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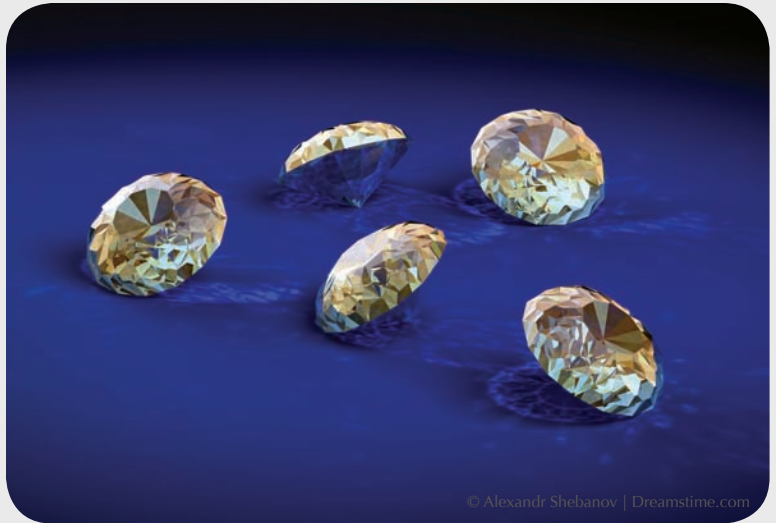
newsletter &amp; ministry of the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Diamonds for God

PASTOR GARY RUSTAD

While walking through the mall a few weeks ago, I came across this quote plastered over an unoccupied space: "A diamond is a piece of coal that stuck to its job." That got my mind thinking about Calhoun and the great opportunities that exist in this community. Opportunities both to be a diamond and find those diamonds in the rough right around us in our neighbors, our co-workers, those at the store, the gym, the outlets, all waiting to be transformed by Christ.

With those souls in mind, I want to share with you a little about the community you live in, and one that myself, Denise, Ava, and Elayna are so excited to be joining. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference provides for their pastors a program that allows us to get to know the community better, called Link2lead. There I can find all sorts of info about the community and can specifically decide how big of an area to research. I chose a 9.5 mile radius around the church and this is what I found. In these 9.5 miles there are 57,154



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individuals as of the 2010 census. Sixty-four percent of those are married and the average age is 35.6, 2 years below the national average of 37.6.

Yet it wasn't those numbers that got me thinking. Sure, if you took the 800-plus members in the directory, that would mean we would each need to meet about 70 individuals per person to reach them all, but it is more than that that got me thinking.

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What made me realize the opportunity we have here was in the section with the question; which household concerns are unusually high in the area? The answer really made me stop, think, and pray. It said this; "Concerns which are likely to exceed the national average include; Adequate Food, Finding a Good Church, Finding Spiritual Teaching, Problems in Schools, Teen/Child Problems and Divorce." It continued; "As and overall category, concerns related to Personal/Spiritual are the most significant based upon the total number of households and comparison to national averages."

Brothers and sisters, that is why we are here! That is why I am excited to see what is going to

continue to happen as the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church members—you and me—let the Lord lead and follow His example. It is not only going to take each one going to God and asking Him to show you what job in the field He would have you doing. It will also be about what we do together that will make the difference. I love how 1 Corinthians 12:12 puts it, "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

Brothers and sisters, my prayer is that when Christ looks at the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church He sees in the members here, men and women, diamonds for Him, who stuck to our job.

