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**Calendar of Events**

Feb 27—AAA Academy Day—Atlanta Adventist Academy, Duluth, GA
Feb 27-Mar 9—Haiti Mission Trip with Collegedale Church
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 1—Women's Day of Prayer—Atlanta Nigerian Church, Norcross, GA
Mar 1—Disaster Relief Training—Atlanta Southside Church, Jonesboro, GA

Mar 2—R.I.S.E. Sports Program Training—Macon Wimbish Road Church, GA
Mar 2—R.I.S.E. Sports Program Training—Atlanta Belvedere Church, Decatur, GA
Mar 7-9—Celebration of Life Weekend—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
Mar 8—Youth Day with Samuel Green—Hiram Church, GA

Mar 9-23—Honduras Mission Trip with Laurelbrook Academy
Mar 14-15—GCA Academy Days—Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
Mar 14-16—Women's Spring Retreat—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
Mar 14-16—Teen Girls' Spring Retreat—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
Mar 15—LEAD Evangelism Training—Smoky Mountain Church, Sevierville, TN

Mar 16—Pathfinder Drill Event—Lee University, Cleveland, TN
Mar 16-25—10 Day Diabetes Program—Eden's Pathway Lifestyle Center, TN
Mar 17-21—CA Week of Prayer—Collegedale Academy, TN
Mar 17-22—GCA Week of Prayer—Georgia-Cumberland Academy, GA

Mar 17-22—GCA Week of Prayer—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Mar 18—Health and Diet Seminar with Melody Prettyman—Jellico Church, TN
Mar 20-21—Preview Southern—Southern Adventist University
Mar 22—Prayer Ministry Day—Knoxville First Church, TN
Mar 22—Leadership Training—Health & Personal Ministries—Kingsport Church, TN
Mar 22—Youth and Young Adult Festival—The Church at Liberty Square, Cartersville, GA

Mar 28—A Mighty Fortress Live Concert—Dunlap, TN
Mar 29—Health Rally—Rossville Church, GA

Mar 30—Adventurer Family Fun Day—Cohutta Springs (camp side)

Apr 1—CA Academy Day—Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, TN
Apr 4—Day of Prayer and Fasting
Apr 4-5—GCA Alumni Weekend—Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
Apr 4-5—Prison Ministries Convention—Southern Union Conference, Norcross, GA
Apr 4-5—South Georgia Camp Meeting—Savannah Church, GA
Apr 4-6—Athens Women's Ministries Retreat—Townsend, TN
Apr 4-6—Camp Turnaround—Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
Apr 4-6—Hispanic Children's Ministries Convention—Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
Apr 5—Leadership Training—Health & Personal Ministries—Crossville Church, TN

**-CONFERNECE EVENTS-

Save the Date for Camp Meeting 2014
April 4-5—South Georgia Camp Meeting—Savannah, GA
May 16-17—Korean Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
May 21-24—Collegedale Camp Meeting—Southern Adventist University
June 5-8—Olde Time Camp Meeting—Deer Lodge, TN
Aug 6-10—Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
Aug 22-24—Hispanic Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs Conference Center

Celebration of Life Weekend—March 7-9
The registration deadline for this event is February 20. The event 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: $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.

Celebration of Life Weekend sponsors are needed for families who are struggling financially. If you are interested in helping, please email missions@cohuttasprings.com or call 706-695-9093, ext. 408. Checks can be made to Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Please put “Celebration of Life Weekend” on the memo.

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).

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-**CHURCH & ORGANIZATION EVENTS**-

**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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**announcements**

**2014 SONscreen Film Festival Celebrates Creativity**
The communication department of the North American Division is proud to announce that the 2014 SONscreen Film Festival will be held March 20-22 on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN. The festival is an annual gathering for Christian young adults who have a passion for
using film and video for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions for social awareness, outreach, and uplifting creative entertainment. Since its debut in October 2002, the festival has become the destination for established and up-and-coming Christian filmmakers to share their creative work, gain exposure, and network with other media and film professionals. More information can be found on the festival website at sonscreen.com and on their Facebook page facebook.com/sonsreen

**Retool Your School—Oakwood University Competes Again for Home Depot Grant**

Oakwood University has been announced as a finalist in The Home Depot's 2014 RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL Campus Improvement Grant Program. One $50,000 Tier I major grant, 13 Tier II $10,000 grants, and three $25,000 campus pride grants for the schools that receive the most online votes and social media activity, as assessed by The Home Depot®, will be awarded. The Home Depot® will announce the winners on or around May 2.

In 2013 Oakwood won the Tier 1 grant, which allowed the University to construct an outdoor pavilion. Because of last year's victory, Oakwood is not eligible to win in the Tier 1 category. However, Oakwood is eligible to win in the campus pride category, which will allow the University to re-seed the softball and soccer fields as well as install sprinkler systems.

From February 17 to April 14, supporters can visit www.retoolyourschool.com to vote for Oakwood University's campus improvement project. "We need everyone's support to help Oakwood win this grant," said Kisha Norris, executive director for advancement and development for Oakwood. Oakwood is only Seventh-day Adventist university in the competition.

The winning school of the Campus Pride Grant will be selected by a combination of the applicant's social media activity and voting score. The three applicants with the highest votes and most social media activity, as determined by the sponsor during the voting period, will be awarded with the Campus Pride Grants.

Oakwood University had the most votes last year! Let's do it again. Go to www.retoolyourschool.com and vote as often as possible - and from all of your personal computers and devices. You can also Tweet about the competition using #OakwoodTHDRYS

And be sure to tell your family and friends to do the same.

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**Memorial for Marsha Claus**

Marsha Violet Chesnut Claus died Feb. 16, 2014, at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Ga., surrounded by family and friends.

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Marsha Violet Chesnut Claus died Feb. 16, 2014, at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Ga., surrounded by family and friends. Born Sept. 14, 1964, Marsha was 49 years old.

A teacher by trade, Marsha loved children. She served as an elementary school teacher in Illinois from 1992 to 1994 and again at John L. Coble Elementary School (grades pre-k through 8) in Calhoun, Ga., part-time from 2005-2009 and full-time from 2009-2013. She wore many hats and served as a librarian, yearbook sponsor, and taught a variety of topics including language arts and religion. She worked as a sales clerk for the Adventist Book Center in Wisconsin from 1997-2004. She also served as a deaconess and head deaconess at the Calhoun Adventist Church.

She completed her bachelor’s degree from Southern Adventist University in elementary education in 1992, also completing an associate’s degree in Office Administration in 1986. In 2009 she completed a master’s of education with an emphasis in curriculum, instruction, and assessment from Walden University. A memorial service for Marsha Chesnut Claus is planned for Sabbath, March 15, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church (1411 Rome Road SW, Calhoun, Ga.) Rick and Eric Claus request that any current and former teachers who are planning to attend please sit in a reserved section for educators during the service, and any students (even if Marsha did not serve as their teacher) be seated in a section for students, if they so choose.

A lover of Gatlinburg, Alaska, penguins, and cats, Marsha is survived by her husband of 21 years, Rick Claus and son, Eric Claus, both of Calhoun, Ga.; parents, Norman and Rosa Chesnut of Martinsburg, W.Va.; brother, Robert Chesnut of Charleston, Ill.; and sister, Mary Rose Yoder of Lake Mary, Fl.