Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

**Remember to reset your clocks** back one hour. Daylight Saving Time for 2011 ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m. local time.

**Kleyton Feitosa was elected Chesapeake Conference executive secretary** by the Conference Executive Committee on October 18. He assumes the position vacated by Rick Remmers. “Elder Feitosa has demonstrated a keen ability to work cross-culturally, and he has a passion for sharing the Gospel and helping churches experience growth,” said conference president Rick Remmers. “He has excellent interpersonal skills and pays close attention to detail, as well, and will bring many assets to the officer group.” Feitosa’s experience includes more than 15 years in ministry in the United States and Brazil. He served for five years as pastor of the Waldorf, Maryland, church before coming to the conference office in 2009 as director of ministries development and evangelism coordinator. “I am humbled by the invitation, and grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity,” said Feitosa. Read more at the conference website: www.ccosda.org.

**Church elders take note:** Frank Bondurant, Columbia Union vice-president for Ministries Development, shares the “best practices” of the fastest growing churches in the Columbia Union. Learn research-based principles and practices for reaching the community that are proven effective. A training session for elders is planned for November 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road, in Columbia, Maryland. A session planned in the Western region of the conference was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled. Watch future issues of Currents for details. All church elders and pastors who have not attended one of these workshops are encouraged to attend. Questions? Call (410) 995-1910, or email John Appel at jappel@ccosda.org.

**A Scrapbooking and Spiritual Retreat** will be held at Mount Aetna Retreat Center located at 21905 Mount Aetna Road in Hagerstown, Maryland, November 11-13. Author Penny Wheeler is the featured speaker. Space is limited, so register soon by calling (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net.

**Upcoming School Events:**

~ Frederick Adventist School is hosting a “One Book, Two Book, Read Book, New Book Sale and Cake Auction” to benefit the school’s Keeping Kids in Adventist Education program. Purchase books, DVDs and games Thursday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, November 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday evening, November 5, beginning at 7:00 p.m. come and fill a brown bag with books and videos for just $5 and browse/bid/buy a cake or dessert to take home. The school is located at 6437 Jefferson Pike in Frederick, Maryland. Call Teresa Kelchner at (301) 788-9522 for more details, or email teresakelchner@comcast.net.

~ Eastern Shore Junior Academy (ESJA) celebrates Thanksgiving with a special luncheon and program, Thursday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m. A free will offering will be collected to offset costs. The school is located at 407 Dudley Corners Road in Sudlersville, Maryland. For more information, call (410) 505-4074, or email principal@esa.org.

~ Highland View Academy (HVA), located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland, has four events this month to note: Academy Days are November 6, 5:00 p.m., and November 7, all day. Students in grades 7-11 who have an interest in learning more about HVA should register by contacting Renee Williams by phone at (301) 739-8480 ext. 236, or by email at rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com. The Junior class sponsors a Talent Show in the HVA gym, Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. The family event features face painting, lots of food, and TALENT! Basketball fans will want to attend the first HVA home game, Thursday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. Season passes may be purchased online at www.hva-edu.com. A Movie Night to benefit the Athletic department is planned for Saturday evening, November 19, at 8:00 p.m. The featured movie is The Grace Card, starring Louis Gosset, Jr. Tickets are $5 per person, $20 per family.

~ Spencerville Adventist Academy’s Senior class will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday evening, November 19, from 5:30-9:00 p.m., in the SAA gymnasium. Pay only $5 to play and $1 to watch. Snacks will be available for purchase. There will be a prize for the winning team! The academy is located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland. For more information, call (301) 421-9101.

**The Fourth Annual Messiah Sing-along**, sponsored by Spencerville Adventist Academy, will be held on December 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the Spencerville church located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Participants must have their own music. For more details, contact Jane Lanning by email at jlaning@spencerville.org, or call (301) 421-9101.

**Locally Funded Employees training** is planned to help pastors, principals, school board chairs, and church and school treasurers learn how to handle payroll as the conference phases out “courtesy payroll” in 2012. Churches and schools that have employees that receive any kind of compensation should attend the upcoming orientation meeting Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Conference office, 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Courtesy payroll for churches will be phased out January 1, 2012, and for schools on July 1. For more information and training alternatives, visit www.ccosda.org, call Jennifer Stefan at (410) 995-1910, or email jstefan@ccosda.org.
Conference finances at a glance through September show a positive gain of 3.36 percent. This increase equates a dollar increase of $351,735.00 when compared to the same month last year. Conference administration is cautiously optimistic that it is a reflection of a strengthening confidence of our constituency on the economy, but continues to pay careful attention to expenditures. The conference is once again experiencing an increase in medical expenses and this is something that concerns the administration.

A team from the General Conference Auditing Service has just finished the annual audit of conference finances and policy compliance, and they have indicated that it will be a clean opinion. Conference administrators are thankful for the faithful support of our members.

The Executive Committee at its October meeting took action on the following items and received these reports:
- Voted to elect Kleyton Feitosa to serve as Chesapeake Conference executive secretary.
- Voted to receive the preliminary draft of the 2012 budget.
- Voted to appoint Inskip Allsop as pastor of the New Castle Spanish/Middletown, Delaware, district effective October 1.
- Voted to appoint Mark Sigue as the youth pastor for the Frederick, Maryland, church beginning December 1.
- Voted to appoint Steve Wall as the interim pastor of the Baltimore First church in Ellicott City, Maryland, for a minimum of three months.
- Voted, an enabling action for the administration and personnel committee to fill the pastoral vacancy at the West Wilmington, Delaware, church due to the departure of Pastor Keith Acker who accepted a call to Long Island, New York.
- Voted, to approve the following mission trips: New Hope (Fulton, Maryland) to Haiti, October 5-11, 2011; and Spencerville (Silver Spring, Maryland) to Dominican Republic, March 21-April 1, 2012.
- Voted, to support the sale of the old Spencerville Adventist Academy building from the Spencerville church to the Washington Spencerville Korean church.
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Evangelism funding requests for 2012 are due by November 11. The details and forms were sent to pastors. Every church group is encouraged to make plans to experience the joy of leading individuals into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a life of discipleship within His Church.

AdventistGiving allows members to return tithe and give offerings (including local church offerings) online while doing online banking, traveling, or even when unable to attend church due to an illness. Members who utilize this service can increase the benefit of their donations by using the electronic check option instead of the credit card payment option. Vendor processing fees are shared by the General Conference, North American Division, local union conference, and the local conference and not deducted from donations. The fee for an electronic check is currently a flat fee of 16 cents per transaction. When donors use a credit card, the fee is actually a percentage of the donation amount—an average of 1.8 percent of the amount given. So, if a member makes a $100 donation, the fee would be 16 cents if done by electronic check and $1.80 if paid by credit card. Learn more at www.adventistgiving.org, or contact your church treasurer.

Please remember in prayer the following families and congregations who have suffered the loss of a loved one:
- Robyn Powell, whose husband, Geoff Powell, 54, died October 10, after a struggle with pancreatic cancer. Geoff Powell served as a volunteer pastor for the Wilna church in Joppa, Maryland, before Elder Tom LeBlanc became the church’s pastor. Prior to coming to Wilna, the Powell’s were members of the Blythedale church.
- The family of Elder Philip Follett, who was Chesapeake Conference president during the late 1970’s. Elder Follett, 79, died October 7 in Collegedale, Tennessee. He had battled cancer according to family members. Follett was a retired General Conference vice president and he helped in the development of Hope Channel. During his career, he was also president of Atlantic Union Conference and the Ohio and Northern California Conferences. Following his retirement in 2000, Follett worked for LifeTalk Radio until 2011.

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