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**Congratulations to** Atholton Adventist School teachers Beth Reynolds and Jeremy Villanueva on their marriage July 7. Reynolds teaches English, and Villanueva teaches Bible and history to students in grades 7-10.

**Experience Steven Mosely's "Chosen Garment—The Whole Bible in One Act"** at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 6520 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland, on Sabbath, August 7, at 10:45 a.m. In this dramatic presentation, Steven Mosley takes the audience on a whirlwind tour of the Bible that's both humorous and deeply moving. For more information, call the church at (410) 740-5030, or email [atholton@atholton.org](mailto:atholton@atholton.org).

**The Cambridge church** invites you to a series of six presentations by author and scholar, Jack Sequeira beginning August 20. Pastor Sequeira will stimulate engaging and honest discussions about God, grace, and The Church. The dates and times are Friday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Sabbath, August 21 at 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, August 22 at 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sabbath, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at Bonnie Brook Road/Route 50 in Cambridge, Maryland. For more information, visit [www.cambridgesdachurch.org](http://www.cambridgesdachurch.org), or contact Pastor César González at (301) 254-9035.

**The Adventist Community Services (ACS) annual meeting** is planned for Sunday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. This meeting is for anyone involved in community service or disaster response, as well as pastors. Highlights include Mark Hann's mission story about a young woman who lost her hands and how she received "new" hands. Todd Fong of the Waldorf church will share innovative programs that are proving effective in his community. Also featured are reports from the Chesapeake Disaster Response team and about the North American Division meetings. Lunch is provided. To register, contact Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910, or email [egates@ccosda.org](mailto:egates@ccosda.org) by August 25.

**A Youth Leaders Training Convention** is planned for September 10-12 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. This comprehensive training event is for Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders and anyone involved in youth or children's ministries. Workshop topics include organization, how to conduct effective meetings, leadership and communication, drills, planning creative activities, outreach ministry, learning styles and teaching methods, and more. For more information, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email [areynolds@ccosda.org](mailto:areynolds@ccosda.org).

**A one-day conference for men**, sponsored by the Maryland Men of Faith, takes place Sabbath, October 2, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Featured speakers are Rob Vandeman, conference president, and Jerry Lutz, senior pastor of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland. A stellar line-up of presenters will speak on a variety of topics in breakout sessions. Register by September 27 at [www.mmof.org](http://www.mmof.org).

**Single adults are invited to a fall retreat** sponsored by Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries, October 8-10, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. Carol Barron, speaker and author, will motivate and inspire participants to pursue a closer walk with Jesus. For details, visit [www.asamchesapeake.com](http://www.asamchesapeake.com), or contact conference director Fred Thomas by email, [fmthomas1950@yahoo.com](mailto:fmthomas1950@yahoo.com), or by phone at (410) 992-9731.

**"Women at the Well"** is the theme for the upcoming Women's Retreat planned for October 15-17 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. Hyveth Williams, professor of Christian Ministry at Andrews University, is the keynote speaker. The roster of presenters also includes Heather Quintana, editor of *Vibrant Life* magazine, Sally Appel, Celia Ogbonna, and Shayne Remmers. A series of seminars will be offered in Spanish by Loida Covarrubias, Rosy Miranda, and Gladys Rosales. Topics include The Value of a Woman, How to Listen to Your Children, The Sandwich Generation, The Door of Hope—Prodigals, Prayers and Promises, and more.

Registration forms will be available in churches Sabbath, August 14, or by contacting Samantha Young by phone at (410) 995-1910, or by email at [syoung@ccosda.org](mailto:syoung@ccosda.org).

Get the early-bird discount by registering by September 10. Must register by September 30.

Pricing is as follows:	<u>By Sept. 10</u>	<u>After Sept. 10</u>
Lodging, Meals, Meetings	\$139	\$159
Commuters Plan A (Meetings & Meals)	\$ 99	\$119
Commuters Plan B (Meetings only)	\$ 49	\$ 69

**Who's who, and who's doing what** in the conference office these days? There are a few changes in responsibilities taking place among the support staff. These adjustments and reassignments will result in a savings of one full-time secretarial position.

