

August 2009 Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

We welcome to our office staff Kleyton Feitosa, who joins us September 1 as Director of Ministries Development and Evangelism Coordinator. In this new role, he will focus on working with our medium and smaller churches to help them develop a model for growth. A native of Brazil, Elder Feitosa is fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish. He came to Chesapeake in 2005 to pastor the Waldorf, Maryland, church. He has endeared himself to the Waldorf congregation, and the church has grown under his capable leadership. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree in Evangelism and Church Growth. Elder Feitosa's wife, Delma Feitosa, is an educator and counselor, but is presently a full-time mom. The couple has two little boys, Derek, age 5, and Malton, age 3.

The Spencerville church is celebrating good news in these challenging economic times. The cost projection for the building of the new Spencerville Adventist Academy decreased significantly. The church began raising funds in 2005 when original costs were estimated at \$12.5 million. By April 2008, the estimate had increased to \$17.5 million due to higher industry costs and changes required by Montgomery County. By April 2009, the estimated cost escalated to \$18.85 million due to further requirements by the county. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 19, 2009, and site work began in preparation for the building. The developer met with the building committee in July and presented the final cost to be \$15.2 million, thus reducing the projected costs by about \$3 million. The building will be larger with better features for less cost. Truly God has guided in this process. You can track the progress of the project online at www.spencervillesda.org (Select Building Blog).

One-day Mission Conferences continue to be planned for 2009 and 2010. The one originally scheduled for the Western Region this fall has been postponed in order not to conflict with the major evangelistic programs taking place in the greater Hagerstown area. Plans are underway for four such conferences beginning with the Eastern Region in October; the northeast corner of the conference in the late fall or early winter; a young adult or adult conference in the Baltimore/Washington corridor next spring, and a Western Region conference at the traditional camp meeting time next summer. While this approach understandably has its critics, it is being implemented in an effort to reach more of our membership while keeping the overall expense at a more reasonable level than our traditional camp meeting.

Education Ministry Update

The 2009-2010 school year begins Tuesday, August 18, to accommodate young people and families attending the Courage to Stand International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Following is a listing of registration dates for conference schools. Some schools have already held registration events, but all schools are accepting new students.

Atholton Adventist Academy, Columbia, MD—open registration for grades PK-10; office hours are 8am-6pm, M-F, (410) 740-2425.
Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School, Baltimore, MD—open registration for grades K-8; call (410) 663-1819 to schedule an appointment.
Crest Lane Adventist School, Westminster, MD—registration for grades K-8 is Monday, August 3, 2-5pm, (410) 840-4240.
Crossroads Adventist School, Ellicott City, MD—open registration by appointment. Call (410) 465-6867.
Eastern Shore Junior Academy, Sudlersville, MD—open registration for grades PK-10; call the school office at (410) 505-4074.
Frederick Adventist School, Frederick, MD—registration (K-9) Monday, August 3, 6-8pm; school office hours MTW 12-5pm; (301) 663-0363.
Friendship Adventist School, Linthicum, MD—open registration for grades PK-8 by appointment; call (410) 859-3598.
Martin Barr Adventist School, Gambrills, MD—open registration for grades 1-8 by appointment; call (410) 451-0078.
Mount Aetna Adventist School, Hagerstown, MD—registration and work bee begins at 10am, Sunday, August 2. (301) 824-3875.
Rocky Knoll Adventist School, Martinsburg, WV—registration (PK-8) and free corn roast supper Monday, Aug. 3, 3-7pm; (304) 263-9894.
Susquehanna Adventist School, Perryville, MD—open registration for grades 1-8 by appointment; call (410) 378-4343.
Wilmington Junior Academy, Wilmington, DE—registration for grades 1-8, Tuesday, August 11, 4-6pm; (302) 998-0530.

Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, MD (grades 9-12) is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Discounts are available to incoming freshmen. Registration takes place August 12 for community students and August 16 for dormitory students. NOTE: Classes begin Monday, August 17. For details, contact Kim Brown, registrar, at (301) 739-8480 ext. 239 or email kbrown@highlandviewacademy.com.

Spencerville Adventist Academy in Silver Spring, Maryland, (grades PK-12) has open registration 9am-3pm, Monday-Thursday. New Parent Orientation for middle and high school is August 13—high school orientation is 6-7pm, and middle school orientation is 7-8pm. For more information call Dawn Thompson, registrar, at (301) 421-9101 ext. 126 or email dawnthompson@spencerville.org.

