June 2012  Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

The Chesapeake Conference officers were reelected at the Third Quinquennial Constituency Session held at the Spencerville church on Sunday, May 20. The 267 regular delegates and 164 delegates-at-large also welcomed eight new churches into the sisterhood of churches, heard reports, and voted seven Conference Priorities for 2012-2016 focusing on conference leadership, youth ministries, outreach, Christian education, diversity, spiritual growth and stewardship. These priorities came out of a conference-wide survey of constituents, elders and pastors. One of the highlights of the past quinquennium was the financial stability of the conference during the recession. This is due to members faithfully returning tithe, and a strong reserve fund accumulated through the years in anticipation of an economic crisis, says conference treasurer Eduardo Muñoz. Read more at www.ccosda.org.

Hearty congratulations are extended to the 2012 high school graduates of Highland View Academy (32) and Spencerville Adventist Academy (33).

Baltimore First church in Ellicott City, Maryland, welcomes their new pastor, T. Michael Porter, Sabbath, June 2. Elder Porter comes from Redlands, California, where he was the CEO of Quiet Hour Ministries. Porter’s ministry experience includes serving as president of the Middle East Union Mission and director of ADRA/Middle East, both headquartered in Cyprus as well as work as a pastor, evangelist, and flight instructor. His wife, Karen Porter, is assistant secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist world church. The Baltimore First church has been looking for a permanent pastor since Elder Ben Boggess retired in early 2011.

The Glen Burnie congregation looks forward to worshipping in their sanctuary, Sabbath, June 2, for the first time since July 2011. Heavy snows in 2009-2011 caused beams supporting the church roof to sag and become unsafe. During the 11-month repair process, worship services have been held in the Community Services Center the church operates in an adjacent building.

In just six years, Atholton Adventist Academy (AAA) in Columbia, Maryland, has paid off the $400,000 they borrowed from the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF) for the new additions to their school building. A portion of that balance includes the $100,000 they put toward a modular classroom, built in 2006, to house their pre-kindergarten program. The Atholton church and school celebrated the occasion at a special evening service on Sabbath, May 19. Visit AtholtonAdventistAcademy.org to learn more.

Enjoy a Praise and Music Recital, Sabbath, June 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the Capital Brazilian Temple located at 12430 Scaggsville Road in Highland, Maryland. Featured instruments include piano, flute, saxophone, cello and guitar. For more details, call (301) 917-5452.

A series of cooking classes begins Sunday, June 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the Middletown Valley church located at 1811 Arnold Road in Jefferson, Maryland. In the first session, Sharyn Joseph will demonstrate ideas for making “Great Easy Breakfasts.” Participants will take home recipes, edible gifts, and door prizes including a vegetarian cookbook. To register by June 8, contact Angela at (301) 834-5056, or email RSVP@crystal-lake.com.

Toiletries are needed by Adventist Community Services for the “Comfort Kits” to be assembled at camp meeting. Items to include are new, unopened travel size toiletries, combs, razors, wash cloths, towels, Band-Aids, Q-Tips, shower caps, tampons, and nail clippers/files. Please leave them at your church office, at the conference office, or bring them to camp meeting on Tuesday, June 12. For more information, contact Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910, or email egates@ccosda.org.

Condolences are offered to the family of Ron Wylie, 77, who died May 15 following a very brief illness. A retired attorney, Wylie utilized his skills and contacts as director of the Greater Washington Adventist Community Services Center in Takoma Park, Maryland. Although he was a Spencerville church member, Wylie was engaged in community services throughout the Chesapeake Conference.

Bible Worker needed—Have a powerful experience with God and learn how to give Bible studies. Chesapeake Conference has an immediate opening for a Bible worker to give Bible studies this summer in Dover, Delaware, June 2 to August 10. The Bible worker will train with Pastor Gary Gibbs and work with a team of student literature evangelists who will be getting the Bible study leads. If you are interested in the position, contact Gary Gibbs by email at evangelism@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

Hope Channel, the global television network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is looking for high-performing communication and marketing professionals to fill the positions of Fundraising Director and Marketing Director. For more information, visit www.HopeTV.org (click Employment Opportunities under the About Us tab on the home page), or call (301) 680-6689.
Summer Camp is a great way to give kids and teens (ages 7-16) a safe, active, and creative experience in an environment that aims to bring them closer to God. Campers can spend a week at Mount Aetna Camp in Hagerstown (or experience an Outpost camp such as Waterskiing, Horsemanship or Basketball), or can participate in a weeklong day camp. FLAG (Fun Learning About God) day camp takes place at the Park church in Salisbury, Maryland, June 25-29; the Dover First church (Delaware), July 2-6; and the West Wilmington church (Delaware), July 9-13. To register and get all the details, visit mtaetancamp.com, or call (301) 824-2729.

“Walk With God! Share His Grace!”
2012 The Gathering—A Renewed Camp Meeting Experience

Join us for this fun and spiritually refreshing reunion of friends, church members, and former classmates, June 12-16 on the campus of Highland View Academy located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. Make new friends, reconnect with old ones, grow closer in your walk with God, enjoy uplifting music, and have some good, clean fun! This year, there is programming for young adults Tuesday through Saturday. Visit ccosda.org to register for meals, lodging, and to view detailed schedules and seminar descriptions.

Kick-off—Camp meeting begins Tuesday evening at 7:15p.m. There are no evening meetings for Beginners (ages 0-3). John McVay, Walla Walla University president, is the featured speaker for adult evening meetings, Tuesday through Thursday.

Morning Family Worships—Dick and Ardis Stenbakken are back by popular demand to bring Bible characters to life during the family morning worships, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Fun and Fellowship—There are fun activities for kids (remember the Slippy Slide?), teens (outings and adventures!) and young adults each day. Special features include a watermelon feed, Adventist Community Services (ACS) project, outreach project, SONscreen film fest, health screenings, church picnics, swimming, Friday evening campfire stories (and marshmallows!), and a Sabbath morning Women’s Breakfast (8:00 a.m. at Mount Aetna Retreat Center—please carpool if possible as parking at the center is very limited).

Seminars are offered each morning and afternoon, and 20-minute mini seminars daily at 6:45. Learn how to be healthy; how to cope when your kids are taking a break from church; study biblical prophets, family dynamics, prayer, money management, and how to make your church a safe haven for those who are hurting.

Sabbath—On Friday evening and Sabbath morning, John Nixon, Southern Adventist University religion professor and featured speaker at General Conference sessions, will share his passion for preaching The Word. There will be two worship services in the HVA gym on Sabbath morning—one at 8:15 a.m., and one at 11:00 a.m. Sabbath school begins at 9:30 a.m.

~ A special Music and Mission program takes place in the Highland View church Sabbath afternoon, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
~ Disaster Response (DR) Gold Shirt Reunion Picnic, Sabbath, at the DR trailers. Wear your gold shirt and bring lunch, lawn chairs
~ Elder Nixon speaks at the Saturday evening meeting, and camp meeting concludes with an Adventist Book Center sale.
~ A special evangelism offering will be collected on Sabbath at camp meeting. An opportunity to give to the evangelism offering will also be provided in local churches on Sabbath, June 23 and on church websites. This offering enables the Conference to reach its territory through the use of media, Internet, literature, Bible workers, evangelistic meetings, church planting, and much more. Please prayerfully consider how you can help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our mission field in these last days.

June Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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