

**Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)**  
**Chesapeake Conference Chapter**  
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**Happy Birthday to:**

Trent Johnson, June 8  
Jim Cain, June 11  
Freddy Flores, June 23  
George Adams, June 28



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Chuck Hess, one of our members, has gone to Africa on an assignment. He returns 1/17/2007. He would enjoy getting mail: [chuckhess1040@netzero.com](mailto:chuckhess1040@netzero.com).

**Note from Our President, Annabelle**

◆ We would like to invite you to our **Upcoming Events:** Sabbath night vespers and an ice cream social on June 10; Picnic on Sunday, July 9; Singles Day at Prince Frederick SDA Church on August 12; the Adult Singles Retreat the weekend of September 22-24, 2006, and mission trip to Brazil the dates of October 19-30, 2006. Read about these and other events in our newsletter.

◆ **Janie Sutton's Baptism & Singles Day.** Close friends and family came to witness Janie's baptism on Sabbath, May 13. She really appreciated all the singles that came out to support her. She says, "I will be closer to my Savior now and that is where I want to be."

◆ **Spring Single Adult Retreat in April** We had a group of 40 from Maryland and Virginia. Our speakers were Pastor Steve Wall and Forest Randall. Forest made Jesus personal in his talks. Pastor Steve spoke on not being too serious. Here are some comments on the retreat. We liked the friendliness and fellowship, camaraderie, location, music, Sabbath afternoon activities, slide show, ice cream social, and reports from singles on what they are doing in their churches. A very special thank you to Dave Hittle who took photos at the retreat and the photos for the wedding of John and Laura. You may view these at: [www.potomacphoto.photorelect.com](http://www.potomacphoto.photorelect.com).

◆ **Volunteers Needed** Would you like to serve on the committee for the Adventist Single Adult Ministry? Do you have the time? We could sure use your help. We are looking for individuals who would like to plan, organize, and lead out a group on outings. We need help with our monthly newsletter. How about managing our soon-to-be web site? Do you have the skills we are looking for? Even if you don't, would you like to learn how you could help keep our organization running? We would love to hear from you.

◆ **New Singles Group** Arleen Melendez and Eunice Balague have begun a ministry for the singles in the New Jersey. For info on their group, write to Arleen: 780 River Avenue #39, Lakewood, NJ 08701.

## Calendar of Events

◆ **June 10, 2006, Vespers & Ice Cream Social**  
7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Chesapeake Conference  
6600 Martin Road, Columbia, MD 21044-9988

Please join us for vespers to close the Sabbath and an ice cream social. We'll meet in the lower level of the conference office. We'll provide the ice cream, and you can bring your favorite topping to share with us! Please r.s.v.p by calling Janet Lane.

**June 17, 2006, Potluck**  
**Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting**  
Highland View Academy, 10100 Academy Drive  
Hagerstown, MD 21740. Tel. 301-739-8480

Please bring something for potluck, which will be after church in lower level of the Nature Center of Mt. Aetna Retreat Center, 21905 Mt. Aetna Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742. Tel. 301-824-3149

◆ **June 24, 2006, Potluck**  
**Potomac Conference Camp Meeting**  
Shenandoah Valley Academy  
234 West Lee Highway, New Market, VA 22844  
Tel. 540-740-8583

Cynthia Carter invites us to her home for potluck after church. Please bring food to share. Here is her info:

XXX Battlefield Bluff Dr  
New Market, VA 22844  
[ccarter@velocitus.net](mailto:ccarter@velocitus.net)

Directions: Go past the academy away from I-81 right on Plains Mill Rd (just after the admin building at SVA--towards the airport) right immediately past the bridge onto River Rd. Stay right at the fork in the road. The road winds around some; stay with it. Right on Jiggady Rd. Right on Battlefield Bluff Dr. Right into our driveway about 3/4 miles on BB drive: a light gray vinyl siding house with 2-car garage set back from the road.

