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Choirs That  
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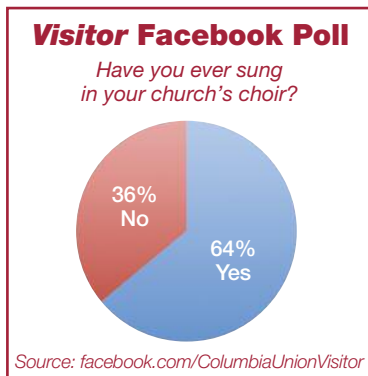
**Calendar** – Our 2012 *Visitor Calendar* is here! Themed “To Your Health!” it features healthy recipes from Clara Iuliano, a registered dietitian who specializes in highs—blood pressure, body weight and cholesterol. Look for it in your mailbox this month. For additional, free copies, email [weigley@columbiaunion.net](mailto:weigley@columbiaunion.net).



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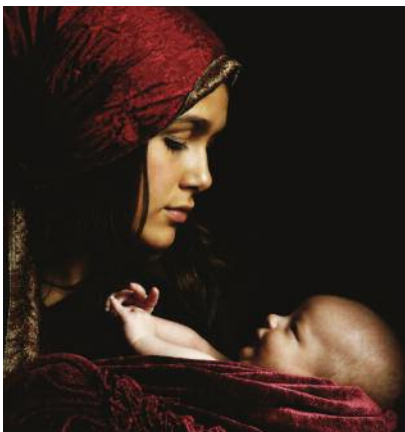
## Glory to God in the Lowest!

**C**hristmas is a time of surprises—things that take your breath away. I think that’s a good thing, because life at its best is not really measured by the breaths you take, but by the breaths you miss. At Christmastime there is a song in the sky and a baby in a manger and everything is gloriously topsy-turvy; when things that cannot be, are.



I am not surprised that, at the time of the first Christmas, Mary was seemingly speechless. She talked with an angel in Nazareth and sang with her cousin Elizabeth in the hill country of Judea. But in the whole narrative of Christmas, there is no word of Mary recorded. It’s as if what happened to her was too deep for words. The Bible simply reports, “Mary treasured up all of these things, and pondered them in her heart” (Luke 2:19, NIV).

I wonder if Mary might have pondered the lowliness of God’s approach. He arrived without noise and clamor. There was no Bethlehem spectacular. You see, God many times moves in silence. He nudges us in our experiences. He whispers to us in the sweetness of



common sense. He appeals to us through the gentleness of some new idea. He insinuates the sweet fragrance of Himself into our lives—not just in the big moments, but also in the gentle stillness of the Spirit-filled times.

Mary may also have pondered the lowliness of His first audience, the shepherds. If the Child had been born in Nazareth, musicians would have been present to serenade His birth. But, in Bethlehem there were only shepherds. Shepherds were marginalized in Jewish society. But at the center of the Christmas story is the truth that the privilege of knowing God is not something that is given only to the intellectual, cultural or spiritual elite. It is available to anyone—you and me, and even shepherds. And the story reaffirms what the apostle Paul reported: “God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise,” and “He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and things that are not—to nullify the things that are” (1 Cor. 1:27-28, NIV).

The Christmas story is the announcement that we were worth enough to God for Him to give us His Son. That should take our breath away. Ponder that this season and give glory to God in the lowest.

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## Newsline

TAASHI ROWE

### WGTS RECOGNIZES RADIO HOST'S 45 YEARS OF MINISTRY

For decades people throughout the Washington, D.C., area who turned their radio dials to Washington Adventist University's WGTS 91.9 FM on Sabbath mornings immediately



PHOTO BY VANESSA CASTILLO

recognized the voice of Gerry Fuller, DDS. Over the course of 45 years, this WGTS radio host interviewed famous authors, performers, medical experts and countless other public figures.

Friends, family and listeners recently filled the sanctuary of Potomac Conference's Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., to celebrate and honor Fuller's service to the station. Friends like Joe Wheeler, author of the *Christmas in My Heart* series; William Johnsson, former editor of the *Adventist Review*; and many others shared the impact Fuller made in their lives.

"I know the Lord has blessed me and kept me at WGTS for so long so that I could be a part of God's mission at WGTS, a ministry that not only touches the Washington, D.C., area, but is reaching out to the world," said Fuller, who is pictured after

receiving a token of appreciation from John Konrad, station manager. Read more at [columbiaunion.org/gerryfuller](http://columbiaunion.org/gerryfuller).—*Vanessa Castillo*



### U.S. NEWS RANKS WAU A TOP SCHOOL

For the first time, the *U.S. News & World Report* recently ranked Washington Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md., in their first tier of "Best Colleges in the North Region." Weymouth Spence, EdD, president, says of the designation, "It is certainly an honor to be ranked among some of the top colleges and universities in this region. It is a result of the significant contributions and hard work of our faculty and staff."

**Correction:** Both Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., and Kettering College in Kettering, Ohio, are celebrating record enrollment this fall. Of WAU's 1,493 students, 391 are new; and of Kettering's 938 students, 257 are new. Regretfully, we ran incorrect numbers in last month's issue.

PHOTO BY JAMES FERRY



### CHESAPEAKE ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee recently elected Kleyton Feitosa, who has directed their Ministries Development department since 2009, to serve as their new executive secretary. Feitosa previously served as pastor of the Waldorf (Md.) church for five years. He has more than 15 years of ministry experience in Brazil and the United States. Read more on p. 21.—*Samantha Young*



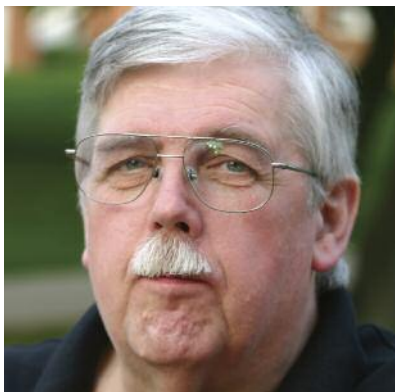
**HOW ARE YOUR CHURCHES SHARING THE REASON FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON?**



**JEANETTE DARE**

*Adventist Community Services  
Director, Pennsylvania Conference*

While we know the most precious gift possible addresses spiritual needs, members around our conference are doing a variety of practical things to share Christ this season. They are hosting special Christmas programs, toy and food drives, caroling to raise funds for community service, running soup kitchens and giving children hats, gloves and mittens. We are also hosting a special dinner and inviting all those in need.



**MONTE SAHLIN**

*Adventist Community Services  
Director, Ohio Conference*

Many churches will deliver food boxes around the upcoming holidays. Yet, some of the churches most active in community service will not do so. Why? Because the poor need food 365 days out of the year, not just around the holidays. A number of the most active churches in the Ohio Conference will collect food donations around the holidays and give all or most of the food collected to a local community food pantry for year-round use.



**ROBERT MOORE**

*Executive Secretary,  
Allegheny West Conference*

During this holiday season as well as during the year, we recognize that our first responsibility is to God, and that our activities must touch people with the love of God. We know people need more than just food. Therefore, some of the local community service directors are intentionally beginning to put in place optional services that minister to the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people they serve.

**POTOMAC, ALLEGHENY EAST RECEIVE COMMUNICATION HONORS**



PHOTO BY FRANK COX

Several communication professionals from the Columbia Union Conference took home awards from the recent Society of Adventist Communicators convention held in Lombard, Ill. Potomac Conference's Communication Department won "Best in Class" for the Corporate Communication Website ([pcsda.org](http://pcsda.org)) category. The award-winning team (left) included Paolo Esposito, communication intern; Adrienne Suarez, graphic designer; and Dan Jensen, Communication director.

Jensen and Suarez also received "Honorable Mention" in the Annual Report category, and Suarez was also awarded "Best in Class" in the Book Design category.

Congratulations are also in order for the Allegheny East Conference Camp Meeting team who received "Honorable Mention" in the Video Story/Project category. Read more at [columbiaunion.org/SACawards](http://columbiaunion.org/SACawards).

—Tamara Fisher and Visitor Staff

## Potluck

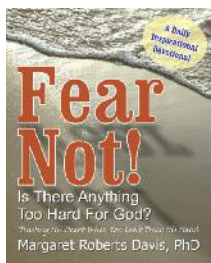
BETH MICHAELS

### What's New?

#### Devotionals > ***Fear Not! Is There Anything Too Hard For God?*** Margaret Roberts Davis

Margaret Robert Davis, PhD, started writing her first devotional as a pastime, but it ended up serving as her lifeline to God during a long, personal trial. Now this member of Allegheny East Conference's Miracle Temple in Baltimore

says she hopes that readers "will keep ever before them that God is sovereign and always in control." Take a journey into the Word of God through object lessons, inspirational stories,



### Welcome to the Family

#### **Giovanni and Denise Souza**

Richmond Brazilian Community Church, Richmond, Va.



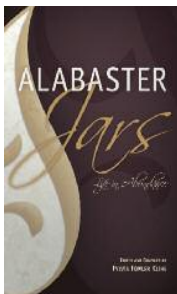
"We definitely feel the love of the Lord, and we have more challenges for sure, but we know God is in control because we are trying to be our best as Christ servers."



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#### **Alabaster Jars** Edited by Fylvia Fowler Kline

In this compilation, more than 20 ladies from the Columbia Union and across the North American



Division share weekly accounts about the power of God working in their lives. May-Ellen Colón, a contributor and member of Chesapeake

Conference's Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Md., says she was "happy for another opportunity to speak well of my best friend, Jesus." Read more about the book, start a discussion, submit a devotional and support women's literacy at AlabasterJars.com. Pick up copies at any major bookstore.

#### Book > **Leadership Lessons From the Life of Neal C. Wilson** Myrna Tetz

This is more than a biography about a well-known and respected leader in the Adventist Church—and one who served as Columbia

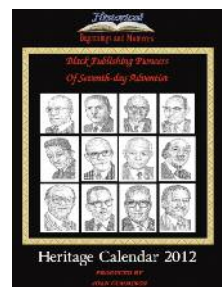
Union Conference president from 1962-1966. It is a book about leadership within the church—specifically spiritual leadership. "It encourages us to look at how a particular leader functions in order to guide us in assessing our own leadership effectiveness," says the author. Order through AdventistBookCenter.com.



#### Calendar > **Black Publishing Pioneers of Seventh-day Adventists** Joan Cummings

Learn more about 12 men "who helped develop and organize the publishing ministry within the regional conferences and greatly aided in the advancement of the regional work during the 1940s, 50s and 60s," reports Joan Cummings.

Cummings, a retired Allegheny East Conference publishing director and member of the Pine Forge





(Pa.) church, believes recognition for these men and the impact they made on the Seventh-day Adventist Church is well overdue. Get copies from your local Adventist Book Center. Some proceeds will go toward Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge.

On the Web

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Heba Antwan



I pray that God will protect His people in Egypt and lead our country to a safe harbor.—Atholton Church, Columbia, Md.

Jennifer Bell Andres



Attending Adventist school was a large part of why I am still in the church. It also made me a better teacher in that one of my teachers mentored me and impressed on each student that we all answer to God before our human bosses.—Brooklyn Church, Baltimore

Gerry Wagoner



Truth usually can be stated briefly. It is error that often has to take circuitous

routes of explanation.—Piqua (Ohio) Church

In the Spotlight > Burlington (N.J.) Church



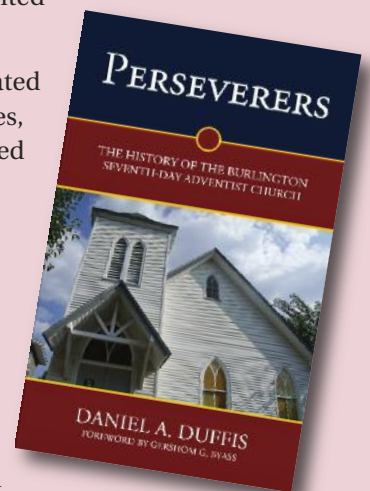
Membership: 85

A Firm Foundation: After David Lindsay held evangelistic meetings in the summer of 1890, the Adventist church that sprang up in Burlington was only the fourth one in New Jersey. In 1915 the congregation built a church at their current location and have twice since purchased adjacent property to give them more room for ministry. They have also planted four congregations.

