GCSS CONSTITUENT RATE CLARIFICATION

With the eminent beginning of school and in an effort to communicate as thoroughly and as comprehensively as possible, we are sharing the following information regarding the constituent rate (discounted school tuition rate) for A.W. Spalding Elementary, Collegedale Adventist Middle School, and Collegedale Academy.

In an effort to:
A) Clarify and simplify a policy
B) Clarify the definition of a constituent member
C) Make the application of a policy as fair and balanced as possible
D) Emphasize the importance of being actively involved in the church

...the following policy and definition has been developed and voted on by the board of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Collegedale Church deeply values the meaning and significance of committed and participating membership. We also deeply value the privilege of helping our members enjoy the benefits of Christian education. With this in mind, and in an effort to simplify and facilitate the receiving of the constituent rate for our member families, the following criteria will apply to all pro-

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A NEW FACE AND VOICE

A new face and voice will greet you at the Church Office. Brenda Ruth is the new Administrative Assistant.

With Agnes Lyzanchuk retiring from her long-time position of Church Clerk, Debbie Hinton has assumed the Clerk position as well as maintaining her full-time responsibilities as Office Manager. Needless to say, she needed help.

Brenda moved back to the Collegedale area in June of 2010. She and her husband, Bryce, wanted to raise their two children, Jacklyn and Christopher, in the country away from the congestion of city life. Being close to an excellent school system and to Ruth’s parents, Rolland and Virginia McKibbin, were also important.

Brenda’s work experience includes being an administrative assistant, secretary, receptionist, and program coordinator for departments in Adventist Healthcare and other companies. In the past she has also volunteered with Adventurers and Pathfinders.

She enjoys scrapbooking, baking, arts and crafts, and learning about health and nutrition.
SPECIAL ITEMS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE

Bring special items and special people to be photographed with you when you are photographed for the new pictorial directory. You may invite grandparents and other family members to join you for your portrait sitting. Bring your household pet. Bring meaningful items that express your individuality. Some popular choices are: sports equipment, musical instruments, hobby items, special toys, or books.

Different backgrounds will also be available to choose from. You may choose whichever background or pose that you want to be used in the directory, although we do ask that the photo used in the directory be of your immediate family and not of your extended family.

You may sign up online now for appointments August 29-September 1, 18, 19, October 9-13, 16-18, and 23-27. All photography will be done in the Church. Go to www.collegedalechurch.com and click on “Pictorial Directory Sign-ups” on the bottom right to schedule an appointment.

Each person photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a directory.

Go to www.lifetouch.com for more information about Lifetouch and samples of their work.

Volunteers are needed to schedule appointments at Church, and greet and sign people in on photography days. Email Sherrie at ssplatt@southern.edu.

MUSIC WITH A MISSION FEATURES
FIJI MISSION TRIP

Quiet Hour Ministries presents “Music with a Mission” with Pastor Joedy and Judy Melashenko and students and staff from Collegedale Academy. Presentations will be held Friday, Aug. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dalton Adventist Church on 300 S Tibbs Rd, and on Sabbath, Aug. 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Collegedale Community Church.

They will also be sharing a Mission Moment at our the Adoration services on August 13, as well as leading out with the music.

Joedy and Judy are Directors of Youth Ministries for “Quiet Hour Ministries” and returned just a few weeks ago from Fiji with with 84 students and staff from Collegedale Academy. Many of them will join Joedy and Judy for this special Vespers program. Your hearts will be lifted heavenward and your souls refreshed as you hear rich, smooth harmonies, personal testimonies and front-line mission reports.

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spective and current member families desiring the constituent rate for children attending AWS, CAMS and CA.

All membership transfer requests desiring the constituent rate must be made before the start of the fall semester. In non single-parent families where both spouses are Adventists, both parents must transfer membership to the Collegedale Church for the children to be eligible to receive the constituent rate. Once the membership transfer request has been submitted, at least one parent of the transferring family must attend the Welcome To Our Family (new member) class prior to the start of 2nd semester. In this class the mission, core values and membership expectations of prospective church members are discussed. Failure to attend Welcome To Our Family by the start of second semester will result in the forfeiture of the constituent rate for the family for the spring semester. The family will then be eligible to receive the constituent rate at the beginning of the next semester which immediately follows attendance of Welcome To Our Family. For transferring members as well as current members, a constituent family will be characterized as one where the parents demonstrate their commitment by regular attendance, service, and giving.

We realize the criteria mentioned above represent an intentional approach to the identification of a constituent member/family. We deeply value our members. We deeply value the participation and investment of our members in congregational life. We desire our policies to reflect these core values.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office and speak with any the pastors on staff.
GOD’S MYSTERIOUS WAYS IN VILCABAMBA, ECUADOR

by Wes Tucker & Tarrie Geiger, Southern Singles Ministry, Co-Coordinators - Mission Ministry

Southern Singles are back from our July 7-21 mission trip to Vilcabamba, Ecuador.

