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—LLU’s Life on the Line Premiere
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
Apr 26-27—Disaster Response Training—Coalfield Church, TN

May 1—National Day of Prayer
May 2-4—Hispanic Master Guides' Camporee—Cohutta Springs
May 3—Stewardship Sabbath—Adairsville Church, GA
May 3—Prayer Ministry Day—Stone Mountain Church, GA
May 3—LEAD Evangelism Training—Roane Community Church, TN

May 4—God in Shoes Outreach—Gainesville Church, GA
May 4—God in Shoes Outreach—Augusta First Church, GA
May 4—GCA Gymnastics Homeshow—Georgia-Cumberland Academy

**CONference Events**

**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
*Speaker: John Earnhardt  Theme: Race to Victory Lane*

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**
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

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**-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](http://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).

**Life On The Line TV Documentary**

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Learn more

**announcements**

**ACS DR Helps Respond to Chattanooga Fire**

Last week ACS DR coordinator Terry Haight helped provide disaster relief for residents of Jaycee Towers, which caught fire Monday. Read Terry's account here.

**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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Loma Linda University Health TV Show to Air Nationally on PBS’s WORLD Channel Beginning April 4

*Show narrated by Lisa Ling and produced by 12-time Emmy Award Winning team.*

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“Working on this series has been an amazing experience,” said Patricia Kelikani, director of Advancement Films at LLUH. “This show isn’t just about the doctors, but how real people find meaning in the midst of a tragedy. This is where the real story lives and their strength of spirit shines.”

Narrated by celebrity host and journalist, Lisa Ling, and produced by the 12-time Emmy Award winning team, Advancement Films, “Life on the Line” zeroes in on Loma Linda University Health—which serves one-quarter of Southern California—and equips medical teams to travel around the world. The show follows patients from Southern California to the Amazon, Haiti, and Egypt as they all fight a similar battle: to stay alive.

The series features six unique half-hour episodes:

Ep. 1 – “Heart to Heart” tells the story of a family whose newborn baby desperately needs a heart transplant to survive.

Ep. 2 – “Out of the Rubble” captures the life of an 8-year-old Haitian boy who was trapped under earthquake rubble for three days.

Ep. 3 – “End it Now,” follows three child abuse victims as they learn to move beyond the trauma and live their lives to the fullest.
Ep. 4 – “Baby Blue” shows how doctors from opposite sides of the globe collaborate to save Egyptian babies born with congenital heart disease.

Ep. 5 – “Armed for the Challenge” features an athlete who sets out to prove that disability doesn’t mean inability.

Ep. 6 – “Anchoring Hope” features a medical boat from Loma Linda University providing much needed health care services for people living in the underserved Amazon jungle.

“Life on the Line” will air on Fridays with repeats throughout the week. During each viewing, two episodes will appear back-to-back. In addition to airing on the WORLD Channel in April, the show will air on PBS stations throughout the country in July. For the full schedule, episode previews and more information about the show visit www.lifeontheline.tv.
One of the Jaycee Towers in downtown Chattanooga had a fire Monday, March 17, and about 200 people had to be evacuated until 4:00 pm Wednesday.

John Hitchens from the Red Cross called me at 11:45 Tuesday morning and asked me to chair a meeting of the Southeast Tennessee Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) at 1:00—only an hour and 15 minutes from then! I hadn't even known about the fire until then, so people would have to listen to me pontificate about something I knew absolutely nothing about. I did hold the meeting—we actually had about 15 people show up on that short a notice!—and I had briefings from several of the agencies already involved, then discussed what the rest of us could do to assist. The Health Department agreed to send an inspector to check everyone's refrigerators to see if anything was spoiled. I told them I would find some clean-up kits so people could clean out their refrigerators. The Food Bank was going to send a week's worth of food to replace what had spoiled, etc. These people are low-income folks who are living on Social Security, food stamps, etc, and didn't have enough money to buy replacement food.