Looking Forward: The Burlington church celebrated its 120th anniversary this year with special services, a riverfront concert and a new historical book titled Perseverers. In September the church held tent evangelistic meetings. "People are seeing that God has always been leading them," says Pastor Daniel Duffis (above). "Now they're excited and getting involved."

Feeding Body and Soul: Burlington members serve about 100 community families through the church's food bank program, which has been running strong for 20 years. In 2010 they started a community Thanksgiving lunch, and this year they reached out further by hosting a health fair and community concert.

Healthy Growth: The church, which is 85 members strong, is currently planting a new congregation in nearby Lindenwold, with plans to plant another group in Willingboro. "When you focus on growing your church, and don't focus outside, it becomes like a cancer," says Duffis. "When you focus on growing other communities, your own community begins to grow. You develop more leaders, with more opportunities for people to work. As people get involved, they grow spiritually."—Tompaul Wheeler



What's Going On?

We'd love to hear about your latest project or ministry, find out what's happening at your church, meet a recently baptized member or hear what you're chatting about—and so would our readers.

We can't wait to hear from you: bmichaels@columbiaunion.net

# Go Tell it on the MOUNTAIN!



Regina Reid

## SEVEN CHURCH AND SCHOOL CHOIRS THAT MINISTER NEAR AND FAR

**M**usic is a mode of communication, a way to express thoughts and feelings, but also, “Music is an irrigation method for the work of the Holy Spirit,” says Sheree Leggett (above, front row, center). She learned this important truth during 21 years of directing **Women in Worship** (1), an 11-member choir she developed out of Allegheny West Conference’s Glenville church in Cleveland. The ladies have witnessed the Spirit at work during their performances at churches of all denominations and events of all types—cancer walks, community outreach programs,



social events—throughout the eastern United States and Canada.

For Women in Worship, however, singing about God isn't enough. "When God gave me the vision for the choir, I knew it had to be ministry focused," Leggett adds. The ladies, who are all original members, also fund an annual Hadassah Conference to empower and encourage women of all faiths. Their fourth event will take place in February. They are also launching *Hadassah's Touch* magazine this month, an outreach tool for hurting women in their community.

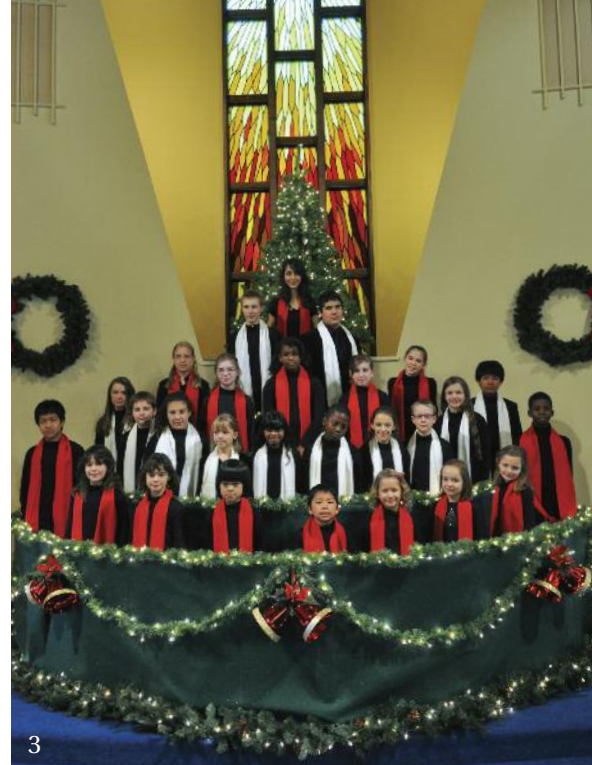
Their outreach has touched the likes of the Ohio Chapter of the Red Hat Society, who has invited Women in Worship to participate in its fundraising dinner for the past 10 years. The group also ministers to battered women in local shelters.

"God has allowed people to be drawn to our ministry because of the purity of the message, not through perfect people," Leggett shares. "Our members lead by experience and mentor through testimony."

## CHURCH CHOIRS THAT SHARE A JOYFUL NOISE

Women in Worship isn't the only choir in the Columbia Union using music to transcend social and religious differences and extend the hand of God to others. Though located in a quiet nook in Silver Spring, Md., Chesapeake Conference's **Spencerville Church Choir** (2) is going beyond the walls of their church to make a sound heard 'round their community. "Our choir has a tradition of high-caliber worship music and a diverse library," states Mark Willey, the church's music director.

Directed by James Bingham, EdD, Spencerville's choir has become well known for its presentation of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, a liturgy of scripture and song. "Many members of the community say this kicks off the Christmas season for them," Bingham says. The group also participates in the church's Evensong Concert Series, which has drawn thousands of appreciators for the past 20 years. The



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choir also released two ambitious recordings, in 2000 and 2008, of Bingham's *Requiem*, a large-scale work that highlights the hope and eternal life offered by the plan of salvation.

Another choir that stands tall in their Clarksville, Md., community, despite their small stature, are the **Sonshine Singers** (3). Like its members, the choir is young, formed in 2009, but their Singing Christmas Tree concert is on track to become a community staple. The group's director, Sherilyn Gibbs, is careful to reinforce the purpose of the performance, saying, "I make the point that this is not for show, but to share Jesus. This is an evangelism tool. We pray that the people who need to be there will come."

Chesapeake's Triadelphia church is home to this 30-member children's choir whose growing ministry has led them to sing at a local women's shelter and rotary club. They hope to add nursing homes and other venues to their outreach. The young singers were also among those selected from thousands of entrants to sing at



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PHOTO BY MARK WILLEY

the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta.

The **Washington Brazilian Youth Choir** (4), or CJW (Coral Jovem de Washington), ministers to their community with about 60 members from their base in College Park, Md. A small group of young people at Potomac Conference's Washington Brazilian church formed the choir 10 years ago as a way to fellowship with one another while away from their families.

CJW, led by Danio Abreu from 2002 until recently, has participated in a Brazilian community festival for the past three years, visited local nursing homes and traveled the East Coast from New York to Florida to sing of God's love. They also hope to perform during the halftime of a Washington Wizards basketball game.

One of their most impactful outreach tools is a DVD of a 2008 concert, which airs regularly on the Hope Channel. "We have received calls from all over the world from

PHOTO BY CAMERON ANDERSON



people who have enjoyed the concert," reports Marcelo Martinez, one of CJW's leaders.

## SCHOOL CHOIRS THAT SING AND WITNESS

A number of schools throughout the union are also taking their performances on the road. For example, many of the country's

leading cathedrals and concert halls have welcomed the **Columbia Collegiate Chorale** (6) into their halls. The chorale is part of Washington Adventist University's music department and a key outreach tool of the school, which is located in Takoma Park, Md. The group has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center and the National Gallery of Art, both in Washington, D.C., and at the Lincoln Center and esteemed Carnegie Hall, both in New York City.

Music department chair James Bingham, who founded the chorale in 1994, believes it is the choir's standard of excellence that has allowed the group to establish a presence in the nation's capital area. "This opens many doors for witness that would not be opened without this level of performance," he explains. "This demands a lot of the students and alumni, but it has been a way for God to spread His love through the performance of the inspired sacred music of the masters."

Allegheny East Conference's **Pine Forge Academy Choir** (5) is a





staple in their Pine Forge, Pa., neighborhood and well known around the country. The academy singers recently performed at the Tri-County Performing Arts Center in nearby Pottstown, the Black McDonald's Operators Association Convention in Ohio and the Congressional Black Caucus Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

## HEAR THEM SING

Choirs throughout the Columbia Union's eight-state region are singing of Christ's birth this season. Jerry Taylor, director for the Kettering Church Choir in Ohio, for instance, estimates that about 20,000 people visit their church between Thanksgiving and the New Year to enjoy their collaborations with area church, community and school choirs.

For a list of similar holiday concerts near you, visit [columbiaunion.org](http://columbiaunion.org). And watch performances of some of our featured choirs at [youtube.com/user/columbiaunion](http://youtube.com/user/columbiaunion).

Each December the choir teams with the Pottstown mayor to present a concert with other local artists. Every January the group, joined by the school's Creative Arts drama ministry, plans a program with the Boyertown High School and area pastors of different faiths to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. They also regularly visit a local nursing home when traveling with the school's community services team.

"The fact that the choir continues to be invited to events in the community is a testament of the effectiveness and positive witness of Seventh-day Adventist Christianity, and the respect they have for what we bring to the community," says director Neil Thomas.

Lulu Mupfumbu says she is constantly amazed at the doors God opens that allow the **Takoma Academy Chorale** (7) to share His love with their Takoma Park neighbors and beyond. Since she started directing the chorale in 2009, they have performed at the opening ceremony of the South Atlantic Regional Figure Skating Competition, the Montgomery County Community Foundation's annual Celebration

of Giving Banquet and at an event hosted by the nonprofit Impact Silver Spring. While on tour last summer in New York and Canada, the group sang at hotels and amusement parks, and even on street corners.

Mupfumbu credits God for their growth—they've tripled in size since 2009—and is excited about their increasing number of ministry opportunities. "Our ensembles are committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaiming His soon coming," Mupfumbu explains. "We want to serve the community with our gifts, with the Holy Spirit as our guide and enabler."

*Regina Reid writes from Laurel, Md.*



# CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MINISTRY?

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The Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF) has provided more than 1,600 loans to help build and expand hundreds of churches, schools, conferences and other entities across the union's eight-state region. One such project includes the construction of Chesapeake Conference's Spencerville Adventist Academy in Silver Spring, Md.

For more than 40 years, CURF has used funds provided by Columbia Union members to finance these loans. You and CURF truly are "Making Ministry Possible."



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# Profiles in Caring



*James Lee, Adventist HealthCare's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, receives his annual flu shot for the 2011-2012 flu season.*



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and Young Children  
Adventist Medical Group  
LifeWork Strategies  
Cytology Services of Maryland

## The Joy of Giving

Tucked into the book of Proverbs is a short verse rich with meaning: “A generous person will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed” (Proverbs 11:25, paraphrased). Into this short verse are packed two great ideas.

First, there is a quick reference to the secret to prosperity: generosity. An important ingredient in the recipe for being prosperous is not to be miserly or tightfisted. The behavior that backs up true prosperity is to be generous and openhanded. While this translates into different things for different people, the principle stands for all: generosity begets prosperity.

*It is the second idea that I find most fascinating, however: “those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.” By being useful, by serving, by “refreshing” others, we ourselves are refreshed.*

One way in which this verse is translated is “he who waters will himself be watered.” In an agricultural age, watering was understood to include a whole range of behaviors. First there was the hospitality of offering water to guests and the animals that transported them and their possessions. There was the time that this act of watering would require—the physical labor of providing water to humans and animals alike. And there was the expense of providing water—especially in arid climates where access to water and the water itself had specific economic value.

Applying the whole range of these meanings to today, the verse is suggesting that the generosity that leads to prosperity includes being willing to generously share of our hospitality and kindness, of our time, and of our economic resources—our money.

How easily we see that this is true, for we have all had experiences where, regardless of our motivation—to fulfill an obligation, to serve God, to respond to another's need, to use the talents or resources we've been given, or just to not feel guilty—we have found ourselves refreshed when we seek to refresh another, satisfied because we sought to meet a need, blessed when we only set out to be the source of blessing.

I think it is one of the values found in our appreciation of work (the “Labor” we celebrated in the holiday on Monday): our work creates value for those we serve, but also value for the community that we are a part of and value for ourselves.

But that's not the heart of the message of the proverb. At its heart is an unwavering anticipation of the joy that comes from giving—an appreciation for the way the world is transformed by the generosity of those who are liberal in their gifts of time, talent, influence, and financial resources. None are to be neglected, and all are to be included, in our efforts to create communities of generous prosperity. Herein is found prosperity and the joy of giving.



**William G. “Bill” Robertson**  
*President & CEO*  
*Adventist HealthCare*



# Adventist HealthCare's Fourth Annual Flu Campaign Promotes Wellness to the Community

*Campaign Provided Thousands of Flu Shots to Residents in the Region*

This past fall, Adventist HealthCare held its fourth annual flu campaign to help prevent the spread of flu in the region. The "Help Stop the Flu" campaign reminded the public to take immediate protection against the flu with a seasonal flu shot and urged them to stop the spread of flu through prevention.

