ANOTHER YEAR IS…OVER? NOT YET!

by Wolf Jedamski

It seems appropriate, at this season when our thoughts turn towards giving, to be reminded that the motivation comes from our celebration of what God has given to us....certainly beginning with the gift of our Savior. As we close out the year, it seems to me that it is therefore good to be reminded of the needs of your church and its local ministries.

Right now, the two main needs are: The Church Family Budget which traditionally receives almost one fourth of its required funding in the month of December. That is a lot of donations needed by year’s end. The other looming need right now is our Student Aid fund. Your church distributes over $60,000 each school year for needy students that could otherwise not attend our school system. Normally the balance in that fund is such that we have no problems issuing those promised funds on behalf of our students in need. However, the last several months, the fund balance has shrunk due to increased needs and probably due to the fact we haven’t made an appeal in some time. Please consider these two needs as you plan your giving to close out your year.

GIFTS FOR JESUS

by Cheryl Torres

As we look back on 2011, different memories roll to the surface. Some of us remember celebrations, promotions, or vacations. Others may remember quiet times with family or successful moments at work. I hope most of your memories are good ones, though I know all of us have also faced challenges this year—tornadoes, economic struggles, personal crises. That is why the Samaritan Center is here.

Throughout the year, and for the past 25 years, the Samaritan Center has been helping people look ahead. Our slogan is Help for Today • Hope for Tomorrow, and we strive to help each of our clients see past their current troubles by giving them a hand with food, clothing, rent, and many other needs. More than that, each case worker at the Samaritan Center connects their clients to resources that will keep them looking up, long after they have passed through our doors.

Thank you for the role you play in helping the Samaritan Center to be here for those in need. Just this year, we have provided more than $120,000 for tornado relief, helped 230 kids with school supplies, directly assisted close to 4,000 people, and continued on page 3, Gifts.
A SPECIAL NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS FUN

by Carole Verrill

If you walked into the Youth Room on December 4, you would have seen many smiles and heard lots of laughter. This was the night of our free child care event for our Kiddie Kampus families and the police officer and fire fighter families serving in our Tri-Community area. There were a few tears as parents left, but very soon the children were far too busy enjoying the night’s activities for any more tears to be shed and the Christmas fun began.

Our registration team of Ronna Barker, Brian and Heather Henning, and Alberta Oliver greeted each child with a friendly welcome and then led them into the room to enjoy a delicious treat of fruit, crackers, and cookies prepared by Chris Hansen and Nancy Schilling. A puppet show followed led by Brooke Wade and some amazing Junior youth student puppeteers. The puppeteers sang the Christmas story and shared a skit challenging the children to find the true meaning of Christmas. The children were then divided into their groups to participate in the following rotations: cookie decorating and play dough creations with Selena Trott and her team, face painting by the creative artists Abby Hansen and Hannah Moody, Christmas relay race games of fill the Christmas stocking and decorate the human Christmas tree led by the King family and Rene Czerkasi, special Christmas crafts of all levels of difficulty organized by Tamatha Farrow, Christmas Minute to Win It games led by the Moore family, and Pastor Carole drew on past experiences from her preschool director days to lead the preschool children in some parachute games and activities. A Veggie Tales Christmas movie concluded the evening and all children were sent home with a colorful balloon as well as a Christmas goody bag of special treats and surprises.

Parents returned sharing their great appreciation of this free night to shop and share time together. Our many volunteers of all ages provided excellent care so that every child was safe and had a very positive experience. If you listened carefully to the exchanges amongst the volunteers, you would have even heard talk of how this event might grow for next year.

A huge thank you is extended to our Children’s Ministry Development team and all the many volunteers who dedicated their time to make this event a success. The greatest praise is extended to our Lord for His guidance and blessing over the events of the evening.

KENYA MISSION TRIP RESCHEDULED

by Wolf Jedamski

The Collegedale Church mission trip to Kenya has been postponed from Summer 2012 to Spring break 2013. The plan is to build a much needed emergency surgical suite at the clinic that has been developed over the years by various mission groups across the NAD. Our Church, through the efforts of Dr. David and Judy Winters, has been instrumental in having the clinic built to meet the medical needs of the Masai tribe. If you have an interest in seeing this completed by donating to the purchase of materials or surgical equipment or going with the team that will help build as well as share the Gospel in unique ways, contact Wolf Jedamski at jedamski@southern.edu or 396-2134. March 2013 seems like a long way in the future. Reality is that it is only a little over a year away!

MESSIAH COMMUNITY SING-ALONG

Come to the Messiah Community Sing-Along Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7450 Standifer Gap Road. This Chattanooga-area all-denominational event is free and is offered as a community service. This is a unique opportunity for audience participation in what has become the musical hallmark of the season.

The event features a chamber orchestra, a core choir, and a children’s choir. Refreshments will follow the program.

The last open rehearsal is December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga Church. All are welcome. Bring your own score; a limited number of chorus books are available on loan for the event. For more information, call 605-2468.
It's the time of year again. No, I don't mean time to decorate our homes, finish (or start) shopping for gifts, or turn on the Christmas music. It's time to begin thinking of how to become involved in 2012’s SonRise Resurrection Pageant on Easter Sabbath, April 7. It doesn’t seem that long ago when we were opening our doors and campus to nearly 10,000 visitors eager to see Christ’s last three days on earth portrayed before their eyes. They came to interact with the disciples at the Triumphal Entry and to see Jesus speak of eternal promises at the Last Supper. They stood only feet away as Judas betrayed Jesus in Gethsemane, as the Romans nailed Him to the cross, and, victoriously, as He ascended to our Father. They came to experience Jesus in a way that they may have never before experienced. Each year, SonRise provides this experience for its visitors. Even though the pageant is only on one day, it requires months of planning, auditions, and rehearsals, as well as a volunteer group of over 400 cast and staff members. In fact, as soon as this past year’s SonRise pageant was finished, we were already meeting and planning for this coming year. Many of our cast members are students at Southern Adventist University, but we also rely on our Church family to volunteer as cast and staff members. Prayerfully consider how you may be a part of this coming year’s SonRise Pageant. There are positions for any type of person, ranging from speaking and non-speaking cast members to behind-the-scenes staff and support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact either Randy Van Dolson at sonrisecast@southern.edu or Sherrie Williams sonrise@southern.edu or 396-2134. Most of all, continue to pray that we may be able to reach as many people as possible with this unique, interactive, and powerful ministry.

