“Angels from heaven stand by the side of all who do service in leading souls to Christ. Those who unite heart and soul in the work of God will be prepared to work in Christ’s lines. With humble, devoted reverence they will labor on the right hand and on the left, using their God-given capabilities to save their fellow men. With singing and praise and thanksgiving they rejoice with God and the heavenly host as they see souls uplifted and helped” (*Southern Watchman*, Oct. 9, 1901).

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**Keeping Your Wood Floor’s Natural Shine**

Wood floors are a beloved part of a home, and are also a great investment that can boost your home’s value by up to $10,000, according to the Hardwood Information Center.

The wood care experts who make Murphy Oil Soap have some advice on how to keep your floors looking shiny and beautiful.

The first key to maintaining your wood floors is to know what type of finish you have.

Most wood floors installed after the 1960s are finished with polyurethane, which hardens into layers of solid plastic sheets on the surface of the wood.

To find out, scratch the surface of the wood with a coin in an inconspicuous area. If the finish flakes off, a finish like varnish or shellac was probably used. If you think you have wax floors, apply a few drops of water and wait 10 minutes. If white spots appear under the droplets, then your floor has a wax finish.

For polyurethane-finished floors, use a cleaner like Murphy Oil Soap for cleaning. To give your floors the best shine, make sure you follow diluting directions properly when using the concentrated version of Murphy Oil Soap.—**Courtesy ARAContent.**

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**Spring Comes With “The Victory Garden”**

Visit Hagerstown Community College on Sunday, March 14, when the Alumni Association will present the tristate area’s largest and most extensive floral event, the 16th annual Flower and Garden Show, at the college’s Athletic, Recreation, and Community Center. This year’s theme is “The Victory Garden.”

The event will be held on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A variety of vendors will take part in the show, named as one of the area’s premier events. Show participants include experts in nurseries, lawn and garden equipment, pottery and statuary, landscaping, tree services, stone products, pools, spas, outdoor furniture, florists, wild bird products, and natural gourmet gifts from the garden.

Seminars and demonstrations on a variety of gardening topics will be held continuously throughout both days of the event. In addition, area garden clubs will set up displays, and quilt raffles will be held. Visitors are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy the gardening and activity area for kids. Lunch and snacks will be available at the Garden Café.

Admission is $4 for adults and free for children under 12. Proceeds benefit the HCC Alumni Association.

For additional information, contact Lisa Stewart at 301-790-2800, ext. 346, or via e-mail at stewartl@hagerstowncc.edu.
For Your Calendar

Chapel Programs

March
8 Dick Thomas
15 Adrian Pressley and prayer emphasis
22 HVA Highlanders
29 Willie Oliver

Sunset in Hagerstown

March
5 6:07 p.m.
12 6:15 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time—spring forward on March 14!
This is a good time to put fresh batteries in your smoke detector, too.
19 7:22 p.m.
26 7:29 p.m.

2010 Holidays

Memorial Day—Monday, May 31
Independence Day—Monday, July 5
Labor Day—Monday, September 6
Thanksgiving—Thursday, November 25*
Christmas—Monday, December 27

*Workdays for the week of Thanksgiving are Sunday, November 21, through Tuesday, November 23.

Sabbath Sundown Serenade

Invite your neighbors to our Sabbath Sundown Serenade at the Hagerstown SDA Church. The concert begins at 5:30 p.m., on March 6, offering music by Ron and Jeri Pride and their children. The exceptional talent this family has will provide blessings to all. The church is located at 11507 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

2010 Class Play Fund-raiser

Please join Highland View Academy for our 2010 senior class play, Males Order Brides on Saturday night, March 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Highland View Academy gymnasium. You’ll enjoy a great family night and support the class of 2010. A silent auction will be held, and refreshments will be sold. Please contact a senior for tickets or call the school at 301-739-8480.

Need a Massage?

