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**eCOMMUNIQUE**

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**GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE DIGITAL NEWSLETTER**

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**calendar of events**

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 Company, TN

Apr 26-27—Disaster Response Training—Coalfield Church, TN

May 1—National Day of Prayer

May 1—Hospital Prayer Circle—Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, GA

May 2-3—Unlocking God’s Power—Alpharetta Church, GA

May 2-4—Hispanic Master Guides' Camporee—Cohutta Springs

May 3—Stewardship Sabbath—Adairsville 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

May 9-10—Southern Union SEEDS Conference—Raleigh, NC

May 10—Personal Ministries Rally—Jellico Church, TN

May 10—Stewardship Sabbath—Atlanta North Church, GA

May 16-17—Georgia-Cumberland Academy Graduation

May 16—Last Day of School

May 17-18—Korean Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs

May 17—Health Rally—Auburn Church, GA

May 17—Atlanta Adventist Academy Graduation

May 18—Collegedale Academy Graduation

May 21-24—Collegedale Camp Meeting—Southern Adventist University

May 23-25—Heritage Academy Graduation

May 30-June 1—Laurelbrook Academy Graduation

May 31—Health Rally—Ogden Roach Church, TN
-CONFERENCE EVENTS-

Save the Date for Camp Meeting 2014
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  Theme: God With Us

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.

APRIL
22—Dublin Church, GA, 5:30-7:30 pm
23—Statesboro Church, GA, 5:30-7:30 pm

-CHURCH & ORGANIZATION EVENTS-

Unlocking God's Power with Dr. Joseph Kidder—May 2-3
You are invited to the Alpharetta Church on Friday night, May 2, at 7:00 pm as Dr. Joseph Kidder, professor from Andrews University, shares how to experience God's power. Come hear how prayer helped Dr. Kidder’s church to get rid of its problems and grow from 40 people to more than 600. Then join us again Sabbath, May 3, at 2:00 pm, when he will share the story of the prodigal son from a Middle Eastern perspective. You have read this story many times, but today you will hear it for the first time and experience God's love in a new and fresh way. Location: 3315 Francis Road, Alpharetta, GA  30004. Directions found online at AlpharettaSDA.com.

Natural Remedies Seminar: Weight Management—June 8-15
Wildwood Lifestyle Center's 2014 Natural Remedies Seminar takes it up a notch. This year we would like you to experience the methods of health and seeing the change within yourself in one week. That’s right! You will receive health screenings such as blood work and fitness assessments. Each day you will have fitness and hands-on cooking classes, along with class-style presentations. The afternoon training sessions will include 12 hours of practical training in hydrotherapy, massage, and food preservation. We are also showing you how to shop wisely by visiting a store and learning how to shop towards your goals.
Experience weight management in yourself within one week! Register TODAY and save! The Early Bird Registration is $450 until May 5 (includes registration, lodging, and meals). For more information or to register, go to www.wildwoodhealth.org/seminars/home or call 800-844-1099 ext 1019 or 423-521-5058.

**Summer SALT—June 22-29**

We are very excited to announce that registration for the 2014 Summer SALT (Soul-winning and Leadership Training) intensive is now open! This program, which will run from June 22-29 at Southern Adventist University, is designed for busy people looking for intense evangelism training in a short period of time. Summer SALT pulls crucial excerpts from our full semester program to cover the basics of personal and public evangelism, the evangelism cycle, and tools for outreach in your local church and community. Speakers will include evangelism experts from SALT, *It Is Written*, and more. Early bird registration is only $99! Housing options are available. Please visit southern.edu/salt for more information.

**Mission Trip Flea Market—September 2014**

Coming September 2014: Flea market at the McDonald Road Church (5440 McDonald Road, McDonald TN). Support youth mission trip to Belize in 2015. Booths available and donations appreciated (no clothing). For more information, contact Daryl Ford at 423-504-8116.

**announcements**

None this week.

**news**

**South Georgia Camp Meeting Meets**

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Georgia-Cumberland Conference

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Jud Lake, professor of preaching and Adventist studies at Southern Adventist University, spoke on the life and ministry of Ellen G. White. Sabbath afternoon he gave a presentation on "Ellen White and the Civil War," which was well attended.

There was time for great fellowship, music, and good food too! One special feature that made this camp meeting different from the others was that members gave various testimonies during Sabbath school.

The last time South Georgia Camp Meeting was held in this part of the south Georgia region was a few decades ago. Members came from all over the eastern part of the region.

Jan and Myron House said, "We just wanted to thank you, pastor, and your wonderful team at Savannah First for hosting the South Georgia Camp Meeting. We were greatly blessed and thankful to be able to attend."

photos and article by Mark Piotrowski, pastor, Savannah First Church
The Peachtree City Church opened the doors of their Family Life Center March 16 to host a Free Community Outreach Health Fair.

