

**September 2008** Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

**We are sad to report** the deaths of some long time friends of Chesapeake.

~ Janet Force of the Blythedale church and former board chair of the Susquehanna Adventist School passed away following a long bout with cancer. Janet was an avid promoter of Christian education and a mentor of teachers at SAS. She'll be remembered for her optimism, her willingness to be of help, her cheery disposition and her great love for Christ. Please keep her husband Carl in your prayers.

~ Elder Brian Jones, former Chesapeake pastor (Berkeley Springs/Charles Town) and currently a pastor and Communication Director in the Mt. View conference succumbed to liver cancer. Brian will be remembered by his colleagues and members as a deeply passionate follower of Christ who possessed a keen intellect and a compassionate spirit. He was an avid reader and prolific author and a frequent presenter at Camp Meetings. Please keep his wife Elizabeth and his daughter Rebekah in your prayers.

~ Alicia Cordova, mother of Highland View pastor Vladimir Corea, lost her battle with liver cancer two weeks ago. The family received friends last Sunday at the Dover First church where Alicia and her sister Carlota Cienfuegos were long-time members. The sisters were close companions who shared a home for more than 65 years. Remember the Corea family and Vladimir's aunt Carlota in your prayers.

**We are pleased to report** that Elder Tim Crosby, pastor of the Willow Brook church (Boonsboro) has been released from the Johns Hopkins University Hospital and is recovering at home. Tim had a lengthy section of his small intestine removed as a result of a blood clot shutting off the blood supply to that area. This life threatening development was diagnosed in Hagerstown before Tim was flown by helicopter to Baltimore for the emergency surgery.

**We will soon say goodbye** to our conference treasurer, Ramon Chow, as he assumes new responsibilities later this month as executive secretary and treasurer of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI). Elder Chow has capably managed Chesapeake's finances since 1999, and he will be greatly missed. We wish him well, and are pleased that his wife, Elizabeth, plans to stay on in her role as administrative assistant in the evangelism and adult ministries departments at the Chesapeake Conference office.

**Chesapeake is sponsoring Youth Evangelism classes** as part of the Youth Leaders Training Convention, September 12-14 at Mt. Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown. The training will focus on Discipleship Groups (small groups) and "How to Have Great Worship and Events for Youth in Church" (i.e. preaching, worship teams, events). For additional details contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910 or email [areynolds@ccosda.org](mailto:areynolds@ccosda.org).

**The Annual Adventist Community Services (ACS)/Disaster Response Summit** will be held in the Chesapeake office auditorium on Sunday, September 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Nikolaus Satelmajer, editor of *Ministry* magazine and May-Ellen Colon, ACS director at the world church headquarters, are featured speakers. Pastors and ACS volunteers are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided. This event is free, but attendees are asked to register by contacting director Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910 or [egates@ccosda.org](mailto:egates@ccosda.org).

**The Ellen G. White Estate** located at the General Conference world headquarters is hosting an open house Sunday, September 14, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Visitors are invited to tour the White Estate vault, see Ellen White's original handwritten works, and view many other exhibits related to Seventh-day Adventist Church heritage. For additional details call (301) 680-6540.

**Highland View Academy and the campus Adventist Book Center (ABC)** will have an Open House, Sunday, September 21, from 10:00 to 4:00. In addition to some great savings at the ABC, you can take a few minutes to look around campus at some of the latest improvements. There will be a short ceremony at 11:00 to celebrate the renovations. A complimentary picnic lunch will be served from 12:00-2:00.

**The Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries Annual Fall Retreat** takes place October 17-19 at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center. Presenter Anne Woodworth offers a workshop on "Having an Intimate Love Relationship," Pastor Garland Day's theme is "Worship—The Humility of God," and financial specialist Roland Smith will share his expertise. Attend for the weekend or just on Sabbath, but be sure to register by October 7. For more information, visit [www.asamchesapeake.com](http://www.asamchesapeake.com), or contact Sandy Walcott at (804) 263-6504.

**A trip to Louisiana to help rebuild areas damaged by hurricanes** is being planned for November 21-30. No special skills and training are required. If you'd like to spend the Thanksgiving holiday helping where there is great need, contact Disaster Response coordinator Kitty Juneau at [cjuneau@hotmail.com](mailto:cjuneau@hotmail.com) or ACS director Evelyn Gates at [egates@ccosda.org](mailto:egates@ccosda.org) by September 20.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Family Recovery**, sponsored by Adventist Regeneration Ministries, takes place September 26-28 at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center. Christ-centered programs and workshops for persons experiencing a life-long recovery from addictions are planned. To register, visit [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org) or call (800) 732-7587. For more information, go to [www.adventistregenerationministries.org](http://www.adventistregenerationministries.org).

**The Maryland Men of Faith group have organized a one-day conference** for October 4 at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown. The theme, Choose You This Day, is based on the Bible text found in Joshua 24:15. Visit the group's website at [www.mmof.org](http://www.mmof.org) for details.

