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CALENDAR

Oct. 4-12—Messiah's Mansion—Savannah First Church
Oct. 6—Archaeology Lecture—Southern Adventist University
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Oct. 10-11—Revival Weekend—Hiram Church
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Oct. 11—Steve Green Concert—Collegedale Community Church
Oct. 11-12—Evangelistic Series—Calhoun Church
Oct. 11-12—Budgeting Workshop—Atlanta Southside Church

Oct. 14-19—Hydrotherapy Seminar—Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital
Oct. 16-18—Association of Adventist Women's Annual Conference—Southern Adventist University
Oct. 17-19—Men's Retreat—Cohutta Springs
Oct. 17-19—Parent Weekend—Georgia-Cumberland Academy
Oct. 18—Stewardship Sabbath—Rossville Church
Oct. 18—Health Rally—Jamestown Church
Oct. 18—Will Clinic (Les Speer)—Atlanta Southside Church

Oct. 19-23—Appalachia Domestic Missions Training
Oct. 24-26—Single Moms' and Kids' Retreat—Cohutta Springs
Oct. 25—Stewardship Sabbath—Brunswick Church
Oct. 26—Fall Festival—Collegedale Community Church
Oct. 31-Nov. 2—Pathfinder Teen Challenge
Oct. 31-Nov. 2—Marriage Retreat—Callaway Gardens

Nov. 1—How to Conduct a Reversing Diabetes Seminar—Conference Office
Nov. 1—Stewardship Sabbath—Crossville Church
Nov. 1—The King's Heralds Concert—Calhoun Church
Nov. 1-2—Will Clinic (Jeff Wilson)—Wildwood Church
Nov. 2—Sandy Erickson Race for Christian Education—Collegedale, TN
Nov. 7-8—ShareHim Homeland Lay Evangelism Training—Conference Office
Nov. 7-9—Southern Union Health Meeting—Southern Union Conference Office
Nov. 7-9—Makeover: Hispanic Youth Rally—Cohutta Springs
Nov. 7-9—Teen Prayer Conference—The Oaks Retreat, Greeneville, TN
Nov. 8—Coble Elementary 50-Year Reunion—Coble Elementary
Nov. 8—Bel Canto 20-Year Reunion—Coble Elementary

FOR YOUR BULLETIN...

Free Archaeology Lecture—October 6
Martin Klingbeil, professor of biblical studies and archaeology at Southern Adventist University and co-director of The Fourth Expedition to Lachish, will present a free lecture titled “Excavating War and Destruction in Ancient Judah” on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel on Southern’s campus. Tel Lachish was a critically important city in the Kingdom of Judah, second only to Jerusalem. Southern’s dig there in the summer of 2014 was cut short due to political instability, but the efforts were still fruitful. The event is free and open to the public.

Night of Worship—October 10
Join us for another night of worship, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014, at 8:00 p.m., at the Hamilton Community Church. Singing together in worship is one of the most powerful and personal ways in which we can surrender our hearts to God. Through this gathering, we will lift our voices and hearts to God to honor Him and surrender to His leading in our lives! Free childcare for families with children! Vespers credit available to all Southern Adventist University students, thanks to the campus chapter of "To Write Love on Her Arms" (TWLOHA).

New! Budgeting Workshop—October 11-12
The Atlanta Southside Church is conducting a budgeting workshop on Saturday evening, Oct. 11, starting at 7:00 p.m. The workshop continues on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. with a beginners’ couponing class. The couponing class is $10 per person.

GCA Parent Weekend—October 17-19
Come enjoy an inspired weekend of worship, relationship building, and fun! Programs begin Friday night with vespers at 7:30 and end with brunch and parent/teacher conferences on Sunday. Go to www.gcasda.org for more information and to register.

