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**Campestre Hispano (Hispanic Camp Meeting)** promises a weekend of rich experience under the theme, “Gozosos al Compartir a Jesús” (“The Joy of Sharing Jesus”), June 7-9, on the campus of Highland View Academy. Beginning Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. there is a concert by Ruth E. Sandoval, and message by well-known evangelist Alejandro Bullón. Throughout the weekend the speakers are Pastor Alejandro Bullón and Pastor Rubén Ramos, Columbia Union Assistant to the President for Multilingual Ministries. Sabbath afternoon features a graduation ceremony for the students of the School of Theology and Discipleship. The camp meeting ends Sunday morning with a Garden of Prayer, music and closing message. For a full schedule of events visit Chesapeake’s website: ccosda.org.

**Discover which wild plants are edible** by participating in a one-day class, Sunday, June 9, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. The $48 fee includes two meals (made with edible wild plants gathered during class time), guided identification hikes, lectures, textbook, and color plant identification packets. Must register to participate. To register, call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net.

**Religious Liberty Summit**—Looking for a practical, tangible, and meaningful way to expand your understanding of today’s religious liberty challenges? The North American Religious Liberty Association invites you to attend its Religious Liberty Summit, June 14-17, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Come for an inspiring weekend filled with religious liberty training and information sessions, spiritual emphasis and testimony, American history tour, Capitol Hill legislative office visits, and a banquet at the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters. Visit religiousliberty.info or call (301) 680-6691, for additional details and registration.

**Stop by the “Eat Like a ‘Super’ Kid” Healthy Cooking Fair** at the Middletown Valley church on Sunday, June 30, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., and join fun activities designed to give families healthy options for eating and living. Dinner is provided. To register—by June 23—email mvsdaevents@gmail.com, or call (240) 415-8288. This is a free event, but donations are welcomed. The church is located at 1811 Arnold Road in Jefferson, Maryland.

**The Gathering: It’s All About Jesus** is just few days away—June 11-15 on the campus of Highland View Academy. Come, focus on Jesus, and be blessed! For more information and to reserve lodging, visit ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

Inspiring preaching by Derek Morris, author of *The Radical Prayer* and *The Radical Evidence*, and engaging biblical drama by Dick Stenbakken are just two great reasons to come to camp meeting. Here are many more:

~ Dedicated programming for kids, teens and young adults for spiritual growth, educational field trips and recreation
~ Music by tenor Clever Salazar, classical pianist Stefan Serena, and new HVA music chair Joseph Choi

~ Prayer Room and Pastoral Care Staff ~ Watermelon Feast sponsored by Washington Adventist University (WAU)
~ Family Game Night ~ SONscreen Film Fest featuring new award-winning films by Adventist creatives
~ Health Screenings by Adventist HealthCare ~ Friday evening Campfire and Stories (and marshmallows for roasting)

~ Women’s Breakfast (Sabbath morning) featuring devotional speaker Carmela Monk Crawford, *Message* editor
~ Sabbath School lesson and faith-building stories from Chesapeake members

~ Music and Mission program Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 p.m. featuring a wide variety of accomplished musicians including Circle of Friends and the Washington-Spencerville Korean Sanctuary Choir.

~ Sabbath afternoon church picnics, and a special potluck picnic lunch for single adults hosted by the Chesapeake Chapter of Adventist Single Adult Ministries at Fleagle Pavilion (intersection of Mt. Aetna Road and Crystal Falls Drive).

View a video invitation to camp meeting at: ccosda.org/article/58/ministries/camp-meeting
Join Spencerville church in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On May 20, 1861, God guided leaders in the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One of the early reformers, George Storrs, stated “the Lord organizes His own church by strong bonds of love.” During this anniversary year, Spencerville Adult Sabbath School will celebrate the birthday with two heritage programs. The first will be on Sabbath, July 6, when Jim Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, presents “Adventist Pioneers’ Songs and Stories,” followed by a general lesson study facilitated by Al Reece, dean of Maryland University School of Medicine. The program begins at 9:50 a.m. and ends at 11 o’clock. The church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Still looking for fun activities for your child to participate in this summer? Register for camps online at www.mtaetnacamp.com, or call (301) 824-2729 for more details. Mount Aetna Camp (MAC) offers the following overnight camps at MAC in Hagerstown, Maryland:

- Adventure Camp, ages 7-10—June 23-30
- Junior I Camp, ages 10-12—June 30-July 7
- Junior II Camp, ages 10-12—July 7-14
- Tween Camp, ages 12-14—July 14-21
- Teen I Camp, ages 12-16—July 21-28
- Teen II Camp, ages 13-16—July 28-August 4

Mount Aetna Camp also offers the following regional day camps called F.L.A.G. (Fun Learning About God) Camp for kids ages 7-16.

- Dover First church, Dover, Delaware—June 24-28
- New Hope church, Fulton, Maryland—July 8-12
- Baltimore/White Marsh church—July 22-26
- Park church, Salisbury, Maryland—July 22-26 and July 29-August 2

Transitions:
- Joshua Voigt has left the Reisterstown/South Carroll district to a new post as pastor at the Middletown Valley and Catoctin View churches in western Maryland. A search is ongoing to fill the openings at Reisterstown and South Carroll churches.
- This month, Chesapeake Conference bids farewell to Rajkumar Dixit, associate pastor at the New Hope church in Fulton, Maryland. Elder Dixit has accepted a position as senior pastor of the Oakridge church in Vancouver, British Columbia. He has served in Chesapeake for many years as a valued member of the pastoral workforce. Good wishes are extended to Elder Dixit, his wife, Rajinie, and their children Jaelin, Eli and Wilo.
- Shawn Paris, associate pastor for Youth at Spencerville church, has accepted a call to be the senior pastor at the Atholton church in Columbia, Maryland, filling the vacancy left by Steve Jencks who moved to Indiana in 2011. Paris transitions this month. Appreciation and gratitude are extended to Nikolaus Satelmajer who has been Atholton’s senior pastor in the interim.
- Carole Smith, conference superintendent of schools, retires this month after a 40-year career in education. She is greatly appreciated in the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee for her 20 years of dedicated service to teachers, families and schools in this territory. Dr. Smith will continue to work on special projects for the conference office of education, but looks forward to pursuing hobbies and having more time with family.
- On May 21, the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee elected Jacqueline Messenger to succeed Carole Smith as superintendent of schools effective July 1. Messenger is currently associate superintendent.

Do you have a deep interest in sharing your faith with others, but are nervous about speaking to people you don’t know? Pocket-sized, power-packed GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts are fun and easy to carry and distribute. GLOW tracts cover topics such as the gift of salvation, the true Sabbath, what happens when you die, and many more. Look for the GLOW display at The Gathering, June 11-15, or contact Sharon Williams, Chesapeake GLOW Leader, at sharon@eparkeo.com or (240) 370-3114 to get started. "GLOW where you are planted!"

Deep sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Elsie Barr, who died May 24 at age 83. She was the business manager at Highland View Academy (HVA) many years ago. She and her husband Irving—members of the Willow Brook church in Boonsboro, Maryland—have continued to be strong supporters of HVA in their retirement. Their daughter, Darlene (Barr) Milam, has served on the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee, and Darlene’s husband, Glen Milam, is director of Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center. Please remember the Barr and Milam families in prayer during this sad time.

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