FINDING COMFORT UNDER HIS WINGS

by Cathy Otis

"U"nder His wings what a refuge in sorrow! How the heart yearningly turns to its rest!

Often when earth has no balm for my healing, there I find comfort and there I am blest.

A year ago, a friend of mine sent me a text quoting these words when one of my sons was diagnosed with a tumor. Surely, there was no earthly balm for my healing and I wondered how those who did not know Jesus made it through trying times like that. Yet, that is the state of so many people in our community who find themselves faced with challenges in the areas of physical and emotional health.

BLAZEN SHARES THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Ivan Blazen, a theologian from Loma Linda University whose expertise is on the book of Romans, will be the featured speaker next weekend.

Friday, April 8
7:30 p.m.: The Small Bible (John 3:16), Southern’s Lynn Wood Hall

Sabbath, April 9
9:00 a.m.: The Cross and Justification (Romans 4), Church
10:15 a.m.: The Cross and Assurance of Salvation (Romans 5), Church
11:45 a.m.: The Cross and Death to Sin (Romans 6), Church
3:30 p.m.: Who’s Who and What’s What in Romans 7? Adventist Theological Society Meeting in Southern’s Lynn Wood Hall.

They have a yearning and a longing for the comforting arms of Jesus, but many times they don’t even realize that He is there to pour out the healing balm of heaven.

I hesitated when asked to help out at the prayer station for our first Health Expo last year. What a blessing I would have missed if the Holy Spirit had not prompted me to accept. We were all shocked to learn that over 500 of our neighbors had participated during the two day session. After visiting the many stations, each person was approached with an offer to pray for them or loved ones that had health concerns. People were open and approachable and many took time to sit down and share some of their life experiences with a total stranger. It was particularly inspiring to watch our young people at work that weekend. Being elbow to elbow with praying, enthusiastic academy and college students who are reaching out to their community is an experience that brought healing in itself!

This year on April 9 and 10 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. you have an opportunity to assist in reaching out to the souls of our community in a tangible way. Jesus gave us an example of touching people and sharing with them His love and concern about.

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IN MEMORY

G.P. Simmon, father of Joann Higgins and grandfather of Kim Combs, passed away March 25. Services were held March 31. Memorials may be made to the Standifer Gap Adventist School.
CA STUDENTS PRAYER FOR PRESIDENT WILSON’S LEADERSHIP

by Katie Verrill and Julie MacLafferty
photos by Jeff Lauritzen

On March 7-8, 17 students from Collegedale Academy had an opportunity to accompany Pastor Don MacLafferty and the Inside Out Leadership Team to the General Conference where the focus was on bringing leaders back to their discipleship calling.

It was a moving experience when the students knelt with G.C. President, Elder Ted Wilson in his office as they prayed for his world church leadership.

WHERE ARE YOU NEEDED?

So, you still haven’t volunteered for SonRise? There are areas that still need your help.

**Southern Student Cast Meal:**
Haystacks will be served. We invite you to donate bags of corn chips, bags of shredded cheese, bottles of water, and cookies to the meal. All but the cookies should be dropped off at the Church office by April 18 so we know how much we need to order. Cookies should be dropped off in the morning either April 21 or 22 during office hours or Sabbath morning, April 23. For more information, contact Roland Recchia at 505-8481.

**Marketplace Setup/Takedown:**
Thursday afternoon, April 21, Friday, April 22, and Sunday, April 24. The more hands available, the faster it goes. Contact Chuck Robertson at 396-3679.

**The Resurrection Takedown:**
Volunteers needed to help take down the set SonRise night. Volunteers should come at sundown and stay as long as they can. Contact Tom Goddard at goddard@southern.edu or 505-5146.

**Costumes:** Friday night, April 22, check out costumes and attach padding to size helmets. Contact Sherrie Williams at 396-2134 or sonrise@southern.edu.

**Soldier Dressing:** Sabbath, April 23, at 7:00 a.m. to help the soldiers get their armor on. Contact Sherry Magers at 236-2452 or sgmagers@hotmail.com.

**Banner Bearers:** Lead groups through the Pageant. Contact Lynne Macias at maciasly@gmail.com or 314-2953.

**Leper Colony:** Need several adults to populate the colony. Contact Shelly Litchfield at shelly.litch@gmail.com or 413-1954.

**Marketplace Shoppers and Travelers:** What better way to spend a Sabbath than with family and friends and volunteering for a good cause? Contact Sharon Moses at 834-1493 or wmsmoses@comcast.net.

For those of you who have volunteered, you should be contacted in the next week or so. If you are not contacted by April 11, let Sherrie know at sonrise@southern.edu or 396-2134.

**CA’S ALUMNI WEEKEND**

Collegedale Academy’s Alumni Weekend is April 8-10.

The Alumni Golf Tournament kicks off the weekend on Friday at 11:30 a.m. Vespers and a CA Concert Band Reunion is at 8:00 p.m.

Sabbath’s worship services begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Alumni Luncheon at 1:00. It is always appreciated if local alumni can bring something for the potluck. The CA Symphonic Choir and Orchestra will present vespers at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Alumni Basketball games at 9:00 p.m.

The 5K for CA Run/Walk concludes the weekend at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Contact Matt Nafie at nafiema@collegedaleacademy.com or 396-2124.
Changes are taking place in our world in ways we never imagined. Just as images broadcast on the new invention of TV shocked the nation in the 1960’s and helped catapult the civil rights movement to reality, so have today’s twitter and facebook enabled communication that helped topple a dictatorship. In both these world changes, young people were key players. Some of you may be familiar with another movement powered by young people using media in a unique way.

