

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

Congratulations to:

~ Richie and Jary Silié, proud parents of Sebastian Fredrico Silié, born Friday evening, May 21, weighing five pounds, eight ounces, and measured at 19 inches. Sebastian joins big brother Marcus who will celebrate his third birthday in August.
~ the 2010 high school graduates of Highland View Academy (33) and Spencerville Adventist Academy (38).

A cooking school series titled *Cooking with Hoffe*, and sponsored by the Dover First church, continues with a breakfast-themed class Tuesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. The classes are held at the church located at 647 Wyoming Avenue, Dover, Delaware. The final class features celebrity chef Mark Anthony from Las Vegas, Nevada, and is scheduled for July 5. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the church at (302) 674-3680, or emailing Pastor Phil Hamman at pah44@comcast.net. This will help organizers in planning.

“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.

Author and television personality Dick Stenbakken will present a three-part drama series called *Bible Faces* at 7:00 p.m., June 10-11, at The Gathering Place, 6120 Daylong Drive, Clarksville, Maryland, and June 12 at the Triadelphia church located at 12950 Brighton Dam Road in Clarksville. Bring the whole family and friends and neighbors to experience how Elder Stenbakken brings the Scriptures to life in full authentic costume each night. For more details, call the church at (301) 854-3678, or email triadelphia@gmail.com.

A potluck planned by Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries is scheduled for Sabbath, June 19, during Potomac Camp Meeting on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia. Beverage will be provided. Meet at the front of the Administration building after the church service. Questions? Call Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

GC Session? There's an App for that! A new iPhone OS application is now available that will assist those attending the 2010 GC Session in Atlanta, Georgia. It is a free download from the iTunes store. **Search “GC Session” in the iTunes store.** The General Conference Session is held every five years, and draws leaders and members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church together to form church policy, conduct church business and address social and theological issues with representation of the world wide church. This app, provided to iTunes by the North American Division, contains schedule and news items related to the GC Session event. The session exhibitors are included as well as local hotels, restaurants, transportation information and a facility map.

Join fellow Adventists around the world in praying for the 59th Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Session. Concerning this event, the world church President, Elder Jan Paulsen, has made the following appeal, *“Please join me in praying that the Spirit will move powerfully and that we will look back at our time together as a pivotal moment of renewed purpose and vision within our Church.”* The North American Division Prayer Ministries department is facilitating a coordinated response to that appeal with a *50 Days of Prayer* program. Sign up by logging on to www.50DaysofPrayerforGC.info, or by calling (301) 680-6400.

A Highland View Academy recruiting team will visit area churches during the month of July. Parents and prospective students will have an opportunity to learn about the school's academic, athletic, music and work programs, and discover financial options. Contact Renee Williams at (301) 739-8480, or by email at rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com, to schedule the team to visit to your church.

A 12-week Faith and Finance series hosted by the Triadelphia church begins June 16 at 7:00 p.m. Ed Reid, North American Division stewardship director, will present weekly on Wednesday evenings offering practical strategies for making sound decisions regarding giving, purchases, saving, debt and retirement. The seminars are open to anyone interested in learning about the biblical principles of financial management. There is no fee to attend, however, participants must registrar by June 14 to receive a workbook and handouts. The Triadelphia church is located at 12950 Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville, Maryland. To register, contact Pastor Robb Long by phone at (816) 651-1262, or by email at Triadelphia@gmail.com.

The Adventist HealthCare Health Ministry department will hold its annual Faith Community Nursing training on July 17-22 at the Washington Adventist Hospital campus located at 7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. This course is for nurses who feel called to serve the congregation through a ministry of health and healing, with particular emphasis on whole person health and intentional spiritual care. The registration deadline for the course is June 30. For more information, please contact Katia Reinert by phone at (301) 891-6102, or email at kgreiner@ahm.com.

A Spiritual Leadership Symposium is planned for conference pastors, administrators, and their spouses, September 10-11, at the Chesapeake Conference office. All pastors of Chesapeake Conference churches are encouraged to attend this enrichment event. S. Joseph Kidder, MDiv, associate professor of Christian Ministry at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University, will present on the topics of The Spiritual Life of the Pastor, Spiritual Leadership and Evangelism. Pastors will soon receive additional details by email.