George Pangman, pastor, challenged the church board in mid-2013 to prayerfully seek ways that they, as a church, could reach out in a meaningful way, to their community of Coweta/Fayette County. It was decided that a health fair would be a successful vehicle to bring people together to build bridges and relationships that might lead to other outreach projects in the near future.

Twenty eight booths were manned by exhibitors spotlighting their service, product, or organization, including:

- Organic Farming
- Chemical Free Cleaning products
- Wellness through Nutrition
- Gluten Free and Allergy Free information
- Crohn's and Colitis Advocate
- Essential Oils
- Juice Plus
- Autism
- Special Needs Therapy
- Breastfeeding
- Family Planning
- Childbirth and Newborns
- Alzheimer's
- Spiritual Support
- Hospice Care
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Running Club
- Exercise and Fitness
- Occupational Therapy
Church members who work in a medial profession performed checks on blood pressure, glucose/ diabetes information, body mass index as well as the Health Age Appraisals that were given by E.W. Dempsey, conference health director. The American Red Cross also held a blood drive, collecting 40 pints of blood.

A beautiful and healthy salad bar was served and a large array of door prizes were awarded.

by Nancy Cale
God Wants to Use You

Last month you may remember that I challenged you to see a bigger picture of the world. A picture that included anyone that God might put in your path. Even complete strangers. Why? Because I believe God wants to use you to be a blessing to others.

A prime example of this is Robin Gau. You may remember her. She is the lady I met at TC Thompson Hospital in Chattanooga last month, who has an eight month old baby named Jaydon. Because of chronic lung disease, tracheomalacia, and pulmonary hypertension, Jaydon has never seen the outside world. He was born weighing only one pound ten ounces and has struggled all of his short life.

The day I met Robin the doctors had just told her that they did not think Jaydon had much of a chance to live. I just happened to be visiting someone else in the hospital where Jaydon was when Robin approached me as I was getting ready to leave and asked me if I would come and pray with her baby. Without any hesitation, I said “sure”, figuring this must be a divine appointment. Once I arrived at Jaydon’s bed, I felt compassion for the little guy. With tubes connected to him, I thought this is an opportunity for God to do a miracle. So I anointed him with oil, praying that if it was God’s will that he would be healed. After prayer, I gave Robin a few words of encouragement and then left not knowing what would happen. I was not even sure if I would ever see Robin or Jaydon again. But one thing I did know was that they were both in good hands, God’s hands, the best hands anyone could ever be in.

After having special prayer for Jaydon at church on Sabbath, the next week I got an email from Robin stating that since the anointing Jadyon had started to improve. His vital signs were so much better that the doctors eventually decided to move him out of critical care unit into his own room. Wow! Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! And it gets even better! Just last week Robin told me that the doctors have given her the green light to take Jaydon home. Can you believe that? He will now be able to see the outside world for the first time. Isn’t God good?
As can be expected, Robin is rejoicing. She is so grateful to God. Every text she sends me ends with “Jesus Christ Saves Lives”. She has seen God’s mighty hand at work. This whole experience has brought her closer to God. Thanks to people like, Jeff and Tina Avery, she is now attending our church on Sabbath and enjoying fellowship with our church family. She is also attending the Unsealing Daniel’s Mysteries Seminar. Ardella Davis takes her home each evening. Just found out that Jaydon and her might be going to her home in McMinnville as early as next week. Please remember both of them in your prayers. They both have come a long ways.

What a story! Truly Jesus Christ does save lives! And just think He wants to use you and me to help others find that life in Him. I wonder, who might He be putting in your path today? Consider the following quote:

“All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.”


by Mickey Mallory, Pastor Standifer Gap Church
Channel 8 News Station (WVLT) covered a recent health ministries’ event in Knoxville, Tenn. About 100 local residents attended a plant-based dinner and health seminar at the Knoxville First Church on Sunday, March 16, 2014.

Melody Prettyman, who is a regularly featured cooking expert on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and co-host of a weekly radio program entitled “Focus on Healthy Foods”, was the featured guest at “Get Healthy, Knoxville!”, the health ministries’ monthly plant-based dinner and health seminar.

Kimberly Crider, director of “Get Healthy, Knoxville!” said, “The majority of attendees aren’t members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and are wanting to learn new ways to be healthy and eat the best way possible. While we had several new faces in the crowd, we had many of the ‘regulars’ who come out every month. We’re developing relationships with them and letting them know we really care about their health. Through their interest in the health message, we hope to introduce them to Jesus.”

Many who attended the dinner and seminar commented on how much they enjoyed it and how much information they learned. One person commented that, “Everyone was so friendly! It was really nice!” J.J. said that she “loved it!”

The 30 second news segment can be seen at http://www.local8now.com/video?videoid=2800503 for a very limited time.