When three young men traveled to Africa in 2003, they encountered a story that shocked them. They saw hundreds of children in northern Uganda walking miles each night to sleep beneath Lacor Hospital, seeking protection from Joseph Kony and his rebels who have been abducting children and brutalizing them into killers. These three young men, Bobby Bailey, Laren Poole, and Jason Russell, interviewed and filmed everyone they could get to tell them about this situation. After returning to the States, they created the documentary ‘Invisible Children: Rough Cut,’ a film that exposes the tragic realities of child soldiers (see www.invisiblechildren.com). The film was originally shown to friends and family, but has now been seen by millions of people.

The overwhelming response has been, “How can I help?”

When confronted with the situation in central Africa in which children are abducted and forced to kill as child soldiers, students from Collegedale Academy, Covenant, Lee, Sewanee, Southern Adventist, and UTC have answered that question of “How can I help?” by raising awareness and funds. These young people have spoken before countless student assemblies, they have lobbied Congress on three different occasions, they surrounded Oprah’s studio and gained an audience to tell her viewers about this crisis, they have held vigils, they have traveled and worked in Africa, they have helped tell the story through film. They are sponsoring these two events:

The newest film about this situation, “Tony,” will be shown on Thursday, April 7, at 10:51 a.m. at Collegedale Academy and at 7:30 p.m. in Southern’s Wellness Center.

Proceeds will go to Invisible Children’s (IC) program called “Schools for Schools.” Our area’s participating schools have clubs of young people who have partnered with IC and Lacor Secondary School (in northern Uganda) in longterm projects to improve education and provide scholarships. Go to www.moveforuganda.com to register or for more information.

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their health. The benefits are not just provided in the many stations that are offered such as, dermatology, dental, ophthalmology, podiatry, pulmonary, blood glucose, smoking cessation and nutrition, but also include follow up programs. A physician wraps up each session with health counseling and makes people aware of other programs that are offered by our Church in the areas of exercise, cooking classes, and health.

Offer your time and gifts by calling Eliana Farley at 238-9030 or Pastor Sam Chetty at 396-2134. You do not have to be a physician or a health professional to be a vital part of the team at the Health Expo. This year, our young people are impressed to follow up the expo with an evangelistic series sponsored by a group of Collegedale Academy students called Illuminating Ministries. This will also be held in the tent in the Samaritan Center parking lot after the Health Expo. You can also participate by asking a neighbor or a friend to attend with you and by lifting this event up in prayer. Together, we can be used by Jesus to help relieve the suffering of those around us.

HAVE A COOL SUMMER

COOL Camp, a day camp ministry for ages 6 to 13, will be held May 31 to August 5. Registration is Sunday, May 15 from 3:00-3:45 p.m. at the Collegedale Church with a parent orientation from 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, call 615-9FUN(9386) or visit www.coolcamp.org.
YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS for our search for a new Senior Pastor are valued. The Search Committee reconvenes on April 12 to continue the process.

VBS 2011 IS COMING June 20-25. Our focus this year is “The Lord’s Prayer” through a safari theme for ages 4 to 12 years. Look for applications and “needs” list in the near future. As always we need LOTS of volunteers! Contact Sharon Mohr at (423) 605-1779.

STUDENT AID APPLICATIONS are available in the Church Office for those members who are needing financial assistance to send their children to one of the schools in the Greater Collegedale School System. Completed applications must be returned by June 20.

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.

THANK YOU for the kind words, hugs, cards, flowers, and food following our loss. Having a loving church family is such a blessing. Family of Raymond Brodersen.

THE ADVENTIST RETIRED WORKERS are scheduled to meet on Sunday, April 10, at 12:00 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Dale Tunnell, Jr. will present a report on Mongolia. Food assignments: A-B Vegetables; C-H Entree; I-M Potatoes, Rice, Pasta; N-Q Sandwiches or Rolls; R-S Dessert; T-Z Salads. Bring food by 11:30 a.m. so that it can be processed and ready for serving promptly at noon.

APISON CHURCH is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sabbath, April 9. Come join an all day celebration. Bring food for fellowship lunch and canned fruit for supper.

THE COLLEGE DALE 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.

AN ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR for church members and spouses will be held by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference 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.

AN IN-HOME DAYCARE PROVIDER is needed for an elderly lady in a wheelchair. Will need to feed and bathe. Patient enjoys singing and being read to. Patient has only one leg and she does not always use it, so lifting approximately 100 lbs is required to transfer from the wheelchair to potty to recliner. Approximate hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Time may vary. Call 838-2207.

THE FAMILY OF GAMALIER AVILES thanks the Church family for the support, love, and kindness shown to us during Gamalier’s illness, as well as the visitation, cards, and prayers after the death of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. We look forward to the Second Coming where all things will be made new!

Monday, April 11
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Meeting

Wednesday, April 13
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, April 14
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Friday, April 15
8:00 p.m. University Vespers

Sunday, April 10
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Sabbath, April 16
9:00 a.m. Adoration 1: Gordon Bietz
          Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Gordon Bietz
          Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect: Andy Nash
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Gordon Bietz

Offering: Church Family Budget
8:11 p.m. Sunset