I thought we had a supply of clean-up kits left over from Calhoun last year, forgetting that we had given those to South Pittsburg for their mud slide cleanup. So I began frantically searching for clean-up kits from other agencies and soon found out no one else had any either. I did notice that I had a supply of empty 5-gallon buckets left over from some other disaster, some dust masks and some latex gloves, so I called the Food Bank to see if they had some things we could add and they agreed to help. I collected Rhonda, and we took our supplies over to the Food Bank, where they added cleaners, sponges, paper towels and a few other things. We then hauled everything over to the Jaycee Tower that was affected and handed them out to people as the buses brought them back from the shelter. The folks were thrilled. One elderly lady, when told that we were from Adventist Disaster Response (Melissa Blevins from the Food Bank was very generous about telling everyone that ACS DR supplied the clean-up goods), was excited and told us she used to come to Collegedale weekly and shop at the Village Market for her children, who all had allergies. She said the Village Market was the only place she could get the kind of food they could safely eat. The Salvation Army supplied several young ladies to help the residents carry their supplies up to their rooms. VOAD does work!
Georgia-Cumberland Conference

The Loganville (Ga.) Church Adventurer Club undertook a wonderful project that began in November 2013. They decided to partner with adventurebags.org to collect backpacks for children in foster care.

Michelle Fentress, the Adventurer Club Director, first read about the program last year in the local newspaper. Naturally, the name of the organization caught her attention. As she said, “We’re the Adventurers. The organization is called Adventure Bags. So, it just seemed like a perfect fit!”

Adventure Bags, Inc. is a local non-profit organization based out of Barrow County, that serves children who have been displaced for a variety of reasons including; domestic violence, house fires, and foster care entry. The program began October 15, 2011 with the first fundraiser and an official bag stuffing and has grown from there.

The idea behind the organization is simple, organizations that work with displaced children (i.e. DFCS, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and teen shelters) would give the child a book bag with important items, such as a stuffed animal, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush or comb, socks, coloring books, crayons and a journal to write down their thoughts. When they do face an unfamiliar place they will have some items of their very own.

The Loganville Adventurer Club put the word out to members, family, and friends. In February, Mrs. Dorothy Gori, the organization’s founder, stopped by the church to pick up the backpacks and share information about the children who would receive the items. She was happily overwhelmed to receive twenty-five backpacks for children in need.

Anyone interested in participating in the Adventure Bags, Inc. program can visit the organization’s website at www.adventurebags.org for further information. Adventure Bags from the Adventurer Club; what a great pair!

by Sheril R. Smith, Communications Secretary, Loganville SDA Church

photos : Sheril R. Smith, Communications Secretary, Loganville SDA Church
About 225 children’s ministry leaders—from VBS coordinators to Sabbath school teachers—gathered for the annual Children’s Ministries Convention. The weekend, held Feb. 7-9 at the Cohutta Springs Conference Center, aims to equip leaders with the inspiration, knowledge, tools, and resources they need to make an impact on the kids in their home churches and local communities.

This year’s theme was “Our Eyes are on You [Jesus]” and featured J.N. Mike Faison as the keynote speaker.

“A weekend like this] empowers the children’s ministries leaders to build and to dream for the future of the children and their families. It’s also important to help the church to recognize the high value God puts on kids,” said Faison, a creative children’s ministries presenter from Savannah, Ga. “God will empower you to achieve the dream of having a vibrant children’s ministry that reaches out to the children of the church and the community. It is evangelism at its best.”

Supplementing Faison’s presentations were workshop sessions where attendees could choose from more than 30 topics, including using nature to teach children about God, using drama effectively, working with budgets and church boards, helping kids cope with grief, addressing safety issues, inspiring healthy kids, and building faith in children. One of the headlining workshops was the introduction of this year’s Vacation Bible School material. Put out by the North American Division, Investigation Station: Galactic Quest is only the second VBS program designed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The program encourages kids to investigate God’s Word and “points kids to God as the Creator with a plan for their lives.”

“It’s very exciting and inspiring,” said Misty Stein about Galactic Quest. “We’ve decided to go ahead with that one. We were undecided before coming, but we’re decided now.”

Stein is the 2014 VBS coordinator for her home church in Johnson City, Tenn. She’s also a K-2 teacher.

“I come [to the Children’s Ministries Convention] for inspiration, for enlightenment, for a new perspective on what I should do and how I should do it, how to motivate my kids, how to motivate my church members, and how to get around red tape,” she said. “I come to collaborate.”

Diane Myers, from the Rock Springs (Ga.) Church helps out in her church with both the little ones and teens. She came to the convention with some friends who help lead VBS with her.

