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newsletter &amp; ministry of the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Mistaken Identity

PASTOR ALBERT HANDAL

As I'm sure you can imagine, things get a little hazy when you're tired and overheated. I was very much both of those, and it seemed that "hazy" was a gross understatement. It was around this time of year in 2009, during a heat wave not unlike this one, that found me on my bike without any idea where I was. I was at least aware that I was out in the lumpy back country towards the Alabama border trying to finish up a long training ride, but I had no idea how to get back to Calhoun.

I'd made a wrong turn somewhere but I wasn't sure where. Hardly any of the roads had identifying names posted, and judging from the appearance of all the homes I passed, it seemed like there'd been a sale on those signs that say "Don't worry about the dog, beware of master." At this point, I was already 4 hours into the ride, and I was out of water and definitely out of patience.

As I rounded one last corner before giving up, I came across an elderly man working on



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his combine tractor next to the road. As my bike rolled to a stop, he looked at me with a look I'm sure would be no different were I to be alighting from a purple spaceship. In short spittled phrases I asked him if I was anywhere near highway 136. He shook his head and offered nothing more than a completely unhelpful "nope." The awkwardness was obvious. The macho disparity

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was even more conspicuous. He was wearing a cowboy hat and working on his tractor, I was joyriding in overly tight spandex. Before I could bleep another question, he asked “Aren’t you that guy that’s biking the Tour de France?”

“Who, Lance Armstrong?” I asked.

“Yeah. Is that you?”

I searched his face for a hint of teasing, there was none. This guy was dead serious. He literally thought I was Lance Armstrong, as in THE Lance Armstrong.

Suddenly I felt much less fatigued. My shoulders broadened, my chest puffed several inches, and I’m pretty sure my voice dropped perceptively lower as I leaned forward and said with a casual air of a newly recognized world champion, “Nah, that’s not me.”

Without missing a beat, the old codger pointed up the road and said “Well, if you turn left on Old Federal Holler and go ‘bout 10 miles you’ll hit 136,” and then he turned his back to me and his attention back to the tractor. Our conversation was over, but the effects were lasting.

I had been mistaken for a world champion seven-time Tour de France winner.

I suddenly felt a new wave of energy in my legs. If I’d had a Sharpie marker with me I would have offered to autograph his cowboy hat. I was hot stuff. I had been mistaken for a champion.

It can be quite flattering to be mistaken for somebody else—a politician, a celebrity, a sports star, or maybe even a super model.

Personally, I’d prefer to be mistaken for a

super model rather than a politician, but that’s just me. But why do we like to be mistaken at all? What about this sort of thing makes us feel so grand? Even more importantly, were you aware that the Bible itself commands us to be mistaken for somebody else? Well, not just anybody else.

The Bible says in Leviticus, “I am the LORD your God; therefore consecrate yourselves and



be holy, because I am holy.” God calls us to affect the people around us with very boldness of God almighty. In fact, in Acts 4, the Bible says, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were common men, they were astonished, and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.”

That’s the kind of reflection God desires from each of us. God calls each of us, in our homes, in our jobs, in our play, to point people’s attention to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# PRAYER FAMILIES

## JULY 31 - AUGUST 6

1. Jim & Katie Bartlett and family
2. Jean Cameron
3. Bryan & LaShay Dawkins
4. David & Wanda Gal
5. Craig & Kimi Hadley
6. Anthony & Teresa Hodgkins and family
7. Ed & Carol Krincek and family
8. Gary & Gayle Moore
9. Brian & Kristin Rabuka
10. Joe & Cady Schulman and family



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## AUGUST 7-13

1. Tony & Donna Baumann and family
2. Elizabeth Cargile
3. Charisse Roberts de Lima and family
4. Henry & Diane Hodgkins
5. Jamie Krincek
6. Jerica Moore
7. Mickey & Gena Rabuka
8. Bill & Debie Schutter & family
9. Alexandra Scott
10. Parker & Monica Tarvin
11. John & Jeanette Teehee
12. Rick & Debi Williams and family

## AUGUST 14-20

1. Burton & Kathy Becker
2. Greg & Charli Cargile
3. Kathy Dean
4. Donald & Mary Jane Gatten
5. Nathan Hodgkins
6. Jodi Kuhlman and family
7. Travis Moore
8. Rosa Rachels
9. Derek Schutter
10. Jessica Scott
11. Jesse Teehee
12. David & Judy Willis

## AUGUST 21-27

1. Marie Bennett
2. Eldon & Sharlene Carman
3. Scott & Melissa De Ark and family
4. Brittney Geary
5. Dan & Colleen Hogan
6. Kevin Kurzynske
7. Michael & Dawn Morgan and family
8. Dominec Rameriz, Jr.
9. Harvey & Ardith Scott
10. Rich & Lola Taylor and family
11. Justin Teehee
12. Joan Willis

## AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3

1. Trey & Jessie Bentley and family
2. Dale & April Carpenter and family
3. Art & Sharon DeCamp
4. David Geary
5. Bryan & Annette Holden and family
6. John Ladage
7. Darla Morgan and family
8. Mike Rameriz, Jr.
9. David & Thy Self and family
10. Chris Shadix
11. Joel Willis

## NEW MEMBERS



Paul & Patsy Coleman

Paul and Patsy Coleman are transferring to Calhoun from the Cartersville Church. Paul enjoys baseball, fishing and deerhunting. Patsy enjoys flower gardening and arranging flowers and also learning more about Jesus.

