**REACHING OUR INTENDED AUDIENCE**

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

On Sabbaths, March 17 and 24, 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 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)

**SonRise seeks:**

- **To reach** the non-Christians in our local community. What a powerful story we have to share with those who have never heard of the life-changing significance of Christ’s time on earth (or who may have heard it, but rejected it).

- **To bring back** former Christians of any denomination who may have been faithful Christians at some point but have now wandered from their faith.

- **To familiarize** other Christian faiths with Seventh-day Adventists, letting them see that while we worship on Saturday we do indeed believe the Bible, celebrate Christ’s resurrection and to offer them awareness of other Adventist beliefs.

- **To reenergize** Seventh-day Adventists who are struggling with their faith, reminding them of some of the most important parts of the gospel.

- **To offer our church members an opportunity for active service** in sharing the gospel with their neighbors, family, and friends.

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**Pastor on Call . . .**

by Cherie Smith

The pastors and church staff are committed to assisting our members with their needs. The church office is open and the phones are answered to help people from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. The phone is also answered on Sabbath morning by those hosting at the Welcome Desk.

Realizing that our members’ crisis and emergencies are not scheduled, the pastors take a weekly rotation to be on call and respond to the emergency needs that are called into the church. We hope the following information will clarify how this system works:

**How do I reach the Pastor on Call?**

- Call (423) 396-2665
- Or
- Call the Church, (423) 396-2134, ext. 8

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Small Groups. Those two words conjure up all kinds of descriptive words in the minds of many Adventist church members. Uncomfortable. Awkward. Unnecessary. Sadly, one word that usually doesn’t come to mind first when we think about small groups is Divine. Think about it for a moment. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit living with each other in perfect community. Loving. Sharing. Planning. Working. Inviting others to join them in their mission of living for others. According to the Bible, the Godhead is the original small group. I am certain God believes in small groups because He lives in one and longs for us to experience the same authentic community that brings such joy from being close to others.

I am a believer in small groups. My life was changed years ago here on the campus of Southern because of my involvement in a small group Bible study. Over the past five years of ministry I have had the privilege of seeing ten new friends take their stand for Christ in baptism because of a Friday evening small group in our home and a small group Sabbath School class on Sabbath morning. There is something about studying the Bible with others in this type of setting that is truly life changing. But small groups aren’t just about studying the Bible. Russell Burrill, in his book Recovering an Adventist Approach to the Life and Mission of the Local Church tells us:

“The model of church which Jesus created was not one of large super churches, but of small groups who live in open and honest community with one another. At the heart of Jesus’ small group ministry is the idea of community. The small group does not exist for the sake of a small group. It is merely the vehicle for the establishment of community. Jesus recognized that the small group is the best means for the accomplishment of that goal…. The purpose of small groups is not just meeting to study the Bible. The purpose of groups is for Christians to have a place where they can grow together.” (pp. 103, 105)

Many people today are hungering for true community. Many are looking for a place to find acceptance, accountability, and instruction on how to know God and discover His will for their lives. From my experience, small groups are best suited to provide this environment and are one of the greatest evangelistic tools we have as a church. Burrill agrees:

“A caring community where members minister to each other is itself an evangelistic tool. Non-Christians seeing people who are living in a restored community, truly caring for each other, will flock to be a part of it. …When people belong to a small group, they are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out and touch other hurting people, bringing them into the restorative, redemptive atmosphere of their small group.” (pp. 120-121)

Beginning Sabbath, April 14, Collegedale Church will launch GroupLife Sabbath Schools. Designed to be both nurturing and evangelistic, these groups will provide an environment for us to minister to one another and to invite others to join us in our journey to know God better. Registration will begin March 17 in the GroupLife corner near the front of the Atrium.

Small groups who love, share, plan, and work together are clearly part of God’s plan for His last day church. Ellen White says, “The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers.” (7T 21.4)

We believe this counsel, and invite you to experience it. Our prayer is that in the future when you hear those two words “small groups”, the first word that comes to your mind is Divine.

If you have any questions about GroupLife Sabbath Schools or feel impressed to lead one, contact Pastor Ken Norton at knorton@southern.edu.

EVANGELISM WITH A DIFFERENCE

by Sam Chetty

A Defense of our Faith Seminar will be held beginning March 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Junior Room.

Evangelism, with a particular focus on skeptics, cultural influencers and critical thinkers, makes up a vast majority of our society in the United States who need to hear the gospel desperately. We will address the intellectual struggles and current issues that are facing society. In our quest to share the gospel we will always focus continued on page 3, Evangelism
CARING FOR THOSE IN NEED

Sam Chetty, Pastor of Local Missions, is working with a young mother of five in replacing her trailer. The twenty-eight year old has five children, the youngest of them being disabled. Her husband was recently deported and she is raising the children on her own, with the help of her sister and brother-in-law.

