GETTING TICKETS TO OUR INTENDED AUDIENCE

How do we get tickets into the hands of our intended audience…
the un-churched people in the greater Collegedale community?

On Sabbath, April 2, while supplies last, we will make a limited number of tickets available to our members to use for outreach purposes. Church member family units may obtain up to six “outreach” tickets and tickets for the number of immediate family members listed in their household. When tickets are picked up, you will be asked to sign your name on our Church membership list showing your family picked up tickets, how many of each, and that you agree to use the tickets for outreach. Tickets will not be available during the week…only on the designated Sabbath.

Tickets will be different colors according to their intended use:
• Member (Our Church Family)
• Guest (Non-Adventist people invited by our Church family)
• Community (Tickets available at ticket outlet in town)
• Student (tickets available on Campus for students)

By making tickets available early to our members for outreach we hope this will allow our intended audience to be able to pick up tickets at the ticket outlet without competing with our members. Tickets will be available to the general public on Sunday, April 10, at the Hamilton Place Food Court entrance.

WATCHING FOR RIPPLES

As any geometry student can tell you, “open circle” is an oxymoron. But that didn’t stop the late Peggy Chapman, Alice Voorheis, and other determined leaders who wanted to transform what had begun as a Marriage Enrichment group into a full-scale Sabbath School ministry for a vital and growing group. So…they opened the circle!

Today if you peek into the Seminar Room shortly after 9:00 on Sabbath morning you will see that the “circle’s” diameter now takes in more than 100 members—and they haven’t just come to listen to a lesson study lecture. According to Oneita Turner, the group’s current leader, Open Circle has ten superintendents who take turns presenting a 15-minute program of Scripture, prayer, and other devotional or inspirational material, followed by a 45-minute open discussion of the adult quarterly lesson led by one of a dozen rotating teachers.

The classes are recorded for distribution to members whose health make it difficult to attend in person.

Interestingly, their name is not the only unusual feature of Open Circle. Sabbath morning is only the tip of their iceberg.

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AN EVANGELISTIC THRUST AT THE BIG WHITE TENT GATHERING

by Lil Yarosh

The April 9 and 10 Health Expo dates are fast approaching and enthusiasm is running high. Again this year an expansive white tent on the Samaritan Center parking lot will be the weekend living room for the Be-In-Health Ministry Team. As they invite the community in, with listening ears, seeing eyes, and open hearts, among the services they will offer are free screenings (dermatology, dental, ophthalmology, and podiatry), testings (pulmonary function, blood glucose, fitness level), smoking cessation helps, nutrition guidance and professional health counseling along with the awarding of door prizes. As interests and needs are determined, applicable information on follow-up events will be provided. Back massages will be given as a relaxing send-off.

Southern nursing students are making sure that the children in attendance will not be overlooked. They plan age-appropriate, fun, educational activities also based on the over-all theme of the eight natural remedies.

Where do you fit in? The committee is looking for physician volunteers for assessment counseling (not diagnoses), nurses and/or physicians to help man the dermatology and nutrition station, helpers at the massage tables, and parking lot attendants. Contact Eliana Farley at 238-9030, or Sam Chetty at 396-2134 or samchetty@southern.edu. On Sabbaths, March 26 and April 2, sign-up sheets will be in the Atrium.

The Health Expo will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m.

This year the tent flaps will not be lowered until several days after the Expo is over. A group of Collegeade Academy students, Illuminating Ministries, will be presenting an evangelistic series. Lacking funds, venue, etc., but full of prayerful zeal, this group spoke with Pastor Sam who took them from their dream to a plan and from plan to implementation as he does so well in his characteristic encouraging way. Pray for these energized young people as they bring implementation to reality.

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I got shoes, you got shoes,  
All God’s children got shoes.  
When I get to heaven gonna put on  
my shoes,  
Gonna walk all over God’s heaven.

From the rainbow after the Flood to Jesus’ last Thursday evening in the upper room, the Bible is filled with stirring symbols, icons that draw us deeper and deeper into the themes of the kingdom. The fish in the disciples’ nets? Symbols of souls saved for eternity. The father watching anxiously down the road for his prodigal son? Our Father. The son? You. Me.

The coming quarter’s Adult Sabbath School lessons introduce the symbolism of garments in Scripture. Is there any connection between Joseph’s fabled coat of many colors, the required wedding garment from Jesus’ parable in Matthew, and the robe of Christ’s righteousness? Elijah’s mantle conveyed God’s ordination of leadership; his passing it on to Elisha was no ordinary parting gift, it was the designation of holy office for one whom God had raised for this very purpose.

