May 2015  Please forward this 3-page newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

Join us as Seventh-day Adventists across the nation and particularly in Maryland pray earnestly for peace in the City of Baltimore. The people of Baltimore and beyond are angry and hurting following the death of Freddie Gray, and protests have escalated to violence and looting. “Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Freddie Gray as they grieve the loss of a loved one and seek answers and understanding. We offer sincere condolences and continue to pray for his family,” said Rick Remmers, conference president. “I invite you to find an opportunity—at home, or perhaps during the Prophecies of Hope meetings, or on the Wednesday morning prayer call, or during the Sabbath morning service—to pray for peaceful resolution to the conflict in Baltimore. Thank you for your prayer support.” To join the Wednesday morning prayer call from 6:30-7:00, dial (605) 475-4000 toll free, and use participant code 721521#.

Reach 2015 Update—Gary Gibbs, conference Evangelism and Ministries Development director, reports: On Saturday evening, April 11, more than 3,200 people made their way to Chesapeake churches for the opening night of the Prophecies of Hope seminar. Nearly 2,000 of the attendees were not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Enthusiasm has been very high among members and non-members alike. A church member said, “This has really helped me understand the prophecies and the special call of the Adventist Church like nothing else! I needed this for my own faith.” Please pray for all the people who are learning new truth for the first time. Many are planning to be baptized and to become a part of God’s remnant church. Others have committed to attend on Sabbaths. As they join us for Sabbath services, let’s help them see Adventists are the most loving, accepting, truth-filled, and Jesus-centered church around! Meetings continue through May 9 in most locations. A more complete report will be shared in June.

Hispanic churches baptize 50—Last month as part of an evangelism exchange initiative, a team of Chesapeake pastors traveled to Colombia, South America, to be part of a mission experience. For eight days, 10 Chesapeake Conference pastors preached in churches scattered on the southern part of Bogota, Colombia. God blessed their efforts with 105 baptisms and as many interested committing to Christ sometime soon. Pastors from Bogota, Colombia, joined the Reach evangelism effort here last month, preaching in most of the Spanish-speaking congregations in the conference where more than 50 persons have been baptized. “We are used to ‘going to the mission field,’ but this time the mission field (represented by these 14 pastors) came to us,” says Eli Rojas, conference Ministerial director. “The excitement of these two events was felt over there in Bogota, and also here in Chesapeake. The interesting thing is that these Colombian pastors saw their trip here as a mission trip.”

Congratulations are offered to:
~ three Chesapeake Conference Maryland-based Pathfinder teams—Atholton Faithblazers of Columbia, Hagerstown Disciples, and Triadelphia Sparks of Clarksville— who were among the 92 teams to achieve a first place rating at the North American Division level Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) in Keene, Texas, on April 18. This is not easy to do, says Youth Ministries director Carl Rodriguez. Each team answered questions testing their knowledge of the book of Matthew and had to score in the top 10 percent of the highest score for a first place rating.

A hearty welcome back to retired pastor Nikolaus Satelmajer, who returns to Chesapeake Conference to serve as interim senior pastor at the Frederick (Md.) church. Elder Satelmajer was a long-term interim pastor at Atholton just a few years ago.

Washington Adventist University (WAU) Graduation—The consecration service planned for Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m., as well as the Baccalaureate Service on Sabbath, May 2, at 11:15 a.m., take place at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 7700 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. Commencement will be held at The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. For additional details visit WAU’s website at www.wau.edu, or call (800) 835-4212. Congrats, Class of 2015!

Highland View Academy Happenings:
All events take place at Highland View Academy, 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. Questions? Call (301) 739-8480.
~ Alumni Weekend is May 1-3. The exciting weekend begins in the Boys’ Dorm Chapel with a Dedication Service, Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. Events on Sabbath begin with registration at 9 a.m. Hear popular speaker and author Jerry D. Thomas during the 11 a.m. worship service in Highland View church, and stay for the free alumni luncheon that follows. A basketball game at 8:30 p.m. in the gym rounds out the day. On Sunday, May 3, get moving with a 5K Walk/Run (Register at the gym at 8 a.m.), enjoy brunch and join a soccer game.
~ The last seminar in the STEM Lecture Series is planned for Monday, May 11, from 7-8 p.m. in the HVA Library. From recognized math teacher to “astronaut want to be” to state STEM leader, Cindy Hasselbring shares her journey through “failures” and how failures can be transformed into success. She was a “highly qualified applicant” for an astronaut and was one of only 120 out of 6,100 applicants to advance to the interview stage. Hasselbring is Special Assistant to the State Superintendent of Schools for Special Projects at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The event is free and open to the public.
~ Don’t miss the Spring Music Concert, Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Highland View church.
~ Congratulations are extended to the 24 graduating seniors in the Class of 2015! Highland View Academy’s graduation weekend is May 22-24. At the Highland View church, a Parent tribute is planned for Friday evening, May 22, at 7:30 p.m., and the Baccalaureate service takes place Sabbath, May 23, at 11 a.m. The Commencement at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 24, will be held in the HVA gym.

