

December 2011

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**Congratulations are extended** to Raul and Flordemaria Rivero on the birth of their third child, Raul Daniel, Monday, November 28. The baby weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and measured 20 inches. He joins big brothers, Seth (7), and Emmanuel who turns five years old this month. Elder Rivero is the pastor of the Washington-Spencerville and Laurel Spanish churches.

**Canceled:** The Messiah Sing-along sponsored by Spencerville Adventist Academy that was scheduled for Sabbath, December 3.

**The Waldorf church** extends an open invitation to their groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, December 4, at 2:30 p.m., at 11245 Berry Road, in Waldorf, Maryland. The Waldorf church was Chesapeake Conference's fastest growing church in 2010, and the congregation is in need of a new facility to accommodate their growth. The church is committed to a four-phase \$4.8 million building plan that includes a new sanctuary, gymnasium, Sabbath School classrooms, and a school. Phase One will be the building of the new sanctuary. Read more at [waldorfsda.org](http://waldorfsda.org), email [waldorfsda@gmail.com](mailto:waldorfsda@gmail.com), or call (301) 645-8835 to learn more about this exciting project.

**"Amahl and the Night Visitors"** is a musical produced and directed by Francisco de Araujo. The production features the Frederick church Christmas Choir and Orchestra, and members of LaCamerata Nouve. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett hosts. Performances are at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sabbath, December 3, at the Frederick church located at 6437 Jefferson Pike in Frederick, Maryland. There is no charge to attend, however, an offering will be collected to benefit wounded soldiers. For additional details, call the church office at (301) 662-5254, or visit [fredericksdachurch.org](http://fredericksdachurch.org).

**Washington Adventist University** presents the Washington Concert Winds in concert, Wednesday, December 7, at 11:15 a.m., at Sligo church, located at 7700 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. Enjoy holiday music concluding with Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride." For more details, email [brwilson@wau.edu](mailto:brwilson@wau.edu), or call (301) 891-4561.

**A benefit concert at the Pikesville International church**, located at 4619 Old Court Road in Pikesville, Maryland, is planned for Sabbath, December 10, at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds go to the Sharon Marsden Memorial Scholarship Foundation. For more information, call (410) 521-7331, or email [pikesvillecommunications@gmail.com](mailto:pikesvillecommunications@gmail.com).

#### **School Christmas Programs to note:**

- ~ **Atholton Adventist Academy** students will perform Thursday, December 15, at 6:45 p.m. at the Atholton church, 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Reach the school office by phone at (410) 740-2425.
- ~ **Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School** — December 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland. Contact the school at (410) 663-1819 for more details.
- ~ **Crest Lane Adventist School's** program takes place Friday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westminster church, 320 Crest Lane, Westminster, Maryland. Need more information? Call the school at (410) 840-4240.
- ~ **Crossroads Adventist Preparatory School** students present a musical titled "Sheep, Shepherds and a Savior" on Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m., at the Baltimore First church located at 3291 North Saint Johns Lane in Ellicott City, Maryland. For more information, call (410) 465-6864.
- ~ **Eastern Shore Junior Academy** presents their annual school program Saturday, December 10, at 5:30 p.m. The school is located at 407 Dudley Corners Road in Sudlersville, Maryland. Call the school office at (410) 505-4074 for additional information.
- ~ **The Frederick Adventist School Handbell Choir** will perform at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Holiday Survivors Tree Lighting ceremony on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. The event takes place at 16825 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, call (301) 447-1365.
- ~ **Frederick Adventist School** presents "Luke's Story," a Christmas pageant, Friday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Frederick church, 6437 Jefferson Pike in Frederick, Maryland. Questions? Call the school at (301) 663-0363, or visit [frederickadventistschool.org](http://frederickadventistschool.org).
- ~ **Friendship Adventist School's** holiday production is titled "Charlie's Blanket." The program is planned for Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m., at the school located at 901 Andover Road in Linthicum, Maryland. To contact the school, call (410) 859-9909.
- ~ **Highland View Academy's** annual Christmas concert takes place Sabbath, December 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the Highland View church on campus. The school is located at 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland. The Highlanders, orchestra and bell choir will perform. An offering will be collected to help fund a trip to Russia for the young musicians. The group has planned performances in Moscow and Kiev, and a visit to an orphanage in Ukraine. Email [rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com](mailto:rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com), or call (301) 739-8480 for more information.
- ~ **Martin Barr Adventist School** will present a program called "Fear Not Factor" at the Bell Branch church, Sabbath, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 2365 Bell Branch Road, Gambrills, Maryland. Get more details by calling the school at (410) 451-0078.
- ~ **Mount Aetna Adventist Elementary School** students will perform "When the King is Born" on Thursday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., at the school located at 10207 Crystal Falls Road, Hagerstown, Maryland. Call (301) 824-3875 to get more information.

