CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Dec 22-Jan 4—Year-End Holidays (office closed)

Jan 3—World Church Day of Prayer
Jan 3—Health Rally—Battlefield Community Church
Jan 7-17—10 Days of Prayer
Jan 9-10—Pathfinder Directors’ Appreciation Retreat—Cohutta Springs
Jan 11—Pathfinder Directors’ Council—Cohutta Springs
Jan 11—Hispanic Women’s Leadership Training—Conference Office
Jan 16-18—Pathfinder Junior Event
Jan 17—Prayer Ministries Day—Dalton Church
Jan 17—Health and Personal Ministries Leadership Training—Stone Mountain Church
Jan 19—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (office closed)

CHURCH/SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec 11-12—Come, Walk Thru Bethlehem—Oglethorpe, GA
Dec 12-13—Michael Carducci Weekend Seminar—Battlefield Community Church
Dec 13—Merry Christ-Mess! Beyond Time...—Macon Wimbish Road Church
Dec 13—Jaime Jorge Christmas Concert—Johnson City Church
Dec 13—Atlanta Romanian Church Christmas Concert—Atlanta North Church
Dec 13—Total Praise—Hiram Church
Dec 13—Handel’s “Messiah” Concert—Southern Adventist University
Dec 13—AAA Christmas Program—Marietta Church
Dec 13-14—Drive-Thru Nativity—Augusta First Church
Dec 14—CA Christmas Concert—Collegedale Academy
Dec 14-21—Cruise with a Mission—Caribbean
Dec 20—Peace on Earth—Calhoun Church
Dec 20—Atlanta Romanian Church Christmas Concert—Gainesville Church
Dec 20-21—One Bethlehem Night—Collegedale Community Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN BLURBS

Come, Walk Thru Bethlehem—December 11-12
December 11 and 12, from 7-9 p.m., Come, Walk Thru Bethlehem in the Oglethorpe City Park, Ga. Under
the leadership of the Oglethorpe Adventist Church, 11 churches in Macon County (Oglethorpe,
Montezuma, Ideal) have joined together to present this real-life pageant. Tour guides will direct you
through Bethlehem to visit all the shops, the inn that refused lodging, the shepherds in the field watching
their sheep, and the manger scene. Guards will be walking the street to "keep order." A golf cart will be provided in each group for the handicapped. Musical entertainment will be provided in the gym while groups await their turn. Refreshments will also be available. Everyone is invited to Come, Walk Thru Bethlehem.

**Michael Carducci Weekend Seminar—December 12-13**
Michael Carducci of Exceed Ministries and Coming Out Ministries will be doing a weekend seminar at the Battlefield Community Church on Friday, Dec. 12 and Sabbath, Dec. 13. Friday evening at 7 p.m. he will be giving his personal testimony. Sabbath at the 10:50 a.m. worship service his topic will be "The Lost Father." There will be a potluck lunch, followed at 2 p.m. by the presentation "How to Stay Clean in a Dirty World." There will be an opportunity for a question and answer session following the afternoon meeting.

**Total Praise—December 13**
Hiram Music and A/V Ministries present "Total Praise" on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Hiram Church in Hiram, Ga. You are invited to come worship God in spirit and in truth through music from our very own. Enjoy an entire day of uplifting music from the divine worship hour, fellowship lunch, homecoming-style music evangelism program at 4 p.m., and musical social fun for the entire family starting at 5:30 p.m.. Invite your friends for a unique opportunity to witness through song and plan to spend the entire day enraptured in heavenly music and fellowship. Email Getzie Lamar at hiramsdamusic@gmail.com for more info.

**Handel’s "Messiah" Concert—December 13**
Southern Adventist University will host its School of Music Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at 4 p.m. The concert will feature the Choral Ensembles and the Symphony Orchestra who will perform George Frederic Handel’s "Messiah." This event is free and open to the public.

**Atlanta Romanian Church Christmas Concert—December 13**
On Dec. 13 at 5 p.m., the Atlanta Romanian Church will be performing a full-scale Christmas concert complete with music that is both traditional and worshipful and in both the English and Romanian languages. This concert will be approximately an hour and half in length and will feature the Atlanta Romanian Choir conducted by Manuela Butuc. The performance will be held in the sanctuary of the Atlanta North Church (5123 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30338). Free admission for all interested in a night of celebration and Christmas worship.

The same concert will also be held on Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Gainesville (Ga.) Church

**Drive-Thru Nativity—December 13-14**
Come take a drive through Bethlehem. The Augusta First Church is presenting a live drive-thru nativity Dec. 13-14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. Bring back the true meaning of Christmas!

**New! Communication Training—January 25**
This event, held Jan. 25, 2015, at 1 p.m., at the Conference Office, will focus on spreading the Gospel through Internet radio. Learn from Brian and Eric Hickman, a father and son team, about how they started their own Internet radio station in Crossville, Tenn., to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with teens. This informative training session will give you a glimpse of what it’s like to share Jesus through this creative avenue. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information, visit www.gccsda.com/events/commtraining15.
New! Prayer Conference—February 20-22
This year's Prayer Conference—Elevate—will focus on the Holy Spirit and will feature guest speaker Ron Clouzet. The event will be held Feb. 20-22 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich and revive your relationship with God and with fellow believers. For more information, visit www.gccsda.com/events/elevate. You can also watch the promo video here.

