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 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 22—Stewardship Sabbath—Oglethorpe Church, GA
Mar 22—Will Clinic—Fayette Church, GA

Mar 23—Will Clinic—LaGrange Church, GA
Mar 23—R.I.S.E. Sports Program Training—Knoxville First Church, TN
Mar 24—Will Clinic—Griffin Church, GA
Mar 25—Will Clinic—Thomaston Church, GA
Mar 26—Will Clinic—Warner Robins Church, GA
Mar 26—Vegan Dinner & Seminar—Grace Church, TN
Mar 27—Will Clinic—Oglethorpe Church, GA
Mar 28—Will Clinic—Tifton Church, GA
Mar 28—A Mighty Fortress Live Concert—Dunlap, TN
Mar 29—Health Rally—Rossville Church, GA
Mar 29—Will Clinic—Moultrie Church, GA
Mar 29—Stewardship Sabbath—Chestatee Church, GA

Mar 30—Will Clinic—Thomasville Kenyon Memorial Church, GA
Mar 30—Adventurer Family Fun Day—Cohutta Springs (camp side)
Mar 30—R.I.S.E. Sports Program Training—Standifer Gap School, TN

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

Apr 6—Women's Spring Tea—Marietta Church, GA
Apr 11-12—Power PAC Youth Rally—Peachtree City Church, GA
Apr 12—Personal Ministries Rally—Newton County Church, GA
Apr 12—LEAD Evangelism Training—North Knoxville Church, TN
Apr 12—Cohutta Community Spring Songfest—Cohutta Church, GA
Apr 12—Stewardship Sabbath—Lookout Mountain Church, GA
Apr 12-13—Master Guides' Leadership Convention—Conference Office, Calhoun, GA

Apr 17—Michael Card Easter Concert—Dalton, GA
Apr 18—Bible Prophecy Seminar Opening Night—Rossville Church, GA
Apr 18-19—Dalton 75th Anniversary Celebration—Dalton Church, GA
Apr 19—Stewardship Sabbath—Kingsport Church, TN
Apr 19—Health Rally—Benton Church, TN
Apr 19—Will Clinic—Auburn Church, GA

Apr 20—Will Clinic—Loganville Church, GA
Apr 20—Will Clinic—Athens Church, GA
Apr 21—Will Clinic—Madison Church, GA
Apr 22—Will Clinic—Dublin Church, GA
Apr 23—Will Clinic—Statesboro Church, GA
Apr 24-27—Pathfinder Camporee
Apr 26—Stewardship Sabbath—Jasper Church, GA
Apr 26—Health Rally—LaFollette Church, TN

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-CONFERENCE EVENTS-

Youth/Young Adult Festival—March 22
Our annual high Sabbath for youth and young adults and their families is coming up on March 22 at The Church at Liberty Square in Cartersville, GA! Please note, there is no cost for our worship programs except for the evening inspirational concert, which is a campership fund raiser to help kids attend camp. Guest speaker is Sam Leonor and musical artists are Selah, Mark Schultz and J.J. Heller. Let’s reach out, connect with our youth & young adults and have an amazing Sabbath Day experience. Meals and concert tickets are available for advance purchase or bring your own sack lunch. The meal purchase deadline is March 17. Concert tickets available while they last for a $7 donation to benefit the Campership Fund. All purchases can be made online at registration.gccsda.com. Please note: This year, our mission initiative ”Shirt Off My Back” is for Clarkston, Ga., refugees. They are in need of clothing, linens, toiletries, etc.

Save the Date for Camp Meeting 2014
April 4-5—South Georgia Camp Meeting—Savannah, GA
Speaker: Jud Lake   Theme: The Legacy: Ellen White as a Person and a Prophet

May 16-17—Korean Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs Conference Center

May 21-24—Collegedale Camp Meeting—Southern Adventist University
Speaker: Elizabeth Talbot & Roger Hernandez   Theme: kNOw FISHING

June 5-8—Olde Time Camp Meeting—Deer Lodge, TN

Aug 6-10—Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
Speaker: Alan Meis

Aug 22-24—Hispanic Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs Conference Center

Will Clinics Schedule
Les Speer, trust services officer, will be conducting will clinics throughout March, April, July, and August. Please note that worksheets must be completed before attending the clinic. Worksheets are available from your pastor or the conference's Trust Services Department.

