CALENDAR

Oct. 19-23—Appalachia Domestic Missions Training—Liberty, KY
Oct. 24—Mark Twain Presentation—Southern Adventist University
Oct. 24—CONNECT Gwinnett: Recharge—Buford, GA
Oct. 24-26—Single Moms’ and Kids’ Retreat—Cohutta Springs
Oct. 25—Stewardship Sabbath—Brunswick Church
Oct. 26—Fall Festival—Collegedale Community Church
Oct. 26—“Taste and See” Cooking Class—Apison Church
Oct. 27-31—Stop Smoking Class—LaFollette Company
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
Nov. 9—Service Outreach Weekend—Collegedale Community Church
Nov. 9—Fall Fest Health Fair—Douglasville Church
Nov. 9—“Taste and See” Cooking Class—Apison Church

Nov. 15—Stewardship Sabbath—Thomasville Kenyon Memorial Church
Nov. 15—Holy Spirit Convocation—Columbus, GA
Nov. 16—Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies Fair—Collegedale Church
Nov. 16—Sounds of the Season—GCA Church
FOR YOUR BULLETIN...

Mark Twain Presentation—October 24
Southern Adventist University’s McKee Library will host a presentation by author Ben Tarnoff on Friday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. The lecture, “Mark Twain and the Bohemians of the Far Western Frontier,” is free and open to the public. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win signed copies of the speaker’s books. Tarnoff has also written for The New York Times and The San Francisco Chronicle. For more information about the Twain presentation, call 423-236-2789 or email dbravo@southern.edu. For details about the speaker, visit bentarnoff.com.

New! CONNECT Gwinnett: Recharge—October 24
Young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to Recharge this Friday, Oct. 24, from 7-9 p.m. at 5106 Bristol Industrial Way #100, Buford, GA. Many of us approach our relationship with God like we do our phones: We know it’s time to recharge, but we’ll let the battery almost die out, trying to get out the last email, tweet, text, or call. But staying plugged in to God keeps our batteries from running down. We recharge ourselves in God. This event will be filled with praise and worship to get our minds back on God.

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.

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!

**New! Holy Spirit Convocation—November 15**
Join guest speaker Ron Clouzet for this one-day convocation in Columbus, Ga., about “The Reality of the Holy Spirit.” You are sure to be blessed! The day begins at 9:45 a.m. with Sabbath school and includes two message, a music program, and a potluck lunch. For more information, please visit www.gccsda.com/events/HSCconvocation or call 706-629-7951, ext. 340.

**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.

**New! GCA’s Sounds of the Season—November 16**
This year the GCA Instrumental Department of Music is hosting its Fourth Annual Sounds of the Season fundraising event on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to relax for two hours while you are waited on by our music group members. You will be provided with a special holiday meal and delicious desserts while listening to the beautiful performances of our instrumental students. Tickets are $34 each. For more information, contact Mark Torsney at matorsne@gcasda.org.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**World Church Prayer Website**
Mark Piotrowski, Prayer Ministries coordinator, shares: There is a brand new website that unites our world church in prayer. You can follow the prayer foci and requests by liking it on Facebook or Twitter or you may can visit the page directly by going to: https://tagboard.com/UnitedinPrayer/192839

**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 cantilever 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

NEWS STORIES

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This church began as a small group of 29 who met for the first time in the Poplar Springs Methodist Church in Adairsville on August 4, 2001. Technically it’s beginning began when in 1999 Ken Wiseman, head elder at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy church, was convicted that there needed to be more evangelistic outreach in the greater Calhoun-Adairsville area. After leadership training by Mark Finley at Southern Adventist University they proceeded to conduct the Net 99 meetings at GCA with good results. Bible studies and personal visitation followed.

On the night of December 2, 2000, Ken was given a dream. The Lord instructed him to go to a specific church in Adairsville, and ask the pastor if he could use it to begin a new church! In the dream he was shown what the church looked like and approximately where it was located in Adairsville.

He arrived at the church where he found the pastor, Bert Love, distraught as he struggled to put up a large Christmas tree. Ken and his wife volunteered to finish the work of decorating the tree. “That morning, the Methodists filed in to find the Adventists putting up their Christmas tree,” Ken laughingly says.

In the spring of 2001, Ken was sharing a Sabbath dinner with another Adventist couple. They were not in favor of seeing a new work in Adairsville; however, they shared that Elder Ken Mittleider was a known advocate for such a work. That very afternoon, Ken phoned Elder Mittleider and a partnership was formed.

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference and both the Calhoun and GCA churches gave this group their official blessing. The mission group set to work conducting a booth at the county fall festival, three Daniel Seminars, a CHIP seminar, many prayer walks, literature distribution, and community surveys.