Did you know that the Adventist Risk Management health-care plan covers massage therapy? Tarah Benton, L.M.T., is a licensed and nationally certified massage therapist, and is now accepting clients with ARM health plan coverage. If you would like to book an appointment and take advantage of your ARM coverage, just bring your insurance card with you on your first visit, and Tarah will do the rest. There’s no waiting for reimbursement, and only a small co-pay is due at the time of service. Session lengths and co-pay costs are as follows: 30 minutes, $8; 60 minutes, $15. A total of 30 visits per plan period is allowed. This means that an average of two to three sessions per month are covered. The new plan period began January 1, 2010. Call Tarah Benton at 301-824-4568 for more information or to book an appointment. Conveniently located in Hagerstown, next to the campus of Highland View Academy.

Steve Hamous Is Famous!

The Guide and Real magazine staff wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Steve Hamous. His suggestion to name Guide’s new outreach magazine Real was a winner! What can be of greater value than to make Jesus real to children who don’t know Him? Thanks much, Steve!

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling Fund-raiser

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washington County has scheduled its annual bowling fund-raiser for Sunday, April 18. If you would like to participate in this special event, please contact Dave Griffiths at ext. 4065.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Review and Herald on Tuesday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call Human Resources at ext. 4015 or ext. 4025 to set up your appointment to give the gift of life.

Prayer Requests

Our Prayer in Action Council is sharing public prayer requests onscreen in our Monday morning chapel programs. To keep our prayer list current, we encourage regular updates about your requests. Requests will be removed from the list after one month unless updates are provided. If your request is removed and not resolved, please submit it again. Share your requests and updates in the prayer boxes or contact Iris Shull at ext. 4005 or ishull@rhpa.org. Answers to our prayers bring encouragement and blessings to us all.
Marketplace

**For sale:** Tom Tom 4.3-inch widescreen GPS unit, complete with window suction mount and hardcover carrying case, less than 1 year old and like brand-new, reg. price, $179.99, asking just $80 (firm), cash or check; Graco Easy Chair padded high chair, like-new condition, great for family with new baby or for grandparents with new grandbaby, reg. price, $49.95, asking just $20 (firm), cash or check; Eddie Bauer high-back booster car seat for children 22 to 80 pounds, like brand-new in box, great buy for parents or grandparents, reg. price $135, asking just $60 (firm), cash or check. Contact Dennis at ext. 3230 or e-mail: dlagsa1@aol.com.

**For sale or rent:** 5-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath brick Colonial in Boonsboro off Rt. 40 (great commuter route), includes all bells and whistles, 1.5-acre lot with large playset, 2 miles from MAAES and HVA, available immediately, asking $1,995 per month. Call Kim or Joe at 301-766-0367 or 301-302-5160.

**Free:** 4-foot fluorescent lightbulbs with good life, large supply, could be used in a garage or shop. See Brian or Robin in Plant Services.

Homeschool Companion Program Schedule

A couple of weeks ago the Web site for Life Talk, which hosts *Homeschool Companion*, started experiencing some technical difficulties. Many of you who routinely listen through audio streaming have had to listen at www.live365.com. We apologize for the secular advertisements and will soon have our new site up and operational.

Enjoy these *Homeschool Companion* programs during March:

- **3-10-10 “A Teacher’s Story”:** How does a teacher cope with the death of a student? Learn lessons of hope and joy from a heart-breaking experience. Guest: Pat Giese, associate superintendent for the Southern New England Conference. She has served at Toledo Junior Academy and Blue Mountain Elementary during the past 33 years as a principal/teacher.

- **3-17-10 “A Kid’s View of Literature”:** What’s so important about having your child read religious literature? Guest: Wilona Karimabad, marketing and editorial director for *KidsView*, a magazine for kids ages 8-12. She’s currently working on a master’s degree at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

- **3-24-10 “Ride for a Reason”:** What does a motorcycle have to do with a healthy lifestyle? Our guest is Bob Sparenberg, who founded the De Coster’s Kids Program in 1980. Pastor Bob will explain their exciting presentation of freestyle motorcycle athleticism and their message.