Enlarging *His*  
Circle of Love



## Quinoa and Black Beans

By: 3LIONCUBS | allrecipes.com

*"Very flavorful alternative to black beans and rice. Quinoa is a nutty grain from South America."*

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 3/4 cup uncooked quinoa
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 2 (15 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

### Directions

1. Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the onion and garlic, and saute until lightly browned.
2. Mix quinoa into the saucepan and cover with vegetable broth. Season with cumin, cayenne pepper, salt, and pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes,
3. Stir frozen corn into the saucepan, and continue to simmer about 5 minutes until heated through. Mix in the black beans and cilantro.

## THE CORKBOARD

**BABY SHOWER:** You are invited to a baby shower for Angela Maehre on Sunday, August 28, at 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. She especially needs newborn clothes and diapers.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Vernon Chin and family who lost his father July 13 in Toronto, Canada.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Katelyn Stearns and Justin Sharp who were married at the Calhoun Adventist Church on July 10. They are residing in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Becky Riggs and Christopher Lau who were married in the Calhoun Adventist Church on June 26. Becky and Chris are living in College Park, Washington.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jason & Terri Everts on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, born August 2. She weighed 7 lb. 3 oz and was 19 ½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Robert & Sandy Holland and Jan Everts.

**AT PEACE HOSPICE CARE** is partnering with compassionate people who have open hearts and are willing to help us keep a promise made to each of our patients: "You Are Not Alone!" For more information, call At Peace Hospice Care at 706-602-4975 or email Tim at [troberts@atpeacehospicecare.com](mailto:troberts@atpeacehospicecare.com). "As you have done it unto the least of these..." Jesus

**MATTRESS NEEDED:** If you have a double-size mattress you can donate to a church family in need, please call 706-629-9811. Yes, we might find one at a thrift store, but we want to try for a "clean" one. Thanks!

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath, 2 car garage home for rent at 456 Sunset Drive. Please call 706-624-9351 if interested.

**ROOM FOR RENT:** Gentleman has a room to rent. Call Carlo Jean-Francois at 706-508-7859.

**LOOKING FOR WORK:** Would like to sit with the elderly. Has years of experience and will provide references. Please call 706-629-8402 and ask for Sandra Hensley.

**CHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP** will take place at our church Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 21. See poster on church bulletin board. We are looking for individuals who can volunteer a bedroom(s) for the CHIP trainers and trainees. Please call Carole Huddleston at 678-986-1166 if you are willing to help with lodging.

**DISASTER RESPONSE:** When disaster strikes, do you know what to do? Would you like to know how you can help? If you are interested in making a difference for your family, church, and community, plan to attend the Disaster Response Training Weekend at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference office (Calhoun, GA). The training will be Sabbath afternoon, Aug 27, (2-6pm) and Sunday, Aug 28, (8:30am- 5:30pm). Cost is \$9 for each day or \$15 for the whole weekend. Spacing allows for only

100 participants, so make your reservations now. Call Caryn Payne at 800.567.1844 (ext 340).

**QUIET HOUR MINISTRIES** presents "Music with a Mission" with Pastor Joedy & Judy Melashenko. For more than 5 decades, audiences all over the world have been blessed by the music and preaching ministries of the Melashenkos and their work with Quiet Hour Ministries and The Voice of Prophecy. The Collegedale Community Church is pleased to announce a special Sabbath Evening Vespers Concert featuring the Pastor Joedy & Judy Melashenko. Joedy & Judy are Directors of Youth Ministries for "Quiet Hour Ministries" and returned just a few weeks ago from Fiji with a large group of students and staff from Collegedale Academy. Many of them will join Joedy & Judy for this special Vespers program. Your hearts will be lifted heavenward and your souls refreshed as you hear rich, smooth harmonies, personal testimonies and front-line mission reports.

**WHEN:** Saturday Night, August 13 at 7 pm

**WHERE:** Collegedale Community SDA Church.

Bring a friend and be doubly blessed!

#### **SUNBELT COHUTTA SPRINGS TRIATHLON:**

Get ready for the 28<sup>th</sup> year of this annual event, sponsored by Southern Adventist University. The race is on October 2, 2011, beginning at 12:30pm at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. For more information, visit [southerntriathlon.com](http://southerntriathlon.com) or register online at [active.com](http://active.com).

# Welcome!

SABBATH, AUGUST 13, we will have ONE SERVICE only. For his first Sabbath here Pastor Gary Rustad will lead out in a blessing for all teachers and students that are present. This will be a high Sabbath! You will want to make sure you are here to welcome Pastor Gary and his family.

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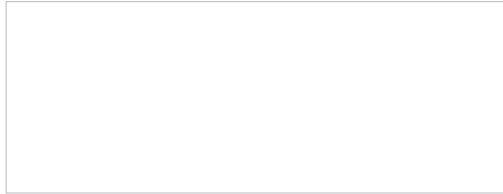
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