Conference Personnel Updates:
~ Elder Ben Boggess, pastor of the Baltimore First church in Ellicott City, Maryland, for the past 20 years, retires April 1 after 42 years of ministry. Good wishes are extended to Elder Boggess and his wife, Marvel, as they relocate to a family home in Ohio.
~ Barbara-Lee Boyd retired March 1 after more than 37 years of service—all of them in the conference headquarters. She has worked under the leadership of six presidents and in every department except education. Most recently she has served as the conference membership clerk and executive assistant in the Secretariat department. The conference office staff wishes Boyd a happy retirement as she makes her home with family in Hendersonville, North Carolina.
~ Jenn Stefan returns to the conference office March 1 to work as executive assistant to Rick Remmers, executive secretary, and to provide support to Samantha Young in the communication and women's and children's ministry departments. Stefan will also maintain service records, process retirement requests, and manage camp meeting registration. She previously worked in the Treasury department, and left in 2008 to stay home with her infant son. Since then Stefan has served as the conference’s webmaster. She and her husband, Duane Stefan, have two young children and are members of the Westminster church.
~ Glen Milam, superintendent of Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center (MACRC) in Hagerstown, Maryland, has been appointed Pathfinder Coordinator for the North American Division. Milam has 28 years of Pathfinder and Adventurer leadership experience. He adds these new duties to his current responsibilities at MACRC.

Register online for lodging at The Gathering: A Renewed Camp Meeting Experience that takes place June 14-18 at Highland View Academy, or find the lodging registration form in the March issue of Visitor magazine. View the stellar line-up of speakers and workshop presenters at www.ccosda.org. Check the website often for updates, and plan to attend this fresh approach to camp meeting.

You can now find Chesapeake Conference on Facebook. Visit our page to see the video taken this past weekend at the Generation Rain spiritual retreat attended by almost 200 high school-age youth. We hope you’ll “like” us!

Women’s Day of Prayer is Sabbath, March 5. The North American Division has provided downloadable resource materials at www.nadwm.org. A sermon, PowerPoint presentation, and Prayer Walk cards are among the materials available. Unite in prayer for local churches and communities, and also pray for women around the world who are facing challenges that are not encountered in the North America.

Children’s Ministry, Pathfinder and Adventurer Leaders will want to attend the Youth Leaders Enrichment Day, Sabbath, March 12, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Boulevard in Baltimore. The Chesapeake Conference sponsors the event. There is no charge to attend, but those planning to stay for the potluck lunch should bring an entrée to share. Elder Baraka Mungada, Washington Adventist University vice president and former director of Youth Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, is the worship speaker. A track of workshops in Spanish has recently been added. For more information, contact Ann Reynolds at areynolds@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

Attention Vacation Bible School Leaders! A VBS training seminar will be held Sabbath, March 12, at the Takoma Park church located at 6951 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Preview the new 2011 VBS programs and learn expert tips for hosting a successful Vacation Bible School. For more information, contact Barbara Manspeaker at manspeak5@aol.com, or call (540) 270-0918.

Washington Adventist University’s (WAU) annual Alumni Weekend takes place April 7-10, 2011. The weekend events begin on Thursday with a reception hosted by WAU President Weymouth Spence. Events include a special worship service, golf and basketball tournaments, concerts, banquets and a business meeting. A Family Fun Festival featuring live music, food and performances by the WAU Acro-Airs on Sunday afternoon rounds out the weekend. For more details, visit www.wau.edu or call (800) 835-4212.

“The Marriage Prayer” is a small-group experience co-sponsored by the Triadelphia Seventh-day Adventist church and the Linden Linthicum United Methodist church. Discover how a marriage can blossom when spouses pray for one another. The group meets Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m., March 12 to April 30 (no meeting April 23), at the Linden Linthicum United Methodist Church, 12101 Linden Linthicum Lane in Clarksville, Maryland. For more information call (443) 864-6328, or email MarriageEnrichment@comcast.net.

The Be U Girls’ Conference, an event for teens, is planned for Sabbath, March 26, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. Endorsed by the Women’s Ministries departments of the Seventh-day Adventist World
Upcoming Events for Single Adults:
For more information, contact Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com
~ Film Night, Saturday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at the Chesapeake Conference, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland. Plan to bring food to share for a potluck supper and stay to watch movies.
~ Spring Retreat at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, April 15-17. Elder Halvard Thomsen, assistant to the president of Adventist Risk Management, is the featured presenter. He is an experienced pastor and church administrator.

Time for Spring Cleaning—Anticipation is building for The Gathering: A Renewed Camp Meeting Experience that takes place in June, but there is lots to do to get ready. Plan now to participate in a work bee at Highland View Academy, Sunday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Projects include cleaning up the bathhouses, trailer and tent areas of the campus. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to jford@highlandviewacademy.com, or call Janet Ford at (301) 739-8480.

Students from Crossroads Adventist School’s Pre-K through First Grade classes, will present a “Fun with Magnets for Preschoolers” exhibit and presentation at Port Discovery Children’s Museum, April 19-20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Port Discovery hosts STEM Week each spring featuring special programs dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The Museum partners with organizations that specialize in STEM learning, including Howard University Nano Express, MdBioLab, NASA, UMBI, and the Society of Toxicology, to engage and spark interest in STEM through interactive, hands-on activities. Port Discovery Children’s Museum is located at 35 Market Place in Baltimore. Ticket prices are $8.75 per person for groups of 20 or more, or $12.95 per person at the door. For group information and ticketing, contact Kristie Gulick at (410) 864-2664, or email k gulick@portdiscovery.org.

An Open Door in Baltimore Evangelism Update:
Baltimore area pastors report that more than 100 church members are involved in giving Bible studies to about 300 individuals who requested them during the outreach that took place in Baltimore on New Year’s Day. One church reported that five persons have requested baptism. According to Kleyton Feitosa, conference Evangelism coordinator, two churches are finalizing plans to hold reaping meetings during the spring months. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s blessing.

The Washington-Spencerville Korean church has an ongoing mission project in the Congo. A group is returning to Africa in May to provide training and host evangelistic meetings. They are collecting items to take with them. Consider donating or sponsoring some items needed by the church. Items can be dropped off at Chesapeake Conference, Children’s Ministry department, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland. Questions? Contact Pastor David Kim at davidandmiya@gmail.com, or call (443) 939-4798.

A Religious Liberty Helpline has been established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to address issues dealing with religious liberty rights. Persons with a religious liberty problem may call (877) 721-3700 toll free. Callers will be put in touch with a local religious liberty representative who can help.

March Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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