October 2011

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The annual Maryland Men of Faith Conference takes place Sabbath, October 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Mount Aetna Retreat Center located at 21905 Mount Aetna Road in Hagerstown, Maryland. Frederick Russell, Allegheny West Conference president, is the keynote speaker. Other presenters include Byron Greenburg, Quince Gibson, Robb Long, John Appel, David Kim, Andre Hastick, Justin Yang and Volodymyr Grinchenko. Four seminars for youth ages 14-19 are part of the line-up. For more information, visit www.mmof.org.

Spencerville Adventist Academy is hosting a prospective student open house on Monday, October 3, at 9:30 a.m. The brand new facility is located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland. For more information, call Heidi Wetmore at (301) 421-9101.

Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries has planned a fall retreat at Mount Aetna Retreat Center October 7-9. Christian family counselors, Kim Logan Nowlin, PhD, LPC, BCPC, and Arthur E. Nowlin, LMSW, CAADC, will cover topics of interest to single adults including those contemplating marriage. To register, visit www.asamchesapeake.com, or call Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731.

Eastern Shore members can look forward to the annual Harvest Home Musical Program and Auction at the Rock Hall church Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 p.m. The church is located at 21366 Sharp Street, Rock Hall, Maryland. For more information, contact Vickie Anderson at jvand4@verizon.net, or phone the church at (410) 639-2926.

Spencerville Church hosts a Women’s Health Awareness Day on Sunday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Spencerville Adventist Academy, 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland. Come for a day of exercise, blood pressure screenings, $25 flu shots and more. Wear comfortable clothing. For additional details, call (301) 384-2920.

Training for Church Elders is planned in four regions of the conference during October and November. In his workshop “10 Habits of Highly Effective Congregations,” Frank Bondurat, Columbia Union vice-president for Ministries Development, will share the “best practices” of the fastest growing churches in the Columbia Union. Based on research findings, there are principles and practices for reaching the community that are proven to be effective wherever your church is located. All church elders and their pastors are encouraged to attend one of the workshops. Questions? Call (410) 995-1910, or email John Appel at jappel@ccosda.org. Plan to be there!

**The training is offered Sabbath afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. as follows:**

- **Eastern**—October 8, at the Seafood church, 26295 Sussex Highway, Seafood, Delaware
- **Northern**—October 15, at the Pikesville church located at 4619 Old Court Road in Pikesville, Maryland
- **Western**—October 29, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, Cedar hall, 21905 Mount Aetna Road, Hagerstown, Maryland
- **Southern**—November 5, at Chesapeake Conference, 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland

Registration for the 2011 Chesapeake Conference Women’s Retreat “Designer of Our Lives” closes October 5. More than 230 women have already made plans to attend the retreat, October 14-16, at the Carousel Resort in Ocean City, Maryland. General Sessions and seminars are offered in English and in Spanish. A special track is offered for young women age 15 and up. Elizabeth Talbot, associate speaker for Voice of Prophecy, is the keynote speaker. To register, visit www.ccosda.org, or phone Jennifer Stefan at (410) 995-1910.

The first annual Highlands Spirit 5K Walk/Run is Sunday, October 16, 10:00 a.m., at Highland View Academy (HVA), 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown. Those who pre-register will get a t-shirt to wear in the race. To pre-register online or download an application, visit www.hva-edu.com/5Kwalk-run.htm. On site registration and check-in takes place in the HVA gymnasium from 8:00-9:30 a.m. on race day.

“Firestorm” (see Jeremiah 20:9) is the theme of a youth rally planned for Sabbath, October 22, from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium. High school students who want to “be on fire for God in a world of fire extinguishers” will want to attend this special day of worship, drama and praise. Spencerville youth pastor, Shawn Paris, is coordinating the event. Teens who wish to attend should contact their youth leader. Youth group leaders are asked to RSVP to Pastor Paris at s.paris@spencervillesda.org or call (301) 384-2920. Spencerville Adventist Academy is located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland.

A Prayer and Revival Weekend at the Middletown Valley church is planned for October 21-22. Elder Jerry Page, Ministerial Association secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and his wife Janet Page, leader of the Ministerial Association’s Shepherdess International, will share how to tap into the power of prayer. The Pages are passionate about prayer ministries and use their personal experiences to demonstrate the impact of a dynamic prayer life. The event runs Friday, October 21, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., and Sabbath, October 22, 9:30-12:30, followed by a fellowship lunch and a closing meeting from 2:00-4:30 p.m. The church is located at 1811 Arnold Road, Middletown, Maryland. For more information, call pastor Dick Thomas at (301) 730-7084.
**Publishing/Literature Ministry Update:**

Richard Figueredo, conference Publishing director, reports that the summer literature evangelism program was a success:

- In the Annapolis church (Md.), 14 students worked for 10 weeks enrolling 80 locals in Bible studies and garnering more than 200 contacts from health and family workshops and a class on how to quit smoking.
- Students, primarily from Adventist universities, worked in Hagerstown (Md.) and nearby Martinsburg (W.Va.) to initiate 110 Bible Studies that church members continue to provide. The young evangelists also brought more than 40 local kids to participate in Hagerstown's vacation Bible school program.
- Connecting one-on-one with people through the distribution of tracts has reaped benefits, too. The tracts—called “GLOW,” an acronym for Giving Light to Our World—cover family-friendly topics, and provide a non-threatening opportunity to reach out to local residents. Chesapeake Conference churches purchased more than 50,000 tracts this year to be used in outreach and set up a hotline to respond to telephone inquiries. Several Maryland churches have held or planned GLOW rallies; the Park church in Salisbury and the Middletown Valley church in Jefferson recently held GLOW rallies, and the Waldorf and Salisbury Spanish congregations have plans to launch a GLOW ministry in their neighborhoods. To learn more, visit sdaglow.org, or email Richard Figueredo at rfigueredo@rhpa.org.

**Pastoral Transitions:**

- Inskip Allsop, a bilingual pastor, assumes leadership of the Middletown and New Castle Spanish churches in Delaware.
- Phil Hamman adds the Forest Grove church (Del.) to his responsibilities as pastor of the Dover First (Delaware) church.
- Doug Rennewanz takes over the Federalsburg (Md.), Sussex Central (Del.) and Harrington (Del.) churches.

**The Conference staff offers deep sympathy to the Wright family and to the Berkeley Springs congregation following the death of Kenneth Wright, Jr., on September 11. Wright battled melanoma for two years and recently developed acute leukemia. About five years ago, he served the Chesapeake Conference as a part-time Trust Services field secretary. He was also a past treasurer of the Mountain View Conference. His wife, Ruth Wright, and their two adult children—Sharon Wright, a member of New Hope church in Fulton, Maryland, and Kenneth Wright III of New Smyrna Beach, Florida—survive him. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, October 2, 1:00 p.m., at the Berkeley Springs church located at 3606 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

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**Kids complaining of being bored?** The Voice of Prophecy has a website just for kids. Check out KidZone's Bible guides, stories, online games and more at kidsvop.com. Guide magazine’s interactive website offers Christian fun for juniors at www.guidemagazine.org.

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Note: Sunset times published above are for Baltimore, Maryland. For Delaware and the Eastern Shore, subtract two minutes. For West Virginia and Western Maryland, add three minutes.