◆ **July 9, 2006, Picnic**  
Meet at Cunningham Falls State Park at 1:00 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming, and what you will be bringing. Afterwards, join us for some fun, for a game of volleyball. Best female and male player get a door prize! Contact either Janet Lane or Annabelle Randall:  
[RandallA@gc.adventist.org](mailto:RandallA@gc.adventist.org),

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◆ **August 12, Singles Day**  
**Prince Frederick Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
3705 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676

Phaon Beck and Jean Burdsall are hosting the Singles Day at their church. Enjoy a fellowship dinner after services with the church family. In the afternoon, visit the Calvert Marine Museum, including a tour of the Lighthouse or visit the Cypress Swamp area. Meet back at the church for vespers and supper. Please bring food to share.

It is approximately 55 minutes once you're on Penn Avenue/Route 4 East/South. The church is about 1/2 mile in on Broomes Island Road, it sets back on the right, you can't see the sign until your almost up on it; there are trees blocking the view. Contact: Phaon or Jean.

◆ **September 22-24, 2006, Adult Singles Retreat**  
Presented by Chesapeake and  
Potomac Conferences

Mt. Aetna Retreat Center  
Hagerstown, Maryland



The emphasis is on health.

Guest speakers: Dr. Jim Sharps & Sandy Kisner

More details soon.

◆ **October 19-30, 2006, Adventist Singles International Short-Term Volunteer Mission Trip**  
Aquiraz, State of Ceara, NE of Brazil



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◆ **Membership & Age Level**

In our chapter, we have a mailing list of 300 of various ages averaging 35 and above although we do have some younger people too. Alumni are welcome to attend.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)?

ASAM is a fellowship that provides opportunity and encouragement, getting together to reflect, discuss issues, study God's word, singing, praying, playing, interacting, resting, traveling, and enjoying God's great outdoors – all to enhance the quality of life.

### Who is in charge of ASAM?

In the North American Division ASAM is organized under Family Ministries.

### Who is ASAM for?

ASAM is ministry for all single adults whether they have never been married, are divorced, widowed, with or without children.

### Why have a ministry for singles?

ASAM provides a safe environment for fellowship where single adults can be inspired, encouraged, motivated, and challenged in relationship building, growth nurturing and developing community.

### Where can I get more information and resources about leading an ASAM group?

Look for resources at [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org), or contact your local conference Single Adult or Family Ministries Leader.

### Is ASAM a dating service?

No. Adventist Single Adult Ministries is not a dating service. We minister to the needs of single adults from a spiritual and social aspect.

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[www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.org](http://www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.org)

## Check this out! Other Activities to Try!

### ◆ July 2, 2006, Independence Weekend Singles Cruise

New York, NY from 2-6 PM

Contact: Andrea Hicks, Tel. 516-802-2374 or Ross Noe, Tel. 718-251-6778

Email: [FOCUSMinistries@aol.com](mailto:FOCUSMinistries@aol.com)

Web: <http://www.focusnyc.org>

### ◆ July 13-27, 2006, Southern Singles Ecuador Mission Trip

The group will be building an orphanage. We will serve the people through Vacation Bible School, medical clinic, eye exams and glasses, clothing distribution, & evangelism. We need 1 dentist, 2 interpreters, & 1 nurse.

Contact: Tarrie Geiger, 423-802-9617, [tarriev@comcast.net](mailto:tarriev@comcast.net)

### ◆ August 18-20, 2006, Singles Retreat Kerhonkson, NY

Theme: Constructing Character

Contact: Andrea Hicks, 516-802-2374 or Vidal Ford: 646-372-8559

Email: [FOCUSMinistries@aol.com](mailto:FOCUSMinistries@aol.com)

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### ◆ Aug 28-Sep 4, 2006, National Singles Camp Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, ID

Contact: Lorene Soderstrom

Email: [lsoder@softcom.net](mailto:lsoder@softcom.net)

Web: <http://www.mivoden.com/Singles-camp.html>

Tel. 208-772-3484, Fax 208-772-7106

### ◆ October 13 - 15, 2006, Retreat in Colorado

Rocky Mountain Singles and Friends invite you to their retreat at Glacier View Ranch.

Theme: What Are You Worth?

Contact: [www.RMSingles.org](http://www.RMSingles.org), Tel. 303-271-3400

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### July 5-8, 2007, National ASAM Convention / Retreat in Orlando, Florida

Keynote speaker: Admiral Barry Black, Chaplain of the US Senate. More information soon. Visit:

[www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.org](http://www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.org)