June 1-8—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 5-7—Olde Time Camp Meeting—Meister Memorial Church, TN
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June 8—Hispanic Messy Day
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June 9-13—VBS (Calhoun)—Calhoun Church, GA
June 14—Stewardship Sabbath—Coalfield Church, TN

June 15-22—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
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June 21—Health Rally—Graysville Church, TN
June 21—LEAD Evangelism Training—Knoxville Grace Church, TN

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June 23-26—3 Point Play Camp—Jellico Church, TN
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June 28—Stewardship Sabbath—Dalton Church, GA
June 28—Prayer Ministry Day—North Knoxville Church, TN
June 28-29—Will Clinic (Jeff Wilson)—Ooltewah Church, TN

June 29-July 6—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 4-5—Will Clinic (Jeff Wilson)—Crossville Church, TN
July 4-7—Independence Day Holiday (GCC office closed)
July 5—Worldwide Day of Prayer

July 6-13—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
FOR YOUR BULLETIN...

Save the Date for Camp Meeting 2014
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

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp—June 1-July 20
"Cohutta Springs Youth Camp is to my children what Miracle Grow is to my plants. There is noticeable spiritual growth...camp helps them flourish!" says a parent. This happens when collegiate role models who have made the choice to live for Christ share their testimony with campers. It is a life-changing environment that gives a child a vision of what they want to grow up to be. Camp begins June 1 for ages 10-12. For information or to register, go to cs-yc.com or contact our office at 706-602-7346.

Steve Darmody Concert—June 7
Gospel concert by Steve Darmody, Sabbath, June 7, at 11:00 am in the Ladd Springs Church.
(Address: 5860 Bates Pike SE, Cleveland, TN; intersection of Osment Rd. and Bates Pike). Steve Darmody has sung at the U.S. Senate, the Pentagon, and Carnegie Hall. He has recorded 8 CDs. To sample his music, visit www.stevedarmody.org. This free concert is sponsored by World Vision and the Ladd Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Natural Remedies Seminar: Weight Management—June 8-15
Our Annual Natural Remedies Seminar held at our Lifestyle Center will be June 8-15. This year's theme is "Weight Management: Lose, Gain, & Maintain." 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. They will learn how to shop wisely towards their goals. The evening presentations focuses on the mental and emotional factors of weight management. Experience weight management for yourself in one week! For more information or to register at wildwoodhealth.org/seminars/home, or call 1-800-844-1099 ext. 1019 or 423-521-5058. Regular Registration is now open until May 25!!! On-site registration starts May 26.

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.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New! Telephone Prayer Chain**
Join the telephone prayer chain! Held each Sunday evening at 8:00 pm, its purpose is to uplift all of the ministries happening throughout the conference and the people involved in sharing Christ’s love. They also focus on at least three churches each week and take prayer requests. Visit gccsda.com/prayer-ministries/31115 to learn more about or take part in this ministry!

**Summer Housing at Advent House (UTK)**
If you’ll be studying at UTK during the summer, we have rooms available for rent at Advent House, which is right on the campus. Please contact Michaela Lawrence Jeffery, Advent House director, for more information. Call 865-522-3193 or email mlawrence@gccsda.com.

**Kids’ Time Praise Seeking Performers**
Brenda Walsh (“Miss Brenda” on 3ABN’s *Kids’ Time*) is looking for children ages 15 and under to perform instrumental or vocal numbers during some upcoming *Kids’ Time* tapings the weeks of June 13 and 20. (If the child is chosen, a specific date will be given to them). Each child (and accompanying adult(s)) will be responsible for their own food and transportation. (Normally, families fly into St. Louis and then drive the 2 hours to 3ABN, which is in West Frankfort, Illinois). Lodging will be provided.

Any child wishing to audition must send a DVD demo to:
Brenda Walsh
9851 Astilbe Way
Ooltewah, TN 37363

Or you may send a YouTube link demo to:
Carole Derry-Brets at simplycarole@verizon.net.

Accompaniment: professional pianist provided—(may use own pianist but must be pre-approved.)
*No tracks are allowed.*
RECENT NEWS STORIES

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A physics and math major, Josh chose Southern because he wanted to study with professors who shared his faith so that they could converse meaningfully about a variety of topics. From telling jokes and having tea in the office of one professor to engaging in deep, one-on-one, spiritual conversations with others, Josh’s relationships with his professors at Southern have exceeded his expectations.

“I wanted to be able to talk about religion in a very open way with those around me,” Josh shares. “At Southern I can both have scientific honesty and be able to frame the conclusions in ways that do not negatively impact my faith.”