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and has many members,  
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# PRAYER FAMILIES

## OCTOBER 2-8

1. B.J. Bishop
2. Jeffrey & April Carter
3. Gilbert De Ark
4. Roger Dingleline
5. Jan & Joyce Gibson
6. Paul & Patti Hoover
7. Philip & Veronica Mura and family
8. Alan & Janet Reeves
9. Jeremy Sharp
10. Rebecca Theus
11. Debbie Wright

## OCTOBER 16-22

1. Joseph Bishop
2. Wanda Cavins
3. Joan Dodd
4. Martha Glennie
5. Cherie Hopkins
6. Joe & Ashleigh Langshaw and family
7. Patti Muriel
8. Jennifer Reinhardt and family
9. Scott & Michal Shaw
10. Melanie Thomas
11. Jonathan & Leslie Wurl and family

## OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5

1. Janice Bolt
2. Gary & Martha Chamlee and family
3. Joe Dortch and family
4. Justin Goggans
5. Amanda Huddleston
6. Daniel & Donna Murray
7. Tom Reynolds
8. Jeff Sheldon
9. David & Vikki Thompson
10. Brandi Walker
11. Paul & Corrie Wutka and family

## OCTOBER 9-15

1. David & Carla Bishop and family
2. Emily Case
3. Helen Dinsmore
4. Carolina Girven
5. Philip Hoover
6. Tony & Melanie Land and family
7. Monica Muriel
8. Bobby & Joy Reeves and family
9. Walter & Nancy Sharp
10. Wil & Renee Theus and family
11. Ray & Susan Wright

## OCTOBER 23-29

1. Wilber & Patti Bishop
2. Bill & Connie Caylor
3. Greg & Nina Dortch
4. Mary Gauvin
5. Gary & Lori Goggans
6. Rex Howard
7. Larry & Eloisa Langston
8. David & Vanessa Murphy and family
9. Ben Sheldon
10. Warren & Glenda Thomas
11. Sonny & Margie Wurl



## NEW MEMBERS



Kent & Joan Van Arsdell

Kent and Joan are transferring from the Knoxville First Church in Knoxville, TN. Kent is a physician with Northwest Georgia Medical Group. He enjoys computers and gardening. Joan has been doing volunteer work helping to get our church library organized. She enjoys reading and tennis. Their son, Lane, is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Coble Elementary.

# Enlarging *His* Circle of Love

## TASTY TREAT



### Tomato Cucumber Salad

By: Sowmya | [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

*"A simple, refreshing salad that accompanies any type of food."*

#### Ingredients

- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cucumber, peeled and diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- salt to taste
- ground black pepper to taste

#### Directions

1. Combine tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions in a salad bowl. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Chill.

# Gordon County Hunger Walk 2011

With our economy as it presently is, many people are struggling to provide the basic necessities for their families. The Calhoun-Gordon county ministerial association is sponsoring a hunger walk to raise money for the three main area food banks in Gordon County: Voluntary Action Center (VAC) Food Center, Seventh-day Adventist Church Food Bank, and Blewer Food Bank. All monies raised will remain in Gordon County. Churches of all denominations in the city of Calhoun and the surrounding areas of Gordon County will be working to help our friends and neighbors in need. Businesses, civic organizations and individuals are also invited to participate.

On Sunday, October 23, 2011, congregations throughout our county will walk together to raise awareness of this local hunger problem and to help alleviate hunger for families in need. The walk will be held at the Calhoun Recreation Center on River Street at 2:00 PM. Please park in the newer parking lot off McDaniel Station Road. Registration will be



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near the walking bridge that connects the areas of the Calhoun Recreation Center. The sponsors hope that this will be a family event with children, youth, adults, and senior citizens participating. The walk route is accessible by baby strollers and wheelchairs. The walk length will range from .5 Kto 3 K. Depending on the length of the walk chosen, the participant could walk over the paved road and on to a grassy and graveled trail.

If you would like additional information, please contact Father Louis Tonsmeire of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (706-629-1056) or Rosellen Bums from New Echota United Methodist Church (706-629 -2445).

# THE CORKBOARD

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Join fellow believers for a relaxing and invigorating weekend at Cohutta Springs. Guest speaker is Jerry Arnold, senior pastor at Collegedale Community SDA Church - "Burning Within While Time Burns Out". There will be seminars and outdoor activities. A great weekend is being planned so check it out!!

