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Feb 22—Leadership Training—Health & Personal Ministries—Atlanta Belvedere Church, GA

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Feb 27-Mar 10—Nicaragua Mission Trip with GCA
Feb 28-Mar 2—Master Guides' Winter Camp—TN
Feb 28-Mar 2—CONNECT: ACF Leadership Conference—Cohutta Springs

Mar 1—Leadership Training—Health & Personal Ministries—Macon Church, GA

Mar 7-9—Celebration of Life Weekend—Cohutta Springs Conference Center

---CON dERENCE EVENTS---

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 food, new friends, and beautiful Cohutta Springs. Cost is $69 and the registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 27. Register online at registration.gccsda.com or contact Alyse at 706-629-7951 (x346) or alyse@gccsda.com.

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.

Prayer Conference—Feb. 14-16
The theme for this year’s prayer conference is "Simply Prayer: Touching the Heart of God" and will feature guest speaker Lee Venden. The weekend will also feature music by Beloved, a ladies’ quartet, and a special presentation with Kenneth Brummel about the historic Washington Church in New Hampshire. It's sure to be a blessing! The conference will be held Feb. 14-16 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Register online at registration.gccsda.com.

Celebration of Life Weekend—March 7-9
The Celebration of Life Weekend will be held March 7-9 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. This weekend is designed for cancer patients currently receiving treatment and those who have completed treatment within the past year, their immediate family, and/or primary care giver. Dr. Farris Jordan (psychologist/author/humorist) will present "Laughter is the Best Therapy." Cost is $50 per family. Register by mail with check or online with credit card at cohuttasprings.com/CoL-2014. See your pastor for more details/registration form. Registration deadline is Feb. 20.

Women's & Teen Girls' Spring Retreat—March 14-16
If the Shoe Fits—"Walk in love as Christ loved us" (Eph. 5:2): This year's Women's & Teen Girls' Spring Retreat will be held March 14-16 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Join us for a spirit-filled weekend that will help you make a difference! Register by Feb. 20 for the Early Bird rate. Download the brochure from gccsda.com or register online at registration.gccsda.com. Questions? Call Donna Crandall at 800-567-1844 (x 342).

-Church & Organization Events-

Memorial Service for Frances Fox—Feb. 2
A celebration of life memorial service for Frances Fox has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2:00 pm at the Collegedale Community Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to her home church at Collegedale Community Church. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Lifestyle Medicine Conference—Feb. 3-4
The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Southern Adventist University's School of Nursing is hosting the Lifestyle Medicine Conference Feb. 3-4. Keynote speakers include T. Colin Campbell (The China Study) and Rip Esselstyn (Engine 2 Diet), both of whom were featured in the documentary Forks Over Knives. The conference is free and open to the public. For more details, including a complete conference schedule, visit southern.edu/lifestyleconference. Please note that an RSVP is not required for the keynote addresses on Feb. 3 at 7:00pm at the Cigna Healthcare Company and on Feb. 4 at 7:30pm at Southern's Iles P.E. Center. However, the additional lectures do require an RSVP due to space limitations.

Revelation: Hope, Meaning, Purpose—Feb. 4
This chapter-by-chapter, 24-part series begins Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-8:00pm at Georgia Gilbert Hall (235 Delay St., Athens, TN) For online registration, go to revelationseminar.eventbrite.com.

Ask the Attorney Workshops—Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Ask the Attorney Workshops will be presented at the Chattanooga First Church on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25. Come for a free workshop and light supper. Each workshop will be conducted by a licensed attorney they will address topics about wills, trusts, and other important estate planning options. Space is limited to 100 attendees per session. You must RSVP at least one week in advance. To register, call Southern Adventist University at 423-236-2832.

Engagement and Marriage Preparation Weekend—March 14-16
Couples who are planning on getting married this summer or who are seriously considering marriage are invited to attend a special weekend at Southern Adventist University. Couples will learn the secrets to successful marriage, the importance of a spiritual foundation, how to communicate effectively and resolve conflict, and how to deal with unresolved issues from the past. In addition, there will be practical and fun exercises using a well-established curriculum that has benefited hundreds of couples. The presenters will be Barry and Lilly Tryon and Alan and Nicole Parker. The event will take place from March 14-16, 2014 on Southern's campus. For details, contact the School of Religion at 423-236-2976 or the chaplain’s office at 423-236-2787.

Camp Turnaround—April 4-6
Camp Turnaround is a bereavement camp for children ages 7 -17 who have experienced loss due to divorce, abandonment (foster care), or the death of loved one. The camp will be held April 4-6 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. For more information, contact Peggy Hallman at 706-695-0648 or phallman@cohuttasprings.com.

Athens Women’s Ministries Retreat—April 4-6
The Athens Church’s women's ministries will be having their women's retreat April 4-6, 2014, in Townsend, TN. The theme is "Hope Springs." If you would like to join us, please contact Elizabeth
Umphrey 423-920-0651 or Nancy Sanford 407-948-4001. The cost is $60 for the weekend. Reservation deadline is Feb. 8 (money is due by March 15).

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CA Collects Food for The Samaritan Center

On Nov. 5, Collegedale Academy’s 300-plus high school students carried bag after bag of nonperishable food items into the school’s gym. It was pickup day for the school’s annual food collection drive. Community members were asked to leave bags of nonperishables out Tuesday morning for CA students to pick up and deliver to The Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, Tenn.

The food drive, called CAD 4 Hope, is named after the program’s founder, Richard Cadavero, the former CA teacher who died in September 2013. “It’s our opportunity to make him proud,” said Joelle Kanyana, Collegedale Academy senior.

Cadavero launched Project 5,000 in the 1990s. It was his challenge to CA students to collect 5,000 food items for needy families in the Ooltewah/Collegedale area. The program took off and became an annual event at the school. By the mid-2000s, the drive was collecting more than 40,000 cans per year. So the school did away with counting each of them. Now, thanks to a scale on loan, donations are measured in pounds. Last year, the school collected nearly 13,000 pounds of food—about equal to an adult African elephant. This year, the school collected 12,615 pounds of food and expected more to trickle in during the weeks following the event.

“This will keep up their food pantry for about an entire year,” said Chris Massengill, Collegedale Academy chaplain.

Emma Hooper, volunteer and programs coordinator at The Samaritan Center, said CAD 4 Hope is the center’s “main food drive.”

Overseeing the operation can be a stressful gig. Take Tuesday morning in the school’s gym, where students were free to hang out after unloading their donations. Some freshmen tossed one another into enormous piles of empty cardboard boxes. Footballs flew around. Running.

“In a couple of hours, I will be relaxing,” Massengill said. But not yet. A few kids were very late getting back. A vehicle carrying students broke down, latecomers explained.

It sounds like a lot of trouble—and a big liability—for a food drive. It probably would be...if it were just a food drive.

“It’s an opportunity to practice what we believe,” Kanyana said. “It’s an opportunity to think outside ourselves.”

In a corner of the gym, her fellow seniors talked while stacking empty boxes—not leaping into them like the freshmen across the room. By now, seniors know the drill and the significance of what CAD 4 Hope means to Collegedale and Ooltewah.

“A lot of people want to prove that we actually care,” Kanyana said.

The younger ones will get it someday. This was their first CAD 4 Hope drive, but Kanyana believes “they know it’s important.”
Important because a lot of Tuesday’s donations will be the only food some Collegedale and Ooltewah residents will have to eat and important because it’s not just a food drive—it’s being a good neighbor.

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