After a couple of moves in the community, on October 23, 2004, the congregation moved to its permanent location on Highway 140, just a mile east of I-75. They met for the first time in their new church house (literally the house on the property) on January 1, 2005. Then a few months later God led them to a modular structure that had formerly been a school. In a short time the structure was renovated and moved to a piece of adjoining property generously donated by Dr. Don & Karey Taylor. In the fall of 2005 an evangelistic campaign was held by the pastor John Earnhardt.

On Sabbath, December 17 of that year, the Adairsville Mission Group joined the sisterhood of churches in the conference when they were organized into a full-fledged Adventist Church. Representing the conference at this meeting were Kevin Costello, treasurer, and Elder Kenneth Mittleider.

The church has continued to be active through the years and has grown to a membership of 90. They were still in their temporary church home when with great faith they undertook the building of a church. On October 12, 2013 ground was broken on 12 acres they own.

Less than a year later, they celebrated what God had wrought through them with an unusual three-week celebration. On September 13 they celebrated as a church family, reminiscing with pictures of the members how God had led them to this day, a day of rejoicing. Ken Wiseman, who had the original dream, and led the church through the years, had the morning service. Friends joined them for the day and they had a fellowship meal together.

September 20 they celebrated with honoring the Adventist builder, Dan Bramblett, his crew, and all vendors who had a part in the erection of this edifice. The church was full and all rejoiced in the sweet fellowship they had at the conclusion of such an enterprise. Eldon Carman, chairman of the building committee did the honors and Elder Ken

Mittleider brought the worship hour message. The vegetarian fellowship meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests.

Then September 27 was the grand opening with representation from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Elder Kurt Allen, Vice President/Finance spoke during the worship hour and encouraged the people that now you have a church, but the church is made up of people. Now it is your responsibility and joy to share the last-day message God has given His church with friends and family in the community. The church was packed with extra chairs set up. And, again, there was a fellowship meal!!

This is the first phase of the building program. The church will use the fellowship hall as a sanctuary until the next building phase takes place. But for now, the members are happy with the blessings entailed in this beautiful new edifice and they are anxious to become even more evangelistic involved as they share God’s message with others.

by Barbara L. Mittleider,

Communication Secretary for the Adairsville Church
CONYERS FOOD PANTRY OFFERS HOPE


Comments about the Conyers Church’s Hope Pantry from some its users range from “. . . wonderful for the community” to “. . . tremendous blessing to myself and my family as I have been out of work for a year” to “. . . wonderful service. I will tell others about it”.

The Hope Food Pantry was established in 2008 by the Conyers Church Board. A partner agency of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, the pantry’s first director was Catina Nooks who served from 2008-2011. Open each Wednesday from 4-6 PM and the first and third Sundays from 1-3:00 PM, presently Susan Fleming serves as Director with Co-director, Juanita Sterling.

The pantry has as many as 20 faithful volunteers ranging in age from 8 years to “70 somethings”. Jimmy Martin, Harold Adams, and Chris Myrick faithfully transport food donations of perishable and non-perishable items from Walmart, the church’s charitable donor. Perishable items (i.e., fruits, vegetables, bread, pastries) are distributed to clients on Wednesdays while perishable and non-perishables (i.e., pasta, canned goods, frozen and snack foods, condiments, drinks) are distributed first and third Sundays. In order to be served by the Hope Pantry, patrons must present authorized ID for proof of Rockdale County residency and give family makeup.

Volunteers serve client needs in ways other than food distribution. If they find that a person has need for prayer, they are more than willing to pray with them. If clients do not have a church home, they invite them to Conyers and will pick them up if they don’t have a ride. Occasionally, users will agree to participate in a Bible Study and will sometimes accept salvation and join the Conyers Church. One Hope Pantry volunteer was diagnosed with cancer, and initially, was emotionally distraught. He began to volunteer and is now greatly improved. He has expressed a desire to begin Bible Studies soon with Bible Worker, Karen Keaton.
The Hope Pantry is truly a product of the “hope” of a faithful team of Christ followers who, to the best of their abilities, serve God by serving their brothers and sisters. This pantry opened in 2008 with service twice a month to 20-30 families served 1,100+ persons of all ages and many ethnicities more than 35,000 pounds of food in the month of August 2014.

by Beverly Gaines, Communications Secretary Conyer Church
The proud members of Grandview Church paused August 23 to celebrate the miraculous achievements of one of their own, Deondré Joshua Tyler. Devoted relatives and supportive friends lovingly gathered together in Christian fellowship, to offer praise unto God for His immeasurable goodness towards the Tyler family. For twenty-two years, this exceptional young man has garnished the affection and admiration from all who have been afforded the opportunity to meet him. To know Deondré Tyler is to love him.

