DON’T TAKE MY HEART
by Carole Verrill

One of my greatest joys in the position in which I minister at our church is serving as the chaplain for our Kiddie Kampus Day Care. Each Thursday morning I spend time with the children; singing praises to God, sharing a story, and praying together. The children consistently minister to me with the love they so willingly bestow.

This week as I shared a message with them, I concluded our time by challenging the students to give Jesus their heart. One of the little boys looked at me and emphatically said “Nope Pastor Carole, I don’t want to give Jesus my heart.” We proceeded to pray together, however, I told him that I wanted to speak with him after our prayer time. As we finished our time, amidst many hugs and smiles, I pulled my sweet friend aside and asked him why he said he didn’t want to give Jesus his heart. He promptly replied, “Because I need it! And Jesus can’t have it!” I hugged him close as I told him that he could surely keep his heart as Jesus would never take it away, however, does he want Jesus to fill his heart up with love for Him and for others? To continued on page 2, Heart

SONRISE AUDITIONS

SonRise Auditions for major speaking cast roles will take place in the evenings February 13, 15, and 16.

The major speaking roles include Jesus, Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, Salome (Mary Magdalene’s friend), Gabriel, Satan, Pilate, Malchus, Thieves on the cross, Priests, and Judas (twins/look-a-likes needed. One will need to audition). Auditions will consist of reciting a memorized monologue found at www.collegedalechurch.com. (Click on the “SonRise” link on the top right, then “Cast”.)

SonRise will be held April 7. As always, we do not limit involvement to just our members. If you know someone who might be interested, pass this information on to them.

A complete list of parts and descriptions is available on the website. If you are interested in being involved in a cast role at SonRise, email sonrisecasting@southern.edu, or, if you do not have email, call Randy at (423) 284-9219.

IN MEMORY

Dodd Bryant, father of Alli Bryant, passed away January 7.

Stanley Lewis, father of Wayne Lewis, Sharon Foister, Evonne Richards, and Dianne Haney, and father-in-law of Jeanne Lewis, passed away January 9. Services were held January 14. Memorial contributions may be made to Brayton Adventist Church One-Day Church Project, 949 Brayton Rd, Graysville, TN 37338.
FOOD FOR THE BEREAVED MINISTRY

by Elaine Dodd

What is It?

Some Church members don’t know about this most rewarding ministry, unless they’re among the approximately 108 persons who provide a meal at the Church for families and out-of-town guests who attend funerals for our members.

Each month of the year has a designated committee of 6 to 9 people who will provide and serve a meal before or after the funeral for those whose loved one has passed away during that month.

Why Do It?

The bereaved friends and family cherish having a private, friendly, welcoming place to gather, be nourished, and share memories. Feeding the guests is one less worry for the sorrowing, among all the pressing needs facing them.

As a former monthly committee leader, I can testify that it is one of the most rewarding, and most appreciated work I have done. We are always thanked, often profusely, for our volunteer work. One family even sang us a thank-you song! One widow sent each of us pretty handmade gifts.

Who Does It?

Eleanor Hanson was the Coordinator for the Ministry for over 14 years, spending hours keeping records, buying supplies, and most importantly, recruiting helpers. She retired from the position, and I have agreed to accept that huge responsibility. Some of our members who have worked in this ministry for many years also wish to step down for various reasons. I deeply appreciate their willingness to serve and represent the comforting love of God by spending a few hours providing food, setting up attractive tables, and cleaning up.

We Need More Help!

Now we have some vacancies. If you are interested in sharing love and comfort by being part of a monthly committee, contact me at (423) 667-9413. I’d be happy to provide more details and answer any questions you may have.

AARP TAX PREPARATION OFFERED

AARP is once again offering free income tax preparation in the Senior Center for taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Appointments are on Mondays from February 6 through April 9, except February 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call the Church Office at 396-2134 to schedule an appointment. Each family member filing a return needs to schedule separate appointments.

MINISTRY OPPS

Librarian: Responsible for taking the returned library items, checking them back in and returning them to their designated shelves. In the past this has been a once a week time commitment. The previous volunteer did it Sabbath after second service. They were also there at that time to have the library open for people who wanted to check out items for Sabbath or the week. Additional responsibilities are cataloging new items as they are bought or donated and making sure check out cards are attached to each item.

this, as understanding dawned, he quickly responded with a sigh and a smile, “Oh yes! Sure!”

I have worked with children since I was a child myself, and yet I often forget how literal they are and how we must present the love of Jesus to them in ways they can understand. The Master Teacher Jesus loved ALL people, including children, and knew how to minister to each one in the way that was most meaningful. My challenge to each of us, but especially myself, is to seek ways to reach out to others that will touch their hearts with clarity so that the message of God’s supreme love will be taught and caught in our homes, church, and community.

