

May 2010 Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

Congratulations to Josue and Jelena Sanchez, proud parents of Leah Madelyn Sanchez, born Monday morning, April 12, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces, and measured at 19 inches. Leah joins older sisters Ana (20) and Maya (5). Pastor Sanchez is the youth pastor of the Hagerstown, Maryland church.

The Conference welcomes two new employees:

~ Candy Iverson joins the treasury department staff on May 3. She will handle all payroll, workers' reports, and benefits responsibilities previously cared for by Yolanda Scheib, who recently resigned the position. Iverson comes to Chesapeake from Griggs University, where she worked in payroll and accounts payable. She earned a bachelor's degree from Walla Walla College and an MBA from Washington Adventist University. She is married to Greg Iverson, associate director of Columbia Union Conference Information Technology Services. The couple attends the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland.

~ Pastor Christopher Holland has accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor of the Hagerstown church. He comes from Illinois where he has served as the pastor of a variety of churches. Currently, he is the Chicagoland Evangelism Coordinator, responsible for organizing more than 30 evangelistic series in the area. Pastor Holland will be co-preaching one of these series with Mark Finley. Pastor Holland received both his BA in Theology and Master of Divinity degrees from Andrews University. His wife, Debbie Holland, is a registered nurse and enjoys joining him in congregational ministry. They look forward to arriving in Hagerstown in July.

Alumni Weekend at Highland View Academy takes place April 30 to May 2. For a complete schedule of events, visit the school website at www.highlandviewacademy.com.

Upcoming graduations to note:

~ **Washington Adventist University's** graduation ceremonies will be held at the Sligo church, 7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. A Baccalaureate ceremony will take place Friday, April 30, at 8:00 p.m. The Consecration service is Sabbath morning, April 30, at 11:15. The Commencement ceremony begins Sunday, May 3, at 11:00 a.m.

~ **Highland View Academy** has planned a celebratory weekend that begins with a Parent Tribute service at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, at the Highland View church. The Baccalaureate service is at 11:00 a.m. on Sabbath, May 29, also at the Highland View church. Class Night begins at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Commencement will take place Sunday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the academy gymnasium.

~ **Spencerville Adventist Academy** is having their graduation events at the Spencerville church located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The festivities begin with a Consecration service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, followed by a Baccalaureate service at 11:15 a.m. on Sabbath, May 29. The Commencement ceremony takes place at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, May 30.

Washington Adventist University invites alumni, supporters, friends, administrators, faculty, staff and students to a special evening celebration held at The Music Center at Strathmore located at 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, Maryland, on Monday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. The event features a concert performance by the Columbia Collegiate Chorale and New England Youth Ensemble of Washington Adventist University, honored alumnus and pioneering heart surgeon Dr. Leonard Bailey, and the inauguration of President Weymouth Spence. Admission is free, but you must reserve your tickets online, by email, or by calling (301) 891-4516. For more information visit www.wau.edu.

Enhance the effectiveness of your relationships using strategies learned at the "Carry Your Own Weather" seminar sponsored by the Family Life Ministry of the Spencerville church. Willie and Elaine Oliver will teach this practical workshop Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Spencerville church located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Elder Oliver is the director of Family Life for the North American Division. The workshop is designed to help participants learn to be proactive in negotiating all their relationships in life and to develop skills for successful communication. For additional details, call the church at (301) 384-2920.

The Frederick, Maryland church has negotiated a 52-week contract with all news/talk radio station WFMD 930 AM to broadcast a sermon Sunday mornings beginning May 9. The 30-minute show titled "Anchor Points" will air from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. weekly. Senior Pastor Robert Quintana is excited about the opportunity to potentially reach 5000+ listeners in the Frederick area. Quintana says that the station account manager has offered to advertise the program free of charge, and has invited him to explain the Adventist perspective of the Sabbath on a series of episodes on another show called "Frederick Faith Debate." Please pray that this new outreach endeavor brings people to Jesus.

