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It's Beginning to Rain

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On Thursday Jan 3, 2012 on page 9a of the USA Today there was an article titled "God, religion, atheism, SO WHAT? That's what many say." As you can imagine, that caught my attention. I began to read the article and came across these survey results.

- "44% told the 2011 Baylor University Religion Survey they spend no time seeking 'eternal wisdom' and 19% said, 'It's useless to search for meaning.'"
- "46% told a 2011 survey...they never wonder whether they will go to heaven."

This USA Today article was written just 3 days after the New Year! Surely the paper could have waited for a few months for those who have made their New Years Resolutions to have time

to follow through with them. That is like saying to a person trying to lose weight just 3 days after they start. The odds are against you, you will fail, nobody has any faith in you!



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Yet, despite the bad timing, I look at the results of these surveys and shake my head. You see, this is the world we are called to reach in 2012. This is the world Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:12, "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."

Brothers and sisters it is not only winter outside. I am afraid that many have a winter going on inside also.

Yet there is good news, there is a hope. You see something follows winter... spring. Deuteronomy 11:14 speaks about what happens in spring



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when it says, “I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains so that you may gather.”

A gathering time follows the winter. A gathering time is going to happen soon. Jesus spoke of that day many times when He was on this earth. The challenge for us now is to pray for the rain. If we want winter to end, if we want the results of our surveys to come out differently, we can't sit inside like so many do at winter. We must get outside and get moving!

This year we plan on moving at the Calhoun Church and each one of you is invited to be part. This is one reason we started the year out with

10 days of prayer and we won't stop there! We want the rain of the Holy Spirit to begin now and start coming down harder and harder until the communities of Calhoun, Rome, Adairsville, and all the other surrounding cities experience growth as individuals and as families.

In speaking of Elijah, the book of James speaks about the rain that came in his day. I believe that the same things will be said about the latter rain. “And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced fruit.”

May the words of the song be true for Calhoun in 2012: “It's Beginning to Rain.”

PRAYER FAMILIES

JANUARY 1-7

1. Devin & Katie Adams and family
2. Britni Brannon
3. Shaina Clough
4. Rosita Dvorak
5. Jim & Stella Gregory
6. Melvin Huss
7. Melanie Lee
8. Jerica Moore
9. Brian & Therese Randall
10. Abe & Liz Sendros and family
11. William & Amy Terry and family
12. Debbie Wright

JANUARY 15-21

1. Michael Adams
2. Polly Brannon
3. Megan Coble
4. Marc & Carol Dyke
5. James Gurtner
6. George & Esther Ivascu
7. Bill & Pat Lewis
8. Travis Moore
9. Tim & Susan Reeve and family
10. Steven Shadix
11. Will & Renee Theus and family
12. Jonathan & Leslie Wurl and family

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4

1. Todd & Beth Adams
2. Earle & Fran Brewer
3. Rianne Coble
4. Jaely Cruz
5. Craig & Kimi Hadley
6. Donna Jarrett
7. Josh Litchfield
8. Michael & Dawn Morgan and family
9. Bobby & Joy Reeves and family
10. Jeremy Sharp
11. Warren & Glenda Thomas
12. Paul & Corrie Wutka and family

JANUARY 8-14

1. Marvin & Lila Adams
2. David & Cheryl Brannon
3. Hal & Jennifer Coble
4. Jonathon Dyke
5. Becky Grobes and family
6. Sara Ingram and family
7. Jimmy & Nicole Lehman and family
8. Justin & Megan Moore
9. Lemmy Recinos
10. Chris Shadix
11. Deborah Theus and family
12. Ray & Susan Wright

JANUARY 22-28

1. Tim & Jane Adams and family
2. Roy & Eleanor Bramblett
3. Molly Coble
4. Steve & Ester Dyrda
5. Jim & Claudia Gurtner and family
6. Lauren & Aimee Ivascu and family
7. Clifford & Amelia Lipscomb and family
8. Darla Morgan and family
9. Alan & Janet Reeves
10. Tony & Bonnie Shadix
11. Melanie Thomas
12. Sonny & Margie Wurl



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NEW MEMBERS

Lamar and Lori Anderson

Lamar and Lori Anderson are transferring to the Calhoun Church from Tallahassee First Church, Tallahassee, Florida. They have 2 children, Kalen and Cody, and Lori homeschools them.