~ Pam Strahle, who currently serves as secretary to the treasurer and does accounts payable, is transitioning to become the executive assistant to the president, as well as giving some support to the conference secretary and treasurer. Pam also will eventually take over the role of the conference clerk currently handled by Barbara-Lee Boyd.

~ Candy Iverson, who handles payroll and insurance issues, will add accounts payable to her portfolio and handle some of the clerical duties of the treasury department.

~ Barbara-Lee Boyd, executive assistant to the conference secretary, will add the Communication department (once again) to her secretarial responsibilities. And Elizabeth Chow will expand her administrative assistant role to include Women's Ministries. This gives Samantha Young some much-needed support for the department and ministries she leads.

~ Janelle Perez, the daughter of Atholton members Rick and Marilyn Perez, is the new afternoon receptionist at the conference office.

### **Conference Finances at a Glance**

~ While there is progress after a difficult start to the year, tithe income is still showing a 0.2 percent loss through June 30. Considering that reports from several of Chesapeake's smaller churches were not in when the month was closed out, administration is confident of at least breaking even with the same figures as in 2009. Just over half of Chesapeake churches are reporting a tithe loss for the first half of the year.

~ The support for Chesapeake Advance (CAP) is lagging 1.73 percent behind this past year. In a normal year CAP income could be expected to exceed more than \$180,000. To date \$86,942 has been received. CAP supports evangelism, Highland View Academy capital development and operating, Mount Aetna Camp development, church growth projects, and church and school capital development programs.

~ A team of six from the General Conference Auditing Service is on site doing the annual audit of the conference finances and policy compliance. Conference administration expects to receive a clean opinion.

**Chesapeake Conference Schools** are back in session on Monday, August 16. All schools are accepting new students. For more information call the conference office at (410) 995-1910. Remember to pray for the teachers and the students as they embark on a new school year.

**Register by August 26** to attend Washington Adventist University this fall. Participate in classes on campus or online. To learn more about programs offered visit [www.wau.edu](http://www.wau.edu), or call (800) 835-4212.

**Spencerville Adventist Academy** is looking for a teacher's aide in the kindergarten classroom for the 2010-11 school year. Other aide positions may become available. If interested, please send résumé to principal Brian Kittleson by email at [bkittleson@spencerville.org](mailto:bkittleson@spencerville.org).

**Two new Bible Study resources are now available.** The *Journey of Joy Women's DVD Bible Studies* set will guide women on their personal journey with God. It explores the tangle of emotions women often experience as they juggle home and church, children and parents, career and relationships. The leaders kits with DVDs and study guides are now available at Adventist Book Centers and through AdventSource. *My Place with Jesus* is an interactive, Internet-based Bible study series of 14 lessons produced by It Is Written. The lessons, aimed at kids ages 7-12, are online at [www.myplacewithjesus.com](http://www.myplacewithjesus.com), and are now available in DVD-Rom format at [www.itiswritten.com](http://www.itiswritten.com), or by calling (888) 664-5573.

**General Conference Employees** donated more than \$38,000 to support The Great Controversy Project, an effort to send a copy of the book to the 22,000 homes in the zip code area of the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters building. The response was overwhelming and enough money was raised to supply *The Great Controversy* to homes in two additional postal code areas.

**Condolences are extended** to Antonio Lopez, Atholton church youth pastor, and his wife Lilly. Pastor Lopez's sister, Rosy Martinez Lopez, 36, was killed by a drunk driver recently as she drove home from work. She leaves behind two daughters, ages 13 and 15. Please pray for the family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

### **August Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 7	8:14	Local Church Budget
August 14	8:05	Oakwood/Andrews/LLU/World Budget
August 21	7:56	Local Church Budget
August 28	7:46	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.