“If only I could touch the hem of his garment,” she told herself, shyly positioning herself for her final grasp at healing—reaching out to feel perhaps the very garment that soldiers would soon carelessly gamble away.

A neatly folded burial cloth points toward new and unending life, freely available to all who walk the way of the cross.

A tee shirt, which I never wear, hangs in my closet. On the front it says “Pohnpei,” which is where my student missionary daughter bought it as a gift for me the year before she died. It is a symbol I must leave behind when I rise in the clouds to be greeted by my Lord, and to rendezvous with Karen at the Tree of Life. But it will do for now. You may own a similar talisman of meaning for you.

I invite you to look at these lessons with new eyes. Search for their application to your life. The burial cloth, the hem of His garment are still within your reach.

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**THE NAME TAG EXPERIMENT**

_by Duane Schoonard_

We want to express our appreciation for your joyful participation in the Nametag Experiment. The results of the survey were very positive. We had many words of appreciation. One person wrote: “Last week I spoke to 2 women visitors and after service invited them to come back again. At that point they asked if the church has a potluck meal. I started to say we don’t, then realized our Sabbath School class did and I invited them. We spent a lovely time visiting and they said they felt very welcomed. The nametags helped me make that effort.”

Some concerns were expressed, of course. Most of those addressed systemic issues and stick-ability of the nametags. We will address these concerns and bring back the nametags when we can do it easily and smoothly. In the mean time, reach out, draw your circle large enough to include those you do not yet know.

A common concern, expressed by individuals moving into our community, has been how difficult it is to connect with and feel part of this church family. Contributing to that are several factors of which you are well aware—how large our congregation is, the fact that we meet on three different campus, three different worship services in the main facility, a large student body which join us 9 months of the year, a large number of visitors who visit our campus, and the lack of one time and place where we all meet together on a regular basis. We want to create “A Place to Belong.” Truly, a place where everybody knows your name. We are considering several ways to build community and one of those was the Nametag Experiment.

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**IN MEMORY**

_Aledra Stepanske_, mother of Bruce Stepanske and Richard Stepanske, and grandmother of Jill Howe and Doug Stepanske, passed away March 12. A graveside service will be held on March 26 at the Woodlawn East Memorial Park, 353 Johnny Cash Parkway, Hendersonville, TN. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to 3ABN, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896.
GRANDMOTHER MARYANN ROBERTS is blessed to announce the arrival of Stella Paige Anniella Tomaszewski to parents, Michael and Cindy, on December 28, at 7:42 a.m. She weighed in at 7 lbs 15 oz, measured 21 inches, and is welcomed by big sister Helena and big brother Sebastian.

THE COLLEGEDALE ACADEMY CONCERT BAND will be playing the National Anthem for opening weekend of the Atlanta Braves season. The game will be on Sunday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $10 at the Academy office. For more information, call 396-2124 or email Richard Hickam at hickamri@collegedaleacademy.com.

AN AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS for those 50 and over is being offered Thursday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Be In Health Center, next to the Samaritan Center. Cost is $12 for AARP members and $14 for non-members. Class size is limited. Call 396-2134 to register.

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS thank the Church family, students, and the community for all the support with the coat drive. Altogether we collected over 300 coats. They were distributed to those in need in the Chattanooga area.

THE MICHIGAN ACADEMIES REUNION is Sabbath, March 26, in the Standifer Gap School Auditorium, 8255 Standifer Gap Road. Sabbath School begins at 9:30 followed by Church and potluck dinner. Speaker for the worship service will be Antoine Maycock, AA, Class of ’67. Skip Hann from GLAA will also be on site to give an update on secondary Adventist education in Michigan. Call 396-2525 or email maknecht000@centurytel.net.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE will hold a Seminar to provide estate planning documents for church members and spouses on Sunday, May 1, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room. Some explanation of Revocable Living Trusts will be given, and why Hamilton County residents may benefit from a Trust. Church members will complete their own confidential work sheet. An attorney will be present on Sunday. All clinics are the same.

ELDER TED WILSON, General Conference President, has designated the first Sabbath of each quarter as a Worldwide Day for Prayer and Fasting for the world church. There will be a special focus on praying for the Holy Spirit during our worship services on April the 2nd. The Collegedale Church would encourage you to respond in whatever way you work best for you. Visit www.revivalandreformation.org.

“MOVE FOR UGANDA” – this event on Sunday, April 10 from 11:00 - 4:00 at Coolidge Park in Chattanooga will feature a 5K race, a 1-mile fun-run, an African village, children’s crafts, fund-raising merchandise, and live music. Your participation can make a difference in the lives of children in areas devastated by the atrocities of Joseph Kony. Go to www.moveforuganda.com to register or for more information.