Gary and Denise Rustad

Gary and Denise Rustad are transferring from the Auburn, Georgia church. Gary enjoys sports and legos. Denise, a teacher, is currently staying at home with their girls, Ava and Elayna. We are happy to have Gary as our new senior pastor.

Abe and Liz Sendros

Abe and Liz Sendros are transferring from Westminster, Maryland. Abe works in sales and Liz in an RN. Abe enjoys woodworking and metal work. Liz enjoys cooking and reading. They have 2 children, Sara and Emily.



Enlarging *His* Circle of Love

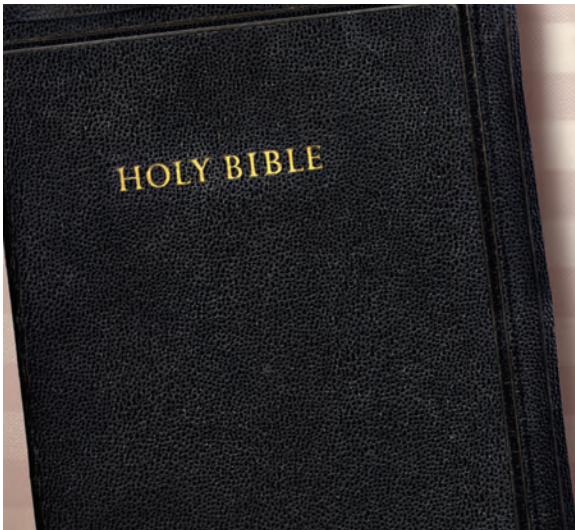
THE CORKBOARD

COBLE SCHOOL FRUIT AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY are Florida navels, ruby red grapefruit, honeybells and variety pack. The order deadline is January 6. Pick-up date is January 19 at Coble Elementary. To place an order call the school at 706.629.1578 or the fruit line at 706.629.2203. Thank you for supporting Coble!

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT, February 3-5, 2012 at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. Come experience the outdoors, new friends and activities. Take this opportunity to step out of your day-to-day routine and listen to God's voice, relax and be refreshed! This event is open to all Adventist students, grades 9-12, not attending Adventist schools. Registration deadline is Monday, January 30. Register online at www.registration.gccsda.com or contact Alyse at 800.567.1844, ext. 346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

YOUNG ADULT - LIFE GROUP EXPERIENCE, February 3-5, 2012. Come join other young adults who are want to reach their peers for Christ. Come experience Life Group ministry, enjoy great food, new friends & beautiful Cohutta Springs. Watch for more information in early January.

PRAYER CONFERENCE 2012: Come and learn and be inspired as we focus on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit! You will gain brand new insights into this mysterious but profound third person of the Godhead. There is no greater time than now when we need to understand His ministry, His place in our Christian experience, in our lives, our families, and in our churches! February 17-19 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. For more information see the church bulletin board. Register online at www.registration.gccsda.com or pick up a registration form at the kiosk.



Preaching Schedule

January 7	Gary Rustad
January 14	Tony Baumann
January 21	Dick Miller
January 28	Warren Thomas

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Mark Your Calendar

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

January 7 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary



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NAD HEALTH SUMMIT: January 27-February 5, 2012, Orlando Florida. This summit of courses is designed for health leaders and individuals wanting to share evidenced-based holistic health programs which will enable them to effectively present life changing elements for abundant living. If you want your congregation's health ministry to be relevant and able to address current health issues, you will want to attend! REGISTER today at www.nadhealthsummit.com or call 1.800.732.7587. See booklet of schedule and presenters at the kiosk.

TEN DAYS OF PRAYER: Unite with us in prayer at the church each evening at 7 p.m. beginning December 31 and ending January 9 during our "Ten Days of Prayer."

BACK PACK BUDDIES PACKING PARTY on January 7 at 5 p.m. Please come and support the effort at the Coble Elementary School gym. Call Sandy Benton at 706.483.5554 if you have any questions.

HOME REPAIRS: For all your home repair needs call 706.766.8129.

CHRISTINA'S CLEANING SERVICE: No time to clean yourhouse? Call 706.218.7806. Residence and office cleaning. Closetorganization. Ask about green cleaning. References upon request.

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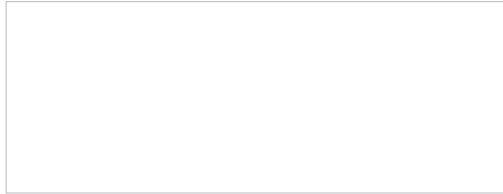
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