CALENDAR

June 15-19—VBS (Statesboro)—Statesboro Church, GA
June 15-22—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 15-22—Total Transformation—Eden's Pathway Lifestyle Center, TN
June 16-21—VBS (Athens)—Athens Church, TN
June 17-19—VBS (Jellico)—Jellico Church, TN
June 18—Homeschool Curriculum Fair—McDonald Church, TN
June 21—Stewardship Sabbath—Ellijay Church, GA
June 21—Health Rally—Graysville Church, TN
June 21—LEAD Evangelism Training—Knoxville Grace Church, TN

June 22-25—VBS (Douglasville)—Douglasville Church, GA
June 22-29—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
June 22-29—Summer SALT—Southern Adventist University
June 23-26—3 Point Play Camp—Jellico Church, TN
June 24—Sustainable Preparedness Seminar—Dunlap Adventist School, TN
June 25—Sustainable Preparedness Seminar—McDonald Road Church, TN
June 26—Sustainable Preparedness Seminar—Dunlap Adventist School, TN
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

July 13—God in Shoes Outreach—Andrews Church, NC
July 13—Health and Wellness Community Fair—McDonald Church, TN
July 13—SNOW Day—Cartersville Church, GA
July 13-20—Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
July 14-18—VBS (LaFollette)—LaFollette Company, TN
July 14-18—**Flute Camp**—Collegedale Academy
July 18—**LEAD Evangelism Training**—Knoxville Adventist School, TN
July 19—**Stewardship Sabbath**—Warner Robins Church, GA
July 19—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Calhoun Church, GA

July 20—**Health Expo**—Cohutta Church, GA
July 20—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Cartersville Church, GA
July 21—**God in Shoes Outreach**—Oneida, TN
July 21—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Adairsville Church, GA
July 22—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Rossville Church, GA
July 23—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Lookout Mountain Church, GA
July 24—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Blairsville Church, GA
July 25—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Chatsworth Church, GA
July 26—Stewardship Sabbath—Smoky Mountain Church, TN
July 26—Stewardship Sabbath—Newport Church, TN

July 27—**God in Shoes Outreach**—Cohutta, GA
July 27—**Will Clinic (Les Speer)**—Dalton Church, GA
July 27-30—**Ministerial Retreat**

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**FOR YOUR BULLETIN...**

**Camp Meeting 2014**

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**

Trust services officers Les Speer and Jeff Wilson are conducting will clinics throughout the conference and might be coming to your church soon! **Please note that worksheets must be completed before attending the clinic.** Worksheets are available from your pastor or the conference’s Trust Services Department.

June 28-29—Ooltewah Church, TN
July 4-5—Crossville Church, TN  
July 19—Calhoun Church, GA  
July 20—Cartersville Church, GA  
July 21—Adairsville Church, GA  
July 22—Rossville Church, GA  
July 23—Lookout Mountain Church, GA  
July 24—Blairsville Church, GA  
July 25—Chatsworth Church, GA  
July 27—Dalton Church, GA

August 23-24—Standifer Gap Church, TN  
August 24—Ellijay Church, GA  
August 25—Jasper Church, GA  
August 27—Cohutta Church, GA  
August 29—Andrews Church, NC  
August 30—Murphy Church, NC  
August 30-31—Crossville Church, TN

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp—Now through 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. For information or to register, go to cs-yc.com or contact our office at 706-602-7346.

New! Homeschool Curriculum Fair—June 18
A Homeschool Curriculum Fair will be held at the McDonald Road Church gym on Wednesday, June 18, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Call Jennifer Clark-Towles (653-8098) or Alicia James (774-5505) for more information or to reserve a table. Sell your gently used curriculum or come shop for some great buys.

Worldwide Day of Prayer—July 5
A call is going out across the Seventh-day Adventist world church to set aside Sabbath, July 5, as a special day of prayer for evangelism in the cities across the globe. Pray for a special anointing of God’s Spirit on our churches as we seek to reach the cities with the everlasting gospel. Please pray for the salvation of the city nearest to your church and in particular for the cities of **Memphis, TN**, and **Tampa, FL**, in the Southern Union, which have been identified for special outreach. Download promotional materials and learn more about Mission to the Cities at gccsda.com/events/worldwidedayofprayer2014

New! Health and Wellness Community Fair—July 13
The McDonald Road Church will be sponsoring a FREE health and wellness fair on July 13, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in their church gym. There will be lots of great exhibits and services—gardening, health screenings, hydrotherapy, charcoal uses, juicing, and much, much more! For additional information,
contact Dorothy Walters at 423-236-4893 or Janice Parker at 423-236-4142.

**New! Women's SNOW Day—July 13**
The Cartersville Church will be hosting their women's SNOW Day on July 13 from 1:00-7:00 pm. The theme this year is "Dancing in the Blizzard: Rejoicing in the Hard Times!" Attendees can choose from two break-out sessions: making a craft or a healthy-cooking class. Cost is $15 per person. If mailing in payment, please make check payable to Cartersville Seventh-Day Adventist Church and mail to 311 Old Mill Rd., Cartersville, GA 30120. For more information, contact Lauri Blackwell at 678-469-2978 or visit cartersvillesdachurch.org.

