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Prayers are asked for Don C. Schneider, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, as he announced September 30 that the cyst-like benign tumor that he was treated for two years ago has returned, according to a statement from the division. He is expected to undergo surgery on October 3, to drain fluid and relieve the resulting pressure on the brain. Elder Schneider is expected to be in the hospital for two or three days, and recuperation may take up to four weeks.

Conference President Rob Vandeman has begun a round of face-to-face interviews with the pastors. He plans to spend an hour with each full-time pastor talking about mission and the challenges they and their congregations face in making more of an impact on their communities. He reports that the first few interviews have been helpful in gaining additional perspective. The interviews are taking place both in his office and on the road.

The search for a new conference treasurer continues as candidates both locally and across the division are being contacted as to their interest. Please keep this process in your prayers. It is hoped that the Executive Committee will be able to make a decision on a candidate at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 21.

Conference Finances at a Glance—Through the month of August our tithe gain has rebounded slightly to a 1.33% increase over the same period last year. That translates to a gain of only \$117,497. The increase may be actually closer to 2% but a number of remittances from our churches did not meet the reporting deadline to be included in the total. In these uncertain economic times it is very important that local treasurers get their remittances into the conference office in a timely fashion. We are in the budget preparation season and need the most accurate and up to date data to do accurate planning for the coming year. Fortunately, we have been careful of expenditures so that we are in good shape with the budget.

The "Friends 4 Ever" Pathfinder Camporee at Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware happens this weekend, October 3-5. More than 300 Pathfinders from Chesapeake clubs will participate in this camporee.

The Eastern Shore Mission Conference will be held Sabbath, October 11, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Eastern Shore Junior Academy in Sudlersville, Maryland. 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. Student musicians from Highland View Academy will also perform. Special programs have been planned for the children and youth who attend.

A potluck luncheon will follow the morning Sabbath School and Worship services. If you plan to attend, be sure to bring enough food for your family and a few guests.

A mini-concert and seminars are planned for the afternoon. Following are descriptions of the seminars:

"The 7 Secrets of Successful Small Churches" presented by Ed Motshiedler, retired executive secretary for the Columbia Union. He now works on a part time basis as the special assistant to the president of the Columbia Union, primarily conducting leadership training around the eight-state union territory. This workshop is for church leaders and members who want to discover the principles for making a small church vibrant and relevant for members and the community.

"First Impressions Matter" presented by Chesapeake president Rob Vandeman, this seminar will help local church deacons, greeters, and those who take care of the church building, address issues that are critical in making a good first impression on visitors. Learn how to make your church and its services appealing and get visitors to return.

"Out of the Saltshaker" presented by John Appel, Ministerial director of the Chesapeake Conference. This seminar will explore ways you and your church can make a greater impact for Christ by becoming involved in your local community. We are the "salt of the earth," said Jesus, and here is a seminar to get you out of the saltshaker and into life itself.

"How to Start a Children's Church" a seminar by Children's Education Resource Coordinator for the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Candy DeVore, will help you customize a program for your church size, teach you how to recruit volunteers, and give you a wealth of ideas on making this a successful evangelistic ministry. *

“Sabbath School Teacher Training”(geared for teachers in Beginners through Primaries) will be provided by Rose Gamblin, Education Specialist at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Her seminar will focus on the development of a dynamic curriculum and how Sabbath School can be a tool in evangelizing both children and their parents.*

*Please pre-register by calling Stacey Bondurant at (410) 740-0350 or email staceybondurant@comcast.net

The Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries Annual Fall Retreat is planned for 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, or contact Sandy Walcott at (804) 263-6504.

There will be a Teen Backpacking Trip along the Appalachian Trail, sponsored by the conference Youth Ministries department, October 17-19. The trip will begin at Mount Aetna Camp. The cost is \$5. Contact Joel Springer at (301) 824-6045 or jspringer@myactv.net for details.

The Highland View church is having a Community Yard Sale and Mini-Fair to benefit children orphaned in Kenya due to AIDS. The event will take place at the church on the Highland View Academy campus in Hagerstown. Bring your family and enjoy the fun. Fresh baked goods, used furniture, and yard sale treasures will be for sale. If you have items to sell, you can rent a space for \$10; tables are an additional \$10. The deadline to reserve a space is October 19. For more information, contact LouAnn McCain at (301) 797-3868 or Lynne Corea at (240) 527-3074.

“Ladies of the Movement” is the theme for the fifth Annual Heritage Sabbath at the Spencerville church presented by the Adult Sabbath School department on October 25. Angeline Andrews, Kate Lindsay, and Anna Knight are the featured “ladies.” Their stories are gripping and amazing. The program will begin at 9:50 a.m. followed by a general lesson study by Fred Kinsey, assistant to the president of the North American Division and speaker/director of the *Voice of Prophecy*.

The Glen Burnie church extends an open invitation to join them for their Community Guest Day on Sabbath, October 25. Local, state, and federal elected officials have been invited to participate in the Sabbath School and Worship services. More information is found on the church’s web site, www.tagnet.org/glenburnie, or you can call Jerry Scherer at (443) 867-6658 or email jerry_sda@yahoo.com.

Mount Vernon Estate in Alexandria, Virginia is the location for the Adventurer Fun Day scheduled for November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adventurers and their families will go on a self-guided tour of George Washington’s home, enabling the children to meet requirements for the Scouting Trail patch. For more information, contact your local Adventurer leader or Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

A Prayer Emphasis Weekend sponsored by Chesapeake’s Prayer Ministries team will take place November 7-8 at the Columbia Union Conference office. Jerry and Janet Page from the Central California Conference are the featured presenters. Learn how to enhance your personal prayer life as well as breathe new life into prayer ministry within your church. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. A \$15.00 registration fee covers the cost of materials and a Haystack lunch on Sabbath. Registration forms are available at your church office, or by contacting Samantha Young at (410) 995-1910, or email syoung@ccosda.org.

The Annual Youth and Pathfinder Lock-In sponsored by the conference Youth Ministries department will take place at Mt. Saint Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, November 8-9, 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. This popular event typically draws 400 youth (grades five through twelve) to enjoy games such as volleyball, basketball, and racquetball, as well as Christian movies, scrapbooking, swimming and lots of food. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org for more information.

Evangelism funding requests for 2009 are due by November 1, 2008. The details and forms were sent out to pastors, head elders and treasurers in August. As 2009 is the Year of Evangelism for our World Church, we will be encouraging every church group to make plans to experience the joy of leading individuals into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a life of discipleship within His Church.

October Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Oct 4	6:46	Local Church Budget
Oct 11	6:35	Voice of Prophecy/World Budget
Oct 18	6:25	Local Church Budget
Oct 25	6:15	Chesapeake Advance