Each year in the United States, on average, 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu, resulting in more than 200,000 hospitalizations and an average of 36,000 deaths.

Adventist HealthCare's two local hospitals, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville and Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, launched their 2011 flu campaign with a roundtable event on September 12 at the Universities at Shady Grove. The event featured a panel of local experts that spoke to an audience of pharmacy students and community members about vaccination and prevention.

"The event allowed us to connect with members of the community, especially young adults, and educate them about the importance of getting an annual flu vaccine," said Dr. Gaurov Dayal, a pediatrician and Chief Medical Officer for Adventist Health-

Care, who moderated the roundtable. "Even healthy young adults should get vaccinated because, despite having stronger immune systems, they can carry the flu and spread it to those with weaker immune systems."

The 2011/2012 vaccine protected against the same three influenza strains that were in the 2010/2011 vaccine. The strains were an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus; an A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus; and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.

In addition, Adventist HealthCare offered the new high-dose vaccine for people 65 or older. The high-dose vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen than the regular vaccine and is better able to protect those that are older and have a weaker immune system.

Adventist HealthCare, the largest provider of flu vaccines in Montgomery County, Maryland outside of the county health department, held flu clinics throughout the region this fall with the goal to provide an estimated 12,000 flu shots.

As part of the annual campaign, Adventist HealthCare, in collaboration with WTOP

radio and M&T Bank, provided free flu shots through two clinics in September. The first clinic, in partnership with Washington Adventist Hospital, was held Thursday, Sept. 22, at M&T Bank on Tech Road in White Oak. The second clinic was held Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center in Germantown. Together, the two clinics provided 261 free flu shots to the community.

"We are pleased to have been able to provide this important vaccine at no cost to members of our community," stated Judy Lichty, Regional Director of Health and Wellness for Adventist HealthCare. "In addition to vaccination, people can help prevent the flu by frequently washing their hands with soap and water, remaining hydrated and well rested and staying away from others when they are sick."

*For more information about Adventist HealthCare's fourth annual flu campaign and to learn where you can still receive the flu vaccination, visit [www.HelpStoptheFlu.com](http://www.HelpStoptheFlu.com).*



*Cardiac Outreach Coordinator Kathleen Coleman gives a community member his free flu shot on September 22 at Washington Adventist Hospital's free flu clinic.*



*A nurse prepares to give a community member his free flu shot on September 27 at the Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center in Germantown.*



*2011 roundtable panelists, Dr. Vincent Hayes, emergency medicine physician at Washington Adventist Hospital (left) and Dr. Wayne Meyer, internal medicine specialist and vice president of medical staff at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital (right) speak to an audience of pharmacy students and community members about the seasonal flu.*



# Adventist HealthCare In The News

## Washington Adventist Cardiac Nurse Wins National Award

Washington Adventist Hospital is proud to announce that Alena B. Agatep, RN, BSN, CCRN, was one of two nurses chosen nationally to win The Sydney and Helen Shuman Nurse Recognition Award given through The Mended Hearts, Inc.

Mended Hearts recognizes the dedication and heartfelt support that nurses offer to heart patients during treatment and the recovery process.

The Sydney and Helen Shuman Nurse Recognition Award was established to show appreciation to nurses who make a positive difference by their skill, care and presence.

“Everyone from the patients, to their families, to the surgeons recognizes Alena’s great skills as an open heart nurse,” said Neal Gregory, President of the National Capital Area chapter of The Mended Hearts, Inc. “She is zealous in her care of patients, always looking to do what is best, and right, for them.”



*L-R: Maria Jurlano, Director of CVICU, Neal Gregory, President of the National Capital Area chapter of The Mended Hearts, Inc., Dr. Piotr Wyrwinski, Intensivist, Alena Agatep, RN, BSN, CCRN, Daniel Dollarhide, Mended Hearts Inc., Amy Dukovcic, Coordinator Cardiovascular Nurse Practitioner Service, Dr. Randall Wagner, Intensivist.*

Agatep started as a young nurse in the Philippines and continued nursing when she moved to the United States. Agatep has worked at Washington Adventist Hospital for

more than 15 years, and oversees the daily staffing and management of care of open-heart patients on the night shift.

“Alena embodies the values and mission of Washington Adventist Hospital, and we are so grateful to have her on our team providing exceptional care to our cardiac patients,” said Joyce Portela, President of Washington Adventist Hospital.



## Avis Buchanan named to Board

Adventist HealthCare is honored to welcome Avis Buchanan as a new member of the organization’s Board of Trustees

for a three-year term. Ms. Buchanan serves as Director of the Public Defender Service (PDS) for the District of Columbia, which works to provide the best legal representation for those who cannot afford an attorney.

Ms. Buchanan began her career at PDS as a staff attorney doing criminal defense work for almost seven years. She then joined the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, holding several positions from staff attorney to Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Project, and Director of Litigation.

She has been a member of the Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church for 38 years. By joining the board, she also looks forward to serving the Adventist community in a new capacity.

Ms. Buchanan received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Spanish with high honors from Michigan State University and earned her law degree at Harvard Law School. She has been an active resident of the Washington, D.C. community for a total of 33 years.

## Shady Grove Adventist and Washington Adventist Hospitals Honored for High-Quality Patient Care

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md., and Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md. have been recognized nationally for their commitment to high-quality cardiac and vascular care. In recent months, the two hospitals have received numerous awards for their care to patients with cardiac and vascular conditions.

Both Shady Grove Adventist and Washington Adventist received awards from the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline program. The awards recognize the hospitals’ commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients that effectively improves the survival and care for patients experiencing the deadliest type of heart attack known as STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction).

The Mission: Lifeline Silver Performance Achievement Award, granted to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, signifies that the hospital met the American Heart Association’s highest goals for quality care over 12 consecutive months. The Mission: Lifeline Bronze Performance Achievement Award, granted to Washington Adventist Hospital, signifies that the hospital met several goals for quality care over 90 consecutive days.

Shady Grove Adventist as one of 167 hospitals nationwide to receive the Gold Performance Achievement Award for 2011. This award notes that the hospital met or exceeded treatment standards outlined by the American College of Cardiology and the AHA at a rate of 85 percent for 24 consecutive months.

Washington Adventist Hospital was one of only 94 hospitals nationwide to receive the Silver Performance Achievement Award for 2011 for meeting or exceeding the standards at an 85 percent or higher performance rate for 12 consecutive months.



# La cuarta Campaña anual contra la gripe de Adventist HealthCare promueve el bienestar de la comunidad

*La campaña proporcionó miles de vacunas contra la gripe a los residentes de la región*

El otoño pasado, Adventist HealthCare celebró su cuarta campaña anual contra la gripe para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de la gripe en la región. La campaña “Ayude a detener la gripe” (“Help Stop the Flu”) hizo un recordatorio al público de obtener protección inmediata contra la gripe mediante una vacuna contra la gripe estacional y recomendó detener la propagación de la gripe a través de la prevención.

Cada año en los Estados Unidos, en promedio, del 5 al 20 por ciento de la población contrae la gripe, lo que significa más de 200,000 hospitalizaciones y un promedio de 36,000 muertes.

Los dos hospitales locales de Adventist HealthCare, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital en Rockville y Washington Adventist Hospital en Takoma Park, lanzaron su campaña 2011 contra la gripe con una mesa redonda el 12 de septiembre en Universities at Shady Grove. El evento contó con un panel de expertos locales quienes hicieron su exposición ante estudiantes de farmacia y miembros de la comunidad con el tema de la vacunación y la prevención.

“El evento nos permitió conectarnos con los miembros de la comunidad, especialmente los adultos jóvenes, y educarles sobre la importancia de recibir una vacuna anual contra la gripe”, señaló el Dr. Gaurov Dayal, pediatra y director médico de Adventist HealthCare, quien fungió como moderador en la mesa redonda. “Incluso los adultos jóvenes y saludables deben vacunarse, ya que, a pesar de tener sistemas inmunológicos más fuertes, pueden llevar la gripe y contagiar a personas con sistemas inmunológicos más débiles”.

La vacuna 2011/2012 protege contra las mismas tres cepas de influenza que estaban

contenidas en la vacuna 2010/2011. Las cepas son un virus similar al A/California/7/2009 (H1N1), un virus similar al A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2), y un virus similar al B/Brisbane/60/2008.



*Los asistentes de la clínica reciben bolsas gratis con información hospitalaria, fechas de clínicas adicionales, jabón para las manos y los imanes por Washington Adventist Hospital.*

Además, Adventist HealthCare ofreció la nueva vacuna con una dosis más alta para las personas de 65 años en adelante. La vacuna de dosis alta contiene cuatro veces más cantidad de antígeno que la vacuna normal y tiene mayor capacidad de proteger a aquellos que son mayores y tienen un sistema inmunológico más débil.

Adventist HealthCare, el mayor proveedor de vacunas contra la gripe en el condado de Montgomery, Maryland fuera del departamento de salud del condado, ofreció clínicas de la gripe en toda la región este otoño con el objetivo de proporcionar unas 12,000 vacunas contra la gripe.

Como parte de la campaña anual, Adventist HealthCare, en colaboración con la radio WTOP y M&T Bank, administró vacunas

contra la gripe a través de dos clínicas en septiembre. La primera clínica, en colaboración con el Hospital Adventista de Washington, tuvo lugar el jueves 22 de septiembre en el M&T Bank de Tech Road en White Oak. La segunda clínica se llevó a cabo el martes 27 de septiembre en el Centro de Emergencias Adventista de Shady Grove en Germantown. En conjunto, las dos clínicas administraron 261 vacunas contra la gripe sin costo para la comunidad.

“Nos sentimos muy complacidos de haber podido ofrecer esta importante vacuna sin costo alguno para los miembros de nuestra comunidad”, dijo Judy Lichty, directora regional de Salud y Bienestar de Adventist HealthCare. “Además de vacunarnos, todos podemos ayudar a prevenir la gripe lavándonos frecuentemente las manos con agua y jabón, permaneciendo hidratados, descansando bien y manteniéndonos alejados de los demás cuando están enfermos”.

Para obtener mayor información sobre la cuarta campaña anual contra la gripe de Adventist HealthCare y para saber dónde se sigue administrando la vacuna contra la gripe, visite [www.HelpStoptheFlu.com](http://www.HelpStoptheFlu.com).



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## Pisgah Celebrates Second Year in Food Ministry

The Pisgah church in Bryans Road, Md., recently celebrated a second year of sponsoring their Helping Hands pantry. The church opened the pantry on June 9, 2009, and their hours are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. They also deliver food to the elderly and disabled. They previously operated on an emergency-call basis. Now there are always at least 12-15 volunteers from the church and the community on distribution days. During the first quarter of 2011, they distributed 7,350 pounds of food.

In addition to distributing food, church members help their clients determine if they are eligible for other economic assistance programs; encourage their clients to use a monthly budget; share information on healthy cooking, healthy supermarket shopping, nutrition and recipes; conduct blood pressure screenings; and distribute children's clothing, books and literature.

"It was slack at first, but now we have seen a tremendous increase in clients and donations," says Gloria Simmons (left), community services leader. "After much prayer, God is truly blessing this ministry. It has certainly helped us to share God's love with our community. He opened up the windows of heaven and poured us out blessings. We barely have enough room to receive all the donations."—*Jade Johnson*



## Allegheny East Churches Get Moving

Hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist churches around the North American Division (NAD) recently joined with 50 other faith and community organizations in responding to First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" national health and fitness campaign. NAD's Health Ministries director set a goal for Adventists to walk 1 million miles on "Let's Move!" Day. Here are the stories of two of Allegheny East's participants:

### Bethuel Church Members Walk 5K

Some 35 Bethuel church members in Dover, Del., participated in a 5K walk to help community members become more aware of childhood obesity. "It was a beautiful sight to see one of our youngest members walking with one of the oldest members," Crystal Thompkins shared.

### Beth-El Moves "Toward a Healthier Jersey City"

With the theme "Toward a Healthier Jersey City," the Beth-El church in Jersey City, N.J., sponsored a health fair, two-mile walk and walk-a-thon. The event was geared toward providing the community with a wholistic approach to physical and spiritual well-being. To this end, the church invited the Jersey City Medical Center and Horizon New Jersey Health Community Blood Services' Care-A-Van to participate. They provided brochures and conducted health screenings. An asthma

specialist, pediatrician and chiropractor were on hand for consultations.