The Executive Committee at its meeting on May 18 took the following actions and considered the following issues:

- ~ the committee reviewed the status of the litigation being done on behalf of the Baltimore Korean congregation and their church construction project. The bench trial is scheduled for the last week of June. Should the case be decided in our favor, the mounting legal expenses are to be paid by the surety company. This has been a long, drawn out and expensive struggle for both Chesapeake Conference and the Korean congregation. Please pray that the judge will see the situation for what it truly is—a congregation that has been taken advantage of by unscrupulous individuals.
- ~ the committee heard a brief presentation on an approach to church revitalization called *Refocusing* that the conference is considering. *Refocusing* is a process of moving a local congregation from maintenance to mission through revitalizing leaders. Kleyton Feitosa has taken training to begin the process with pastors. John Appel will also take the training in October while Elder Feitosa does the second level training for working with local church leaders. The committee will hear a fully fleshed out plan for this revitalizing process at its August meeting.
- ~ voted, to recommend on to the Columbia Union Conference the retirement requests of Roger Stull and Joan Stull with 32 and 30 years of service respectively—both effective July 1, 2010.
- ~ voted, to grant company status for the Waldorf Spanish Group and church status to the Annapolis Spanish and Laurel Spanish companies.
- ~ voted, to hire L.K. Hluna Tlau as the pastor of the First Mizo Church on a \$500 per month stipend. Now retired, Pastor Hluna (pronounced Luna) has served as conference secretary/president in Mizoram and as an associate secretary of the Southern Asia Division.
- ~ voted, subject to the successful acquiring of his visa, to hire Elvis Mogoi as a pastor on the staff of the West Wilmington church. Note: Pastor Mogoi was able to secure his visa and has returned from Kenya to begin his ministry at the West Wilmington church working alongside Pastor Keith Acker. Those who are aware of the long and frequently challenging process of getting his R-1 visa can not help but acknowledge that the Lord worked a miracle on behalf of Pastor Mogoi and the West Wilmington congregation.
- ~ voted to ratify the previous action of the Association Board of Trustees in approving a loan request by the Prince Frederick church for a new church sign and improvements to their parking lot.
- ~ voted, to reinstate Camp Meeting at Highland View Academy in 2011 based upon taking a fresh approach that will place greater emphasis on mission, building community and deeper spirituality. And to do so while making every effort to control/reduce costs. It was also voted to proceed with a three-year trial period to effect the changes and to increase participation. The Camp Meeting committee has already begun lining up speakers for the next three years and will share a report through the *Currents* sometime this fall.

Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) is offering a 50% tuition discount for new students (*students who did not attend SAA during the 2009-2010 school year*) for the 2010-11 school year if they (a) enroll in 2nd, 3rd or 7th grades; or (b) enroll in any grade PreK–8 and have a sibling enrolled at SAA for the 2010-2011 school year in any of grades 9-12. To take advantage of this opportunity, call Heidi Wetmore at (301) 421-9101, or email hwetmore@spencerville.org.

New Hope church, in partnership with ADRA International and Marantha International, will send pipes for water wells to help several schools and communities in Mozambique. There is room for school supplies in the shipping container. Drop off your donations at the church at 12350 Hall Shop Road, Fulton, Maryland, during the week, or bring them on Sunday, June 13, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when the container will be loaded. Items needed: all kinds of school supplies, desks, chairs, desks for teachers, beds, and clean mattresses in good condition. Questions? Email Dave or Caryn at newhopesos@comcast.net, or call the church at (301) 854-1866.

Condolences are offered to Fred and Janet Ford following the death of Fred's mother, Mary Ford, on May 20. Mary recently celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family. Fred Ford is the maintenance director at Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Please remember the family in prayer as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

June Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
June 5	8:28	Local Church Budget
June 12	8:32	Multilingual Ministry/Chaplaincy Ministries
June 19	8:35	Local Church Budget
June 26	8:36	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.