New! Men’s Retreat—October 17-19
This year’s men’s retreat, “Man of God,” will be at Cohutta Springs with our featured speaker Claudio Consuegra, Family Ministry director for the North American Division. Claudio has a rich background in the area of family ministries, having worked with his wife as a team in numerous conferences plus a live call-in
family show for Life Talk radio for three years. He has authored numerous journal articles as well as many books. Tom Hayes, Alan Parker and Marty Miller will be leading seminar sessions dealing with the man of God as a husband, father, and employee. Chad Mutchler will be our guest musician for the weekend. Come for a time of restful relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual rejuvenation. Registration ends Oct. 14 so sign up now at registration.gccsda.com

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.

How to Conduct a Reversing Diabetes Seminar—November 1
The Georgia-Cumberland Conference invites you to their conference-wide training, “How to Conduct a Reversing Diabetes Seminar.” The event will be held Sabbath, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the conference office in Calhoun, Ga. Presenters will be Stephen (MPA, RN) and Karen (RN) Wickham, who have been doing these seminars in their community. The Wickhams' seminars have been so successful that they received the 2013 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award for Grundy County. They were also invited to share about their work at the national Together on Diabetes Summit in Atlanta this past February. You will come away from this seminar with a better understanding of diabetes and how to offer hope to your community that this disease can be reversed. This training is designed for health professionals and health educators. Pre-registration is required to attend. Registration deadline is October 15. Cost is $12 (includes lunch). For more information and to register, call 800-567-1844, ext. 348.

Sandy Erickson Race for Christian Education—November 2
Join us for our 3rd annual race on Sunday, November 2! Events include a 5K and kids’ 1-mile fun run, both held at Collegedale Adventist Middle School in Collegedale, TN. Race proceeds benefit the Greater Collegedale School System Worthy Student Fund and educational improvements for the school system. For more information, visit www.sandyericksonfunrun.com.

ShareHim Homeland Lay Evangelism Training—November 7-8
Come learn how to be an effective lay evangelistic speaker at the ShareHim Homeland Lay Evangelism Training. This event will be presented by Ralph Ringer, Southern Union director of Church Growth & Evangelism Training. It will be held November 7-8 at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in Calhoun, Ga. Cost is $25 (which includes catered lunch and supper on Sabbath). Pre-registration is required; registration deadline is October 13. To register or for more information, call 800-567-1844, ext. 348.
John L. Coble Elementary 50 Year Reunion—November 8

John L. Coble Elementary, in Calhoun, Ga., is celebrating 50 years of quality Christian education. Founded in 1964 on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, this school has provided the foundation of Adventist education for hundreds of students. A special alumni and friends celebration is planned for Sabbath, November 8, 2014. This special day will be filled with praise, worship, fellowship, music, history, pictures, tours of both the old and new buildings, and memories galore! Guest speaker will be Brennon Kirstein, chaplain of Southern Adventist University, and former youth pastor of Calhoun Church. Lunch will be provided after the church service. If you plan to attend and stay for lunch, please RSVP at coble50th@gmail.com. If you have pictures from when you attended Coble, please email them to the same address. Also, if you want updates and to reconnect with old friends, please join our Facebook group page, John L. Coble Elementary School Alumni & Friends or follow on Twitter @Coble50th. If you attended or supported Coble Elementary in the past 50 years, please plan be at John L. Coble Elementary on Sabbath, November 8, 2014, at 10:00 am, celebrating how far God has brought this little school!

Bel Canto 20 Year Reunion—November 8

Bel Canto, the fifth-eighth-grade touring choir of John L. Coble Elementary in Calhoun, Ga., is 20 years old this year! Since 1994, this select choir has been sharing Jesus through the gift of music. If you were ever in Bel Canto, or are a parent or supporter of Bel Canto, you are invited to a fun-filled afternoon of memories and music. We will celebrate Bel Canto’s past 20 years with a slide show, mass choir concert, fun, and fellowship. Please make plans now to be at Coble Elementary School on Sabbath, November 8, 2014. The Bel Canto events will be in the afternoon following the morning celebration of John L. Coble Elementary School’s 50th anniversary. A brief rehearsal will be held at 2:30 pm for the mass choir concert. The program will begin at 3:30 pm. We need your help with pictures for the slide show and old Bel Canto uniforms. If you have pictures to include in the slide show, please email them to belcanto20th@gmail.com. And, if you have old dresses or other Bel Canto attire to include in a fashion show, please email us at the same address and let us know what you have and what size it is. Even if you don’t have pictures or uniforms, please RSVP to belcanto20th@gmail.com and let us know you’re planning to attend. You will then be on our email list for updates and other communication. For updates and to reconnect with old friends, please join the John L. Coble Bel Canto Facebook page and you will receive an invitation to the Bel Canto reunion event page. We can’t wait to see all of you!

Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies Fair—November 16

Sponsored by Adventist Retired Workers, this event will be taking place on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the fellowship hall of the Collegedale church. At this time we still have a few openings for crafters/hobbyists to display their wares. If interested, please contact Jim Hoffer at kw8tjim@catt.com or by phone at 706-965-2425.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

**Pews for Sale**
The Standifer Gap (Chattanooga, Tenn.) church is remodeling our sanctuary and is selling our old pews. We would prefer to sell them as a whole but will piece them out individually or in smaller bundles. We have 2 4-foot pews; 19 5-foot pews; 22 12-foot pews; and 8 14-foot pews. They are canteliver style so they need to be attached to the floor. We would like $4,500 for everything, but will consider any offer. Call/text 765-430-0607 or email derekkara@att.net

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**RECENT NEWS STORIES**

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**New Principal Plants Spiritual Seeds at Columbus School**
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For three Saturday nights in August, families from the Bowman Hills church, Tenn., and community bonded as they ate, did crafts, and participated in recreational activities together.

“Messy Church is a friendship ministry,” explains Pam Lassiter, who spearheaded the program at Bowman Hills, “It’s a type of VBS for families—and really for everyone.”

Messy Church differs from the traditional VBS (Vacation Bible School) model in two ways. It involves the whole family, and it is ongoing. This provides the opportunities for friendships to develop and be nourished. Between 80 and 110 people attended each night, with an ever-increasing number of non-members each week.

“One of the families asked that we please contact her and let her know when the next one will be,” says Lassiter, conveying that the mother was thrilled to see her children, who are usually shy and withdrawn in Sunday School, blossom in Messy Church.

The three weeks of Messy Church in August led up to a September prophecy series. And once the prophecy series is over, plans are to start having monthly Messy Church events.

by Lori Futcher
Prayer of dedication during the ordination into ministry for Josh Woods, pastor of the Oglethorpe and Warner Robins churches in Ga.

Josh and Brittany dedicated their daughter Adelyn during the ordination service.
Josh Woods reads the response to the ordination given by Victor Maddox, vice president for ministerial and evangelism.

Special music.

"I wanted to become a pastor because people invested time, effort, and money into me, and it changed the trajectory in my life," said Josh Woods. "I thought if I could do that for others, that would be awesome, because I want to give..."
back what's been given to me."

Woods attributes his decision to go into the ministry to his experience at Georgia-Cumberland Academy (Calhoun, Ga.) and the spiritual mentors he found there.

Woods and his wife, Brittany, and their daughter, Adelyn, live in south Georgia, where Woods serves as pastor of the Oglethorpe and Warner Robins churches. Woods was recently offered the position of chaplain for Georgia-Cumberland Academy and will transition there soon. He especially enjoys “preaching the word, building real, authentic, Christ-centered relationships, and hanging out with young adults and kids.”

On Aug. 8, his churches came together for a very special service that included not only Woods’ ordination but also a baby dedication for Adelyn.

For the keynote address, Woods chose one of his spiritual mentors from his days at GCA, Don Keele, Jr. In his sermon, Keele challenged Woods to be a good shepherd, just like Jesus.

photos and story by Brian Young, communication assistant director
Growing up on an organic farm in southern Oregon, Cody Clifford witnessed the agricultural process from seed to harvest. Now he’s using what he learned in the farming world to cultivate the minds of students in Columbus, Ga.

