THE MISSION of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church is to bring all people to a saving relationship with Jesus and grow them for God’s glory.

TICKETS REQUIRED FOR ALL PAGEANTS

SonRise is Sabbath, April 7. Over 7,000 tickets were distributed at the Mall. All tickets are gone. Tickets are required for ALL Pageants. There will NOT be an unticketed Pageant.

If you by chance picked up tickets and will not need them, turn them in to the Church office as soon as possible so they can be redistributed. We have many people who call in requesting tickets. We’d like to provide them with a ticket.

If you find out Sabbath morning you have extra tickets, bring them with you and turn them in to the Welcome Desk. We have a group whose job is to collect the extra tickets and redistribute them to those who come without tickets.

If you do not have tickets, you may wait in line SonRise day to see if any extra tickets have been turned in. We cannot guarantee you’ll be able to go through at that specific time.

Another option for those without tickets is to participate in costume. Contact Sharon Moses at 834-1493 to get guidelines for those in costume. You will need to provide your own costume.

If none of these options are for you, we encourage you to visit one of the many Adventist churches in the area that day.

SonRise was first presented in 1996. The entire pageant will take an hour-and-a-half, start to finish. A leisurely walk of about a mile is required; we are encouraging casual dress and comfortable shoes.

HEALTH EXPO OFFERED THIS MONTH

The Collegedale Church Be In Health Committee is once again partnering with the Samaritan Center to sponsor a free Health Expo in the Samaritan Center Parking Lot on April 21 and 22 from noon to 5:00 p.m. Volunteer health professionals and Southern students will provide their time and expertise to man the various stations which include Pulmonary Function Testing, Vision/Glaucoma Checks, Fitness Assessments, Nutrition Counseling, Dental, Dermatology, and Podiatry Screenings. There is still a need for nurses to do blood pressure checks.

Also planned is a Children’s Tent at which the Eight Laws of Health will be incorporated into visuals, puzzles, games, and activities under the direction of the student nurses.

We feel very fortunate that we were able to schedule Memorial Hospital’s Health Coach to coordinate with our Health Check.

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DIVORCECARE & DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS

DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) groups will meet 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays beginning April 13 at the Church.

You don’t have to go through it alone. Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they’ve ever faced. It’s a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you’ve never faced before.

DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

DC4K is a special group to help children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to recognize and learn to share their feelings.

Children experiencing divorce tell us they feel alone and helpless. Your children may feel scared, sad and confused. They may hide their feelings from you because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately.

DC4K is a powerful ministry for kids 5–12 years of age.

For more information, call Richard at (407) 970-3127.

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP

by Sam Chetty

Quiet Hour Ministries has been invited by the Kwazulu Natal-Free State Conference and the Southern Africa Union to conduct a mission trip July 11-26. The project includes evangelism meetings, VBS programs, and the construction of two chapels for the Jozini and Richmond communities. Medical, dental, and eye clinics will also be performed.

Four sites are being prepared and worked on for an intense evangelism campaign that will be spearheaded by the lead evangelist Pastor Sam Chetty. Team members from the United States, Brazil, Kenya, and the United Kingdom have signed up.

Thirty-five people have signed up for the fifty available slots. Many of the team members are from the Collegedale area. The $2,500 participation fee covers airfare, food, lodging, and local transportation. Team members are currently raising funds for the Collegedale area students signed up to reduce their participation fee to $1,850. The group has also undertaken the possible digging of a well, which will cost about $7,000.

Contact Pastor Sam at samchetty@southern.edu or 396-2134.

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Expo’s dates as a new addition to our list of services this year. Screening mammograms will be offered right alongside our Big Tent. Appointment sign-up guidelines will be provided as we generate our promotional materials.

Among the Door Prizes for the youngsters will be a free week of summer camp at Cohutta Springs for the winner and a friend. A timely donation of NOAA emergency alert weather radios will be in the drawing mix in the “Big People’s” tent.

As part of our continuing evangelistic outreach, follow-up events are in the offering: A Skincare Seminar with Victor Czerkasij; Cooking Classes; a Stress Seminar; and the Fun Run.

In a recent Review magazine, Mark Kellner alluded to “Income Inequality” today being a major discussion topic. His feeling, though, was that rather than “spreading the wealth”, the emphasis for the Seventh-day Adventists should be “spreading the health”.

He says, “Healthy living is a message every Seventh-day Adventist church could share in its community as a way to show God’s love to others, help folk lead a better life, and, yes, expose Adventist Christianity as a faith worth finding.”

For more information, contact Sam Chetty at 396-2134, ext. 13 or info@beinhealthchatt.com.
ADDRESSING SOUND ISSUES

by Wolf Jedamski

It’s no secret that the Sanctuary has had longstanding challenges with hearing the spoken word. When the room was remodeled years ago to accommodate the new organ, acoustical treatments were updated to enhance the tonal qualities of the organ and of other musical presentations. The engineers did an excellent job. However, sound and PA works differently for the spoken word. The aliveness of the room, while it works well for music, provides enormous challenges for the spoken word.