~ **Rocky Knoll Adventist School** Pre-K through Grade 8 students will perform at the Martinsburg church located at 2407 Delmar Orchard Road in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Call the school at (304) 263-9894 for additional details.

~ **Spencerville Adventist Academy** students will perform in two concerts at the Spencerville church located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. The elementary students perform at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, and the high school performance takes place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8. For more information, call the school office at (301) 421-9101.

~ **Susquehanna Adventist School** will present their annual Christmas program on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m., at the Blythedale church, 36 Blythedale Road, Perryville, Maryland. "Angels on Assignment" is the title of the play. Questions? Call (410) 378-4343.

~ **Wilmington Junior Academy** students present "Christmas Myth Busters" on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. The school is located at 3001 Millcreek Road in Wilmington, Delaware. Call (302) 998-0530, for more details.

**The Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** has been a Spencerville church tradition for more than 15 years. On December 10 at 4:00 p.m., the Columbia Collegiate Chorale will once again join the Spencerville Choir, under the direction of Dr. James Bingham. The choirs will sing carols interspersed with readings to tell the story of the plan of salvation through the coming of Jesus to this earth. This year, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the organ, organist Mark Willey will perform an extended prelude of seasonal music for the organ, starting at 3:30 p.m. The Spencerville church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring. Questions? Call (301) 384-2920.

**Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:**

To receive email about upcoming youth and family activities, call Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

~ **Family Ski Days at Jack Frost Resort** in Pennsylvania, Sundays, January 8 and 22. Enjoy a fun, inexpensive day in the snow. Skiing and snowboarding packages that cover lift ticket, rental, and a lesson are available from \$39. Tubing costs range from \$20-30. There is a \$2.00 per person fee for mandatory insurance. To register, contact Youth Ministries director Carl Rodriguez at crodriguez@ccosda.org.

~ **Generation Rain "The Call" Spiritual Retreat** for high school youth takes place February 24-26 at Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Featured speakers from *Insight* magazine are Duane Esmond, editor; Tom Fraga, associate editor; and Tiffany Taylor-Mduba, columnist. Save the date and watch future issues of *Currents* for more details.

**There were 50 baptisms in the Hispanic Community** Thanksgiving weekend reports Eduardo Muñoz, conference treasurer and Hispanic coordinator. The baptisms were a result of reaping meetings featuring well-known evangelist Alejandro Bullón held throughout the Chesapeake territory. Elder Bullón is a native of Peru and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. Please pray for these new members and for the congregations that have embraced them.

**On December 1, the conference evangelism committee voted \$300,000** for evangelism in 2012 according to Kleyton Feitosa, executive secretary and conference evangelism coordinator.

**Roosevelt Marsden** has accepted the invitation of the Atholton church in Columbia, Maryland, to serve as associate pastor. Elder Marsden has been the pastor of the Pikesville International church in Pikesville, Maryland, for the past 17 years. He will transition to Atholton sometime this month.

**Locally Funded Employees training** took place last month to help pastors, principals, school board chairs, and church and school treasurers learn how to handle payroll as the conference phases out "courtesy payroll" in 2012. Churches and schools that have employees that receive any kind of compensation can listen to the training webinar, download the PowerPoint presentation and download forms at ccosda.org. Go to the Administration tab, select Secretariat, and then select Human Resources to view pertinent information. Still have questions? Contact Jennifer Stefan at (410) 995-1910, or email jstefan@ccosda.org.

**Members who are federal employees** have an opportunity now through December 15 to contribute to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Bi-weekly or annual contributions can be made by filling out the CFC form using the ADRA code number 10654. It is a way to participate in the CFC and contribute to the Seventh-day Adventist Church's global humanitarian outreach for community development and disaster recovery. For information, visit adra.org, or call (800) 424-2372.

**December Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:**

Date	Sunset	Offering
December 3	4:43	Local Church Budget
December 10	4:43	Inner City Ministries/World Budget
December 17	4:44	Local Church Budget
December 24	4:46	Chesapeake Advance
December 31	4:51	NAD Outreach Project

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.