PASTORAL POSITIONS
by Pastor Dave Smith

In recent months the Collegedale pastors have been engaged in a search process to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Pastor Duane Schoonard. More specifically, we have prayerfully concluded that the most significant need of the Collegedale Church currently unassigned to a pastor is family life. So we have been looking for a family life pastor.

During our search process Tim Cross, our youth pastor, indicated that he felt called to minister to families in our Church, provided we as a staff agreed and that the search process validated his calling. Those of us who know Tim well were not surprised at his expressed interest. We have been observing and appreciating his passion for family ministry for some time. I am glad to report that the Spirit has since led us, in cooperation with Conference administration and in consultation with the Church Board, to offer the position to Tim, and he has accepted. We believe that the spiritual life of our families lies at the heart of the spiritual life of the church. We are eager to see how God is going to help us strengthen the family life of our members.

Tim’s transition to family life, however, creates an open position for youth pastor. This is a very important position for our Church, so we are inviting input during the search process from interested members—particularly parents, youth, school system employees, and youth ministry volunteers. Our youth are our investment in the future of the church. They are our most important resource. Let us pray that God will lead us to a youth pastor who will, in turn, help lead our young people closer to God and to their church.

SOAR HIGH AT SKY VBS

Soar high at SKY, this summer’s Vacation Bible School, where Everything is Possible With God. VBS will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon June 11-15 and at the 11:45 a.m. Renewal service on Sabbath, June 16.

We are serving four year olds through those going into the 5th grade. This year is going to be an exciting adventure leading our children toward trusting God as He leads in their lives. No matter what happens, what others do to you, how you feel or where you are, God is there. We want our children to know that nothing is impossible for God when we trust in Him. Come enjoy the lessons, crafts, games, snacks and friends.

Those going in 6th through 8th grades can participate in Service Camp.

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CHURCH BOARD REPORT

The Church Board met on Tuesday, May 15.

The Finance Committee report was reviewed by Wolf Jedamski. It was noted that operations were ahead by $27,000 due to a slight increase in giving to the budget and a significantly better year-to-date expense amount under what was budgeted. The Board voted to approve the Finance Committee report.

Don Duff gave an update from the Greater Collegedale School System (GCSS). He reported the GCSS Constituency meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Collegedale Academy. Bylaws will be reviewed and voting will take place regarding admitting Collegedale Community and Hamilton Community churches as constituent members and members of the GCSS. He also reported that Brent Baldwin has accepted the position as principal for Collegedale Academy, to replace Murray Cooper who will now oversee all three schools.

The Board elected and voted on School Board members for the new term. Harry Miller, Jodi Ruf, and Rick Stern were asked to continue on the GCSS School Board until their terms expire, and Chad Nash and Toni McElroy were invited to serve on the School Board as new members.

The Greater Collegedale School System (GCSS) constituency rate policy was discussed and voted. (See article on page 3.) The Board voted to grant letters of transfer to eighteen individuals wishing to join our congregation and to nine individuals wishing to join other congregations. (See list below.) In addition, affirmed seven individuals who joined by baptism.

VBS

Registration is first-come-first-served with a cap of 50 students. Service Campers will perform service for our Church and local schools, crafts, team building activities, make baby blankets for Samaritan Center, charitable carwash, daily video prep for SKY VBS group, as well as find out how awesome it is to serve the Lord as they put their trust in Him.

Applications are available in the Atrium or at www.collegedalechurch.com. Stop by the Church Sunday, June 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to pre-register and be assigned to a group.

Volunteers

Offering any program takes many hands. We can only provide these programs with your help. Prayerfully consider helping out this year. We need help with crafts, missions, snacks, and games, but mostly we need crew leaders and assistants. Volunteer applications are also available. Questions? Contact Sharon Mohr at (423) 605-1779 after 3:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OPPS

Earliteen Sabbath School leader needed. Lead a team who provides an engaging bible study experience for 7th and 8th grade young people. For more information, contact Tim Cross (423) 309-1860.

membership transfers

The following names were presented for transfer.

IN—Joseph Barry from Greenland, MI; June Barry from Greenland, MI; Sean and Susan Barry from Greenland, MI; Norman & Patricia Bassett from McDonald Road; Heather Castellanos from Lynchburg, VA; Richard and Connie Hallock from Ridgetop, TN; John and Kendra Lee from Stoneham, MA; Aubrey and Barbara Liles from Atlanta North; Ken and Sue Regal from Forest Lake, FL; Bob and Donna VanDevander from Chattanooga First; and Lori Younce from Collegedale Community.