Her sister purchased a trailer for her to live in, but it is almost beyond repair. The outside is worn and well past being energy efficient. The steps leading to it are starting to rot. Several windows are broken and the roof leaks.

Inside a kitchen fire caused damage to the trailer. The kitchen sink is taped in place and the faucet is tied by a string to the upper cabinet to keep the sink from falling to the floor. Water damage, mold, and mildew are present under the sink. Several cabinet doors are either missing or hanging by one hinge.

Holes in the floor have been patched...one done after a snake came up through a hole. The bathroom does not have a door, and the ceiling is caving in.

Pastor Sam hopes to raise approximately $15,000 to purchase a “new” trailer. For more information, contact Pastor Sam at sam.chetty@southern.edu or (423) 396-2134, ext. 13.

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- Community (Tickets available at ticket outlet in town)
- Student (tickets available on Campus for students)

By making tickets available early to our members to use as 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 in front of Belk’s Men at Hamilton Place Mall on Monday, March 26 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are not required for children ages 6 and under. There is a ten ticket limit at the Mall.

To volunteer for SonRise, contact Sherrie at sonrise@southern.edu or 396-2134.

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The mind and heart on the glory of God. As Adventists we want to share the mandate found in 1 Peter 3:15 to set apart Christ in our hearts as Lord and always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within us, with gentleness and respect, all for the glory of God.

At the end of our FOUR track training of six sessions each we hope to motivate, equip, and enable you to stir the imaginations and thrust the mind of seekers within our community to see the beauty and credibility of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our first topic is Conversations That Count.

Light snacks will be served. Seating is limited so rsvp to info@beinhealthchatt.com. For more information, contact Pastor Sam Chetty at (423) 396-2134.

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I tried this, and no one answered.

The pastors will return the call as soon as they are available. Please leave the following contact information on the voice mail of the Pastor on Call:

1. your name
2. your phone number
3. the reason for calling

Note: Because the calls register as a “pastor on call” phone number, your phone number will not show up on the pastor’s phone. This means the pastor is unable to return the call if you do not leave the information.

I left my information and no one returned my call.

Please try a second time if someone doesn’t call you back!

Periodically the pastors have been unable to reach someone at the phone number that was left and the name of the caller was either unknown or they couldn’t locate additional contact information in the directory for the member.

It is important to the pastoral staff to support those experiencing a crisis situation. If you have questions or a need, please contact the church office.
OUR NEXT OFF/IFF (Outdoor/Indoor Family Fellowship) will be held Saturday, March 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Bring your supper meal and your favorite table games as we gather together as a church family for food, fun and fellowship.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES may be picked up in the Church Office during office hours for those who had their photo taken.

OUR BELOVED FAMILY MATRIARCH, Mildred Walters, passed away this month at the age of 102. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the love that came her way during her long decline, and also for the help and sympathy recently extended to us from the Church family. Her children: Marcia, Jim and Richard, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A WILL CLINIC will be held in the Fellowship Hall on April 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and April 2 and 3 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. To schedule another time to meet, call the Conference Trust Services Department at 1-800-567-1844.

CONNECT RE:FUEL — You are invited to Re:Fuel “Lifted Up”, a FREE contemporary worship concert Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Academy Auditorium. Join us in lifting up our Creator in song and praise!

THE BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK Art Gallery Exhibit’s grand opening is on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brock Hall John C. Williams Art Gallery. It will be open for viewing until March 23 during school hours. All art work is from students in the School of Visual Art and Design, A.W. Spalding, Collegedale Adventist Middle School, and Collegedale Academy. Light refreshments will be provided.

MISSING TABLECLOTHS: February 12, 12, a black plastic bag containing eleven round white tablecloths went missing from the kitchen. If you know where they are, call the Church at 396-2134. (The trash was triple checked to make sure the bag was not thrown away.)

PASTOR TIM AND BECKY CROSS’ phone number was left out of the pictorial directory. You may reach them at (423) 309-1860.

THE 55+ CLUB will meet March 11, in the Fellowship Hall and will feature the Grassharpers, a local bluegrass gospel band. Lunch begins at 12:00. Food assignments: A-C: Potato/pasta/rice dish; D-G: Vegetables; H-J: Bread/rolls/sandwiches; K-O: Salad; P-S: Dessert; and T-Z: entrees. For more information, call Erling at (423) 591-4779.

SERVICE FOR MARION BLANCO, wife of Jack, will be held Sabbath, March 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be held 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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