

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

### **Congratulations to:**

~ Carlos Gonzalez, pastor of the Newark (Del.) Spanish church and Chesapeake Conference auditor, who was recently elected treasurer of the Greater New York Conference. Elder Gonzalez came to Chesapeake from the Greater New York Conference where he had been associate treasurer, treasurer and a pastor. He will make the transition November 1.

~ Ann Roda-Hernandez, associate pastor for Family Ministries at the New Hope church in Fulton, Maryland, who was commissioned to the Gospel Ministry on Sabbath, September 25. Pastor Roda heeded God's call to the ministry after a 15-year career in healthcare and enrolled at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. She and her husband Jose were later called to pastor the Marietta, Georgia church. Then in 2005, Pastor Roda joined the pastoral staff at New Hope. It was evident at the commissioning service that Pastor Roda is much loved by the congregation at New Hope.

~ Josh and Celeste Voigt on the birth of their first child, Nathan William, born September 8. Nathan is a robust baby boy, weighing nine pounds, seven ounces at birth, and measured at 23 inches. Pastor Voigt is the associate pastor for the Reisterstown/South Carroll district. Until recently, Mrs. Voigt worked as the office manager at Atholton Adventist Academy. She plans now to focus full-time on her job as Nathan's mom.

**October 1 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the adoption of the name "Seventh-day Adventist." At the time (1860), there were a total of about 2,500 Seventh-day Adventists in the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada. Today, that number has grown to well over 16,000,000 church members worldwide. On Sabbath, October 2, Seventh-day Adventists worldwide are invited to commemorate this historic anniversary. It is a time to reflect on what being an Adventist means today, individually and collectively, and to seek new ways to share the news of Christ's soon return. Historical resources and other information are available at [www.150SDA.org](http://www.150SDA.org).

**GODencounters is coming to the New Hope church** located at 12350 Hall Shop Road, Fulton, Maryland, October 8-9. The event, themed "Restore—Rebuilding relationships through rejuvenating faith," is free and open to all young adults. GODencounters is a movement of young adults who are wholeheartedly seeking a 24/7 experience of God. The schedule is: Friday, October 8, 8:00 p.m., Rick Anderson Worship Band and a presentation by Matthew Gamble, and at 10:00p.m., GODencounters Café with the Skye Solo Band; Sabbath, October 9, 12:30 p.m., potluck, a presentation by Matthew Gamble, and mission opportunities. The program concludes Saturday evening with a final presentation and a book signing. For more information, visit [www.lookingforachurch.org/Godencounters](http://www.lookingforachurch.org/Godencounters), or call (301) 854-1866.

### **Two upcoming benefit concerts to note:**

~ The Northeast company is hosting the eighth annual Project Love in Action concert to benefit the Ubakala Village in Eastern Nigeria on Sabbath, October 9, at 4:00 p.m. The Pikesville Gospel Choir, Maranatha Adventist Fellowship Choir, Visioneers quartet, and young people from the Baltimore White Marsh and Ghanian Washington churches will perform a variety of Gospel and Christian music. The concert will be held at the Northeast congregation's rented space: Reformation Lutheran Church, 6200 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. Contact Pastor Icheanacho Odinma at 443-631-4089 for more details.

~ A Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving concert featuring the Hinsdale Men's Chorus will take place Sabbath, October 16, 5:30-6:45 p.m., at the Triadelphia church, 12950 Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville, Maryland. An offering will be collected to help fund Hope Channel's programming in China and Indonesia. For more information call the Hope Channel at (301) 680-5220.

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Celebration of Family Recovery** is planned for October 22-24, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Unhealthy habits can result in dysfunctional relationships, but there is hope, help and healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and experience heartfelt friendship and encouragement. Special guest speakers and children's activities are just part of this weekend celebration of hope and praise. Health professionals are welcome. Anonymity is honored and respected. For information or to register, contact Adventist PlusLine at (800) 732-7587, or visit [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org). Or call (240) 481-9117.

**The annual Youth and Pathfinder Lock-In** sponsored by the conference Youth Ministries department is planned for November 6-7, 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., at Mt. Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. All high school age youth and Pathfinders are invited to come and enjoy sports—swimming, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and racquetball, to name a few—and of course, lots of food Contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email [areynolds@ccosda.org](mailto:areynolds@ccosda.org) for additional details.