MARCH
22—Fayette Church, GA, 8:00-10:00 pm
23—LaGrange Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
24—Griffin Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
25—Thomaston Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
26—Warner Robins Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
27—Oglethorpe Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
28—Tifton Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
29—Moultrie Church, GA, 8:15-10:00 pm
30—Thomasville Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm

APRIL
19—Auburn Church, GA, 8:30-10:30 pm
20—Loganville Church, GA, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm
20—Athens Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
21—Madison Church, GA, 4:00-6:00 pm
22—Dublin Church, GA, 5:30-7:30 pm
23—Statesboro Church, GA, 5:30-7:30 pm
-CHURCH & ORGANIZATION EVENTS-

**Vegan Dinner & Seminar with Chef Melody Prettyman—March 26**
Melody Prettyman, a vegan chef, will provide a plant-based (vegan) dinner and health seminar on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:00 pm at the Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church (9123 S. Northshore Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922). Melody Prettyman is a regularly featured cooking expert on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and co-hosts a weekly radio program entitled “Focus on Healthy Foods” on 3ABN radio with Nikki Anderson. Learn more about her at melodyprettyman.com. The event is free but donations will be accepted on site (suggested $10 per person). Pre-registration is required by March 24 and will be limited to 100 attendees. To register, send an email to slowe8206@aol.com or call 865-637-8160.

**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).

**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/sonscreen.

**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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**Retreat Offers High Schoolers Spiritual Renewal**

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**GCA Students Stream School Events**

The IT Department at Georgia-Cumberland Academy(GCA) will be streaming many exciting events. Tune in to [live.gcasda.org](http://live.gcasda.org) and receive a blessing from the upcoming events.

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**Collegedale Academy Students Reflect on Senior Survival**

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“It’s sad to say that we can get busy with all these different other groups,” said William Hurtado, Collegedale Church youth pastor. “This makes us think, Wait a second, I haven’t visited and talked to my public school kids. Now we’re calling them saying ‘Hey, how’s it going? Our annual retreat is coming up, can you come?’ So this retreat is a blessing that brings us back together.”

The weekend is a mix of small-group discussions, activities, and lectures.

“It helps you solve problems, and it helps you deal with other people who don’t actually believe what you believe,” said Isaiah Washington of Bristol, Va.

The weekend’s featured speaker, Ken Norton, said he doesn’t want the spirit of High School Retreat to end when the students go home.

“I want them to go away from this weekend loving God more, excited about His Word, and ready to study it with other people. My life personally was changed in a small group, and that’s the dream—to learn the excitement of doing it here. And when they get back, they’ll start with each other and invite friends from school to get into the Word.”

Shelbe Johnson, from Columbus, Ga., said those who didn’t come “are missing out on a great experience. There’s a lot of good Christian people around who can help you with your walk with God.”

There’s good news for those who couldn’t make it this year. The retreat is an annual event, so next year, encourage youth from your church to attend this spiritually powerful weekend.

By Brian Young, communication assistant director

Photos by Brian Young
Kalie Kelch, a member of the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church in Calhoun, Ga., is the author of the 2014 junior/earlteen devotional “Grab Your Boarding Pass.”

The devotional takes you on a tour of America and areas of Guam, Canada, and Bermuda in search of lessons that will prepare you for heaven.

Kelch has been involved in church ministry since she was 10 years old, helping with music and/or children's ministries for as long as she can remember. She and her husband, Randy, moved to Calhoun, Ga., in June 2012. Both are actively involved in youth ministry at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church. Kalie serves as the Adventurer director of the GCA/Calhoun club, helps with the Cherokee Pathfinder club, and assists with the praise and worship class at the academy.
In addition to her volunteer ministries, Kelch homeschools their two children, Katelyn, 11, and Ryan, 8, and works as a book editor for TEACH Services, Inc., an Adventist publishing company. Kalie graduated from Southern Adventist University with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a minor in music.

Kelch wrote *Grab Your Boarding Pass* because she has a deep desire to make the Bible practical and real for kids. She seeks to help kids develop a friendship with Jesus and use their talents for Him by finding their place in church ministry while they are young.

To purchase a copy of her book you can visit your local ABC or purchase online at AdventistBookCenter.com.

Submitted by Kalie Kelch
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If you cannot watch live but would like to still check things out, go to www.vimeo.com/gcavideo or www.youtube.com/gcasda. On Vimeo you can browse through more than 300 videos of GCA events.