Church members (below) also walked through the streets of Jersey City armed with posters that encouraged members of the community to make exercise a part of their lifestyle. After the approximately two-mile walk at Liberty State Park, participants met at the Audubon Park where they continued with physical exercise, including hula hoop and badminton. The walk-a-thon was held at the end of the week.—*Lisa Todd*



## Pine Forge Academy News

### Choir Places Second

Last month the Pine Forge Academy (PFA) Choir entered the annual iSing Scholarship Challenge, a high school and collegiate choir scholarship competition sponsored by the Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Glen Dale, Md. Through Internet voting of newly recorded songs, the choir made it into the finals! The competition took place the first weekend of November, and PFA took second place! The choir put a great amount of time and effort into preparing by practicing mornings and evenings. "I feel that during our performance we truly worshipped and angels sang with us," said senior Dionne Hamilton, choir president. "Because of that I know, in God's eyes, we won."



### Four Baptized During Parents Weekend

"Reaching Higher Heights in Christ" was this fall's Parents Weekend theme. Indeed, those in attendance were taken to a new level by the Holy Spirit! Just before the divine hour on Sabbath, four students gave their lives to Jesus and affirmed their newfound love for Christ before the congregation through baptism. "I saw it as a new beginning in my relationship with God," said Kohrissa Joseph, one of the students who was baptized.

On Sabbath afternoon, the Class of 2012 participated in Senior Presentation, a rite of passage for



the soon-to-be graduates. A total of 40 seniors were presented to their parents, family, friends and, most importantly, God.

### Pine Forge Academy Foundation Donates Nearly \$30K

After the Senior Presentation during Parents Weekend, the Pine Forge Academy Foundation presented scholarships and awards to several academy students. In total, the foundation awarded \$12,750 to eight students for this school year and presented a check for \$15,500 to facilitate wireless access for the students in both dormitories.

—Noreena Ogidan

### Basketball Tournament Proceeds to Fund Scholarships

Participants in the first David Kelly Scholarship Tournament, held at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md., recently raised \$2,500 to send students to Pine Forge Academy.

"We want to send kids to Pine Forge who aren't Adventists and introduce them to the church," Andrew McNeil Jr. shared. A member of the Coatesville (Pa.) church who helped found the tournament, McNeil says he felt fortunate to have had access to a Seventh-day Adventist education. Now he and

Andrew McNeil Jr., Reggie Moore, Thomas Murphy, David Morris and Gerald Evans, all Pine Forge Academy alumni, served as tournament referees.

his friends want to give that same gift to children whose parents cannot afford to do the same. The tournament is named for the late David Kelly, McNeil's classmate who was a member of the Class of 1986 and an avid basketball player.

According to McNeil, plans are already in the works for the next David Kelly Scholarship Tournament. For more information about the tournament, call McNeil at (610) 301-4031. To make a donation to the David Kelly Memorial Fund, make checks payable to Life Long Health, a non-profit 501(c)(3) community-based organization backing the tournament. Checks can be sent to: Lifelong Health, P.O. Box 33757, Washington, D.C. 20033.

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## Akron Bethel's Ladies Club Hosts Fourth Autumn Tea

It was a cool and rainy Sunday afternoon when more than 70 women from five area Seventh-day Adventist churches and the local community enjoyed afternoon tea at the Bethel church in Akron, Ohio. It was warm and sunny inside as the Akron Bethel Ladies Club hosted their fourth Autumn Tea gathering in the past six years.

The ladies, aged 2-89, indulged in delicious, vegetarian refreshments and enjoyed mingling. Spiritual entertainment included a musical performance by Teresa Westbrook and an “unspoken praise” presentation by 12-year-old Tiera Weems. Ladies club member Twila Belle presented a message titled “Lighten Your Load” based on Matthew 11:28-30, encouraging the women to lighten their load by yoking with Jesus.

“I didn’t know what to expect, but I thought it was very nice,” commented Flora Gamble-Williams, a first-time attendee. “It was inspirational, it was entertaining and we got the message! Everyone did an exceptional job. We will be back next year!”

Jeanette Johnson, ladies club president, said she fasted and prayed the week leading up to the tea. “I said to God, ‘You let everything fall into place. Let Your will be done; let it be a nice tea,’ and that’s exactly what He did! It was phenomenal!”

The Akron Bethel Ladies Club started in 1969. The original members intended to help ladies maintain a healthy weight and to be an asset to the community. Although the club’s objectives have changed slightly over the years, the club members continue to be a witness to their neighbors and financial supporters of the church.—Charlyce Wallington-Reynolds



PHOTO BY CHARLYCE WALLINGTON-REYNOLDS

## Hilltop Empowers Youth to Serve the Lord

The Hilltop Community Worship Center in Columbus, Ohio, dedicated a recent Sabbath to their youth. As a matter of fact, this was the first church-wide celebration by the young people, a special day coordinated by Courtney Moffett. Mario Broussard, a native of Columbus, Ohio, was the guest speaker. He currently serves as the assistant chaplain at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md., and is “a young man who was raised to love the Lord,” said his mother, Patricia Broussard, during his introduction.

Broussard titled his message “Twilight,” which he based on 2 Peter. He explained to the young people that there are individuals who are at the “in between” stage—in between darkness and light. “Are you in the twilight stage, where you do what you want and continue to come to church to praise the Lord?” he challenged. He encouraged them to seek the light of Christ so that they won’t be lost.

The event was such a success that many Hilltop members hope the talented youth will minister to the church family at least once a month.

*Courtney Moffett, Hilltop’s coordinator for the youth day event, and guest speaker Mario Broussard helped make the church’s first youth day a success.*



## Ramah Junior Academy Gets Kids, Families Moving

In a show of support for the North American Division's recent "Let's Move!" Day initiative, more than 60 Ramah Junior Academy students and family members in Columbus, Ohio, got moving. Ramah students in grades K-4 completed a one-mile walk, while those in grades 5-8 walked two miles. There were even some eager students who chose to do the walk multiple times and ended up clocking more than eight miles! Principal Kevin Cameron stayed busy supporting participants. He distributed bottles of water along the route and invited participants to partake in healthy snacks consisting of fruits, granola bars and fruit juice at the school following the walk. By the event's end, Ramah participants clocked 113 miles!



## Four Pastors Transition to New Pastures

**Stan Hood** pastored in Canton, Ohio, for seven years, during which time the New Hope church grew in many ways. Under his leadership, it grew numerically, from a few mem-



bers to well over 50, and cosmetically—he helped completely renovate the church, giving it a new look and enhancing

its curb appeal. Most recently he pastored the Middletown/Hamilton (Ohio) district where he helped grow the church from five to 30 members. The conference recently assigned Hood to the Danville/South Boston (Va.) district, where he and his wife, Lisa, and children Triston (20), Lena (17) and Micah (1) are excited to experience new ministry opportunities.

**Shaun Arthur** recently served for two years as the associate pastor of the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio. During that time, he organized a youth and young adult evangelistic



meeting that resulted in 100 baptisms and instituted a youth Wednesday night prayer service. He also served as the assistant chaplain for Columbus Adventist Academy and as advisor to the Precious Jewels Early Learning Center. He and his wife, Lauren, make a great team, and together they planned and organized Ephesus' highly successful health fair. The Arthurs will now pastor the Rock of Faith/Uniontown (Pa.) district.

**Christopher Thompson** served for four years as pastor of the Rock of Faith/Uniontown district, where he implemented a strong community outreach ministry. He helped the church establish a mentoring program at the local recreation center, which included tutoring services and a sports team component. He built partnerships with area schools by providing volunteerism to support and strengthen the learning environment and through his creation of a community basketball team. Thompson and his wife, Tracy, along with their 2-year-old son, Christopher II, will move their leadership responsibilities



to the Ephesus church in Columbus, where Thompson will serve as the associate pastor.

**Calvin Roberson** most recently served as pastor of the Bethel church in Akron, Ohio. Under his leadership, the church's Youth Department started Faithful Inspired Youth Achieving Holiness (FIYAH), which met on Friday nights. FIYAH is an open mic night that enables young people to showcase their gifts and talents. Roberson and his wife, Wendy, also served as the Family Life directors for the conference. During their service, they hosted conferences and weekly couple's meetings to strengthen relationships. The Robersons are transferring their ministry out of the Columbia Union to the Buckhead church in Atlanta.



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# THE CHALLENGE

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## God's Timing is Perfect

Timing is so important. Solomon reminds us there is “a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecc. 3:1, NKJV). For thousands of years, the descendants of Adam and Eve looked for the Promised One. Each generation faced their trials wondering when the Messiah would come. It seemed things only got worse, though, and God had grown silent. “But like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God’s purposes know no haste and no delay” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 32).

Paganism was losing its hold on the minds of many people. The Roman Empire provided a common language by which the Gospel could be communicated. The roads built for moving the Roman legions could also carry missionaries who would plant new churches. Sin and corruption had become a part of the religions practiced by the multitudes.

But God knew what He was doing, and “when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son” (Gal. 4:4). Each year the advent of Christ reminds us that God’s timing is perfect, and He knows just when to act. Jesus came right on time—not too early, not too late. Now we are part of the generations who wait again. The same Jesus, who came in such a humble manner the first time, will come again as a glorious, conquering King.

The signs are clear: Wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes and broken relationships all around us. There is no doubt we are on the edge of eternity. We don’t know precisely when Jesus will come. But let this season be a reminder that God’s timing is perfect. Hold fast ‘til He comes!



**Rick Remmers**  
*President*

## Kleyton Feitosa Elected Executive Secretary



PHOTO BY JAMES FERRY

The Chesapeake Conference recently elected Kleyton Feitosa to the position of conference executive secretary. Feitosa served for five years as pastor of the Waldorf (Md.) church before coming to the conference office in 2009 as director of Ministries Development and evangelism coordinator. His 15-plus years in ministry includes working as a senior, associate and youth pastor, as well as a teacher and school chaplain in Brazil and the United States.

“Elder Feitosa has demonstrated a keen ability to work cross-culturally, and he has a passion for sharing the gospel and helping churches experience growth,” says Rick Remmers, conference president. “He ... will bring many assets to the officer group.”

A native of Brazil, Feitosa is fluent in Portuguese, English and Spanish. He holds a bachelor’s degree in theology, a master’s degree in religion with an emphasis in mission and ministry studies from Andrews University (Mich.), and is currently finishing requirements for a Doctor of Ministry in evangelism and church growth.

“I am humbled by the invitation and grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity,” said Feitosa. “I look forward to serving the great people of Chesapeake, doing everything I can to advance the kingdom of God in this territory.” Feitosa is married to Delma (Garcia) Feitosa, and they have two boys, Derek (7) and Malton (5).

## Five Pastors Ordained

During the past year, five Chesapeake pastors were ordained (pictured, left to right): Stephen Finney, youth pastor of the Martinsburg (W.Va.) church; Joshua Voigt, associate pastor of the Reisterstown/South Carroll district (Md.); David Byrkit, pastor of the Blythedale/Rising Sun district in northeast Maryland; Volodymyr Grinchenko of the Waldorf (Md.) church; and Raul Rivero, pastor of the Washington-Spencerville Spanish church in Spencerville, Md.

When a pastor approaches the end of his or her third year in ministry, conference leaders begin a one-year process that aims to prepare the pastor for ordination, according to John Appel, conference Ministerial secretary. During this time, the pastors are mentored and provided with educational and professional experiences that further develop them as spiritual leaders.

Four of the ordination candidates were affirmed in their own churches/districts on a Sabbath afternoon. Church members hosted receptions for family and friends who gathered to witness

these special occasions. Rivero was ordained during the Sabbath morning worship service at the Highland View church in Hagerstown, Md., during the Hispanic camp meeting in June.



## Blythedale, Providence, Rising Sun Advance Gospel

The Blythedale, Providence and Rising Sun churches partnered recently to hold a series of meetings featuring Tyler Long, Amazing Facts senior evangelist. The seminar opened at Cecil College in North East, Md., to a packed house of more than 150.

“During the seminar, we experienced an earthquake, Hurricane Irene and, most incredibly, God’s amazing grace,” said Long. “The churches implemented the pre-work training, and as a result, we witnessed the Holy Spirit change the lives of dozens of people.”