Spencerville Adventist Academy Upcoming Events:
All events take place on campus at 2502 Spencerville Road in Spencerville, Maryland, unless noted. Contact (301) 421-9101 for details.
~ Elementary and Middle School students perform the popular Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Sunday, May 3, at 5 p.m. Order tickets online at www.spaac.net/tickets/index.php, or purchase at the door for $10, general seating.
~ Celebrate creativity at the second annual SAA Oscars on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 p.m. High school youth will be recognized for their media achievements. See how youth are using media as a form of evangelism and ministry. Come view screenings of documentaries, films, music videos, and an awards presentation. Enjoy free admission, or purchase a VIP pass for $10 at www.spaac.net/tickets/index.php and receive a goodie bag which includes a festival DVD, goodies, and priority seating. All proceeds benefit the Broadcast Journalism/TV News Production program at SAA.
~ Alumni Weekend begins Friday, May 15, with Vespers at 7 p.m. in the SAA Auditorium. Elder Jim Zeismer will speak for the worship service at Spencerville church located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland, Sabbath, May 16, at 11:20 a.m. Volleyball and Basketball games are planned for Saturday evening in the SAA gym. Questions? Contact Chris Mills at (240) 883-3512.
~ Congratulations are offered to the 42 graduating seniors! SAA’s graduation takes place at the Spencerville Church, 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland, May 29-31. The Consecration Service begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 29. The Baccalaureate is part of the 11:20 a.m. worship service on Sabbath, May 30. Commencement is on Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. A class night is planned at Spencerville Adventist Academy on Saturday evening, May 30.

Don’t miss the Third Annual Black Tie Affair—Concert, Reception and Silent Auction—Saturday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at Baltimore White Marsh Seventh-day Adventist Church. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of fellowship and cultural arts benefitting the Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School’s educational programming. For more details, call (410) 663-1819, or visit http://bit.ly/bwblacktie.

Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, offers a one-day class called “Wild Edible Plants” on Sunday, June 14. The $49 fee includes two meals with edible wild plants gathered during class time, a textbook and color plant identification photos. To register by June 5, call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net. Space is limited. The class is open to ages 10 and up.

Camp Meeting is just a few weeks away! The Chesapeake Conference staff have been working hard to plan a fun and spiritually uplifting experience with you in mind. Plan to join us, June 19-20, on the campus of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Keynote speaker:
Pavel Golia—popular speaker/author and pastor of the Lexington (Ky.) Seventh-day Adventist Church

Featuring:
Laura Morena, International Recording Artist; a brass ensemble, and the camp meeting choir

Young Adults speaker:
Don Keele, associate youth director for Young Adult Ministries, Georgia-Cumberland Conference

Check out the fun activities for young people (and the young at heart) and register for lodging and meals online at ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910, ext. 2330.

Summer Camp Updates: Following are updated dates and locations for Mount Aetna Camp’s regional day camps called F.L.A.G. Camp (Fun Learning About God) for kids in grades 1-8. Visit mtaetnacamp.com to register online and for information about overnight summer camps.

Day Camps
Maryland:
~ Salisbury—Park church, June 29-July 3, and Beacon of Light church, July 6-10
~ Cambridge church—July 13-17
~ Chester River School/Chestertown church—July 20-24

Delaware:
~ West Wilmington church, Wilmington—July 27-31
Register now for the Chesapeake Conference Women’s Retreat, October 30-November 1, at the oceanfront Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. “High Heels and High Callings—Women of the Word” is the theme this year. Whether you prefer heels or flats, embark on a biblical journey and gain deep insights from the stories of women in Scripture. Fun, spiritual and inspiring programs for English-speaking women, Spanish-speaking women, and young women ages 15-21 are planned, so register now and bring your BFF. Rates increase August 1. See your pastor or Women’s Ministry leader for a flyer, and visit ccosda.org frequently for new details and to register to attend.

Save the Date for Disaster Relief Training—Is your church ready to act when disaster strikes? Times of crisis give Adventist Christians the opportunity to shine for Jesus and meet felt needs in the community. Few churches are engaged in preparing for crisis—gather the leaders and volunteers in your congregation and make plans to attend a training event October 3-4. More details to follow.

Deep sympathy is offered:
~ to the family of Jack Nail, who died on Friday, April 3, at age 86. “Uncle Jack” as he was fondly known, was the Youth Ministries director for the Chesapeake Conference from 1977-1990. His wife Ann and their four children—Lynda Feldmann, Jacquie Elliott, Ted Nail and Jon Nail—and their families, survive him. A memorial service is planned for Sabbath, May 2, 2 p.m., at Tullahoma Seventh-day Adventist Church, 908 Cedar Lane, Tullahoma, Tennessee. Phone (931) 455-9816. Share a memory or condolences on the Tribute page online at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jack-Nail/.
~ to Mount Aetna Adventist School kindergarten teacher Sandra Greenleaf and family who are grieving the loss of Sandra’s husband Tim. He became gravely ill and died in the hospital on Wednesday, April 15. Sandra and Tim have been long-time members of the Hagerstown (Md.) church, and have family in the area that attend the Hagerstown and Martinsburg (W.Va.) churches. The family has experienced much loss recently, including the death of Sandra’s mother just a few months ago. Please remember Sandra, her daughter Amanda, sons Christopher and Justin, Justin’s wife Elizabeth, and grandchildren David, Lucas and Katelynn during this sad time.

Korean Language Institutes needs teachers for conversational English and Bible classes in Korea. Teachers must have a bachelor’s degree (but not necessarily a teaching degree) to qualify for these salaried positions. Experience a new culture and personal growth, while teaching and witnessing. To learn more, contact coordinator Norma Shepherd at Oklahoma Conference by phone (405) 761-0655, or email koreanmission.ok@gmail.com.

May Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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