The event was sponsored by Get Healthy, Knoxville!, InStep for Life Health Ministries, and the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church to encourage community residents to live healthier lives through exercise, plenty of sunshine, spiritual growth, and a vegetarian, plant-based, whole foods diet.

by Kimberly Crider
Georgia-Cumberland Conference

About eighteen months ago then 20-year old Dillon Sherrill, a Wildwood College of Health Evangelism graduate, stepped to the podium of the Wildwood Church and shared his burden for the people in the downtown Chattanooga area. Dillon and a few friends had been doing personal evangelism on the streets of downtown on the weekends. Within weeks after Dillon's announcement at the church, groups of 25-30 people were gathering in the church parking lot to go to Chattanooga.

Due to the explosive response to the project, some immediate planning and organization was in order. With the help of several students, staff and church leaders, a map or plan or comprehensive cycle of evangelism was create. The cycle would begin with several weeks of initial footwork and would progress to health surveys, accessing the needs of the community and contributing aid in whatever way possible. To conclude the cycle a reaping series would be held close in the Westside community.

The active participation and the buzz surrounding the series of events that members called "evangelism" was evidence enough for the belief that personal friendships were being made between us and the community but our final step would seek to evaluate if any solid connections had been made with the God of heaven.

Students beamed and worn church members were rejuvenated after returning from the field. After every outing, the group would share testimonies of their experiences. It seemed quite natural to progress to the next phase of the comprehensive cycle of evangelism, after months of exciting footwork. The proceeding phase was going to be the reaping evangelistic series.

They secured a venue: the community Presbyterian Church and had planned the evening programs. There would be a wellness program held in the same church only weeks before that would help generate interest in the reaping series as well.

Each night the program would begin at the health screening area where attendees would be able to check their blood pressure, receive chair massages and one-on-one lifestyle counseling. There was a prayer room in the back for heavy burdens and bible studies. Delicious plant based meals were served every night before actual service began.

Health was incorporated into every meeting from the health screening booth to the meals to the health nugget before the message. The theme of the series was *Urban Legends* each night the messages were focusing on discover the difference between fiction and reality in terms of God, His love for us and what we should in turn do with that love. Shawn Craig, a 23-year old Georgia native spoke for the eight-night crusade.

Nearly seventy members of the West Side community attended the meetings with about a dozen interested in Bible studies.
It might have been the crisp October nights, the constant buzz in the streets surrounding the Presbyterian Church but the Spirit of the living God was present every night that made the reaping series a blessing to the attendees and the Wildwood Church members. The church continues to keep close ties with the West Side community. Now once a week, a small group gathers to hear the spoken word and to fellowship. Never forget the power of your church to do amazing things in the community with the help of God.

by Kaneesha Lord
Gainesville Church Participates in 5K

The Gainesville Church participated in the Gainesville Chamber 5K run on Thursday, March 27. The race was hosted at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga. The church has been trying to come up with ideas to get involved in the community and participating in this event was one way that was suggested by a church member.

They announced and encouraged people to join in with this event, and to their surprise over 20 church members and friends signed up and came out that evening. Several invited coworkers, family, and friends to run with them. It was exciting and fun to see.

The race had a tee shirt design contest to present a company or organization logo. The church members designed tee shirts of the Gainesville Church to wear while they ran. Though the church did not win the contest, they had submitted their shirt to the chamber of commerce and were visible to the community.

The event was great for the church for several other reasons. First, it encouraged people to start exercising for the 5K event. Several people began walking and running just because of the race. Some said after the race, they want to continue running. They have not felt this good in quite some time. Second, it was great for fellowship. Every church member and friend of Gainesville Church supported and cheered each other on. New friends were made and they laughed and enjoyed time together. This was an event that most everyone said they loved.

by Tabor Nudd
In 2011, Douglasville Church’s prayer ministries co-coordinator read an article in the *Southern Tidings* Magazine about a school that would pray for one student each day. This idea launched the “Prayer Bowl” Ministry.

Both members and visitors submit names of people they want to pray for. These names are placed into a bowl and each week seven names are drawn. One name for each day of the week. In 2011, the first year of the Prayer Bowl ministry, 450 names were submitted. This year over 600 names have been submitted and are being prayed for. The Douglasville Prayer Bowl Ministry has grown and continues to grow because the congregation has experienced the power of united prayer.

Members with difficult medical issues have been healed. A three year old battled cancer for two years and is now cancer free. Several members survived strokes and are attending church each Sabbath. Stage four cancer survivors, heart attack survivors, and automobile accident victims sit amongst our congregation. Families have been reunited, employment has been found and missing members have returned. The list of testimonies is long. Each time an answered prayer is shared with the church, our faith in a just and compassionate God is strengthened.

Every Sabbath the list of names appears on a screen during services, is printed in the bulletin, is emailed to members and is posted on the church Facebook page. Special and urgent requests are texted to cell phones in a prayer chain so petitions can be made immediately.

United prayer has truly brought the members of the Douglasville Church closer to each other and closer to the Father in heaven. A motto has been adopted “The need is great, the list is long--our God has got this." In our hearts, we hold fast unto the words of John: “

*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*” (15:7)

by Sandra Manestar