

September 2009

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More than 600 Pathfinders in 24 clubs represented Chesapeake Conference at the *Courage to Stand* International Pathfinder Camporee held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last month reports Carl Rodriguez, conference Youth Ministries director. Many clubs began planning and raising funds two years ago in anticipation of attending the event that drew 37,000 young people and their sponsors, making it the largest gathering of Seventh-day Adventist youth to date. About 550 Pathfinders, including 10 from Chesapeake Conference, were baptized at the camporee.

A Prayer Emphasis Sabbath is planned for the Eastern Region, September 12, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Park 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.

Interested in wild, edible plants? Local experts Joel Springer and Steve Gatz will host a one-day class on Sabbath, September 19, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Join them for devotionals, instruction, and hiking. You will also have the opportunity to work on the Wild Edible Plant Pathfinder honor. Registration is required. The \$48 fee includes two meals (made from local plants), and a set of photos of wild edible plants native to the area. Call (301) 824-6045 or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net to register.

Adventist HealthCare is offering two workshops geared toward the faith community. **A free Health Ministry Training** for people who want to start or revitalize the health ministry in their congregations is planned for September 19-20, 2-6 p.m., at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, 9901 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, Maryland. Pastors, laypersons and health professionals are encouraged to attend. **A Depression Recovery Workshop** by expert Neil Nedley, M.D. will be held October 11-12, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Adventist HealthCare Support Center, Lower Level Conference Room, located at 1801 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland. **This "train the trainer" event** is designed to teach participants how to direct and facilitate an eight-week depression prevention and recovery program in a church setting. The cost is \$335 for directors and \$135 for facilitators, and includes materials and lunch each day. The deadline to register is September 28. To register for one of these workshops contact Katia Reinert at (301) 891-6102 or email kgreiner@ahm.com.

Adventist Community Services/Disaster Relief (ACS/DR) Upcoming Events:

Have a question? Please contact Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910 or egates@ccosda.org, or Kitty Juneau at cjuneau@hotmail.com.

~ Sunday, September 13, 1-3 p.m., Southern Area ACS Summit (churches south of Baltimore) at the Chesapeake Conference office, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland. Pastors, ACS leaders, and volunteers are urged to attend.

~ Sabbath, September 26, at the Providence church, 3085 Singler Road, Elkton, Maryland, a special ACS/DR worship service is planned beginning at 11:00 a.m. (this is a change from the usual schedule at Providence Church). A potluck follows, so plan to bring food to share. A Personal and Family Preparedness Training session begins at 2:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, September 27, 1-3 p.m., Northern Area ACS Summit (churches in Greater Baltimore) at the Baltimore White Marsh church, located at 7427 Rossville Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. Pastors, ACS leaders, and volunteers are urged to attend.

~ Sunday, October 4, 1-3 p.m., Western Area ACS Summit (Maryland and West Virginia churches) at the Hagerstown church, 11507 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland. Pastors, ACS leaders, and volunteers are urged to attend.

~ October 17-18, Preparedness Training (with a spiritual emphasis) and NAD Donations Operation Course at the Berkeley Springs church, 3606 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, Maryland. The weekend promises to be exciting and interactive. Training begins Sabbath morning at 9:00 a.m. The \$35 registration fee must be received by October 9. Get more information and download a registration form at www.acsdr.org or call Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910. Mail check and registration to Chesapeake Conference, Attn: Evelyn Gates, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland. Anyone—including those from neighboring conferences—interested in personal preparedness and in helping others during a disaster may attend.

~ Canceled: October 25, Eastern Shore Area ACS Summit. It will be rescheduled for the winter or spring.

~ April 23-25, 2010, Columbia Union Disaster Response Training Institute at Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility, New Jersey. Save the date and watch the Currents for more information, or call Kitty Juneau at (301) 774-2474 or Claudia Ramirez at (856) 303-9242.

The Northeast Baltimore company is hosting a concert Saturday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m. to benefit a health ministry in Eastern Nigeria. The concert features the local Washington Ghanaian Choir and the Visioneers quartet of New York, and takes place at their rented space at the Reformation Lutheran Church, 6200 Loch Raven Boulevard, Parkville, Maryland. For additional details contact Iheanacho Odinma at (443) 631-4089.