At the General Conference last summer we approached Maranatha about purchasing a One-Day Church. They said not only could we purchase one, but they had people donating funds so that we could buy one and get one free: one for the Sanctuary and one for children’s Sabbath School.

We wanted to have an evangelistic campaign so the people there would know what this new church believed. We were advised that it should be a man holding the meetings, not a young pastor, but one who was experienced and who spoke Spanish. The answer to the prayer was found in a retired Ecuadorian in Fort Worth, TX.

Men came to us wanting to go on the trip: experienced builders, plumbers, electricians, welders, masons, and carpenters. God had hand-picked each person for the building project, as well as for the medical and Vacation Bible School teams. Thirty-two people prepared to leave on July 7.

There was still no land to build on. We learned that God had His own plans, and about two weeks before we were to leave, the folks there found about a half acre for $20,000. We had $5,000 the people in Equador had raised, leaving us $15,000.

One of our team members told her Sabbath School class about the project, and we received an email from one of their members saying she had just written a check for $10,000. While thanking her for the wonderful donation, I explained about the land.

When the check was given to us, the donor included another $5,000 check.

Wes Tucker and Tom Lovins left June 28 to purchase the land and ready it for the builders. They arrived on the 29th and went to see the land. It was not level, was on the side of the mountain, and would take what funds we had to level the ground.

Wes, Tom and Martha, a lady from the church, walked the town to find land. They found a piece of good level ground. It even had a fence. The pastor called to make an offer. A man walked by and said, “If you purchase this land, it will take at least two months before you can get a permit, you will have to furnish the plans to have them approved. Don’t plan to start it in two weeks. But, if you get some land just outside the city limits, you can start building tomorrow.” They did not purchase the land, and went on looking and praising God for keeping us from making a bad choice.

While walking they saw a piece of land for sale. They called. It was about ¾ of an acre for $49,000. Not possible, but as the pastor talked with them, they came down to $30,000. A church member and the Ecuadorian Mission came up with the rest.

Wes had gone over the boundaries before the agreement was made, and he was assured of the boundaries.

Excavation was started on Tuesday, and about mid-day on Wednesday the surveyor came. Part of what had been done was on another piece of the land and the property line was not where he had been told. He called the owner to tell them. They agreed to sell the piece of land for a cost that could be affordable. Now they have 1 1/2 acres with a fabulous view.

The team arrived on July 8. By that evening the forms for the foundation were completed and a small portion (20 x 40) of the concrete was poured. With some modifications, the size of the One Day Church grew from 20x38 to 40 X 56. This is almost 3 times the size of the One Day Church Building.

God has a plan, and He does show us how to work them.

CAYA Community: Devotional Bible study groups for teens and their families. Leaders needed. Contact Tim Cross at timcross@southern.edu.

CAYA Picnic: For all teens and their families. At Southern’s Student Park at 6:00 p.m. August 12: grades 9-12; August 19: grades 7 and 8.
CONGRATULATIONS DR. CROSS!
Pastor Tim graduated July 31 from Andrews University with his doctorate. We congratulate him on his accomplishment.

THANK YOU, Church Family, for the special welcome you gave us last Sabbath. Your kind words, beautiful prayers, hugs, and delicious food provided at the fellowship meal touched us deeply. We look forward to God’s continued blessings in our worship and fellowship together. Dave & Cherie Smith

YOU ARE INVITED to an 80th birthday party for Alvin Morford on Sunday, Aug. 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the 50’s Room in Collegedale Academy’s Gym. No gifts.

OFF (Outdoor Family Fellowship) meets EVERY second Sabbath of the month. Our next outing will be Sabbath, Aug. 13, at Red Clay State Park from 4:00 p.m. through supper. Bring your lawn chairs, water, picnic foods, and bug spray. Join us for family fun and fellowship!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON for all volunteers serving in Children’s Ministries and their families will be held Sabbath, Aug. 27, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Renewal service. We want to celebrate each of you and the Kingdom difference you make with the children and families of our Church. RSVP to Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu or 994-2396.

PROPHECIES DECODED: We will be hosting the Net 2011 series by Dr Ron Clouzet September 30 to October 30. Volunteers are needed for advertising, setting up, technical support, décor, etc. Contact Pastor Sam at samchetty@southern.edu or 396-2134.

PATHFINDER REGISTRATION will be held Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 14, from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Activity Room. Registration materials are available at pathfindersrus.com. You need to be in at least 5th grade to join.

ADVENTURER REGISTRATION is Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Junior Room. The cost is $60 per child. We meet every other Wednesday beginning August 24. Adventurers is for grades K-4.

ARE YOU ELDERLY and in need of assistance? I am licensed and available to help 2 days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call Victoria at 892-1863.

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