“I knew it would be really good,” Myers said. “We got some really good ideas from the men who have put the VBS program together and have really enjoyed hearing the speaker. It’s all been great.”
Another attendee was Tabitha Newsome, from the Newport (Tenn.) Church. She serves as the kindergarten teacher and it was her first time at the Children’s Ministries Convention.

“It’s more than I expected,” Newsome said. “I’ve learned a lot of things that I didn’t even know I would be introduced to. It’s very enlightening and it’s very inspiring, and it’s making me want to go back and do so many things. I’m really looking forward to how the Lord can use me in this ministry. I appreciate the way [the theme] was magnified from the Word of God. Like I said, it was unexpected. I don’t really know what I expected, but my heart was warmed and opened when I really felt the call. A lot of times, we’re asking the Lord what He wants us to do as we try to lead Him into what we want Him to do, but I realized it’s not about me, but about Him. So it kind of refocused my attention on Him so that I can do my work in this ministry.”

Newsome also said the convention impacted her personally as much as it benefited her ministry.

“It has brought the Lord alive again in a truly new and living way to my mind,” she said. “It’s been a very beautiful experience.”

by Britni Brannon, communication assistant director

photos by Britni Brannon
Music students from around the conference converged on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy Jan. 23-24 for the 2014 Elementary Band and Strings Festival.

The event packed in intensive, concentrated practicing to prepare students for their vespers performance on Friday evening. All their hard work paid off when friends and family filled the pews to listen.

“It was pretty cool that we got to learn a piece just this morning and then perform it. It was stressful, but we did OK,” said Will Cantrell, a sixth-grade trumpet player from Ooltewah (Tenn.) Adventist School (OAKS).

For Larysa Merchant, a seventh grader at OAKS who plays bass clarinet, the best part was “playing with all my friends and being here to perform for everybody.”

It’s a common sentiment among the students, and it’s exactly why the festival is organized.

 “[We hold this event] to collaborate the schools and the kids and get them excited to see that other schools are doing the same thing,” said Gregory Lindquist, band instructor for the Greater Collegedale School System and this year’s band clinician. “The kids have fun and they energize each other and see that music is a worthwhile thing... and it gets them excited about praising God through their talents.”

Chip Everts, strings teacher at Forest Lake Education Center in Orlando, Fla., and festival strings clinician, agreed. “They make new friends and new connections. Music is a universal language we can all share in together.”

As a clinician, Everts found joy in “seeing [the students] rise to the occasion for the performance. It’s always a challenge to think what we can do in one day. The peak is always right at the concert time, and they really rose to the occasion.”

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Carman Adventist School in Marietta, Ga., sponsored a weekend of preaching and special music on Jan. 24-25. Bill Levin, Marietta Church pastor, worked with 15 students during the month of January, preparing them to deliver sermons from the ShareHim series.

During the weekend, students led out four services, and every grade had a part to play and participated by performing musically, collecting offering, greeting, or preaching.

“It doesn’t seem that being a greeter for the church services was a very big job, or that it is anything special, but I thank God for letting me be there,” said Gwyn Parker, an eighth-grader. “It was wonderful to greet all of the beautiful and amazing people who walked through the door to hear a sermon from His children. I thought it was fun to sing, greet, and watch my friends preach! I loved it and I thank you, Lord, for everyone who was there.”

Sermons were delivered as a joint effort between several students. Friday evening’s presenters were Olivia Paxton, a fifth-grader, and sixth-graders Neveah Mattocks and Caitryn Chemwor. For first service on Sabbath, eighth-graders Ricky Butala and Matthew Melton and sixth-grader Conner Wood preached about Jesus, “The Anointed One.”

“Everyone did a good job. I saw God working through everyone who helped greet, play bells, sing, take up offering, and especially in those who preached,” Butala said. “Personally, I felt like God used me to get to some of the people when I preached.”

Second service’s message, “How to Start Over,” was delivered by seventh-graders Victoria Silva, Aleyra Gonzalez, Luana Torres, and Ucitty Caballero, who shared that no matter what, Jesus can help us start over.

In the afternoon, Alex Arriaga and Aaron Parker, both fifth-graders, teamed up to preach the first of two sermons. Following them were seventh-graders Shelby Sloan, Danielle Holland, and Karinna Bohorquez.

Holland said, “I think it was a good opportunity for us to both represent the school in a positive way and to teach people the Word of God.”

by Calvin Cummings, Carman Adventist School administrative assistant

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