Join the Maryland Men of Faith for their 4th Annual Conference at Mount Aetna Retreat Center located at 21905 Mount Aetna Road, Hagerstown, Maryland, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sabbath, October 3. Keynote speaker Elder Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference president, is joined by a stellar line-up of afternoon seminar presenters. The \$35 registration fee includes lunch and supper. The registration deadline is September 27. View details and register online at www.mmof.org, or email questions to mdmenoffaith@verizon.net.

Steve Chavez, managing editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* magazines, is the featured presenter at a fall retreat sponsored by Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM). This is a change from previous announcements naming Willie and Elaine Oliver as keynote speakers. Chavez joined the *Adventist Review* staff in 1994, after serving nearly 20 years in pastoral ministry in California and Nevada. Steve's passion is practical Christianity and that's sure to come through in his presentations, October 9-11, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. To register to attend, contact Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731 or Howard Bankes at (410) 531-3192.

The Ultimate Field Trip is being planned for homeschooled students in grades 9-12. Sponsored by the Youth Ministries department, this Honduras mission adventure takes place January 24-31, 2010. At this time it looks like the trip will cost about \$600 per student, however airfare has not yet been confirmed. For details, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910 or (301) 596-5600, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

A number of churches are hosting fall evangelistic meetings as we near the end of the Year of Evangelism. Following is a listing of churches that are in the midst of a series of meetings and those that have meetings beginning in the next few weeks. Contact the church for specific days and times. Please pray that God will work in a mighty way in these communities during this harvest season.

~ The Atholton church is hosting a series of meetings led by Elder Steve Jencks, September 27-October 30 at the Owen Brown Village Community Center located at 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Maryland. The meetings take place each Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30-8:45 p.m. For more information call (410) 740-5030.

~ The Baltimore First church continues their Amazing Facts Prophecy Seminars featuring presenter Jason Morgan. The meetings take place at the church located at 3291 N. St. Johns Lane, Ellicott City, Maryland, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily (no meeting September 7), and conclude September 12. Call (410) 465-6864 if you need additional details.

~ The Baltimore and Dundalk Spanish congregations have evangelistic meetings planned for October. Pastor Ruben Ramos is the speaker. The meetings run October 3-9 at the Dundalk Spanish church, 210 Baltimore Avenue, Dundalk, Maryland, and October 1-17 at the Baltimore Spanish church, 5100 Edmonson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. For times call Elder Orlando Rosales at (410) 868-4120.

~ The Hagerstown church, 11507 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, has invited evangelist Brian McMahon to lead a series of meetings October 11-November 14, evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please note there are no meetings on the following dates: October 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28, and November 1, 2, 4, 8, and 9. For directions, call the church at (301) 733-4411.

~ The Middletown Valley church features Elder Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference president, as the host of a series focusing on the books of Daniel and Revelation, September 11-19. The meetings will be held at the church, located at 1811 Arnold Road in Jefferson, Maryland. Opening night, the meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. Additional meetings will be held at 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (new topic each session) on September 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, and 19. Contact Pastor Dick Thomas at (301) 730-9017 if you have questions.

~The Park and Seaford churches are embracing friendship evangelism, and will be concluding a three-part health series with a *Living Free* seminar. The meetings take place September 22-October 8 at the Seaford Church, 26295 Sussex Hwy, Seaford, Delaware, and October 13-29 at the Park Church located at 31525 John Deere Drive, Salisbury, Maryland. Questions? Contact Elder Ken Scheller at (301) 258-3731.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Millie Maplesden, executive assistant to conference president Rob Vandeman, and her family on the loss of Millie's mother, Ethel L. Reese, 92, who died last Friday following a stroke. Ethel resided in Vincent, Ohio, just six miles from Millie's childhood home. Please keep the family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

Donate your unwanted books, videos, CD's and DVD's to the General Conference Women's Ministries department for their Scholarshiping Our Sisters (SOS) book sale in October. Women's Ministries scholarships help Adventist women around the globe receive a college education. Please first call Karen Banner at (301) 680-6020 or Carolyn Luce Kujawa at (301) 814-4173 before bringing your items to the World Headquarters located at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland. Your support is greatly appreciated.

September Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
September 5	7:33	Local Church Budget
September 12	7:22	Annual Sacrifice/World Budget
September 19	7:11	Local Church Budget
September 26	6:59	Chesapeake Advance

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.