Josh knew he would learn a lot about his professional field in college, but he had no idea how many professional opportunities he would encounter. Not long into his studies at Southern, his professor Ray Hefferlin, Ph.D, recognized that Josh was a hard-working, academically gifted student and offered him a job as a research assistant. Josh jumped at the opportunity to examine, among many topics, the behavior of triatomic molecules and the patterns they exhibit as they emit light when they are excited. Josh was thrilled to get to participate in this research, which could potentially help astronomers trace the history of stars.

To top it all off, Hefferlin invited Josh to travel with him to The International Advances in Applied Physics and Materials Science Congress and Exhibition Conference 2014 in Turkey where Hefferlin was presenting. Josh even got a chance present some of the material himself at The International Conference on Spectral Line Shapes 2014 in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

“At other universities, research students just get marching orders and go off to be bees for the larger scheme of the hive,” Josh shares. “Somewhere else I would never even be able to think about presenting at a conference.”

In addition to his work and academic studies, Josh took part in another special event at Southern—the chance to go on a six-week archeological dig with Michael Hasel, Ph.D, in the Holy Land. After digging during the week at their site, Khirbet Qeiyafa, on weekends he got to see many other significant sights. Ringing in the Sabbath at the Western Wall was an especially moving spiritual experience that he will never forget.

All in all, Josh’s time at Southern has surpassed his hopes. In a world that tries to exclude God from science, Josh has loved being in an environment that keeps an open mind and a heart full of praise as they study God’s wonders.

“In science we search for beauty and for truth,” he says. “It is rewarding to discover more about our Creator by studying the patterns that He has set up in nature.”

by Angela Baerg
Creation Outdoor School Enjoyed

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Excited chatter was heard throughout Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend, Tenn., on Wednesday, April 9, as over 100 Georgia-Cumberland Conference 5th- and 6th-grade students, teachers, chaperones and Southern Adventist University (Southern) students were getting settled into their cabins. The three-day Creation Outdoor School adventure was about to begin!

Lunch and orientation were first on the schedule. Delicious vegetarian meals were provided for us by the camp staff. After lunch, introductions were made and expectations were given. Marty Miller, Outdoor Education professor at Southern, led his students in creating 30-minute outdoor inquiry-based lessons on creation and stewardship to present. The 5th and 6th grade students were split into eight rotation groups with two Southern student leaders.

Over the next 36 hours, groups were immersed in outdoor experiences throughout the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. They even had worship by lantern light in the Cades Cove 19th-century Primitive Baptist Church. The next day, groups were given a historical tour of Cades Cove by the Southern student-leaders, where they also got knee-deep into the river to find and identify water creatures. A hike was led by Miller to the White Oak Sinks, where flowers and plants were identified along the way. One group hiked a little farther than expected, but were good sports, and in the end, had a great story to tell.

After a full day of exercise and learning experiences, we headed back to camp for supper. The evening finished with an exciting game of ‘Environmental Feud,’ where each group was quizzed on the information they had learned during their time at outdoor school. Everyone slept very well that night and packed up the next morning to head home.
Geoffrey White, camp director of Creation Outdoor School and principal at Knoxville Adventist School, summed up the experience by saying, “In a world full of technology and personal disconnect, I was proud and amazed to see so many teachers committed to supporting a nature-rich experience. I saw kids and adults splashing in creeks, sweating on hikes, and singing songs to God, all with smiles on their faces. It was a blessing to be a part of that.”

by Katrina Schreiner, teacher at Knoxville Adventist School
The Georgia-Cumberland Conference has accepted the invitation to be involved in Kingdom growth in China—and because of this support, four new pioneer teams were sent to unreached areas of a province in China. This particular province is located in Southeast China, has a population of more than 45 million, and is one of the poorest provinces in China.

Along with the economy, the Adventist Church in this province has struggled. For example, in the capital city, with its population of more than 5 million, we have only two churches. The larger one is government-owned and has an average of 130 worshippers each Sabbath. One of our pioneer teams has been placed in this city. Since in this entire province there are only three ordained pastors, one can see why the addition of four teams is such a blessing. These teams have been called and trained to focus specifically on sharing the gospel!

Our Adventist brothers and sisters are working on building a church that can also be used as a training center. This is much-needed, since our members in this province do not have a proper place where they can join together to receive training or worship. In fact, at recent area training meetings, the conditions were so pathetic that most of the 100 present had to sleep on the floor, and each gender had to share a single toilet.

Committed members (pictured) are laboring to cut the costs of building a church/training center. Families, three generations together, have been working side-by-side. Though mostly poor farmers, they have raised nearly $300,000 and are praying for another $400,000. (Unfortunately, building costs in China are extremely high.) If members of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference can help defray these costs, the work of spreading the gospel in this part of China will benefit greatly.

Above all, your prayers for Kingdom growth in China are needed. Please pray for the safety of our members, that they may have a hungering and thirsting for God, and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit across this huge country. Also pray that those in leadership positions across China will be given an extra portion of wisdom and grace.

by Chinese Union Mission