OVER 400 KIDS ATTEND VBS

Over 400 children learned at SKY VBS that with God, everything is possible. The largest attendance day totaled 420 kids.

Through offerings (both during the week and Sabbath) and a car wash held by the Service Camp kids, over $1450 was raised for their mission project, supporting the Samaritan Center's Stock Their Lockers program.

Thank you to the 120 volunteers who participated in some way with VBS.

FATHER AND SON CAMPOUT

On the weekend of September 28-30, the Collegedale Church Men’s Ministry will be hosting their first father and son campout.

Men’s Ministry leader Dennis Negron came up with the idea and soon found other fathers interested in joining him. “It’s a time for dad’s to spend some great bonding time with their sons,” Negron says.

The weekend will include structured break out sessions for Bible study and life mentoring along with plenty of playtime.

If you are a dad and son team interested in a weekend adventure together with a taste for gourmet campfire food, then this weekend is for you. You can register by calling the Church Office at (423) 396-2134 or emailing Pastor Ken Norton at kennorton@southern.edu. Cost to be determined.

Don’t worry daughters. A father/daughter banquet is being scheduled for the spring.

IN MEMORY

George Mack Chapman, husband of Nancy Chapman, passed away June 19. Services were held June 22.

The sister of Ingrid Jones passed away June 13 in Trinidad.

Bette Galusha, sister of Carole Verrill, passed away June 17. Services will be held in Massachusetts.
“COURAGEOUS” FATHERHOOD

by Ray Minner

You can learn a lot of things in Sabbath School. We grew up with hair-raising stories of the missionaries’ adventures in India and Africa—stories that are now in their third and fourth generations as Adventist missions live up to their potential as agents of church growth. Last quarter’s lessons focused on witnessing and evangelism, subjects we should be continually learning and applying. But did you ever go to Sabbath School to be a better dad?

Inspired by Sherwood Pictures’ feature film, Courageous, based on the book, Honor Begins at Home: The Courageous Bible Study by Michael Catt, Stephen Hendrick, and Alex Kendrick (Nashville: Lifeway Christian Resources, 2011), Dennis Negron purposed to launch a seminar series for fathers and husbands in our congregation, meeting every week during the Sabbath School hour. Unbeknownst to him, Associate Pastor Ken Norton had a similar vision.

Since mid-April their class has been meeting every Sabbath at 10:15 in the CAMS gymnasium, working toward a culmination and closing ceremony on Father’s Day Sabbath, June 16.

I spoke with Dennis about halfway through the series. “On Week Four we talked about integrity and the importance of having our private lives be transparent. We know our kids are watching us all the time. We want to avoid the hypocrisy our children see in us at times,” he said.

“The role of the father is that of the ‘house-band,’ says Pastor Norton, “the one who holds the house together.” He went on to reference the serious deficit of faithful and nurturing fathers in today’s society.

After a brief hiatus following the completion of this first lesson series in June, Ken intends to crank it up all over again with a new crop of dads who want to follow suit and make this same commitment to their wives and children. At this writing, a start date had not been set, but he hopes to begin the new class soon after this story appears in Churchbeat. Interested fathers and husbands should contact him at the church office.

Carla McKenzie has been conducting a companion study group for the wives of the fathers enrolled in the program. It also meets at CAMS in the teachers’ work room.

Many of us have special memories of our committed Christian dads and the example they set for us throughout their lives. And some of us missed that privilege. If you want to carry on your dad’s tradition of care and nurture—or begin a new tradition in your family, Ken hopes you will come into this eight-week series and offer God your best as the spiritual leader of your home.

The 55+ Club will feature Gerry Allen, Interpretative Ranger at Chickamauga -Chattanooga National Military Park at the July 8 meeting held in the Fellowship Hall.

Ranger Allen comes to the Military Park after being ranger at three National Parks. He will tell us about the latest happenings and 150th Anniversary upcoming events at the Chickamauga-Chattanooga Military Park.

The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon, and will be followed by Ranger Allen’s talk at 12:50 p.m. Members providing the vegetarian luncheon are asked to bring by 11:30 a.m.: A-B Vegetables; C-F Potato, Rice, Pasta; G-L Entrees; M-O Desserts; P-S Tossed/Macaroni/Potato; and T-Z Sandwiches, Bread, Rolls

Anyone 55 and over is cordially invited. First time guests need not bring food, however, RSVP to Erling Odell at (423) 591-4779.
THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND

A commentary of the new Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly by Ray Minner

Greece is an endlessly fascinating place, with beauty at nearly every turn—from the marble and granite ruins of antiquity to gorgeous blue ocean vistas and picturesque harbors lined with sidewalk cafes. Speaking of ruins, though, there is also a negative aspect of Greek life these days—their national economy is in what my Grandma would have called a “George Harris mess.” (No one in my generation of our family really knew who George Harris was, but obviously, disaster always followed in his wake.)

Next quarter’s lessons take us back to the Greek city of Thessalonica, a thriving and large harbor city and key transportation hub in the First Century. The apostle Paul had only been able to stay three weeks there, and whether or not his witness was to have lasting impact was still to be seen. So he sent Timothy back to look in on these fledgling Christians and report on their progress.