Barbara Tyler, an expectant young mother and wife, was hastily admitted into the hospital on February 29, 1992, two weeks prior to her scheduled due date. It was there that doctors revealed that her unborn son was in distress and that he was suffering from meconium aspiration syndrome. Barbara learned that while her precious baby boy was still in her uterus, he had ingested meconium, his first stool, and that it was present in his lungs. As a result, he also labored with hypoxia, a deficiency in the amount of oxygen needed to reach his tissues and brain. Consequently, due to the inhalation of the contaminated fluids and the lack of sufficient oxygen, doctors immediately rushed to perform an emergency C-section. Moments later, this concerned yet prayerful mother gave birth to her second child, Deondré.

Deondré was born with respiratory complications, reflux difficulties and a severe intellectual disability. The profoundness of this cognitive disability created limitations in both his mental functioning and adaptive behavior which covered many everyday social and practical skills. As an infant, he endured multiple life-saving surgeries, including a tracheotomy which he received within the first few minutes of being born. On account of the severity of his acid reflux, Deondré was unable to orally secure nourishment. Thus, a gastrostomy tube was inserted through his abdomen to directly deliver nutrition into his stomach.

As days turned into weeks, Barbara routinely visited Deondré in the hospital. During this time, the health of her beloved husband, Ondrée Tyler, had begun to progressively decline. Moreover, she had a little 2 ½ year-old daughter who urgently needed her mommy too. Barbara was now faced with the overwhelming task of providing care for an ailing husband, a sickly newborn, and a precocious toddler named Ondrenaë. During her darkest hour, Barbara confidently clung to God’s promises and gently rested her dependence on Him.
After three enduring months, the day arrived for Deondrã to come home. Excitedly, Barbara hurried to the hospital to retrieve her son. Before leaving, doctors strongly encouraged her to place Deondrã in a home for medically challenged children. They explained that he would forever live his life as a vegetable and that there was no hope of recovery. Despite the medical diagnosis, Barbara knew that God had ordained her son’s life long before He placed him in her womb, and that He had a wonderfully good plan in store for Deondrã.

In the fall of 1993, Mr. Tyler died. Throughout the funeral, Barbara sat numb as her daughter curiously peered around the church. Ondrenaã instantly noticed the tear-stained faces of close relatives and friends. However, as she gazed into her mommy’s face, she saw that there were no tears. Confused, Ondrenaã inquired. Barbara sighed and bravely replied, “It is God’s will.” Silently, this young widow pleaded with God for the courage to lay her cherished companion to rest. Barbara begged for the strength to endure the tumultuous task of independently raising her two fatherless children.

As the years progressed, so did Deandre’s health. Through constant prayer and consistent friends, Barbara lovingly nursed her son to wellness. On May 24, 2014, Deondrã Tyler was awarded with a General Education Diploma from Chapel Hill High School. This was due to his successful completion the Georgia Alternative Assessment. With tear-filled eyes and joy-filled hearts, Barbara and Ondrenaã watched as Deondrã proudly walked across the stage to receive his diploma. As they stood to applaud the mighty hand of God, Deondrã’s teachers and classmates also stood to join in celebration. As if all at once, the entire auditorium suddenly erupted to its feet, cheering and clapping, in honor of Deondrã Joshua Tyler. In that culminating moment, a mutual sense of accomplishment was shared between Mother, daughter, and son.

It is because of this testimony that Grandview rejoices and offers repeated thanksgiving unto God for attending to the special needs of the Tyler family. The sermon of Shaun Brook, pastor, reminded the hearers of the love of God for a world in special need in that Christ was sent to prepare us for heaven. He shared that in Christ coming and taking our humanity upon himself He was able to identify and empathize with mankind. Likewise, all need to take the time to learn about the world that others are experiencing. A wonderful luncheon followed for Deondrã and several tributes were made to him.

By Tangie Rahming
The Vise Grove Mission Group in Heflin, Alabama, hosted a God in Shoes event at the Pleasant Grove Elementary School Aug. 3. The community is the poorest in the county and closest to their church location.

They served the community in many different ways during the 5 hour event. The focus was the students of the elementary school, which has about 260 students enrolled. When the families arrived, the first stop was the registration table. From there, they were free to explore each stop. Each student was given a free name-brand pair of school shoes and a bag of school supplies (specifically chosen from the school's supply list).

Additionally, four hairdressers were on hand to give free back-to-school haircuts, and a prayer booth was available for families in need of prayer. After completing everything inside, the families moved to the front lawn where they received free lunch (hotdog, chips, and water), snow cones, and a bag of free canned goods from the church's food bank. At the end of the day, the Vise Grove group served 98 students (over 35% of the student body) and their families.

About 30 volunteers helped with the event out of this mission group that has 25 members attend each Sabbath. The church website is http://heflinsdamg22.adventistchurchconnect.org or email at heflinsda@live.com.

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