March 14-15 Academy Days
- Vespers: 7:30 PM
- Church: 11:10 AM

March 17-22 Week of Prayer
- Weekdays: 8:00 PM
- Vespers: 7:30 PM
- Church: 11:10 AM

April 4-5 Alumni Weekend
- Vespers: 7:30 PM
- Church: 11:10 AM

March 18-19
- Drama Vespers: 7:30 PM
- Church 11:10 AM
- Camerata concert 4:00 PM

May 3
- Gymnastics Homeshow: 8 PM

May 16-17 Graduation Weekend
- Friday consecration: 8:00 PM
- Sat. Baccalaureate: 11:10 AM
- Sat. Parent tribute: 4:00 PM
- Sat. Commencement: 8:00 PM

By Andrew Korp, Class of 2016

Photos by Jake Fisher
In early October

Collegedale Academy’s senior class ventured out near Tellico Plains, Tenn., for Senior Survival, an annual six-day trip anticipated to be a restorative time. Surrounded by nature, they put aside such distractions as phones, iPads, and iPods to reside in tents and hammocks. They set out to discover the bounty that the wilderness has to offer, and participate in activities designed to teach them key principles like teamwork, interdependence, and trust.

As the week progressed, one could detect a gradual change in the attitudes of the seniors. Some began the trip unsure about trading in the luxuries of home for rough camping conditions. However, the week’s team building activities taught them that they need each other to overcome the world’s obstacle courses, and, most importantly, they need God to guide their lives.

Here are some testimonies from two Collegedale Academy students, reflecting on this fall's senior survival.

BelongingBy Joëlle Kanyana
I’m a mostly confident person, but for all four years of my high school career, I never quite felt like I completely belonged. I have always had great friends, but I’ve had a sense of detachment, like the fact that my interests have never been those of a typical high school student, or the fact that I don’t have the “all-American” look. This keeps me from completely melting into my class.

On the second to last night of Senior Survival, I sat around the nightly campfire and watched my classmates. As they joked and laughed with each other, I sat apart from them thinking, “Four years here and I still don’t feel like I truly fit in.” The next day, after an excellent talk with a few of my female classmates, I learned that I wasn’t the only one feeling this way. The girls encouraged me and reminded me what I’ve always known to be truth: God made me with loving care, and the aspects of myself that are unique to me are intentional. In addition to that,

I am surrounded by people who genuinely care about me, and together, our unique gifts and talents serve to strengthen the Body of Christ. Senior Survival solidified this truth in my head.

Pray Without CeasingBy Jordan Madrigal
“Good morning Mr. Sherwood!” I said, as all the seniors gathered around for the second morning worship. I did not know the following words out of my mouth, "Can I pray with you?" would have such a profound impact on my spiritual journey. I prayed with my religion teacher, Mr. Sherwood, and asked that God would give him the words that needed to be spoken that morning. I was not expecting that prayer to benefit me; I just wanted to lift Mr. Sherwood up in hopes that someone listening to his words would learn something new.

Before Senior Survival, my perception of prayer was very much distorted. I wondered what the point of prayer was. I felt like I was talking to thin air with the thought of how far away God was, and I wondered, "If God already knows the end from the beginning, why should I request things from him?"

Mr. Sherwood began his talk, and after staring at a smoldering ash pile, watching yellow jackets fly around my class mates, and whispering to my friends, Mr. Sherwood started saying something that caught my attention. He talked about his daughter's first steps, and the inevitably that she would stumble and fall. But when she fell, he ran to her side picked her up, threw her in the air, and tickled her chin saying "Good job! I am so proud of you, you just walked two steps! Now get back on your feet and do it again!"

Our spiritual life is much the same way. As my spiritual journey began, I got up spiritually and started making progress, but just like a baby's first steps, I was bound to fall. This is why prayer is so important. By offering requests for others, we are giving God, our heavenly father, the spiritual authentication to launch his super strategy to do all he can to reach out to others that have fallen wether it is through something or someone. We need to pray for others, and others for us so God can use all of us to help each other back up. Mr. Sherwood finished his talk, and my prayer was answered. I ended up learning the meaning of prayer, after I had prayer without expecting to learn anything!
By Murray Cooper

Photos by Ronnie Pittman
Leila Pink, affectionately known as Grannie Pink, was born in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, March 12, 1914.

She and her family have been Adventists for several years. She was married to the late Alexander Pink for over 75 years and they had 11 children. She is also blessed with 33 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, 10 great, great grandchildren, and one great, great, great grandchild.

Some of Grannie’s favorite past-times are singing, reading God’s word, and praying for her family. She is also a good cook and loves to cook for her family. She lives with her daughter, Primona Allen in Jonesboro, Georgia, and is a member of the Power Springs Church.

Grannie is currently home bound. She listens to songs and watches 3ABN where she sings and praises God. Her favorite songs are “Does Jesus Care when I am Tempted,” and “The Old Rugged Cross.”