Pastor Tim Lee, assigned to lead the Providence congregation in Elkton, also bolstered the work.

“It was remarkable how everything came together, with uncanny timing,” says David Byrkit, pastor of the Blythedale and Rising Sun district in northeast Maryland. “It gave evidence of the Hand of God at work. No human hand could have arranged things this well.”

Brian Aro, a former body builder and boxer, who is currently out of work, learned of the evangelistic meetings while at the gym. He says attending the meetings changed his life, and he would not have heard about them if he had been at work. He has since turned down job offers requiring Sabbath work.

At the close of the series, 19 attendees graduated from the Amazing Facts Bible School, 10 were baptized and one joined the church by profession of faith.



*Tyler Long (left), Amazing Facts evangelist, and Tim Lee, pastor of the Providence church in Elkton, Md., flank new member Brian Aro.*

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## We Are Spiritual Guardians

I have the privilege of seeing the young people on our campus grow personally, academically and, most importantly, spiritually. As a matter of fact, I believe the staff's primary role on our campus is that of spiritual guardians. By most contemporary definitions, a guardian is a person who is entrusted by *law* with the care of another person. In our case, the spiritual responsibility is magnified by God's call to prepare our children to witness to the world.

Jesus recently inspired me with His words in John 16:13: "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth ... and He will show you things to come." It was a blessing to read this promise. It restored my spirit to know that even when we are unable to guard our students, the gift of the Holy Spirit is eminent because God has promised it to be so.

While it is an incredible honor to serve as a protector, it is also a colossal responsibility. I ask God daily to strengthen me, because only through His strength, grace and compassion can we truly be sentinels for Him. I pray for all of our schools and ask that you continue to pray for Highland View Academy (HVA) as we continue to lead our students to understanding God's call for them.



Deborah Treviño  
Principal

## NEWS

### First 5K Spirit Run Draws 100

It was a beautiful fall day in western Maryland when more than 100 runners from across the tri-state area



Anna Kim, Celinda Bauer, HVA's Spanish teacher, and Ashley Furtado display the completion awards they took home from the Spirit Run.

participated in Highland View Academy's first Spirit Run. Participants included home school groups, HVA alumni and area residents as well as the cross-country teams of HVA, a local high school and Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. During the awards ceremony, local church members took the opportunity to promote an upcoming

health fair and provided attendees with healthy living tips, food samples and recipes.

Steve Gatz, a former HVA boys dean and physical education teacher, directed the run, with help from Luis Jairo Flores and Cliff and Linda Schram. "Be healthy, exercise and make it a lifestyle," Gatz told attendees. "It is the only body God gave you."

### School Hosts Community Partnership Day

In an effort to highlight their partnerships with the Hagerstown, Md., community, HVA recently invited

local church leaders and area service members to attend a Community Partnership Day. Guests included HVA school board members; Mark Thomas, president for the nearby Review and Herald Publishing Association; Walter Alonzo, president of the local Davita bakery; and representatives of the Mt. Aetna Volunteer Fire Department, Washington County Sheriff Department and Maryland State Police.

Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, a member at the Frederick (Md.) church, spoke of his support for HVA, not only because his children are HVA graduates but also because of the bonds the school has with the community. The congressman then donated a flag to the school that had flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. While HVA students Jeriah Ahlfeld and Victor Maldonado raised the flag, Lexi Wakefield, Miss Pre-Teen Maryland International and a student at the Atholton Adventist Academy in Columbia, Md., sang the national anthem.



## Sophomores Attend National Mushroom Foray

Due to their interest in mycology, the scientific study of mushrooms, sophomores Ethan Fishell and Tyler Milam recently attended the three-day North American Mycological Association Richard Homola Foray and Convention in Clarion, Pa. The Mycological Association of Washington, D.C., sponsored the students' attendance at this annual conference of career and amateur mycologists as part of their youth outreach program. Ophelia Barizo, HVA's science

teacher, also attended as part of the National Science Teachers Association grant she received at its conference in March.

The event featured lectures on fungi identification, mushroom toxicology, mushroom cultivation, taxonomy and the use of wild mushrooms in medicine, among other interesting topics. Fishell and Milam went on several forays to sites like the Cook Forest State Park and the Allegheny National Forest, where mycologists have collected and identified mushrooms for a national database. They attended workshops on the use of mushrooms in photography, papermaking, dyes and food, and enjoyed a wild mushroom-tasting event. The teens got to network with leading mycologists in North America, including Gary

*Sophomores Ethan Fishell and Tyler Milam meet Gary Lincoff, the author of the National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms.*



Lincoff, the author of the *National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. They also contributed to the vast collection of wild mushrooms collected for scientific study and learned about identifying characteristics of a wide biodiversity of mushroom species in the area.

Here is Milam's account of the experience: "When we arrived, we immediately signed up for the early bird forays taking place that afternoon. That night we attended a seminar and opening meeting where all the staff and guest mycologists were introduced. The next day Ethan and I began a long, fascinating series of seminars, which ranged from the uses of mushrooms in ancient Chinese medicine to mushrooms found on the Redwood Coast. In between seminars, we spent time in the collection room, where all the finds from the convention's forays were sorted and identified by renowned mycologists and assistants from all over the country. Between Ethan and me, we found 76 different mushroom species! What I took away from this convention was a stronger passion for mycology and great memories."



## Highlanders Plan Mission in Music

During HVA's spring break in March, the Highlanders will take a music/mission trip to Russia and the Ukraine. While in Kiev, the honors choir plans to visit a boarding school for orphans to play games and do crafts with them. The group will partner with English majors at the Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Science located in Bucha, near Kiev. Staying at the institute will give the singers a unique opportunity to visit with the students in an informal setting. The Highlanders and English students will also collaborate during a program for young people from Kiev and the

nearby region. The Highlanders will also sing for an evangelistic program in Odessa, a port city on the Black Sea in the southern part of the Ukraine, and will perform in Seventh-day Adventist churches in Moscow and Kiev.

"Music is meant to be shared; therefore, it is a service in and of itself," says Olga Bilan, choir director. "We are sharing the gifts that were given to us to uplift spirits, and, ultimately, we are serving the Lord."



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# MOUNTAIN VIEW POINT

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## Give Thanks Unto The Lord

As the year comes to an end, I must share the words of Psalm 75:1, “Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.” Everywhere we turn in the Mountain View Conference, we see the blessings of heaven upon this great field of labor. Members are excited about sharing their faith. Lay members and pastors are standing in the pulpit preaching the gospel and seeing the power of God transform not only those who listen but also themselves. Lay members are organizing and leading the charge to reach their communities for Christ. Church families are experiencing the joy of seeing new members worshiping with them. Even when the skies turned momentarily gray, there were still reasons to give thanks unto God throughout this year.

I also want to express heartfelt thanks to God’s great family and friends of Mountain View. Thank you all for your faithful support and sacrificial giving, which the Lord has blessed and used to grow His kingdom here on Earth in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you teachers, pastors and employees of the Mountain View Conference for your ministry and allowing the Holy Spirit to use you to help us and others to know God better.

Indeed, may the Christ child, who is now grown and soon to revisit planet Earth and claim His people, be given the biggest room in our hearts and lives as we enter into a new year of opportunities to serve others.



Larry Boggess  
President

## Women’s Ministries Retreat Inspires Attendees

This year the Women’s Ministries retreat at Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, W.Va., drew 100 ladies from around the conference and beyond. Guest speaker Carolyn Sutton, from Alabama, spoke on the theme “Keeping Your Balance in a Tippy Topsy World.”

“I always enjoy women’s retreats,” shared Donna Shank, a member of the Summersville (W.Va.) church. “This year I especially enjoyed the speaker (she and



Donna Shank (left) embraces former classmate and guest speaker Carolyn Sutton, who says she was blessed by the faithfulness of the women at the retreat.



Melanie Leeson from Alexandria, Va.; Doris Leeson from Washington, W.Va.; and Fran Engelkemier from Huttonsville spend time together at the retreat.

I are friends from high school), and I loved all the personal applications and stories, they really meant something to me. It encouraged me.”

Valerie Morikone, conference Women’s Ministries director, says when planning the retreat each year her ultimate goal is for each attendee to “grow to know God more personally and share that relationship with others.”

## Students Share “COMPELLING” Evangelism Testimonies

At the beginning of September, four students felt drawn to participate in the three-month, immersive evangelism training program offered through COMPEL, the conference’s training center. Students were schooled on church doctrine, homiletics, health evangelism, public evangelism and more. Here are some of their stories:

**Diane Brown:** The knowledge that is available to me here at COMPEL is fantastic. I have learned so much, like how to be a better Bible worker and how to live a healthier life for Jesus. In doing outreach we meet all kinds of people with all types of belief systems. It is still a blessing to meet them all, and an even greater blessing to be able to study the Bible with some, especially when they make the decision to give their lives to God!



**Beth Owen:** Have you ever gone out of [your] comfort zone and realized that what you are doing is an absolute blessing? Here at COMPEL I have been able to further my experience in doing outreach in the community. Door-to-door work has never been my favorite thing to do, even when I went to an evangelistic college. I always got nervous, and it was awkward for me to just walk up to people and start doing a survey. During my time here at COMPEL, I have really started enjoying going door to door so much more. I still have my moments of getting nervous, but God has led my outreach partner and me to many divine appointments.

**Jessica Vatne:** I began to wrap up the survey at the door of a middle-aged woman. She had shown little interest in religious things. I asked

her, “Ma’am, before we leave, do you mind if we pray with you?” A look of shock crossed her face. “Well, I guess,” she said sheepishly as she folded her hands. I smiled, and began to pray, thanking God for this opportunity to meet her, thanking God for her kindness, asking for God’s blessing and protection on her and her family, and thanking God for His love and care in our lives. As I said, “Amen,” I looked up to find the woman, who moments ago was hardened toward God, standing now with eyes full of tears. “Thank you,” she whispered, as a small smile



opened across her peace-filled face. I left knowing that her heart had just had an encounter with Jesus.

Every door I knock on, every person I meet, whether we get a Bible study with them or not, we are fulfilling the gospel commission and planting a seed of God’s love. I know that souls are going to be in heaven because of the work being done here at COMPEL. The world is hungry for Jesus. Won’t you join in the effort to COMPEL the world to Christ?



COMPEL student Dar Dehmeler is surrounded by fellow classmates.

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# SPIRIT

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

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## The True Gift

December is a month full of pictures depicting home cooked meals, delicious desserts, lots of presents and “family fun. We see pictures of a white Christmas with snow-covered yards and the warm glow of happy homes. At Mount Vernon Academy (MVA), we enjoy the holiday spirit with a Christmas concert featuring an amazing band, handbells and choir and a wonderfully eventful Christmas banquet.

But, when all of the Norman Rockwell idealism is stripped away, what is the reality for many of our students and families? In this day and age, some experience split parental loyalties, homes that may not have heat, simple food, maybe no gifts this Christmas and, possibly, empty homes as parents head off to work for the Christmas holiday.

Now more than ever before, it is our challenge to make sure our students recognize that our ideal Christmas should come from the eternal vision given by Christ. In the end, that simple nativity scene in a stable is the true picture of Christmas. Hold on to that image, because the gift of salvation is the true hope this troubled planet needs during this season.



**Robert Stevenson**  
*Principal*

## Photoblog: Baptisms Jumpstart Fall Semester

Mount Vernon Academy students started the school year with the fall Week of Prayer, which culminated in 12 students choosing baptism! Students also enjoyed the Student Association fall party. Six schools joined the MVA Eagles for the annual Soccer/Volleyball Jarvis Invitational, and the Out-of-the-Box Christian drama team kept their focus on the wonderful love of God. Here are some pictures from this fall:

*David Nino, music teacher, directs the Echoliers.*



*The Mount Vernon Academy Lady Eagles volleyball team.*



*Keyla Valbuena ('12), Jerny Gamboa ('12) and Andrea Campuzano ('13) are English as a Second Language students from Colombia.*

*Students have fun during the handbell retreat.*



*James Copeland participates in the trust fall during Senior Survival.*



*Students attend an assembly during fall Week of Prayer.*



*MVA's students come from near and far.*

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# CONNECTIONS

## INSPIRING STUDENTS TO KNOW FOLLOW SHARE JESUS

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### Volleyball Team Aims to Stop Human Trafficking

This year Spring Valley Academy's (SVA) Girls Varsity Volleyball team members are doing their part to prevent global human trafficking of girls their age who fall victim to the sex slave industry. Their interest originated from the fall Week of Prayer theme "Do Hard Things," which inspired them to *do* something for others. They discovered the Somaly Mam Foundation ([somaly.org](http://somaly.org)), which fueled their fundraising drive "Stop the Traffic!"