The annual Adventurer Family Weekend at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, is planned for June 4-6. Families with children who participate in Little Lambs (age four), Eager Beavers (kindergarten), and Adventurers (grades 1-4) won't want to miss this popular event. Children can join in Stars, Chips, and Awards classes. To register or learn more, contact your local church Adventurer leader, or the conference youth department at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

Plan to attend Highland View Academy's Spring Music Concert, also featuring the Covenant Ministry Team, Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Highland View church located on the academy campus in Hagerstown, Maryland.

"Now is the Time" is the theme for a Hispanic Mission Conference planned for June 11-13 on the campuses of Mount Aetna Retreat Center and Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. This inspirational event features Esteban Bohr, speaker/director for Secrets Unsealed and senior pastor of the Fresno Central Seventh-day Church in Fresno, California; Andres Portes, who pastors in the Houston, Texas area; Dr. Miguel DiFrancisco and Dr. Nethy DiFrancisco, family psychologists who have a practice in Pennsylvania; and Youth Pastor Leandro Robinson from the Alaska Conference. For meal and lodging information, or to register to attend, please contact your church pastor.

Learn about wild edible plants at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, located at 12905 Mount Aetna Road in Hagerstown, Maryland, Sabbath, June 12, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event includes devotionals, classes, and guided identification hikes. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. The \$48 fee covers two meals, and a personal set of color identification photo of wild edible plants that are native to the mid-Atlantic region. Attendees must be at least 10 years old, and an adult must accompany children under 16. To register, call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net.

Still looking for fun activities for your child to participate in this summer? Register for camps online at www.mtaetnacamp.com. Mount Aetna Camp (MAC) offers the following overnight camps at MAC in Hagerstown, Maryland:

Overnight Camps

~ Adventure Camp	June 20-27	Ages 7-10	Teen Outpost Camps for Ages 13-17, June 20-27:
~ Junior I Camp	June 27-July 4	Ages 10-12	~ Water Skiing ~ Extreme Adventures
~ Junior II Camp	July 4-11	Ages 10-12	~ Golf Camp
~ Tween I Camp	July 11-18	Ages 12-14	
~ Tween II Camp	July 18-25	Ages 12-14	C.I.T. (Counselors in Training) Camp for Ages 15-17:
~ Teen Camp	July 25-August 1	Ages 13-16	Three one-week sessions—June 20-27 • June 27-July 4 • July 4-11

Mount Aetna Camp also offers the following regional day camps called **F.L.A.G. Camp (Fun Learning About God)** for kids in grades 1-8. The one-week (Monday-Friday) day camps combine worship, arts and crafts, sports, and a daily field trip to help kids connect with God, enjoy friendship, and experience educational and recreational activities. The cost is \$100 for the week. Dates and locations are:

Day Camps

Maryland: ~ New Hope church, Fulton—June 21-25 & June 28-July 2
 ~ Baltimore First church, Ellicott City—July 5-9
 ~ Park church, Salisbury—July 12-16

Delaware: ~ Dover church, Dover—July 19-23
 ~ West Wilmington church, Wilmington—July 26-30

An evangelistic series held in the Eldersburg/Sykesville area of Maryland ends this week. Robb Long, pastor of the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland, conducted the series. He reports that a strong group of 25-30 visitors have been attending regularly. Prayer is solicited as these individuals decide whether to accept Christ. Remember, too, the pastors and members of the Westminster and South Carroll congregations as they welcome and nurture these new family members.

The Providence church has a new Sabbath morning format. For many years the church has begun Sabbath morning with the Church Service followed by Sabbath School. The congregation has opted to go with a more traditional format effective immediately. The church is located at 3085 Singerly Road in Elkton, Maryland. Sabbath School begins at 9:30 a.m., and the Worship Service begins at 10:50 a.m. Visitors will be warmly welcomed!

May Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

Date	Sunset	Offering
May 1	7:57	Local Church Budget
May 8	8:04	Disaster and Famine Relief/World Budget
May 15	8:11	Local Church Budget
May 22	8:17	Chesapeake Advance
May 29	8:23	GC Session Project/World Budget

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.