These challenges have contributed to innumerable "suggestions" about the PA system in our church. It has even contributed to members transferring to other churches. Recently we contracted with John Murray, The Principal, for Optimum System Solutions out of Colorado, to come evaluate our acoustics, the current PA system, and suggest possible solutions to the hearing issues without reducing organ and other musical qualities.

Mr. Murray is one of the top acousticians in the country and travels the world consulting and tuning both new installations and existing problem venues. His testing conducted over several days confirmed what we already knew. The optimum reverberation for an organ is at 5.0 seconds or above. An orchestra wants the venue to be at 3.0 or above. Our Sanctuary reverberation levels average 2.6. This is a major problem when the spoken word needs to be at a maximum of 1.6; preferably less.

Mr. Murray spent several days tuning and balancing our current speakers, re-wired the current amplifiers, delay units and other PA components and the result has been a noticeable improvement in the sound quality. Those settings have been locked into the system and will be checked regularly so they don’t change every time there is an electrical storm or brown out.

Upon his recommendation, we have also begun to replace outdated microphones and upgrade other components in order to get our current system to sound as good as possible without major architectural sound treatments.

Certainly the other key factor in a good sound mix is the professionalism of both the PA operators in providing the mix and the worship participants in their interaction with microphones. Since our PA operators (and program participants) are all volunteers, this is often a challenge. This past week, I brought Mr. Murray back for a four hour training session for our operators. 22 of our volunteers attended the four hour session and learned how to better run our system.

Keep them in your prayers as they seek to provide the best possible sound mix for our worship. As John said; “If God’s spoken word can’t be heard in the Sanctuary, then you simply have a beautiful room.” We want all our worship to glorify our creator!

UNIVERSITY DRIVE CLOSURE

On Sabbath, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. University Drive will be blocked at the University Drive and College Drive intersections in front of A.W. Spalding Elementary School and at the Village Market for SonRise.

Signs will direct traffic to two detour routes. Southern Adventist University has agreed to the use of Industrial Drive. The second route will take people from Apison Pike to College Drive and around.

Besides the detour signs provided by the University and City, SonRise signs will direct people to the Pageant.
COOL CAMP: Applications for our summer day camp, for ages 6-13, are available at www.coolcamp.org. COOL Camp runs from May 30 to August 8. Registration is Sunday, May 13.

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT at VBS this June. Come and experience how “Everything is possible with God”. Join us June 10 - 15 and bring a friend (ages 4 - 13 years). For more information call the Church Office at (423) 396-2134 or Sharon Mohr at (423) 605-1779 after 3:00 p.m.

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.

ASI CARPOOL: Carment Porter would like a ride to ASI Meetings in Dalton April 12-14. She is willing to help with gas. Call 855-6968.

COLLEGE DALE ACADEMY invites new students for the school year 2012-2013 to Academy Day on April 24. Call (423) 396-2124 for information and to register.

RIDE NEEDED: Linda Shriver-Buckner has broken her foot and is not allowed to drive for 6 weeks. Daily (Monday – Thursday) help getting from Mountain Shadows Subdivision to the Samaritan Center is greatly appreciated. Linda can be reached at (770) 378-7449 or LindaBuckner@TheSamaritanCenter.net Any assistance whether one day a week or once is appreciated.

IN MEMORY

Paul Burdick, husband of Bille (Kelly) Burdick, father of Rich and Gary, and brother of John and Al, passed away March 6. Services were held March 31. Memorial gifts may be given to Kids in Discipleship, PO Box 2131, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Jennie Keele, mother of Don R. Keele Sr, Rodney William Keele, Barbara Olsen, and Linda Durham, passed away March 19. Services were held March 22. Memorial gifts may be given to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416.

Ruby Nabors, mother of Paula Graham, passed away March 11. Services were held March 17. Memorial gifts can be made to the Samaritan Center, 9231 Lee Highway # C, Ooltewah, TN 37363 or Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Dr # 101, Chattanooga, TN 37416.

Irma Jackson Trivett, mother of Bev Rawson, passed away March 22. Services were held March 25.

Leo VanDolson, husband of Bobbie Jane, father of Randall VanDolson and Leo Ray Vandolson, Jr, passed away March 11. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to The Oak Is In The Acorn (theoaksintheacorn.com).

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 4
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, April 5
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Sabbath, April 7
No services due to SonRise
Offering: SonRise
8:02 p.m. Sunset

Tuesday, April 10
10:00 a.m. Women’s Group
6:30 p.m. Women’s Group

Wednesday, April 11
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, April 12
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Friday, April 13
8:00 p.m. University Vespers

Sabbath, April 14
8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Carole Verrill
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Carole Verrill
Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect: Drama
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Carole Verrill
Offering: Christian Record Services
8:12 p.m. Sunset

Tuesday, April 17
10:00 a.m. Women’s Group
6:30 p.m. Women’s Group

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