OUT—Keith and Gilda Attle to Georgetown, TN; Donna Covrig to Bentonville, AR; Keith and Sherry Heming to Orchard Park, Chattanooga, TN; Steven and Lisa Kuhlman to Chattanooga First; and John and Januwoina Nixon to Orchard Park, Chattanooga, TN.
GCSS CONSTITUENCY 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 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, the following criteria will apply to all prospective and current member families desiring the constituent rate for their children.

All membership transfer requests desiring the constituent rate must be made before the start of the current 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.

• 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. To demonstrate compliance with this policy, you will be asked to sign the Constituent Rate Policy Verification form and return it to the Church Office.

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 of the pastors on staff.

IN MEMORY

Debbie Ruhling Gallgher, sister of Paul Ruhling and granddaughter of Bruce and Adele Wickwire, passed away May 9. Services were held May 15. Memorial gifts can be sent to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Attn Memorial Dept., PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

Margaret K. Garrick, mother of Carolyn Landrum, Mary Link, Mareen Woodard George W. Garrick, Jr., John Stephen Garrick, and Mark Garrick passed away May 12. Services were May 20. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406.

Stanley Will, father of Ken Will and Cliff Will, passed away Sunday, May 6. A memorial service will be held June 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be at 3:00 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Voice of Prophecy, PO Box 2525, Newbury Park, CA 91319.
STUDENT AID APPLICATIONS for Collegedale Church members are available at www.collegedale-church.com under the “Education” link and at the Church Office. Applications are due by June 22.

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THE ARW CLUB (Adventist Retired Workers) will meet Sunday, June 3, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The program will feature Dr. John Chung, dermatologist, a happy ‘skin doctor’ who will inspire and entertain. Food Assignments: A-B Potatoes, Rice or Pasta; C-G Vegetables; H-J Sandwiches or Rolls; K-O Desserts; P-S Salads; T-Z Entrees. Important: Bring food by 11:30 to be processed for serving promptly at noon. If your dish is vegan, mark it “vegan” on a card to be placed by it. The same may be done for sugar-free items.

JOURNEY TO NEPAL: Do you love hearing a good story? Are you interested in living “outside the box”? Have you ever seen Mt. Everest? How far would you go to help a sick child? Would you live in a remote village in the hills of Nepal? Come hear the story of Brooke Laura, founder of Saprinu (www.saprinu.org). She will be sharing her story at an informal potluck lunch (bring your favorite dish) at the home of LeClare and Shelly Litchfield, 11111 Blair Road, Apison TN, at 2:00 p.m. on Sabbath, June 2. If possible, RSVP to Shelly at (423) 413-1954 or shelly.litch@gmail.com.

WELLNESS SUMMIT (JUNE 10-11): Southern Adventist University is hosting a conference to inspire and educate people on how to build successful wellness practices in their homes and communities. Keynote speakers include Neil Nedley, an Adventist author and medical director of the Nedley Depression Recovery Program, and Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas who lost 110 pounds through lifestyle changes. For further event and ticket information, visit southern.edu/wellnesssummit.

WELLKIDS - ACTIVITY CAMP: Do you want your children to have a summer filled with a wide variety of fun physical activities? Your children can spend two hours with WELLkids each day and keep moving this summer at Southern’s Hulsey Wellness Center. Two-week sessions are available throughout June and July. See www.southern.edu/wellness for more details and to register or call (423) 236–2594.

DIVORCECARE AND DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS groups meet 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays at the Church. Call Dr. Richard D’Avanzo at (407) 970-3127. The June 1 topics are “New Relationships” and “Developing New Relationships”, and for June 8, “Financial Survival” and “Developing Mondy Smarts”, respectively.

WellKids - Activity Camp: Do you want your children to have a summer filled with a wide variety of fun physical activities? Your children can spend two hours with WELLKids each day and keep moving this summer at Southern’s Hulsey Wellness Center. Two-week sessions are available throughout June and July. See www.southern.edu/wellness for more details and to register or call (423) 236–2594.

DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids groups meet 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays at the Church. Call Dr. Richard D’Avanzo at (407) 970-3127. The June 1 topics are “New Relationships” and “Developing New Relationships”, and for June 8, “Financial Survival” and “Developing Mondy Smarts”, respectively.

SABBATH, JUNE 2
8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Doug Jacobs
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Doug Jacobs
11:30 a.m. Connect: Carol Loree
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Doug Jacobs

Offering: Church Family Budget
8:50 p.m. Sunset

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
7:00 p.m. DivorceCare & DivorceCare for Kids

SABBATH, JUNE 9
8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Jason Salyers
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Jason Salyers
11:30 a.m. Connect: Tim Cross
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Jason Salyers

Offering: Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
8:54 p.m. Sunset

SUNDAY, JUNE 10
1:00 p.m. VBS Registration

MONDAY, JUNE 11
9:00 a.m. VBS

TUESDAY, JUNE 12
9:00 a.m. VBS