Eastern Shore Junior Academy welcomes new principal Marla Kay Dandrea. Marla Kay comes from Ohio where she most recently worked as a District Administrator in Literacy for Ohio Public Schools. She has also previously taught in Chesapeake Conference at our Susquehanna and Atholton schools. Mrs. Dandrea has earned master's degrees in Reading and Educational Leadership. Marla Kay expresses her sincere appreciation for the hearty welcome she has received from the Adventist community in the Sudlersville area. She reports that the constituent churches are providing unified support of the school and are working hard together to secure a good future. She, along with the staff and volunteers, has been busy at the school this summer painting, cleaning, and preparing for the coming school year.

The Office of Education will in-service conference teachers and administrators August 4-6 in the ENVoY model of classroom management and the North American Division's REACH (Reaching to Educate All Children for Heaven) program designed to equip educators to effectively meet the needs of diverse populations of students. ENVoY trains teachers how to be effective, respectful managers and helps principals and staff change the cultural environment of a school into a calm, respectful, and highly productive learning center. The REACH Resource Manual is designed to help teachers identify the unique learning needs of students—whether they are accelerated learners or students with disabilities—and develop appropriate accommodations to enable them to succeed in the classroom.

The FLAG Camp program, a six-week summer day camp series hosted by churches in the central and eastern regions, and sponsored by the Youth Ministries department, has just completed its second season. Pastor Keith Acker, co-director of the program, reports that they were able to offer two additional weeks of camp this year and reach out to 45 more young people. They also enhanced the program with the addition of hands-on science experiments. FLAG is an acronym for Fun Learning About God.

The Baltimore First church is hosting a prophecy seminar series, August 14 to September 12, 2009 (there are no Monday or Thursday meetings). The church is located at 3291 N. St. Johns Lane, Ellicott City, Maryland. Jason Morgan, an evangelist with the Amazing Facts ministry, is the featured presenter. Two daily meetings at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. are scheduled. Your prayers are solicited for God's Spirit to move upon the members and guests. For more information, visit www.baltimorefirst.org or contact Pastor Ben Boggess by phone (410) 292-1558 or email brboggess@juno.com.

A Prayer Emphasis Sabbath is planned for the Eastern Region, September 12, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Park Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 31525 John Deere Drive, Salisbury, Maryland. Featured speakers are Elder Rob Vandeman, conference president; Elder Rick Remmers, pastor of the Hagerstown, Maryland church; and Elder Sedley Johnson, conference Prayer Ministries coordinator and pastor of the Dundalk church and Northeast company in the Baltimore area. Participants are invited to bring food to share and enjoy a fellowship luncheon. Regular children's Sabbath School classes will take place in the morning, and childcare will be provided during the afternoon meeting. For more information contact Pastor Ken Scheller at (301) 258-3731 or email cokscheller@bwave.com.

A spiritually and socially enriching retreat is planned for single adults October 9-11 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. The event, sponsored by Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM), features popular presenters Willie and Elaine Oliver. For more information contact Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731 or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Princess Hawk, a valued member of the faculty of Crossroads Adventist School in Ellicott City, Maryland, and her two young children. Princess' husband, Walter, died July 31 of a sudden illness. Please join us in prayer for the family and the school community during this sad and difficult time.

Conference Finances at a glance—through the month of June our tithe receipts are showing a 6.4 percent gain as compared to the same period in 2008. Seven of the eight conferences within the Columbia Union are showing a gain but only two unions across the division are showing overall gains – Columbia Union and Southwestern Union. Nearly half of the conferences within the NAD are experiencing a loss for the first six months of the year. We are thankful for the continued evidence of Chesapeake's faithful members even in these challenging economic times. Conference leadership is working to keep expenses in line with our budget and, though encouraged by our tithe trend, we are not taking anything for granted.

Mission Trip to Africa—The North American Division (NAD) Office of Education is sponsoring a mission trip to build a new school at Maluti Adventist Hospital in Lesotho, Africa. Some students are now having classes in steel shipping containers and warehouses. There are a few openings that have not been filled with students, and the NAD is looking for individuals who would like to go and be part of this exciting missionary venture. The cost is \$3,000 per person, which covers airfare, transportation, an African wildlife trip in Kruger National Park, as well as food and lodging. There are four dates open: August 10-24, September 7-21, September 14–28, and September 21-October 5. If you would like to participate in the trip or contribute to the project, contact Larry Blackmer at larry.blackmer@nad.adventist.org or (301) 680-4441.

August Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 1	8:20	Local Church Budget
August 8	8:12	Oakwood/Andrews/LLU/World Budget
August 15	8:04	Local Church Budget
August 22	7:54	Chesapeake Advance
August 29	7:44	Highland View Academy

Note: Sunset times published above are for Baltimore, Maryland. For Delaware and the Eastern Shore, subtract two minutes. For West Virginia and Western Maryland, add three minutes.