To raise funds for the foundation, the girls hold bake sales before all home volleyball games. "And, in lieu of Senior Night, we have decided to make the evening a fundraiser night with all proceeds going direct to the Somaly Mam Foundation," says sophomore Natalie Hotz. These ladies not only have a new perspective on the meaning of teamwork but also how easy it is to "do hard things" after seeing a need. Don Warman coaches the 2011 Girls Varsity Volleyball team, which includes freshmen Karina Beebe, Emily Haag, JoAnn Lindfors and Alexandra Papaioannou; sophomores Lindsey Haffner, Natalie Hotz and Jenny Jackson; and juniors Sophia Papaioannou and Elisabeth Schell.



### \$10K Raised at Fall Festival

Despite the local forecast of thundershowers, the annual fall festival was held on a beautiful, sunny fall day! Classrooms, school clubs and vendors set up their booths on the front circular drive lending a street fair atmosphere to this year's "Apple Fest" theme. Some highlights included the bouncy house, the jousting bounce booth, kiddie train ride and the ever popular hayride on the school's back 40-plus acres, in addition to all the fun carnival games! The Home and School Association sponsors this annual fall fundraising event, which this year netted a grand total of \$10,899.38!

### Andrews Professor Presents Choir Clinic

Spring Valley Academy's choral ensembles enjoyed an all-day choir clinic featuring Professor Stephen Zork (pictured), director of Choral Studies at Andrews University (Mich.) since 1991. His primary responsibility there is the programming of and conducting the Department of Music's choirs. During the clinic, he worked with the middle school choir (grades 5-8); high school select choir, the Koraliers; and high school general choir, rehearsing several songs from their current repertoire.

"He shared techniques that improved our posture, breathing, tone and range development. We're so glad he could spend the day with us!" shared Kimberly Bulgin, SVA choral instructor and music director.



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# NEWS NEW JERSEY

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## Counting the Blessings

I feel motivated to count some of the benefits heaven is providing. The good Lord has been blessing us more than we expected or deserved during this Year of Evangelism. Not only have we organized five churches this year, but thanks to pastors, church elders, lay evangelists, small group leaders and you, dear members, evangelism is also taking place across New Jersey!

The love for the mission in the “dark cities” where we have no Seventh-day Adventist presence is materializing through the Caleb Mission initiative. We have already targeted about 80 cities, and our committed members are, as we speak, breaking ground in the New Jersey mission field. This is so wonderful! Our church membership is growing significantly, we are very close to 14,000 members, and I praise the Lord for it!

In another area, we need to say, “Thank You, Lord,” and that is for protecting our brothers and sisters in the midst of this financial crisis. We need to recognize our Lord, and the faithful members of the church, who despite the economic challenges, are keeping alive the spirit of generosity and good stewardship.

It is a miracle how we have been buying and adding church buildings this year, including the Indonesian Pioneer church. We are also in negotiations to acquire the Rahway Spanish, Atlantic City Spanish, Philadelphia French church buildings and the Vineland Regional Adventist School.

As always I pray, “God, we do not deserve all these blessings You are giving to us, but please keep them coming! Keep blessing your children! Bless every Seventh-day Adventist church in New Jersey, across the Columbia Union and around the world. And please come very soon; we want to go home with You!”



**José H. Cortés**  
*President*

## Churches, Disaster Response Team Helps Paterson Flood Victims

The disaster has passed but winter is coming and they still need blankets, coats, jackets, sweaters and so much more,” said Ricardo Cala, pastor of the Paterson Temple Spanish church. “In the name of God first, and then the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the New Jersey Conference, we are here to help.”

He was one of many church members who joined the conference’s Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response team, under the leadership of Claudia Ramirez, to help 175 families in Paterson. The families suffered flood damage from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, which hit the area in late August and early September.

Realizing that help would still be needed weeks later, members of the ACS Disaster Response team and others from the Paterson Temple Spanish and Paterson Eastside Spanish churches went to help. While the Pathfinders fanned out through the neighborhood to invite families to come and receive new clothes, bedding and food, the Disaster Response team set up tables just two blocks from the river. Although the people are still in need, many left the site with smiles on their faces and hope in their hearts. Read more and view the video at [columbiaunion.org/njpaterson](http://columbiaunion.org/njpaterson).



*Disaster Response team members distribute clothing to flood victims in Paterson.*

## Robbinsville Hosts Second Evangelism Series

Pastor Art Randall recently led the Robbinsville church in a two-week evangelistic series. The

meetings, themed “Light in the Dark Times,” attracted 15-20 visitors each night. This is the first time in many years that the Robbinsville church held two evangelistic series in the same year. Last spring Pastor Dave Weigley, Columbia Union president, conducted a series of meetings at the church. As a result of this follow-up series, 13 joined the church through baptism and profession of faith.

*Pastor Art Randall and Sarah Steward respond to questions from the audience.*



## All Nations Community Church Organized

The All Nations Community church in Maplewood became the fifth church to be organized this year. Some 50 individuals signed the register to become charter members.

In the summer of 1998, the Maranatha French church planted All Nations, which Sadraï Saint-Ulysse pastored. The mission of this new church was to focus on the youth and young families of the Haitian-American community with a contemporary worship service. The group was organized as a company in 2008. In 2009 the Citadel group merged with All Nations to make it a truly



*Marie Blot, an elder at All Nations and one of the church's founders, signs the registration book in the presence of José H. Cortés, conference president.*

multicultural church with Hispanics, African-Americans and Caucasians, joining in with the Haitian-American community. All Nations is now a bilingual church and conducts services in both French and English under the leadership of Pastor Jean-Michael Etienne. All Nations becomes the 87th organized church in the New Jersey Conference.

*Children of the All Nations church hold the flags of the various countries represented in the membership.*



## dates

NEW JERSEY

### December

- 3 Stewardship Emphasis Day  
*Local Churches*
- 26-30 Conference Office  
Closed for Holidays

### January 2012

- 7 Day of Prayer and Fasting  
*Local Churches*
- 14 Church Clerk Training  
(English), *Conference Office*  
3-7 p.m.  
  
North Jersey Sabbath  
School Training (Spanish)  
*Waldwick School, 3-6 p.m.*  
  
North Jersey Stewardship  
Training (English), *Newark*  
*English Church, 3-6 p.m.*
- 20-22 Youth Ministries Training  
*Tranquil Valley Retreat*  
*Center*
- 21 South Jersey Personal  
Ministries Training (Spanish)  
*Bridgeton Spanish, 3-6 p.m.*
- 21-28 Stewardship Emphasis  
Week, *Local Churches*
- 28 Church Clerk Training  
(Spanish), *Conference*  
*Office 3-7 p.m.*  
  
North Jersey Stewardship  
Training (Spanish), *West N.Y.*  
*Spanish, 3-6 p.m.*  
  
North Jersey Sabbath  
School Training (English),  
*Newark English Church*  
3-6 p.m.
- 29 Family Ministries Leaders  
Training, *Conference Office*  
10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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## Planned Giving Helps Churches Grow

**I**'d like to help my church, but isn't my estate too small to help?" This is the sort of question Harry Straub (right), Planned Giving director for the Ohio Conference, regularly receives. His response? "No. Everyone needs a will, no matter how big the estate."

Many members may be unaware that the conference offers its constituents free Power of Attorney (POA) for healthcare, durable POAs for assets and wills preparation, which are important for members of any age. Wills allow families with children under 18 to name their own guardians for their children in the event of death, rather than the courts.

Wills also offer peace of mind for the children or parents of the deceased. One adult daughter recently expressed to Straub, "I want to thank you for the work you do. I can't imagine having settled my mother's estate without having the proper legal paperwork taken care of. You have been a blessing to many."

Ellen White wrote this on the subject: "Wills should be made in a manner to stand the test of law. ...Death will not come one day sooner, brethren,

because you have made your will. In disposing of your property by will to your relatives, be sure that you do not forget God's cause. You are His agents, holding His property; and His claims should have your first consideration" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 482.3).

### Giving Gives Back

Within Ohio, important projects have been funded as a direct result of planned giving. The conference's Campus Ministries program was going to be postponed or eliminated due to a lack of funding in early 2010. However, on the morning the program was to be discussed, a check came in from an estate, which funded the program for an entire year! Partial funding for the new bathhouse at Camp Mohaven in Danville came from another estate. It was \$500 more than the conference pledged as seed money, and arrived within days

of being voted by the conference's executive committee.

Recently the Newark church benefitted from the John and Sylvia Carter Estate. The Carters, who had no children, wanted their assets to benefit their local congregation. "The Carter Estate has given us the opportunity to significantly improve the lives of our church members and school students," said Tom Hughes, Newark pastor. "The Carter Pavilion and new playground will greatly add to the unity of our church. The endowment, set up from a portion of the Carter Estate, will continue to bless the school for years to come."

To learn more about planned giving, visit [ohioadventist.org](http://ohioadventist.org) and click on Departments, then Planned Giving, or email [plannedgiving@ohioadventist.org](mailto:plannedgiving@ohioadventist.org). As Straub told another thankful member he helped plan for the future, "That is what I'm here for."



*Sylvia Carter and her husband, John, left their assets to the Newark church so the congregation could build a new pavilion and playground.*



*Bob Diebold, Newark mayor, joins Raj Attiken, Ohio Conference president, and Tom Hughes, Newark church pastor, in officially opening the Carter Pavilion.*

## Women Find Completeness in Christ at Annual Retreat

From her flip-flops Friday night all the way through her clothing mishaps, Rebekah Wang (right), guest speaker for the annual Ohio Conference women's retreat, was found to be "real," "genuine" and "approachable" by women of all ages. She shared candid stories from her life and encouraged women from across the conference to share theirs, revealing how they had become complete in Christ.



Wang, a physician with Kettering Adventist HealthCare in Kettering, Ohio, also prayed for every request posted to the prayer wall.

In her "Barefoot Women" seminar, Chris VanDenburgh, the conference's Health Ministries coordinator, reminded women of the New Testament church in Acts 2, where "each Christian was witnessing to the saving lordship of Christ and the church was growing by leaps and bounds ... with the holy fire spreading from person to person."

VanDenburgh went on to explain that fire has more to do with love and relationships than where we are in the world, or what role we play.

Ladies also appreciated a workshop by Rose Hofacker and Diana Kellawan, members of the Worthington and Kettering churches, respectively. They

*Hermina Marton, Martha Mortiz and Ella Pleshka enjoy fellowship during the conference's annual women's retreat.*



designed the workshop to embrace, encourage and empower women in their daily lives. Women enjoyed a picnic supper followed by a fireside vespers program Saturday night, led by Campus Ministries chaplains Sabrina Araiza from Wright State University and Gina Helbley from The Ohio State University, both in the Dayton area.

The 2012 retreat has already been scheduled for October 19-21. Visit [ohioadventist.org](http://ohioadventist.org) and click on Women's Ministries to learn more.

## Conference Selects New Director of Clergy Care

Ohio Conference leadership is pleased to announce that Oswaldo Magaña, a friend and colleague, has been appointed to serve as their director of Clergy Care and Leadership Development. The conference's executive



committee made the appointment by a unanimous vote in September. Magaña will also continue as Hispanic Ministries coordinator.

"As director of Clergy Care and Leadership Development, I intend to encourage and care for pastors and their families in their personal growth and needs, and in fostering an intense and vibrant relationship with Christ, who is their faithful Guide," said Magaña. "I also envision this new responsibility as a challenge to see wonderful things happen within the churches and ministers in the Ohio Conference."

Magaña has a rich background in pastoral ministry and denominational leadership. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from the Unadeca Seventh-day Adventist University in Costa Rica, and a

Master of Arts in Administration and Leadership from La Sierra University (Calif.). He has pastored and served as a conference director for Ministerial and other departments and as a conference president for seven years in Central America.

"We welcome Oswaldo to our leadership team with the confidence that the Lord will make him a blessing to our pastors, our churches and to the advancement of God's kingdom in Ohio," said Raj Attiken, conference president.