- **3-31-10 “Debate Show: To Skip or Not to Skip?”** We will be discussing the overwhelming temptation to advance your child a grade if they do well with their schoolwork. After all, you don’t want them to be bored. Listen every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. EST on LifeTalk radio—www.lifetalk.net; or Saturdays, at 10:00 a.m. CT if you are in the KBHW 99.5 FM listening area.

Enjoy the following March Birthdays:

- 6 Oliver Gonzalez
- 8 Margie Tooley
- 14 Derek Knecht
- 14 Jan Schleifer
- 16 David Griffiths
- 19 Marjorie Chambers
- 20 Ken Schneider
- 22 Allen Alexander
- 22 Steve Hanson
- 22 Ginger Sayles
- 23 Marta Delgado
- 29 Debbie Schneider
- 30 Alejandra Rodriguez
- 31 Penny Rodriguez
- 31 Joshua White

“Those who have known the pardoning love of Christ and who really desire to be children of God, yet they realize that their character is imperfect, their life faulty, and they are ready to doubt whether their hearts have been renewed by the Holy Spirit. To such I would say, Do not draw back in despair. We shall often have to bow down and weep at the feet of Jesus because of our shortcomings and mistakes, but we are not to be discouraged. Even if we are overcome by the enemy, we are not cast off, not forsaken and rejected of God. No; Christ is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Said the beloved John, ‘These things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous’” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 64).
**New Product Highlights**

**Title:** Witness: A Fresh Look at the New Testament Church  

**Author:** Jack J. Blanco

_He died for them. They lived for Him._

No matter what happened—threats, beatings, stoning, exile, or imprisonment—the leaders of the infant Christian church were determined to take the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection to the entire world. That was their mission, their sole purpose in life.

In this fresh, unified narrative their stories and letters are arranged in chronological order—Luke’s account of the various missionary journeys interspersed with the letters the apostles wrote to the churches. Written in modern language and free from the disjointed interruption of chapter or verse, this is the message of God’s love for humanity and the astonishing power of that love to change lives.

**Title:** Broken Stick  

**Author:** Eileen E. Lantry

Norman Ferris stood his ground as a group of 40 or 50 Bellonese warriors held their spears high and thundered across the sacred beach toward him. He had come to this remote island to tell the devil worshippers about the one true God . . . and he wasn’t leaving until he did so.

Norman wasn’t afraid to die, and he wasn’t afraid to live, either. In 1927, fully aware of the dangers awaiting them, he and his wife, Ruby, sailed to the Solomon Islands only a year and a half after their marriage. Daunting trials and challenges would follow, but so would profound spiritual victories and miraculous answers to prayer.

Actually, this isn’t just the story of two courageous missionaries from Australia. This book is full of stories about the incredible power of God in the lives of all those who choose to follow Him because somebody loved them enough to tell them. Head-hunting devil priests included.

**Title:** Ossie the Otter  

**Author:** Kenneth C. Crawford

It was a rare and perfect Alaskan day. The air was peaceful, and the surface of the lake shimmered like a mirror. But Ossie, a baby river otter, barely noticed—he was on a mission.

Tag along with Ossie on his aquatic adventures as he encounters the rough and tumbling river, battles a hungry osprey, and makes friends with a beaver named Sage—all the while learning to survive in the Alaskan wilderness.

**Caribbean Cruise**

Spend seven days warming your soul on a Caribbean cruise! *Message* magazine offers a spiritual retreat onboard the *Carnival Valor* from February 20 to 27, 2011. Board the ship in Miami, Florida, then sail to Grand Cayman, Isla Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel, Mexico. Featured speakers include Willie and Elaine Oliver, of NAD Family Ministries; James Black, NAD Youth Ministries director; Carlton Byrd, who spoke during our fall 2009 Week of Spiritual Emphasis; our own Dwain Esmond, *Insight* editor; Washington Johnson, *Message* editor; and more. Register at adventisttravel.com or for more information call 615-760-5580 or e-mail: newarc@aol.com. Travel services are provided by Newarc Travel.