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How do you stay true to your faith in changing times? Do you ever think God doesn’t understand? What do you do when your children don’t quite follow the paths you’ve laid out for them? The musical play Fiddler on the Roof, in an entertaining way, suggests possible answers to these dilemmas.

February 18-21, in the Collegedale Academy Auditorium, the CA Music and Arts departments present the popular Broadway Musical Fiddler on the Roof, in its entirety. Set in turn-of-the-last-century Russia, with the Czars in power, but others, including the Communists, nibbling around the edges, Fiddler tells the story of Tevye, Golde, and their often humorous efforts to find “perfect matches” for their five daughters. Ever present is the tension between their Jewish community and the Russian community across town, who would really prefer it if those “Jews” weren’t there at all.

Ticket prices are $10, $12.50, and $15, with all proceeds benefitting the Choral, Orchestra, and Art Departments. Show times are as follows:

February 18: 8 p.m.
February 19: 2 p.m.
February 20: 7 p.m.
February 21: 7 p.m.

The first and third shows (18, 20) will feature Kevin Fox as Tevye, with Kaitlyn MacLafferty, Tiara Hebert, and Brooklyn Moore as his daughters. The Second and Fourth shows (19, 21) will feature Andrew Suekert as Tevye, with Morgan Williams, Stephanie Cruz, and Briana Keizer as his daughters. The balance of the cast is the same for all shows.

SONRISE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

One of the goals of SonRise, an interactive walk-through resurrection pageant, is to offer our Church members an opportunity for active service in sharing the gospel with their neighbors, family, and friends. This is not meant to be entertainment for our Church family.

There are many ways to get involved: distributing tickets, being a greeter, banner bearer, distributing staff shirts, serving water and refreshments, providing and serving lunch, transporting crosses, helping to direct parking, Marketplace shopkeeper, setting up and taking down the Marketplace, handing out and collecting costumes, and washing costumes are just a few of the areas.

The Marketplace offers a unique non-threatening opportunity for you to invite your neighbors to participate with you by immersing themselves into SonRise while experiencing Christian fellowship.

On Sabbaths, February 18 and 25, we will have inserts in the bulletin as well as a SonRise booth in the Atrium where you can sign up in the areas you’re interested in volunteering for.

If you’ve been through the Pageant at least once, we challenge you to participate in the Pageant by volunteering. Give your ticket spot to someone who may not know the story of Jesus Christ and what he did for us. In that way, you are possibly letting someone else come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Talk to your family, friends, and/or Sabbath School class and decide now how YOU are going to get involved.

SonRise is Sabbath, April 7. The first Pageant will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will continue every half hour until 2:30 p.m. ALL Pageants will require tickets.
THE FAMILY of Carol Jean Pettibone wants to thank the members of the Collegedale Church for all the prayers, cards, expressions of support, flowers, and other kindnesses shown during Carol’s illness as well as after her passing. Thank you for being such a caring Church. You have made an extremely difficult journey much more bearable.

DIVORCECARE: The topic for the January 27 and February 3 DivorceCare is Reconciliation and Moving On, Growing Closer to God; and for DivorceCare for Kids is Loving My Parents and Moving On: Growing UP and Closer to God. They meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Church.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN ROUNDPUP—Will your child be going into Pre-K or Kindergarten next year? Come to the Standifer Gap Adventist School’s PK & K Roundup on February 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. Call 892-6013 to register.

THE COLLEGEDEALE ACADEMY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA will have a brunch reception fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This concert will feature small groups from within the orchestra in a casual setting. A silent auction will also take place. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for adults. They may be purchased at the Collegedale Academy front desk. For more info, call 396-2124.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES CONVENTION: Plan now to attend We Want to See Jesus — Children’s Ministries Convention February 10-12 at Cohutta Springs. This convention’s focus is to train leaders. Contact Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu or 396-2134 by January 25.

BY HIS SPIRIT PRAYER CONFERENCE will be held February 17-19 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Dennis Smith, a well-known author, will be the featured speaker. Sabine Vatel, pastor for discipleship at Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL will lead out in the prayer seasons. Register at www.registration.gccsda.com.

LAYMAN REVIVAL SEMINAR: February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - conference office. Cost: $35 (includes lunch, supper and seminar book). Register by January 30 at www.registration.gccsda.com or call 800-567-1844, Ext. 348.

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

AMATEUR RADIO CLASS: Sign up for the next amateur radio class, sponsored by the Collegedale Amateur Radio Club, and taught by Dean Saunders. The class will meet for six Tuesday evenings at 7:00 at the McDonald Road Church beginning February 21. For registration or information, contact Jim at kw8tjim@catt.com or (706) 965-2425. There will be a small charge for registration and textbooks.

FFH (AKA FAR FROM HOME) will be in concert at Collegedale Community Church on February 26 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at www.CollegedaleCommunity.com. Call 396-5464 with questions.

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