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# Pennsylvania Pen

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## Hearts are Yearning to Know More

Whether you visibly see it or not, there is a colossal battle taking place right now between the two greatest powers in history. Each of us has a stake in the outcome, and each of us plays a part on the world stage. Revelation 13 opens up to us the view of the great controversy between the forces of heaven and the forces of evil. One of the best resources for understanding this spiritual battle is the book by Ellen White titled *The Great Controversy*.

Right now, there are hundreds of people across Pennsylvania who have a heart yearning to know God's purposes—especially at this point in Earth's history. Recently I was deeply encouraged through a conversation with a perfect stranger where I had the opportunity to encourage them to read *The Great Controversy*. There has been more of a willingness to accept this book recently than in years past. From a professional person next to me on a flight to Atlanta, to a college student working at a pizza shop in Forty-Fort, the response has been positive.

What about you? This coming year in the Pennsylvania Conference, we are calling upon each church and each church member to read through *The Great Controversy*. Over the last year, our conference office staff discussed a chapter each week during Monday morning worship. And then in 2012, we will begin to pray that God will lead each one of us to share a copy of *The Great Controversy*. Your heart will be moved as you see the unfolding of God's plan and purpose. The time is right, as never before, for our world to hear the message of this book!



Ray Hartwell  
President

## Pittsburgh Food Festival Raises Monies for Africa

The Pittsburgh church and their Pathfinder club recently sponsored their eighth annual international food festival featuring foods from Ghana, Slovakia, Korea, China, the Philippines, India, Ecuador, Germany and America. The festival also featured handmade crafts and outdoor activities for children, such as a train ride, jumping castle and darts.



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In the end, the church raised more than \$1,000. The funds will be sent to ADRA, which will ensure that students in Gambia get school desks and chairs, and child-headed households in Kenya get the resources they need. Monies from the craft table will enable Pathfinders to attend the 2014 International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.—Donna A. Igersheim

## Adventist WholeHealth Plays Pivotal Role in Parish Nurse Training

**A**dventist WholeHealth Network (AWHN) leaders served an integral role in the yearlong planning and preparation for the recent Central Pennsylvania Parish Nursing Conference held in Landisville. More

than 150 interfaith parish nurses and sponsors from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey attended. "Parish Nursing and Health Ministries: Looking to the Future" was the conference's theme. It featured keynote speaker Verna B. Carson, PhD, and four breakout workshops. The Pennsylvania Conference and AWHN were two of the event sponsors, and the conference's book and health food store and AWHN (left) set up booths.

AWHN now serves as the coordinating organization for this interfaith group of about 75 parish nurses in Berks County. This year AWHN also became a full educational partner of the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, the professional

organization that developed the internationally recognized, specialized training for faith community (parish) nurses. AWHN is the only organization certified to offer parish nurse training in Berks County, and AWHN offered the course for the first time this fall with plans to make it available annually.

A parish nurse is a registered nurse who has received further specialized training in supporting the physical, emotional and spiritual wellness of his/her congregational members and surrounding community. For more information, visit [awhn.org](http://awhn.org) or contact Chaplain Joyce Christman, Congregational Ministries coordinator, at (610) 685-9900, ext. 16, or [jchristman@awhn.org](mailto:jchristman@awhn.org).  
—Joyce Christman



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"hens" will enjoy the  
Saturday evening  
costume banquet!

## FARM





# Potomac People

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## Richmond Academy Celebrates 100 Years of Excellence

Potomac Conference constituents recently joined Richmond Academy (RA) in commemorating 100 years of educational excellence. During a weekend celebration, Richmond, Va., mayor Dwight C. Jones and Nancy Melashenko, Potomac Conference associate director for education, kicked off the centennial festivities with a dedication of RA's new brick commemorative walkway (below).



*A special tribute was paid to Christine Mayers (pictured with her husband, Fred), former music teacher and school board chair, whose ardent support and generosity helped lay a foundation for success for Richmond Academy.*

A Friday evening "Music and Memories" themed vespers service included stories and anecdotes from academy alumni and musical presentations from Richmond Academy's K-6 and 7-12 choirs, under the direction of Marly Aszalos.

Sabbath services were held at the nearby Patterson Avenue church where Daniel Royo, Class of 1997, shared "Christian Education is a Team Sport." RA choirs and advanced bells provided inspirational music along with the Second Advent Singers Reunion Group.

There was a banquet at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden on Saturday evening, and many participants attended a walk/run/bike-a-thon and picnic on Sunday morning to raise additional funds for school improvements.

Throughout the weekend, it was evident that many former RA students have gone on to lead lives of



Christian service in many different careers. The school's mission statement, "Loving, Learning, Living in Christ" can be seen in action in the lives of so many of its alumni, students and staff.

Katherine (Taylor) Thompson, from the Class of 1982, was one of five siblings to attend the school. "My parents sacrificed greatly to send all five of us to RA, as they had Christian education as their number-one priority," she shared. "Going to this school gave me the opportunity to do anything I wanted to do—I gained a strong background in art, music and academics." She continues to support the school as a substitute teacher, board member and parent of an RA sixth-grader.

The school and its constituents praise God for making the last 100 years of Richmond Academy's history possible and pray that He will continue to help the school be a light of Christian love in its community.—Eryn Montgomery Savoy



*Ryan Brossfield, RA's school board chair, greets Potomac constituents during the school's centennial celebration.*



# Potomac People

## 1,000 Pathfinders Stand for Christ at Annual Camporee

It took a record number of event volunteers to help make sure that more than 1,000 Pathfinders got spiritually fed at this year's Potomac Conference Camporee themed "I'll Stand 2." Pathfinder leaders, church staff and the volunteers blessed and challenged the young people to



grow physically, mentally and spiritually through the weekend's programming and activities held at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Va.

The numerous volunteers "says a lot about the value that people put on ministering to our kids," commented Denny Grady, conference youth director. "We're very thankful for that."

The Pathfinders spent their days earning honors and participating in various activities, like tug-of-war and canoeing, and enjoying a newly expanded ropes course. Guest speaker Josant Barrientos, Children's Ministries pastor at the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va., delivered several messages about standing for Jesus. He told attendees that it may not always be easy, but the battle scars earned from such trials can be cherished later. On Friday evening, recording artists Eternal Vision and 4 Him treated the campers to a concert.



"Pathfinders provides a wonderful opportunity for kids to develop friendships, to learn outdoor living skills and, most importantly, to be disciplined into the mission and values of our church," says Grady.—Jeffrey Cooley and Adrienne Suarez

## Health Center Brings Life to Rocky Mount Community

Several years ago, a family within the Rocky Mount (Va.) church felt impressed to provide a place where the Seventh-day Adventist Church's health message could be shared with their community in a practical way. They established a nonprofit entity and hired two employees: a full-time



nurse/nutritionist and John Kelly, MD, MPH (pictured), a Loma Linda Medical University (Calif.) graduate, as a part-time medical director. Now the Rocky Mount Lifestyle Health Center is proof that the health message is as relevant today as it was when it was given to the church more than 100 years ago.

The idea of a lifestyle center grew out of a successful "micro CHIP" (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program the church held during the summer of 2006. The church purchased a former bank in the spring of 2007, and members worked diligently to remodel it. The clinic now provides health food resources, as well as regular CHIP training with life-changing results.

Area physicians continue to refer patients to the health center, proving the center's value to the community. "We've had several

patients who were near death when they came to our program, and now they're living normal lives with very little medication," says Dr. Kelly. "They can't say enough about the program."

Dr. Kelly believes this system is easily replicated and adds, "Our goal is to see this type of program utilized throughout the conference, especially within our larger cities." To learn more about the center, visit [pcsd.org](http://pcsd.org) and read their blog, or go to [lifestylehealthcenter.org](http://lifestylehealthcenter.org).

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## Proclaim God!

I recently read Isaiah 43:10-13, which states, “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor will there be one after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from Me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed. ... When I act, who can reverse it?” (NIV)

These are exceptionally powerful words from the God of the universe, and they apply to His works today as surely as they did to the prophet Isaiah more than 1,500 years ago. In a very deliberate way this year, Takoma Academy (TA) is seeking to know this truth about our Savior.

God has revealed Himself to the students through a focus on the Word during weekly worships and Week of Prayer, as well as through the influence of the staff. But while He reveals Himself, it is only worthwhile if we allow Him to save us. TA students have been taking very public, deliberate stands for Christ. They have shared specific testimonies of how Christ has worked in their personal lives. They are proclaiming His salvation within their school, and waves are beginning to flow out of the school and into the community.

Praise God that He is who He is, and that He desires us to be a part of proclaiming Him to others.



**Tim Soper**  
*Bible Instructor*

## 56 Commit to Christ During Week of Prayer

Takoma Academy participated in a week of spiritual emphasis that centered on the theme “You Are Because I Am.” Chaplain Mario Broussard focused his messages on the idea that we exist solely because Christ paid the price for our sins with His life on the



cross. He challenged the student body to reacquire themselves with Jesus Christ through prayer and Bible study.

Broussard hoped to show the students how the life, death and resurrection of Christ 2,000 years ago could be applied to their personal, academic and social

lives today. He expressed to them that the negative habits, behaviors and practices from their past do not have to dictate their present or future in Christ. He wanted students to understand that while God does not condone our sin, He has accounted for it. God provided everything through His Son, and those who accept the gift are overcomers.

The week concluded with 56 students accepting Jesus as their personal Savior. Staff are now aggressively

working to support these students in their commitment.

“I strongly believe that being active for Christ is the best way to build a saving relationship [with Him]. It has been my goal to simultaneously provide discipleship training, Bible study and service opportunities to develop our young people at Takoma Academy into effective witnesses for Jesus Christ,” commented Chaplain Broussard. “I am encouraged [that students are] answering the call of God to finish the work of saving souls for His kingdom.”



## Literature Evangelism Program Impacts Students, Community

Takoma Academy leaders believe the commission of Jesus to “go” must be acted on before believers can reap the benefit of His second advent. Several TA students have heeded the call



Senior Andre Francis and junior Monique Fisher share Christ with the Takoma Park, Md., community.

and are responding to this commission through the vehicle of literature evangelism. Through the program Youth for Change, headed by Reggie Alexander, associate publishing director for the Allegheny East Conference, the students are introducing and reintroducing the surrounding community to Jesus Christ and the health message. The students in turn earn money toward their tuition. Takoma Academy also developed a program that will match the funds the students collect while canvassing. Since the program launched in mid-October, dozens of community families have been impacted for Christ, and hundreds of dollars have been given toward students’ Christian education.

“I stand in awe at the zeal these young people possess for



Student literature evangelists pray with residents they approached to buy books about Jesus Christ and a healthy lifestyle.

ministry,” shares Chaplain Mario Broussard, who has been coordinating TA’s program. “I am grateful to take part in their spiritual growth and am eager to see in what ways God will use them next.”

## 18 Student Volunteers Help Flooded Community

A group of 18 Takoma Academy students recently took time away from their busy school schedules to volunteer to help a local community affected by flash flooding. Armed with brooms, shovels, buckets, gloves and squeegees, the students joined Chaplain Tim Soper and Nora Ramos, TA’s Spanish instructor, on a mission to aid the residents of Ellicott City, Md.

The student volunteers made



their way into the valley and, after a bit of searching, located a number of businesses that had been inundated with water. Many were still assessing the damage before deciding how to proceed with cleanup efforts. The students started assisting immediately. They helped clean up mud and debris from a small park behind the local visitor’s center. They also helped haul, sort, clean and organize merchandise—and shovel more mud—at a thrift store and architectural firm.

Not only was the community appreciative of the help the TA students provided, but the students also received a blessing for selflessly serving those in need.

Students clean up mud and debris from a Maryland community affected by flash floods.