Clifford is the new principal/teacher at the Columbus First Adventist School, which sits on a 12-acre church campus with plenty of green space suitable for gardening and other outdoor activities. It’s there that he plans to develop a robust Christ-centered academic program that encourages students to grow spiritually and explore the world around them.

School started August 18, and Clifford has already doubled enrollment to 13 students. He plans to increase the number even more through a stimulating educational environment and outreach projects in the community. He currently has one teaching assistant, but hopes to expand to a multiple-teacher school in the future.

“I think public schools can offer strong academics,” said Clifford, while reflecting on what his school has to offer. “But at Columbus First Adventist School we can provide individualized academic education coupled with building character and teaching students how to share their faith.”

Clifford came to Columbus by way of Corrales, New Mexico, where he taught math, physical education and history at Sandia View Elementary School. While there, he also served as a teacher’s aid, tutor, and guitar instructor. Prior to that, he spent nearly three years teaching fifth- and sixth-graders at Roger’s Adventist School. He also has mission experience having taught English Language Learner classes, athletics, and music at Taipei Adventist American School in Taiwan.

Clifford was selected for the position after an extensive search by a school-based search committee. Keith Trumbo, church pastor, said he was hired because of his strong credentials and focus on Christ-centered education.

"At the Columbus First Church our vision is 'Think Faith, Live Faith, Share Faith,'” Trumbo said. "Mr. Clifford's commitment to having Jesus in the classroom will continue our commitment to help children understand the process of learning how to agree with Jesus, how to think faith."

Clifford said he has always loved working with children, but tried to avoid his calling. After high school, he went to Walla Walla University with hopes of becoming a dentist. He later changed his major to business administration so he could run his own dental practice one day.
But God had other plans, Clifford said. Friends and relatives kept saying he was meant to be a teacher, and he felt in his heart it was what God wanted him to do. So after graduating from Walla Walla with his bachelor’s in business administration in 2010, he went on to earn a master’s in elementary education in 2013.

Since moving to Columbus, Clifford has focused on giving the students a fresh start. He’s updating technology and creating a more professional environment so they will take pride in the school. He also plans to have students share their experience with the community through a newsletter, music and other activities.

Clifford had a major development in his personal life since moving to the area. His wife, Rachel, recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Like the farm where he grew up, his life continues to bear good fruit. Columbus is blessed to have him and his family planted in the community.

by Alva James-Johnson
Thirty members from the local community recently enjoyed some positive attention as the Apison Tenn. church continued their ministry of pampering single moms on July 13. The church members began the ministry three years ago as a day to provide information on engine maintenance, car washes, tire checks, and even gave away gifts certificates for a free oil change. The event also included hospitality with gifts of homemade bread. The event has now exploded into a Single Mom's Pampering event.

This year fifteen "pampering stations" were available including: blood pressure checks, healthy cooking with samples, chair and hand massages (a real favorite), exercise advice from a personal trainer, and a hair stylist who perked moms up before having a portrait taken, and of course, a loaf of homemade bread. In addition, four teen girls provided manicures. Brian Burgess, pastor, was also on hand to meet any spiritual needs. The children of these single moms were watched while the moms relaxed.

Community businesses provided gift certificates including Massengill Tires, who has provided certificates for the past three years. Relationships in Balance Counseling Center provided gift certificates for therapy sessions. All business contributions were well received and appreciated.

The hearts of all involved were blessed as the following comments were shared:

"I needed friendship and thought I was the only one until I overheard others say they really needed the caring touch that was shown by everyone."

"No one has ever pampered me or cared for me. I can't remember the last time someone touched me."

"I experienced God's physical touch through His people."

"I saw Jesus in action."

Of the thirty moms attending 19 expressed an interest in small Bible study groups for moms and 14 expressed an interest in learning more about healthy cooking. The enthusiastic group of volunteers is already looking forward to next year.

by Virginia Holley