If you would like to send Grannie a birthday card here is her address:

1269 Grindenwald Drive, Jonesboro, GA 30238.
What started as a way to get high school students in touch with real world reality is still serving that same purpose today, 25 years later, Appalachian Outreach is making a difference.

In the summer of 1989 Don Keele, Jr. was searching for a way to challenge students and yet alleviate suffering for others. As the youth pastor for the Madison Campus Church, near Madison, Tenn., Keele took six students to work restoring trails in the Smoky Mountains. Later that fall, he talked 13 more students into going to rural Kentucky to work in an area that had suffered extensive flood damage.

The idea caught on. Everyone was excited about this idea of serving locally and they started networking and making contact with families in Appalachia to help with repairs. The first four years groups went on three trips per year: fall, spring, and summer. The summer trip was geared for those in seventh and eighth grade.

In these 25 years Keele has served as the head of the team to make these mission trips a reality. He has only missed the 1994 spring trip due to a move to a new pastoral position. He moved to Washington State and served as the pastor at the Meadow Glade church in Battle Ground before he was called to serve as the senior pastor at Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church in 1999.

Keele says the other half of the Appalachian Outreach team was his friend Alan Craig. He went on the first trip as a parent. “Craig wanted to go and readily agreed to serve as the cook,” said Keele. It wasn’t until later that Keele found out that Alan really didn’t know how to cook, but had his wife, Janie, make all of the food ahead of time and then froze it.

From the second trip on, Craig had a new job as the construction coordinator going to job sites and ordering materials. He networked with the local people and merchants and for many he became the face of the Appalachian Outreach Team. “He was definitely the heart and soul of the trip that kept me going,” Keele says. Craig passed away February of 2012 and for Keele the last two trips have never been the same. “To say that Alan is greatly missed would be a massive understatement.” Keele added.

“Spiritual growth is more than building the buildings together,” says Keele of the outreach. The 2013 theme was “Keep Calm and Serve.” Keele’s goal is to instill in the students that it is actually fun serving Jesus. He wants to take kids out of their comfort zone and make service a part of their lives. Each night of the four-day outreach they have a two-hour worship service where the bulk of the time is spent re-living the days activities and helping students see their jobsite through spiritual eyes. Sharing is vital, growing those who give.

Destiny Cosner, who went on the 2011 trip, said, “Seeing how much God could accomplish through us, and being real during the worship times and having my eyes opened even more to what goes on. The worships really inspired me, and I learned so much throughout the trip.”

For the past 25 years students and volunteers from Madison, Tenn., Battle Ground, Wash., and Calhoun, Ga. have been serving together. They have repaired approximately 600 homes and spent over $800,000 of funds that the Lord has provided. Overall Keele estimates that somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 students have experienced the Appalachian Outreach mission.
This past October about 65 traveled to Appalachia to serve on 5 job sites. Over the years they have worked on roofs, floors, built wheel chair ramps, decks and porches and done a great deal of scraping and painting. Keele has heard and seen it all in 25 years including a request not to kill a man’s pet rattlesnakes that lived under his trailer and took “care of them rats for me.” He has also baptized one parent, Steve Cole, who wanted to go on the trip mainly to watch over his daughter. Cole is now a valued long-standing member of the mission team and has an unbelievable ability to train students and pull the best out of them.

Andre Greene, part of the 2011 trip, said, “Making friends who have the same mind set as you. And working together with adults who encouraged and worked with you instead of against you and tried to put you down was beyond amazing.”

After Alan Craig’s death, Keele was forced to relook at the future of the mission trip. They had been hosting group sizes from 120-135 and working on 10-12 jobsites simultaneously. But after much prayer, it was decided that Madison and GCA would part ways with Madison planting a new outpost in Manchester, Kentucky while GCA stayed in Liberty, Kentucky and shifted gears.

Appalachian Outreach is taking a new turn and becoming a training event. Keele said this most recent trip, Madison trained students from Highland Academy partnering with Manchester Hospital in Kentucky. Georgia-Cumberland Academy students trained students from Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio. In 2014, GCA will be adding starter groups from two other schools. Keele says the training is a two-year process starting with 10 students and four to five adults and growing to 20 students and 8-10 adults before they are launched to serve in a new locale.

The goal is to plant numerous outposts throughout the Appalachian Regions of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia over the next 5-10 years.

How long will it continue? “Hopefully until the Lord returns,” says Keele, though he also added with a grin, “but I’m not sure how much longer I can keep going.” Keele feels that God has not released him from this ministry. “I stopped fundraising in 1991. I told God that I would continue to lead this trip if He provided the money. So far, God has always provided the money,” said Keele.

Tamara Wolcott Fisher