allowed me to serve in this way, and I hope to continue to serve in this way. It’s been just a blessing.”

Written by Brian Young, communication assistant director
Photos by Brian Young
Jessica Ahn, GCA senior, won first place in her age category in the Music Teachers' National Association state competition on Nov. 5.

Jessica Ahn, senior at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and the daughter of physicians Daniel Ahn and Susan Kim Ahn, recently won the top prize in her age category for piano performance in the Music Teachers’ National Association state competition. On Nov. 5, 2013, Jessica performed 25 minutes of advanced piano literature from a range of musical styles in front of a panel of judges. She competed against 11 other top senior high school pianists from across the state for this award and will now have the honor of competing in the nine-state regional competition in Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 19.

Jessica’s piano program for the state competition included pieces by Haydn, Schumann, Ravel and Prokofiev. Jessica’s favorite of her repertoire was the Ravel piece.

“The first movement of Ravel’s suite Gaspard de la Nuit, entitled Ondine, is very water-y and impressionistic,” Ahn said. “It is my favorite of the pieces I played for the competition.”

Currently a student of Helen Ramsaur, retired long-time piano teacher at Shorter College, 17-year-old Jessica began studying music at the age of five. Her intelligence, discipline, and innate talent merged beautifully over the years, producing an outstanding young musician. Ramsaur is amazed at how quickly Jessica learns.

“I have had many bright students, but Jessica sees the notation patterns and can immediately play them,” she said. “I attribute this partially to her work and study habits, which her parents have taught her.”

Jessica has experienced many winning performances in her short piano career. In 2012, she captured a winning spot in the senior high school division of the Rome Symphony’s Concerto Competition and was privileged to perform with the Rome Symphony. She has also been the winner of a past Georgia Federation of Music Club’s competition, as well as Georgia Music Teachers’ Association and other more local competitions.
Music is not the only area in which Jessica shines brightly. This National Merit commended senior has been offered a full-ride scholarship to her university of choice based on her stellar grades and outstanding test scores. Jessica plans to pursue a career in medicine and is considering a double major in chemistry and music. On top of her academic and musical accomplishments, this well-rounded young woman has also been active in student government, class activities, the National Honor Society, and her church. In addition, Jessica accompanies the choir at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and holds down a part time job.

“Music has taught me many things such as discipline and perseverance,” Ahn said. “However, I give credit to God for keeping me calm when competing and helping me to do my best.”