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CALENDAR

July 21—God in Shoes Outreach—Oneida, TN
July 21—**Will Clinic** (Les Speer)—Adairsville Church
July 21-25—**VBS** (Jonesboro)—Atlanta Southside Church
July 21-25—**VBS** (Chattanooga)—Chattanooga First Church
July 22—**Will Clinic** (Les Speer)—Rossville Church
July 23—**Will Clinic** (Les Speer)—Lookout Mountain Church
July 24—**Will Clinic** (Les Speer)—Blairsville Church
July 25—**Will Clinic** (Les Speer)—Chatsworth Church
July 25-27—**Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar**—Loganville Church
July 25-27—**Church & Youth Revival**—Alpharetta Church
July 26—Stewardship Sabbath—Smoky Mountain Church
July 26—Stewardship Sabbath—Newport Church
July 26—**Buddy Houghtaling in Concert**—Standifer Gap Church

July 27—**God in Shoes Outreach**—Cohutta, GA
July 27—**The Jack Blanco Story Documentary Screening**—Collegedale Community Church
July 27—**Will Clinic** (Les Speer)—Dalton Church
July 27-30—**Ministerial Retreat**
July 31—**Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar**—Loganville Church

Aug 1-3—**Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar**—Loganville Church
Aug 1-2—**Names of God Seminar**—Collegedale Community Church
Aug 2—**Prayer Ministry Day**—Jellico Church
Aug 2—**Personal Ministries Rally**—Hiram Church
Aug 2—**Christ's Way to Pray Conference**—Cohutta Church

Aug 3—**God in Shoes Outreach**—Rogersville Church  **Rescheduled to Aug. 8-10**
Aug 3—**God in Shoes Outreach**—Vise Grove Mission Group
Aug 5-16—**Evangelistic Series**—Oneida, TN
Aug 6-10—**Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting**—Cohutta Springs Conference Center
Aug 7-10—**Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar**—Loganville Church
Aug 8-10—**God in Shoes Outreach**—Rogersville Church
Aug 9—**Messy Church**—Bowman Hills School Gym
Aug 11-16—International Pathfinder Camporee—Oshkosh, WI
Aug 14-17—Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar—Loganville Church
Aug 16—Messy Church—Bowman Hills School Gym
Aug 16—Prison Ministries Training Canceled

Aug 17—God in Shoes Outreach—Cedar Ridge Church
Aug 21-24—Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar—Loganville Church
Aug 22-24—Hispanic Camp Meeting—Cohutta Springs
Aug 22-23—LifeGroup Training Retreat—Cohutta Springs
Aug 23—End It Now/Abuse Prevention Day—Atlanta Metro Church
Aug 23—Stewardship Sabbath—Rossville Church
Aug 23—Domestic Violence Awareness Sabbath—Apison Church
Aug 23—LEAD Evangelism Training—College Hill Church
Aug 23—Messy Church—Bowman Hills School
Aug 23-24—Will Clinic (Jeff Wilson)—Standifer Gap Church

Aug 24—Will Clinic (Les Speer)—Ellijay Church
Aug 25—Will Clinic (Les Speer)—Jasper Church
Aug 27—Will Clinic (Les Speer)—Cohutta Church
Aug 28-30—Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminar—Loganville Church
Aug 29—Will Clinic (Les Speer)—Andrews Church
Aug 30—Stewardship Sabbath—Atlanta First Hispanic Church
Aug 30—Will Clinic (Les Speer)—Murphy Church
Aug 30-31—Will Clinic (Jeff Wilson)—Crossville Church
Aug 31—Wild Plants & Herbs Class—Apison Church

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.

- 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

**God’s Backyard Bible Camp—July 21-25**
The Atlanta Southside Church invites families to "God's Backyard Bible Camp—Under the Stars." The VBS will be held July 21-25 from 6:00-8:30 pm each evening. To learn more and to register, visit [backyard.vacationbibleschool.com/atlsda](http://backyard.vacationbibleschool.com/atlsda)

**New! The Jack Blanco Story—July 27**
Be among the first to screen a new documentary, **The Jack Blanco Story**, featuring the life story of a Chattanooga-area resident, Holocaust survivor, and Korean War veteran on Sunday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Collegedale Community Church on 4995 Swinyar Drive. Learn more about the documentary screening at [gccsda.com/events/blancostory](http://gccsda.com/events/blancostory) and more about the project at [n7mc.org/blanco](http://n7mc.org/blanco).

**Names of God Seminar—August 1-2**
Presented by Dr. Rob Sheppard and pastor Ernie Pyle (from Knowing God Ministries). Don’t miss the weekend series entitled, "Names of God." The Scriptures will come alive as never before when you study the Bible using the names that God gave Himself. This dynamic presentation reveals God's character and His deep love for mankind. The series will be held August 1-2 at the Collegedale Community Church.

**Christ's Way to Pray Conference—August 2**
All are invited to attend a prayer conference with Dr. Philip Samaan. Samaan's message—"Christ's Way
to Pray”—will help you explore how Christ prays for you, discover how Christ prays with you, and experience how Christ's powerful prayers unite with our puny prayers! The conference will be held Sabbath, Aug. 2, at 3:00 pm at the Cohutta Church.