**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.

**Marriage Retreat—October 31-November 2**
Save the date for this awesome weekend for couples! Special guests will be Jorge and Evelyn Torres (back by popular demand!) and musician Chad Mutchler. The retreat will be held at beautiful Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA. Don't miss this great opportunity for you and your spouse! For more information, visit gccsda.com/events/marriageretreat14.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**360—Spring 2014**
Have you seen the most recent 360? Learn how Stephen and Karen Wickham are helping transform their Jasper, Tenn., community for the better! Click here to watch.

**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.

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**RECENT NEWS STORIES**
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PATHFINDER CAMPOREE BRINGS GOD AND FUN TO NEW SITE
This year's Camporee, held April 24-26, had more than 1,700 youth camping in a new space of 30 acres at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga. Read the story

LOCAL FILMMAKER SCORES BIG IN NATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH FILM CONTEST
Jonathan Wendt, son of GCC pastor David Wendt, recently took second place overall for his film "The Indian's Revenge" at the 20th Anniversary Christian Youth Film Festival in Bakersfield, Calif. Read the story
Bill and Daffodil Harper, members of the Athens, Tenn. Church, lead a group called GEMS for Christ. GEMS (Great Evangelistic Missions) was founded in 2002 and is an organization that raises funds to assist and share the gospel in the Philippines.

A big part of the GEMS fund raising comes from musical concerts performed by “The Visionaries.” Daffodil leads the musical performers who present several concerts each year. They sponsor several lay pastors and send dynamic speakers to the Philippines including: EW Dempsey in 2008, Mario Servan in 2009, and Kenny Shelton in 2012.

Linda Curtis, a member of the GEMS for Christ board, reports that GEMS sends a variety of items to the Philippines.
including food, health care products like shampoo and soap.

God has blessed this ministry with about 700 baptisms per year. They have also helped found several churches.

by Linda Curtis
There were games of soccer, volleyball, football, and even Frisbee golf. Children were everywhere playing, flying kits, creating potholders, learning outdoor skills, talking, and enjoying the beautiful day. It was Pathfinder Camporee April 24-26 and over 1,700 youth were camping in a new space of 30 acres at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga.

“Camporee allows Pathfinder to see the big picture, to realize that they belong to an organization with purpose!” says Fernando Verduzco, children/junior youth ministries director. “Most importantly, it helps them experience their peers responding to the gospel message and gives them the opportunity to join them. They find that in this setting is actually cool to accept Jesus publicly!”

Verduzco, John Swafford, retired children/junior youth ministries director; Darrel Starkey, construction coordinator; and Olivier Lemaitre, executive director for Cohutta Springs Conference Center; all worked together to ensure that the new location for the camporee was in place. They installed running water (including hot water), brought in portable toilets, and created roads with signage for the large number of campers. In the past year Pathfinders has seen an increase of 350 new members in a total of 70 clubs. Verduzco attributes the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisc., for this growth but they had long ago outgrown the old camporee location at Cohutta Springs.

The speaker for the weekend was Jonathan Montes, associate pastor of the Calhoun Church. Montes challenged the Pathfinders Friday evening saying that “you are the church. The time to act is now. The time to make a difference is now.”

Friday also brought a fun tradition to camporee with the annual food fair. Walking around the campground one could find a variety of items including empanadas, corn dogs, Romanian pastries, egg rolls, and the very popular shaved ice. In talking with a few Pathfinders they shared that they all come to camporee to socialize. Being with friends was the number one answer when asked why they attend camporee.

Ron Derrick, a member of the Pathfinder Executive Council, said, “The biggest blessing is seeing Pathfinders committing or recommitting their lives to Christ on Sabbath morning. I have been involved with Pathfinder leadership for 34 years. It is a way of life. I love to see the smiles of the pathfinders and watching them grow up.”

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article and photos by Tamara Wolcott Fisher
The historic Fox Theatre in Bakersfield, California, was packed as hundreds of spectators, supporters, and hopefuls attended the 20th Anniversary Christian Youth Film Festival. However, local filmmaker and Rhea County Academy student Jonathan Wendt traveled the farthest distance to attend in hopes of winning at least one award. What he didn't realize is how well his film "The Indian's Revenge" would be received by judges.

Wendt's film received second place overall with a cash prize of $890, along with recognition as Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, and Best Production Value.

Wendt says, "I was amazed. They kept calling my name and it was like a blur. When they asked me to speak, all I could say was 'I thank God, my family and my crew.' I also thanked my Dad who was a big help to me."
Because he won the Best Director award, Wendt has also been offered free director classes with Clay Banks Studios in Hollywood. Banks was one of the judges for the competition along with seasoned actor Basil Hoffman, rising Christian actress Jenn Gotson, multi-published author Connie Flieshauer, actress Amanda Nugent, producer Susan Silvestri and producer David Wood. Wendt’s film can be viewed on You Tube by searching for The Indian’s Revenge, or at the following link:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h8n61H5DPw

Anyone who wants to enter next year’s contest should continue to check the website for contest opening date and apply online at christianyouthfilmfestival.com.

by Joy Wendt