## Calendar

### December

- 9 Christmas Program  
*Sligo Church*
- 10 Student Council  
Christmas Party
- 16-18 John Graham  
Tournament
- 21-Jan. 4 Christmas Break

### January

- 5 Second Semester Begins
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day—School Closed
- 23 Board of Trustees  
Meeting

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## Mission Focus

This year for the first time, the *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Washington Adventist University (WAU) in the first tier of “Best Colleges in the North Region.” It is certainly an honor to be ranked among some of the top colleges and universities in this region. It is an even greater honor to know that, along with the *U.S. News & World Report* ranking, an increasing number of parents and students are discovering that WAU is a viable and rewarding option for a Christian education. This is a result of the significant contributions and hard work of our faculty and staff. What makes us distinctive is our focus on our mission, which states:

*Washington Adventist University is a learning community committed to the Seventh-day Adventist Christian vision of excellence and service. This cosmopolitan institution challenges students to seize the opportunities for learning in the nation’s capital in order to become moral leaders in communities throughout the world.*

We are committed to the ongoing task of articulating and nurturing a shared mission that engages and empowers members of the learning community to be an institution of excellence and to bring out the best in our students. This is Washington Adventist University!



**Weymouth Spence**  
President

## Ambassador Program Supports Student Retention

With a mission to provide training opportunities for students to become moral leaders in communities throughout the world, Washington Adventist University admits a highly diverse student body. For example, almost 40 percent of the student body is first-generation college students. This means that neither of their parents completed an undergraduate degree. Research suggests that these students face higher risks of dropping out compared to their counterparts whose parents are college graduates.

The university’s newly established First-Generation Ambassadors Program, operating through the Center for Student Success, aims to provide a special supportive learning space for these students to ensure that they complete their education.

“Part of the program’s goal is to get first-year students involved in the community,” explained Sophia Ward, PhD, Student Success and Engagement specialist. “The research shows that students who are engaged in their community have a higher rate of retention. We want to improve retention, plus have them serve the community.”

As a member of the Maryland Campus Compact, WAU received an AmeriCorps Vista Grant, which will provide \$120,000 over three years and will allow the ambassador program to cooperate with the Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) to organize various community projects. Prior to this, WAU has been working with ACSGW, but the grant allows more resources.

These first-generation students, or ambassadors as they will be known, will lead in service work, which Ward hopes will galvanize even more service initiative at WAU. “We do service day twice a year, and I think that’s great, but there are needs to be met continuously. I am hoping that through this program we can have a continued presence in the community,” she says.

—Kevin Manuel



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## NEWS

### President Unveils Strategic Plan

The *Washington Adventist University Strategic Plan (WAUPlan)*, which details the institution's goals and objectives to meet the challenges of a 21st century Christian education, will soon be released and available for campus-wide discussions, according to Weymouth Spence, EdD, president.

Spence made the disclosure at the WAU Strategic Planning Committee Retreat held at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis, Md. He said he first had to present the plan to the Board of Trustees this fall, following which it will be rolled out to the entire campus.

Spence stressed the importance of planning as a critical leadership tool to help institutions achieve their desired objectives. In the case of WAU, he said it was important for students and employees alike to have a sense of what the future will look like. He explained that plans are not ironclad and are therefore subjected to changing circumstances. "Whatever we do, it must support WAU's mission," he said.

### Filipino Music Group Wows Campus Community

When the University of the Philippines Madrigal Singers (Madz) won the European Grand Prix of Choral Singing for the first time in 1997, a judge remarked that the choir's singing was "the



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most beautiful sound on Earth."

At the invitation of the Alumni Association of Washington Adventist University and the Filipino American Student Association, the group recently performed at the campus' Sligo church to much applause. The event comprised of two parts, a sacred music performance followed by Philippine choral music.—Kevin Manuel

### Academy Students Preview University Life

Some 300 students from academies around the Columbia Union Conference visited the campus during WAU's Preview Weekend. Students came from Spring Valley, Mount Vernon, Pine Forge, Shenandoah Valley, Highland View, Blue Mountain, Spencerville and Takoma academies.

WAU staff and faculty welcomed the students as they arrived on a Sunday evening. The students later participated in a range of activities,

including Game Show Mania, a set of game show style activities to help them relax and have fun.

The next day, students met with Weymouth Spence, EdD, university president; Susan Hornshaw, PhD, provost; Alcira Groomes, Student Association president; as well as representatives from the various departments to learn about the academic options at WAU.

"When we do our recruiting tours, the students are able to see one side of WAU. They see the pretty pictures and the literature we bring. However, when they come to WAU, they see our campus, they experience what our students experience and meet our professors one on one," said Alana Pabon, admissions specialist.

Pabon added that previewing WAU also provides an opportunity for current students to showcase what they are learning, and "it's also an opportunity to witness about the school, their beliefs and Jesus Christ in a unique way."  
—Kevin Manuel

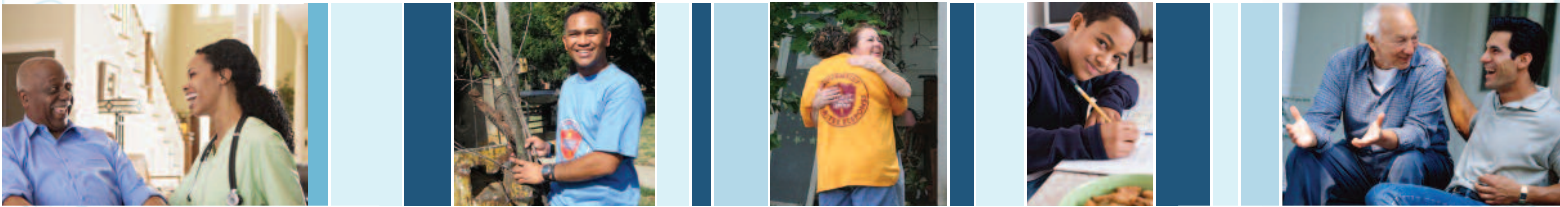
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<b>Cleveland</b>	4:57	4:58	5:01	5:06	5:12
<b>Columbus</b>	5:07	5:08	5:11	5:16	5:22
<b>Jersey City</b>	4:29	4:30	4:33	4:38	4:44
<b>Norfolk</b>	4:48	4:50	4:53	4:58	5:03
<b>Parkersburg</b>	5:03	5:04	5:07	5:12	5:18
<b>Philadelphia</b>	4:35	4:36	4:40	4:44	4:50
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	4:53	4:54	4:57	5:02	5:08
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# Bulletin Board

## OBITUARIES

**CERMAK, Paul A.**, born October 31, 1932, in Pittsburgh, Pa.; died May 15, 2011, at the Summersville Regional Medical Center in Summersville, W.Va. He was a member of the Summersville (W.Va.) church. Paul was a retired construction insulation engineer. Survivors include his wife, Irene Dobias Cermak of Mt. Nebo, W.Va.; one son, Richard Paul Cermak of Woodbine, Md.; one daughter, Patricia Irene Hardy of Sandy Utah; a brother, John Cermak of Maryville, Tenn.; and seven grandchildren: Erin Zegarra of Salt Lake City, Utah; Andrew, Daniel, Benjamin and Nastasha Hardy, all of Sandy, Utah; and Rachel and Rebecca Cermak, both of Woodbine, Md.

**COOPER, James Alva, Jr.**, died April 14, 2011, at the age of 73. He was a member of the East Pea Ridge church in Huntington, W.Va. "Big Jim," as he was known as, had a heart of love and generosity, not only for his wife, Jane, but also for those living at, and coming through the doors of, Huntington City Mission. He had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. Survivors: his wife, Jane; a nephew and some cousins, and his church family and friends.

**HUBER, Alison S.**, born October 27, 1922, in Alloway, Scotland; died April 4, 2011, in Steubenville, Ohio. She was a member of the Weirton (Ohio) church. Survivors: her husband, David A. Huber of Bloomingdale, Ohio; her sons, David J. Huber of Mt. Dora, Fla., and Daniel Huber of Kunkletown, Pa.; her daughters, Darlene Huber of Riverside, Calif., and Dee Dee Mertz of Springfield, Mo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**MCDONALD, Donnie L.**, born June 26, 1934, in Shenandoah, Va.; died January 18, 2011, in Woodstock, Va. He was a member of the New Market (Va.) church. Survivors: his wife, Constance (Connie) McDonald; daughters, C. Elaine (James) Reedy, and Denise (Ronald S.) Humous; sons: Donnie McDonald Jr., Gregory John McDonald, and James Stephen (Christina) McDonald; grandsons: Michael and David Reedy, Gregory and Steven McDonald, Timmy and Riley McDonald, and Johnathan McDonald; and one granddaughter, Cindi McDonald.

**POTTS, Douglas K., MD**, age 82, born in Detroit, Mich., to Rena Klooster and Enos Potts; died March 26, 2011, in Takoma Park, Md. He was a member of the

Takoma Park church for more than 40 years. He practiced medicine (urology) for 35 years at Washington Adventist Hospital and other Washington, D.C.-area hospitals. His interests included violin, piano and organ, as well as woodworking. He was a member of the Sligo Federated Music Club for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Martha Sue (Townsend) Potts; his daughter, Kathy (Rick) Russell; his sons, Keith (Nancy) Potts and David (Rachelle) Potts; his sister, Dr. Effie Jean Ketting of College Place, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

## CORRECTION:

**CLARKE, Robert C.**, born May 20, 1932, in Richmond, Va.; died April 26, 2011, in Fishersville, Va. He was the current pastor of the Harrisonburg (Va.) church, and continued to minister until his passing. Pastor Clarke served in the ministry for more than 50 years, pastoring more than 38 of those years in the Potomac Conference. He loved to show the love of Jesus to everyone he contacted. Pastor Clarke also served in the Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri conferences. He attended Columbia Union College as a ministerial student and then the seminary (both located at that

time in Takoma Park, Md.). He also attended the United Theological Seminary in Ohio. Survivors: his sons: Robert (Margaret) Clarke, Jr., of Chester, Va., Stephen (Kary) Clarke of Monroe, Va., and Andrew (Terrie Mae) Clarke of Charleston, S.C.; five grandsons: Stephen Jr., David, Matthew, Miles and Mitchell Clarke; his sister, Shirley (Eddie) Hutson of Timson, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

**CLARKE, Joan E., née Bennetts**, born November 24, 1934, in Richmond, Va.; died May 25, 2011, in Staunton, Va. She was a member of the Harrisonburg (Va.) church, where her husband, Robert C. Clarke, pastored until his death, April 26, 2011. Joan was a strong partner with her husband during their 50+ years in ministry. She shared her God-given musical talents at every opportunity, which touched many souls for Jesus. Her ministry also pointed many to the cross and Jesus our Savior. Surviving are her sons: Robert (Margaret) Clarke, Jr., of Chester, Va., Stephen (Kary) Clarke of Monroe, Va., and Andrew (Terrie Mae) Clarke of Charleston, S.C.; five grandsons: Steven Jr., David, Matthew, Miles and Mitchell; and two sisters, Geni Bennetts of Napa, Calif., and Darleyne Moore of Williamsburg, Va.

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## Worship

**R**esearch confirms religious people enjoy better physical and mental health, live 30 percent longer, have better marriages, use addictive substances less and have stronger support systems than their nonreligious friends.

The specific religious practices associated with these health benefits include attending worship services, prayer, meditation, volunteering and social support. It seems that God created our bodies in such a way that because of our faith and worship, we would live the fullest, happiest, longest life.

But worship is far more than going through the motions at church on Sabbath. It's a way of life that demands our entire being—body, mind and spirit. Everything we are and everything



we do is an act of worship. In fact, our lifestyle habits are even acts of worship. As Paul wrote, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God"



(1 Cor. 10:31, NIV). Beginning today, devote your lifestyle choices as acts of worship to God—your morning walk, what you select for breakfast and pack for lunch, how you cope with a stressful afternoon and so forth.

**REFLECT** – Where do I fall short in doing all “to the glory of God?” How might the concept of worship affect my lifestyle choices?

**RESPOND** – God, I know so little about what it means to be a “living sacrifice.” But I want to begin, one lifestyle choice at a time. May my acts of worship be holy and pleasing to you, O Lord. Amen.

**RELATE** – I offer my body as a living sacrifice to God.

**REMEMBER** – “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship” (Rom. 12:1, NIV).

**RESOURCE** – Watch Rebekah Wang, MD, medical director for Clinical Quality at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio, talk more about this topic at [youtube.com/user/ColumbiaUnion](https://www.youtube.com/user/ColumbiaUnion).

*Wellness coach Lilly Tryon is the principal contributor for the 2011 Visitor Calendar, expounded upon here each month.*

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- ★ The Freshman Summer Enrichment program helps students transition to high school.
- ★ A Sophomore Summer Science Enrichment program exposes participants to lab experiments and ACT & SAT preparation.
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