Cruise with a Mission 2015 (Alaska)—July 26-August 2
Are you a young adult looking for a service opportunity without having to travel far distances? If so, Cruise with a Mission may be just the right opportunity for you! Cruise beautiful Alaska in 2015, recharge your spiritual batteries, and share a heart for service during this annual meaningful adventure. Cruise with a Mission offers an opportunity to release the tensions of life in the context of Christian community. Join other young adults during our return to the Alaska. The ship sails from Seattle, Wash., July 26-Aug. 2, 2015. Currently registering guests at www.CruiseWithAMission.org. Register before January and save!

November/December Communiqué
The most recent issue of Communiqué is now available online.

NEWS

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Frances McCarter, God in Shoes volunteer, said, "Sunday afternoon lifted my spirits. The God In Shoes at Hamilton Community church went very well. The hand care and facial room was busy the entire afternoon. Every lady that entered the room enjoyed themselves. They left smiling. Each time I participate I see God working through the volunteers, and it reflects in the ladies that attend. So many blessings. I am looking forward to Heaven, to see how many ladies were won to Christ through God in Shoes."

A big thank you to Shoe Carnival in Hixson, Tenn., for providing the new shoes.

story by Mary Lou Buoymaster, photos by Dawn Lemaitre
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Organizers of the event, Mark Torsney, instrumental music teacher at GCA, and Jim Lewellen, enrollment director, envisioned this festival as a way to encourage young people to be active in their churches and teach them the skills they need to effectively lead worship.

During the course of the two day event students learned how to plan worship services and select appropriate music, they attended breakout sessions to improve their vocal or instrumental skills, and each participant was assigned to a praise team that led worship music at a church service during the weekend. GCA students were heavily involved in teaching, mentoring and playing/singing with the festival guests. GCA staff and guest teachers presented the large group sessions and instrumental/vocal workshops.

Responses from participants and sponsors were very encouraging. Britten Bryant, age 15, who is a student at Ooltewah (Tenn.) High School reflected the enthusiasm of many participants regarding the festival. “I thought the Magnify festival was amazing! Not only did it teach us how to use our skills better, it opened my eyes and taught me that worship is more than just getting up there and singing about God… Magnify was by far one of the best music festivals I’ve done. I loved it and I will definitely be going back next year.”

Kim Kingry brought a group of nine young people from the Collegedale Community Church to the Magnify event. Kingry shared her excitement about the event, “I don’t know of anything else like this in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and I feel it is so important to encourage and develop these skills in our young people. It is so important that they get excited about leading worship to our God and that they understand how to do that in an effective way. My kids all had a wonderful time, enjoyed the atmosphere, the meetings, the rehearsals, the performances and the other kids they got to meet and work with.”

Event planners were thrilled that the event was so positively received and hope it has a lasting impact in the lives of the participants. “It was exciting to see kids coming from all over the conference to participate in a festival that focused on serving the Lord in a worship setting,” Torsney recently stated as he reflected on the event.

Lewellen was also very happy about the outcome of the festival. "It was incredibly inspirational to watch these kids sincerely worshipping God, and it is my prayer they take their gifts and new-found tools back to their home churches and schools to impact the lives of others."

Don Keele, Jr., conference youth ministries associate director for young adults, was the guest speaker for the event.

by Nancy Gerard, photos by Don Keele, Jr., and Tamara Wolcott Fisher
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Image 1: A group of teenagers sitting in a circle, engaged in conversation.

Image 2: A full room with people seated on chairs, listening to a speaker.

Image 3: Two people standing in front of a microphone, possibly addressing the audience.
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Just over 100 teens from eight different churches attended.

Wilfley, from the Washington Conference, inspired all present with Spirit-filled presentations. There were also at least two guests invited by friends.

Six break-out sessions were held Sabbath afternoon, presented by local pastors. The music was led by Engage Ministries from Southern Adventist University. Jason Vyhmeister, Greeneville associate pastor, together with students from Greeneville Academy, put together a prayer room, themed on the Exodus, something the teens seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Heidi Donovan, led out in the main prayer times.

There were 18 decisions made for Christ Sabbath morning.

by Mark W. Piotrowski, prayer coordinator for the conference
On Dec. 2, 2004, a twin-engine plane crashed on take-off from the Collegedale airport, claiming the lives of four Georgia-Cumberland Conference officials along with the pilot. Lost that day were Dave Cress, president; Jim Frost, vice president for administration; Jamie Arnall, director of communication; Clay Farwell, assistant to the president; and the pilot, John Laswell.

Ten years later, we honor the memory of these men and celebrate their continuing legacy. The passing of time has not diminished this tragedy, but we stand today knowing more of God’s sustaining grace. In the face of doubt and despair, we still choose faith and hope.

Today we remember. And we look with renewed longing toward home.

Memorial Point Dedication - December 2, 2005 from GCCSDA