Mission Trip Flea Market and Bake Sale—September 7
Come help support McDonald Road's youth mission trip to Belize! A flea market and bake sale will be held Sunday, Sept. 7, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the McDonald Road Church (5440 McDonald Rd., McDonald, TN). Donations appreciated (no clothing) and booths are available. For more information, call Daryl Ford at 423-504-8116.

Youth Ministries Convention—September 26-27
Attention lay youth workers, youth pastors, and chaplains: Gather together with youth directors Rob Lang and Don Keele for inspiration, vision, and encouragement for the important calling of reaching and retaining our youth for Jesus. Steve Case—author, speaker, and experienced youth worker—will be our guest speaker. The event will be held Sept. 26-27 at Cohutta Springs. For more information, contact Alyse at 706-602-7346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

New! Southern Union Men's Prayer Summit—October 3-5
All men are invited to attend "Blessed is the Man..." with presenters like Dr. Ron Smith, Southern Union Conference president; Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial director; Dr. Barry Black, United States Senate chaplain; Mike Tucker, Faith for Today speaker/director; and many more! The weekend will be held Oct. 3-5 at the Renaissance Waverly in Atlanta, Ga. To learn more or to register, visit southernunion.com/prayerministries.

S'more Camp: Single Moms' & Kids' Retreat—October 24-26
Save the date for S'more Camp! This free weekend is for single moms and their kids. Come ignite your bond with Jesus, your kids, and with other moms. The weekend will include a scavenger hunt, spa day for moms, children's programming, spiritual renewal, and much more. Held at beautiful Cohutta Springs, moms and kids will both enjoy the retreat. For more information, contact Donna in Family Ministries: 800-567-1844 ext. 342 or dcrandall@gccsda.com

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! Registration is now open! For more information, visit gccsda.com/events/marriageretreat14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communique
The latest issue of Communique will be coming to a mailbox near you soon. It's also available online. Click here to read it.
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!

2014-2015 Housing at Advent House (UTK)
If you'll be studying at UTK during the 2014-2015 school year, we have only two more rooms left 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.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

AUGUSTA WINS SECOND PLACE IN PARADE
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ADVENTURERS SHARE JOY AT CHRISTMAS
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NEWTON BRINGS HEALTH AND FUN TO FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL
Last October, the Newton County Church participated in the Friendship Festival held in Social Circle, Ga., with about 4,000 people in attendance. Read the story
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Augusta Wins Second Place in Parade

“Christ: Into all of the World,” a parade float sponsored by the Augusta School, won second place in the religious division of the Columbia County Christmas Parade in Ga. Students, hail from various ancestral backgrounds, dressed according to their culture of origin. Countries represented included: Germany, Scotland, West Indies, Canada, England, South Korea, France, Romania, Mexico, Spain, and Saudi Arabia.

With the float body recently refurbished by Olin Metts and Clint Helbley, the teachers and students eagerly transformed it. A large six-foot high globe sat center stage, surrounded by flags of the world and happily waving students. This was followed at the other end of the float with a stable/manger scene topped by a large cross. The float was pulled by Manny Hernandez in his Ford truck - which aptly was colored green to match the Christmas theme.

This Christmas parade reaches many throughout the community. It is also broadcast on NBC Channel 12 - WRDW. One student, Elijah Woods, even presented the broadcaster on air with a candy cane. Students took turns passing out the small gift to many children and adults lined on the mile and a half route.

Students and parents, once again, enjoyed this joyous yearly tradition, as the school participates with the community in celebrating the birth of Christ.

by Rebekah Helbley
Adventurers Share Joy at Christmas

Six Adventurers, three cars, four grown-ups, and one Pathfinder made their way slowly along to a small nursing home in Decatur, Tenn., one rainy Sunday, just before Christmas.

One car was full of props and costumes. The other cars held very excited youngsters. They were about to display the results of many practices concerning the wonderful Christmas story. Their eyes were large as they looked around and timidly followed their leaders to help the older people get settled to the meeting room. It didn't take them long to get "in the Christmas spirit" and they started to interact with the nursing home residents, even though many could not respond other than to stare at them.

One Adventurer's whole family, who were not Adventists, came to behold the "Angel", the littlest Adventurer in our group. The Christmas story was then retold as days of old, holding the interest of each octogenarian capable of recognizing the best gift ever given to mankind.

After the skit, each child passed out a large Christmas bag to each of the patients. They had gone through their stuffed animals and donated some of their own toys for them. Each patient received Kleenex, a stuffed animal, a soft, fuzzy blanket, chapstick, some received a coloring book and crayons. The Adventurers even met one Sunday and had painted "Suncatchers" for their windows.

After delivering a Christmas bag to each patient in the sunroom, they made their way through the Nursing Home to find all the patients who were room bound. Each child was so excited as they made their way to the cars and the long drive home. The blessing they gave that day came back ten-fold.

Cedar Ridge Adventurers made 50 patients very happy that December day.

by Janelle Hastings
Newton Brings Health and Fun to Friendship Festival
Last October the Newton County Church participated in the Friendship Festival held in Social Circle, Ga., with about 4,000 in attendance. The church booth offered free healthy snacks with food samples, recipes, CPR instruction, free literature, and registration for depression recovery classes. They received good response from the community and the food samples were a big hit, especially the mock chicken salad wraps and the “no cheese” cheesecake.

They gave out recipe cards to at least 50-75 people and about 30 attended the CPR instruction. People were very interested in lowering cholesterol in their diet.

by Renee Thomas