**Adventist HealthCare is offering the following free training opportunities:**

*Friendship Support Group for the Bereaved Training*, September 7-8, 2:30-6:00 p.m.

*Health Ministry Team Building*, September 20-21, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, Register by September 15.

*Parish Nursing Course* (in partnership with Columbia Union College), September 8-November 17, Mondays, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

*Hospital Visitation Workshop for Clergy/Laity*, November 15, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

**\*\*Contact Katia Reinert at (301) 891-6102 or Chesapeake health ministries director Ray Nelson at (410) 878-7741 for information.\*\***

**Baltimore First Church** in Ellicott City extends an open invitation to celebrate their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary with them Sabbath, September 27. The Homecoming festivities include special morning programs, a potluck luncheon, and afternoon history and music programs.

**Thy Kingdom Come!** is the theme of the Mission Conferences being conducted throughout Chesapeake this fall. The first one is scheduled for September 20 in Hagerstown (MD)\*. This one-day gathering will focus on moving forward with the mission of the Church in Chesapeake and will feature the preaching ministry of Ron Halvorsen, Sr., well known evangelist, revivalist and author; the teaching ministry of Gary Krause, director of the Office of Adventist Mission for the General Conference; the music ministry of Ponder, Harp and Jennings, award-winning and much-loved gospel group; and a palette of practical seminars geared to equip local members in fulfilling their role in the Great Commission. The schedules and venues for the September 20 Mission Conference are provided in an email attachment.

Sabbath, October 11, is the date for the second Mission Conference, to be held at Eastern Shore Junior Academy in Sudlersville (MD).

Featured speakers are Anthony Kent, associate secretary for the General Conference Ministerial Association, who was a devotional speaker at the 2005 General Conference Session, and Elder George Rice, a biblical scholar and recently retired pastor of Chesapeake's Triadelphia Church in Clarksville (MD). Javier Gonzalez, featured musician for Chesapeake's 2007 Camp Meeting, brings his considerable talent to this special day as he plans the music for this conference. You won't want to miss these presentations, as well as the workshops, children's programs, and potluck luncheon. Look for more details soon in your church bulletin.

**Two Children's Ministry seminars offered at the Mission Conferences** are "Sabbath School Teacher Training" for teachers of Beginners through Juniors, and "How to Start a Children's Church." The 90-minute classes are offered at Highland View Academy, Sept. 20, 2:30 p.m., and at Eastern Shore Junior Academy, Oct. 11 at 1:30 p.m. To register or get additional information, contact Stacey Bondurant at (410) 740-0350 or email [staceybondurant@comcast.net](mailto:staceybondurant@comcast.net).

**Chesapeake's Prayer Ministries team** is organizing a conference-wide Prayer Emphasis Weekend for November 7-8 to be held at the Columbia Union Conference office. Jerry and Janet Page from the Central California Conference will be the featured presenters. They are highly sought after presenters around the North American Division for these Prayer Emphasis weekends. Please mark the date on your church calendars as we hope to draw representatives from every church within Chesapeake. Pre-registration is required. **Registration is open exclusively to Chesapeake members through September 30 as seating is limited. Open registration is October 1-31.** A \$15.00 registration fee covers the cost of materials and a Haystack lunch on Sabbath. Registration forms will be sent to area churches September 8. You can get additional information by contacting Samantha Young at (410) 995-1910 or [syoung@ccosda.org](mailto:syoung@ccosda.org).

**The Executive Committee** took the following actions at its August 19 meeting.

~ voted to approve the list of the educational staff members that are "Conference Hires."

~ voted to ask Walter Alonso, Hal Butler, Linda de Leon, Darlene Milam, and Don Russell to serve as the Audit Review Committee (all lay members of the Executive Committee or Association Board of Trustees). They will review the 2007 Audited Financial Statement and bring a report to the next committee meeting.

~ voted to recommend the retirement application of Eleanor Loignon (Norrisville church) to the Columbia Union Conference. Eleanor was at one time a team member of our educational ministry.

~ voted to call Elder Robb Long from the Iowa-Missouri conference to serve as pastor of the Triadelphia church. He will take up his new responsibilities November 1, 2008.

~ voted to call Elder David Livergood from the Pennsylvania conference to serve as pastor of the Baltimore White Marsh church, subject to an interview at White Marsh. Also, voted to hire Elder Livergood's fiancé, Stephanie Gladden, as a part time Bible Worker for White Marsh and for occasional training workshops within the conference.

~ voted to address some redistricting needs within our Spanish work and make some pastoral reassignments. The exact timing of such actions is to be determined.

~ voted to organize the Baltimore Highland Spanish group into a company.

~ voted to approve a trip for Associate Treasurer Eduardo Munoz to visit Cuba to assist the Cuban Union with the upgrading of their financial management system. This is the follow up to a trip Eduardo took several years ago.

~ voted to consider negotiations with the American Archeological Conservancy as per their request to acquire a small piece of property near our Mt. Aetna elementary school. The property was the site of a Revolutionary War Foundry where cannons were manufactured.