Timothy’s report was basically good, but . . . as Paul had feared, there were problems festering which he had not anticipated. Thus was prompted the writing of two letters—actually within weeks of each other in A.D. 50 or 51. Letters of both rebuke and encouragement. Paul understood the Greek thought processes in a way that other Bible writers did not, and even though as a Jewish Roman, Paul was certainly not “one of them,” those early Greek Christians loved him—hung on his every word, including those they hadn’t really understood. These letters would “clear the channel,” so to speak, of any intercultural debris and present a vision unlike any other the Thessalonians had ever seen.

Paul’s pastoral love for these people resonates throughout these short letters. Always he affirms the authenticity of their experience. But he cautions them not to become complacent or overlook the deceptions which surely would come before Jesus’ return. He wants them not just to remember him fondly (although he admits he finds this comforting), but he wants them to remember their responsibilities to the Gospel, pleasing God without becoming a burden to the body of Christ. He asks them to embrace genuine holiness and to shun immoral behavior.

Above all, they must never lose sight of the glorious vision. They must picture their Lord descending from heaven “with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God!” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

Dr. Jon Paulien, dean of Loma Linda’s School of Religion, combs carefully through these epistles, mining the gems that make them so valuable to our present experience in church life.

Today’s Salonika remains a beautiful harbor town, but Paul’s testimony to its very first followers of Jesus has survived with much more significance than the place itself. Followers of Jesus in the 21st Century, in the Third Quarter of 2012, to be precise, will be revisiting those precious messages of comfort and hope. If you have never really considered Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians, approach them this quarter as if you were handling the scroll just arrived from Corinth. This summer, you are a Thessalonian! 🎧

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Adult Sabbath Schools

8:45 a.m. Adult Classes
Open Circle: Seminar Room

9:00 a.m. Adult Classes
Haitian: Spalding Band Room
Minner/Henning: Prayer Room
Spalding: Senior Center

10:00 a.m. Adult Classes
Falling In Love With Jesus (for women): Collegedale Academy, Library
The Guys: Collegedale Academy, Room 100
Living Free: Peacemaking: Collegedale Academy, Room 109

10:15 a.m. Adult Classes
Acceptance: Gospel Chapel
Akers: Seminar Room
Anchor: Choir Room
Books of the Bible: Library
Collegiate: Fellowship Hall A/B
Common Ground: Senior Center A
Fundamental Beliefs: Fellowship Hall C
Ministry in Medicine (collegiate): Hulsey Wellness Center
Prayer for Connect: Academy, Rm 102
Renewal: Senior Center B
Young Adult: A.W. Spalding Music Room

11:30 a.m. Adult Classes
Roundtable: Seminar Room
RIC AND BETTIE (CHASTAIN) GRIFFIN are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year! If you have been a part of their lives, we invite you to join the celebration on Sunday, July 15, at a come-and-go from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their home (5924 Edgmon Road in Ooltewah). If you are unable to attend, you may send messages or memories to bgsunshine@juno.com to be included in a memory book.

COMMUNION will be held June 30. The ordinance of humility will be observed in the Fellowship Hall on a continuous basis from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Worshipers are invited to arrive at least twenty minutes before the service of their choice at 8:45, 10:15, or 11:45 a.m., and take part in the foot-washing ceremony.

SUPPORT YOUR COLLEGEDALE PATHFINDER CLUB during the Independence Day Celebration at the Veteran’s Park on July 3. They will start serving supper by 5:30 p.m. Grillers, Linketts, French fries, onion rings, cotton candy, popcorn, funnel cakes, and snow cones will be available.

TRAILER MISSION PROJECT UPDATE: Several months ago we brought to the Church family a need of a local family for a new trailer to live in. Many donated towards the project. The trailer has been purchased and the family began moving in this past week. The five kids and their mom are all thrilled. We will update you with photos in upcoming weeks.

CAYA SOCCER SUMMER CAMP for boys and girls in grades 7-12 will be held at Redoubt Soccer Fields July 30-August 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Coach Kenson Elve and staff are eager to help you improve your soccer skills. Register on July 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. under the breezeway at the Church. Cost is $50 through July 14. Cost after that date will be $60. You may email Coach Kenson Elve at kensonelve@gmail.com to receive a registration form, or you may register at 5:30 p.m. on July 30 at the Redoubt fields.

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 29 topics are “Forgiveness” and “Forgiveness”, and for July 6, “Reconciliation” and “Loving My Parents”, respectively.

CHATTANOOGA FIRST CHURCH (7450 Standifer Gap Road) invites children ages 4-12 to attend Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid! July 9 through 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Each day, the children will become a part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Jesus’ hometown! For more information, email chattfirstvbs@gmail.com.

PASSIONATELY MARRIED: Learn how intimacy and communication can spice up your marriage. The seminar, presented by First Things First, will be held Thursdays, Aug. 16 and 23, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the McDonald Road Church. Dinner and childcare provided, but you must pre-register at (423) 267-5383 or visit firstthings.org. Call (423) 396-3462 to register for childcare. Couples who complete both nights are eligible for a free overnight retreat.

SABBATH, June 30

8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Ken Norton, Communion
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Ken Norton, Communion
Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect: Andy Nash
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Ken Norton, Communion

Offering: NAD Outreach Project
8:59 p.m. Sunset

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 p.m. DivorceCare & DivorceCare for Kids

SABBATH, JULY 7

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: Jamie Naughton
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith

Offering: Church Family Budget
8:58 p.m. Sunset