[www.gccsda.com/events](http://www.gccsda.com/events)

**MARRIAGE RETREAT:** Hurry! You don't want to miss the registration deadline October 13 for the "Enduring Love" marriage retreat November 11-13 at Winshape in Rome, GA. Dynamic guest speakers, Claudio & Pamela Consuegra, Family Ministry directors of the North American Division will give you and your spouse the tools to build a strong enduring relationship. Download the brochure at [www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com) or email Donna Crandall at [dcrandall@gccsda.com](mailto:dcrandall@gccsda.com) for more information.

**HAITI FUND-RAISERYARD SALE:** Sunday, October 2, at the church from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please be saving your items for us and plan to come and support our members who want to go to Haiti in October! The GCA Soccer Team will also be doing a car wash.

**BEL CANTO YARD SALE** Sunday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church.

**SENIOR SISTERS YARD SALE** Sunday, October 30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. For more information or to give donations call 706-602-9399

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR PASTOR ALBERT AND ALLI** will be October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will have a potluck supper. Please take time to sign the Georgia book at the kiosk.

You are invited to a **WEDDING SHOWER** for Shaunda Helm and David McNeil on Sunday, October 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Amazon.com and REI.

## ADDRESS UPDATES:

Kent & Joan Van Arsdell  
271 Switch Rd  
Calhoun, GA 30701  
865-659-9020

## October Preaching Schedule

Oct. 1	Gary Rustad
Oct. 8	Albert Handal
Oct. 15	Gary Rustad
Oct. 22	Gary Rustad
Oct. 29	Gary Rustad

# Inductive Bible Teaching Seminar

To be presented by Pastor Bill Liversidge with an emphasis on Christ's Righteousness

Do you want to learn how to teach God's Word through the self-discovery method? Do you want to develop the ability to bring the Good News out of every passage of Scripture? Do you want to be able to lead people to experience the beauty and power of God's Word? Would you like to see the Word unfold and discovery and conviction take place when you study the Bible? Please plan to attend the Inductive Bible Teaching Seminar.

The seminar is a three day, intensive teaching seminar emphasizes the development of a dynamic teaching style that stimulates participation and discovery. Students and teachers will cultivate interactive questioning skills and learn how to let the Bible provide its own interpretation so that the message of Christ's righteousness shines through in every passage.

The weekend is October 21-23, 2011; Friday night starting at 7pm. The location is Georgia Cumberland Conference at 255 Conference Dr., Calhoun GA 30701. There will be a fee of \$100/participant but all are welcome. Please sign up with Lorraine Self. Phone #'s (h) 706-232-6754 (c)770-548-7221; email: lorraineself1@hotmail.com

## Elementary Band/ Strings Festival

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference Elementary Band/Strings Festival is scheduled for Feb. 16-17, 2012 at GCA. Instructions for registration follow.

**Band students:** Students in grades 5-8 (including home school students) who play a band instrument are invited to participate in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Elementary Band/Strings Festival. Please register and order music by January 2, 2012. To register, please contact Brigett Pangkey at GCA - 706-629-4591 ext. 4016, email - bpangkey@gccsda.org. To order music, please contact Mark Torsney at GCA - 706-629-4591 ext. 4026, email - mtorsney@gccsda.org.

**Strings students:** Students in grades 5-10 (including home school students) who play a string instrument (violin 1, violin 2, viola, cello, string bass, or harp) are invited to participate in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Elementary Band/Strings Festival. Please register and order music by January 2, 2012. To register, please contact Brigett Pangkey at GCA - 706-629-4591 ext. 4016, email - bpangkey@gccsda.org. To order music, please contact Debbie Anderson at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference - 706-629-7951 ext. 371, email - debanderson@gccsda.org.



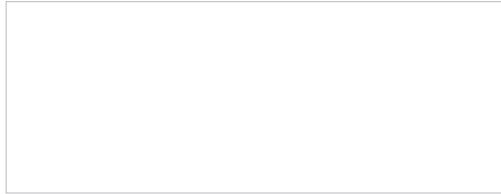
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## Calhoun Church Calendar

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