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impacted thousands more through our stores and programs. And we need your help to do the same in 2012.

Your Gifts for Jesus will help families in need with items they have lost in a disaster or with supplies that they do not have the resources to purchase on their own. Prayerfully consider how you will help this Christmas, and plan to bring your Gifts for Jesus in a festive gift bag to Church this Sabbath, Dec. 17. (Wrapped gifts will be unwrapped. Gift bags allow for us to reuse them with our clients.)

Men, Women, and Children always need: socks, briefs, boxers, panties, hats, mittens, gloves, hair brushes, and combs

Personal Care Items: deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, and sanitary products (tampons specifically)

Babies and Toddlers: baby wipes

Children: crayons and coloring books, story books, brushes, combs, ribbons and hairclips, school supplies, puzzles, and games.

Junior High and Teen: school supplies, hairclips...Teens know best what teens need.

Other Needs: laundry detergent, dish detergent, kitchen utensil sets, glassware sets, dishware sets, silverware sets, jigsaw puzzles, facial tissues...something you would like yourself if you lost everything.

IN MEMORY

Muriel Chynoweth, mother of Verle Thompson and grandmother of Tiffany Britt and Tre’ Thompson, passed away November 25 in Bailey, CO.

Loretta Johnson, sister of Geraldine Lowe, passed away December 4. Services were held in Mobile, AL on December 13.

Wallace Lighthall, grandfather of Donny Lighthall, passed away November 27 in South Carolina. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charleston Adventist Church, 2518 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC 29407.

Carol Pettibone, wife of Dennis and mother of Lori Futcher and Teresa Strout, passed away November 26. Services were held December 3. Memorial contributions may be made to Collegedale Church Evangelism Fund.

Joseph E. Vincent, husband of Christiane and father of Louis, Daniel, and Phillip passed away November 25. Services were held December 4. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 519 E. 4th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403.
YOU ARE INVITED to a baby shower for Duane Schoonard’s future granddaughter and Nika and Mark Frey’s daughter, Trinity, on December 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie and Jim Hubbell, 5690 Edgmon Road. For more information, call 316-1706 or 396-9119. Registered at Target, Walmart, Babies R Us, and Kohls.

MASTER CHORALE will present a Christmas Evensong on December 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Songs from several folk-like traditions will be heard, along with a pair of Christmas anthems by Sir Arthur Sullivan. Join us for a quietly refreshing half-hour.

IT IS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART that I give thanks for my Church family. Your loving concern shown through your prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, and cards during my recent illness continues to be a blessing to me. Evie VandeVere

THE SAMARITAN CENTER recently celebrated our 25th year of service to the community. We thank you for all you have done to make that possible! Your October donations of 104 items from the LifeTouch Pictorial Directory collection and the 47 items from the Fall Festival are much appreciated. We couldn’t do it without donors like you.

AW SPALDING’S Kindergarten Roundup is Friday, Jan. 13. Child must be 5 by August 15. Contact Rebekah at 396-2122 or rspears@awspalding.net and make your reservation to attend.

ENJOY GIFTS, REFRESHMENTS AND CRITTERS at Lester Coon Adventist School’s Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, Jan. 5, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call 236-4926.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS are needed for classes in English as a Second Language. Call Lisa at (423) 653-7787.

LIVE-IN CHRISTIAN CAREGIVER needed for elderly man. No license or certification required, but must be experienced and provide references. Patient will require transfer from bed to wheelchair with a lift and hygiene care. Luxury home provided with utilities and compensation of $2,000/month. Flexible daily hours and one weekend/month off duty. Other arrangements negotiable. Call (423) 605-4091.

JOEY TOLBERT AND KIM NEAL invite you to Behold the Lamb of God, a dramatized/musical story of the coming of Christ at Salvation Army’s ReCreate Cafe, 800 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga. Performances are December 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and December 18 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets available at www.yoursalvationarmy.org/beholdthelamb or at the door. Questions? Call Kim at 802-8286.

A CA SENIORS FUNDRAISER, featuring Dr. Arlene Taylor, will be held Friday, March 12, at Collegedale Community Church. Visit Dr. Taylor’s website www.arlenetaylor.org to review her Seminar Descriptions and register for the class. The BTSA test (50% off the $200 fee when you sign up for her seminar with us) can help you identify specifics about your brain’s unique energy advantage. Deadline to submit the BTSA test is January 7.

Wednesday, December 14
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, December 15
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Mom’s Group

Friday, December 16
7:00 p.m. DivorceCare & DC4K
8:00 p.m. University Vespers

Sabbath, December 17
8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Dave Smith
          Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Dave Smith
          Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect: LeClare Litchfield
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith
Offering: Church Family Budget
5:31 p.m. Sunset

Monday, December 19
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Meeting

Wednesday, December 21
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, December 22
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Mom’s Group

Friday, December 23
Church Office Closed

Sabbath, December 24
8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Dave Smith
          Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Dave Smith
          Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect: Jackie James
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith
Offering: Church Family Budget
5:34 p.m. Sunset
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 26
Church Office Closed