**ESL, SAT Math and SAT Verbal prep tutoring** is available through the Washington-Spencerville Korean church's Community Learning Center on the Spencerville Adventist Academy campus. ESL classes are free and offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The SAT Math and SAT Verbal tutoring are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The 12-week session begins September 28, 2010 and runs to December 16, 2010. The cost is \$400. For more information or to register, call (240) 424-5125, email [info@wskclc.org](mailto:info@wskclc.org), or go to [www.wskclc.org](http://www.wskclc.org).

**“An Open Door in Baltimore”** is the theme of an integrated evangelism initiative Chesapeake Conference is planning for the Baltimore area in 2011. Several churches (Baltimore First, Baltimore White Marsh, Baltimore Spanish, Dundalk English, Dundalk Spanish, Glen Burnie, Northeast and Pikesville) will be involved in this outreach approach that mobilizes church members to share the Gospel through personal Bible studies, health ministry events and evangelistic meetings. The kick-off is planned to coincide with the ninth annual Generation Youth for Christ (GYC) convention being held in Baltimore, December 29-January 2. Generation Youth for Christ is a grassroots Adventist movement organized and led by young adults from diverse backgrounds. Fifty buses will carry local church members and GYC volunteers throughout the Baltimore metro area where they will knock on doors and invite residents to sign up for Bible studies. Church members will follow-up with interested persons. The “Fit to Share” healthy lifestyle training held last month was the first in a series of training events scheduled to prepare pastors and local church members for the outreach. The next training event will be held Sabbath, October 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. This training is open to anyone interested in bringing people to Jesus. Matthew Tinkham, Jr., a theology student at Southern Adventist University, will offer practical counsel on how to give a Bible study, gain decisions for Christ, and answer objections. For more information, contact Kleyton Feitosa, Evangelism coordinator, at KleytonF@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a good harvest.

**Finances at a glance**—Through the end of August the conference tithe income is still showing a loss for 2010. The loss is just over \$81,000, or 0.86 percent, as compared to the same period in 2009. While the loss does not seem insurmountable, it should be noted that expenses such as medical and insurance are running above normal. This combination of factors is creating pressure as budgets are set for the coming year. Next month when third quarter totals are available, administration will have a clearer picture of the challenges that affect the budgeting process. One-third of the conferences in the North American Division are also reporting a tithe loss over the first eight months of the year.

**The Review and Herald Publishing Association (RHPA)**, located in Hagerstown, Maryland, has announced a major reorganization and an almost entirely new management team to deal with years of stagnant sales and growing financial losses. In order to address the projected financial loss of \$2.4 million this year they are reducing personnel expenses through layoffs and salary cuts which will impact 20 percent of their workforce. The revitalization plan includes division realignment and a greater emphasis on digital workflows and products. Please keep the RHPA and the many families impacted by these changes in your prayers.

**Chesapeake Disaster Response** is looking for licensed HAM radio operators who have an interest in the Disaster Radio Project. Under the direction of Fred Brandt, Williamsport (Md.) church member and experienced HAM operator, the project has received attention and \$1,500 in donations from individuals not affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Operators training and licensing classes may be offered if there is sufficient interest. To learn more, or to join the team of experienced “HAMS” who are willing to share expertise and give guidance to the project, contact Kitty Juneau, Disaster Response director, at cjuneau@hotmail.com, or call (301) 367-2715.

**Hope Channel has a new resource** for teaching children about Jesus hosted by Spencerville member Richie Silié. The exciting new DVD series, *Parker’s Puzzle*, presents the 28 “FUNdamentals” of the Seventh-day Adventist church through segments on healthful cooking, exercise, practical wisdom on life’s challenges, and age-appropriate Bible lessons. Check out *Parker’s Puzzle* at [www.parkerspuzzle.com](http://www.parkerspuzzle.com).

**October Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Sunset</u> | <u>Offering</u>                |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| October 2   | 6:50          | Local Church Budget            |
| October 9   | 6:39          | Voice of Prophecy/World Budget |
| October 16  | 6:28          | Local Church Budget            |
| October 23  | 6:19          | Chesapeake Advance             |
| October 30  | 6:09          | Local Church 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.

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