WELCOME PASTOR WILL

by Pastor Dave Smith

I am very pleased to announce that Pastor William Hurtado, campus chaplain and senior pastor at Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon, has accepted our invitation to serve as the youth pastor of the Collegedale Church. William’s decision follows a rigorous search and interview process that included creating a new job description, vetted through the church board; identifying, with the help of the church family, prospective candidates; screening and prioritizing candidates; and having William and his wife Shelley come to meet with the church staff, key church and school leaders, parents and youth program volunteers, and most importantly, a number of our young people. The responses from all parties who interacted with William were very positive and encouraging. William appreciated the open dialog that characterized these interactions and trusts that this open communication will continue as he leads out with youth programming.

We are particularly excited about the experience in youth ministry William brings to Collegedale. He has served as youth pastor for the Puyallup Adventist Church, collegiate and young adult pastor for North Cascade Adventist Church and Bellingham Adventist Church, assistant to the youth director of the Washington Conference, and area pastor for the San Juan Islands in Washington.

While a student at Andrews University William served as in-reach and outreach director. He led out in a special street ministry for Benton Harbor which involved over a hundred Andrew’s students reaching out to the young people and residents of Benton Harbor each week. During the summers he helped direct a day camp serving over one hundred young people. After graduating from Andrews University with an undergraduate degree, William joined the University staff for the Center for Youth Evangelism. He developed and managed Giraffe University, a North American Division youth leadership training program. He co-authored a book called The Seven Principles for Youth Ministry Excellence and offered numerous training sessions for youth leaders. His Master’s degree from Andrews in youth ministry strengthened his preparation for youth ministry.

In 1999 William became the assistant to the youth director of the Washington Conference. He worked with youth leaders in the conference, wrote for church publications on the topic of youth ministry, conducted public school spiritual retreats for over 100 public school students, and led the youth programming for Washington Camp Meeting for five years. Much more
CHILDERN’S CHOIR REVIVED
Cynthia Spears Hands Kindergarten 2 leadership to Pamela Fox
by Carole Verrill

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the change in leadership of our Kindergarten 2 Sabbath School room. Cynthia Spears has faithfully served in this role for over two years and has blessed this classroom with her creativity, even designing her own curriculum. Cynthia will be stepping down from this role and transitioning into her new role as our Children’s Choir Director, a position she held several years ago.

The choir, for children ages 4 through 4th grade, will meet Thursdays from 7:00-7:45 p.m. in the Earliteen Room. The orientation meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our new K2 leader will be Pamela Fox. She will assume the leadership of the classroom on Sabbath, Aug. 18.

CA WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL
by Tamara Wolcott Fisher

Collegedale Academy (CA) recently announced that Brent Baldwin has accepted the position of principal, replacing Murray Cooper, who will become administrator for the Greater Collegedale School System.

Brent was most recently principal at Mile High Academy in Denver, CO. He has previ-...
The temperatures have been soaring this summer; however, each week day at the Collegedale Church, we are remaining COOL. Our COOL Camp summer program operates daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays until August 8. There are over 100 children registered for our camp and we average an attendance of 60-70 children daily.

Our camp staff consists of committed Christian young adults, led by our Director Molli Paige, who wish to show the love of Christ to every camper through their daily care and interactions. Each morning the campers and staff participate in a rousing song service led by some of our talented musical staff members. This is followed by a worship/devotional thought and prayer time led by a pastor. Small group/counselor time involves each staff member participating in discussion and prayer time with their group. It is our goal that as every child participates in these worship sessions, he/she will feel God’s presence and grow in his/her own spiritual walk.

The campers enjoy some refreshing time at Southern’s pool each morning and afternoon and participate in games, arts and crafts, and sports activities. Afternoons also find our campers playing ball in the AW Spalding gymnasium, playing on the playground (when the heat permits), and playing board games in the Kindergarten 1 activity classroom. Each week, campers are given the option of attending a field trip. These trips include such exciting adventures as bowling or tubing at Parksville Lake. All of our COOL campers participated in our Vacation Bible School during the month of June and had a wonderful time with Southern’s Outdoor Education Master students at the Student Park participating in team building games and interactive activities. We are also partnering with Southern in a Summer Reading/Writing Clinic intensive from July 9-18 in which COOL campers have the opportunity to work one on one with Education Master students to practice their language art skills.

We are thankful for the ministry of our COOL Camp staff members and praise God for His direction and leadership of our Camp. We covet your prayers for God’s continued blessing and safety over each camper as we complete the remainder of this summer camp experience.

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James Crocker, brother of Mae Watson, passed away June 30. Services were held July 3.

Gloria Keizer, mother of Garth Keizer, passed away July 1. Services were held July 5. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern’s Student Missions, PO Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Ray Minner, husband of Laurie and father of Caleb Minner, Katie Partlo, Jennifer Payne, and Megan Minner, passed away July 3. Services were held July 7. Memorial contributions may be given to the Karen Minner Scholarship Fund at Highland View Academy at karenminner.com or 10100 Academy Dr, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Edna Summerour-Johnston, mother of Susan DeFoor, passed away June 19. Services were held June 23.

Zenobia Williams, wife of William Rufus Williams, mother of Ruth WilliamsMorris, and grandmother of Hendri, Kahlilia, and Junior, passed away June 29. Services were held July 7 in Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to: The University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) Alumni Association, North America, Rufus and Zenobia Williams Endowed Scholarship Fund, PO Box 11277, Takoma Park, MD 20913.
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.

ADVENTURER REGISTRATION is Sunday, Aug. 19, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Junior Room. The cost is $60 per child. Adventurers is a program for grades K-4 and their parents/caregivers. Children will have the opportunity to earn awards in different areas. For more information, visit collegedalechurch.com and click on “Children” and “Adventurer Club”.

A FATHER AND SON CAMPOUT will be hosted by Men’s Ministry September 28-30. If you are a dad and son team interested in a weekend adventure together call the Church Office at (423) 396-2134 or email Pastor Ken Norton at kennorton@southern.edu. Cost to be determined.

CAYA SOCCER SUMMER CAMP for grades 7-12 will be held at Redoubt Soccer Fields July 30-August 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. 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.

THE 15TH ANNUAL BOWMAN HILLS GIGANTIC SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE will be Wednesday and Thursday, July 25 and 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday, July 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday is half price day. The sale is at the Bowman Hills School, 300 Westview Drive, NE in Cleveland, TN. Donations will be accepted in the gym through July 20. Call Lee at (423) 715-5323 for more information.

DIVORCECARE and DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS’ last meeting is Friday, July 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Church. Call Dr. Richard D’Avanzo at (407) 970-3127. The topic for both groups is “Moving On, Growing Closer to God”.

The following names were presented for transfer.

IN—Lorraine Bond; Marc and Bonnie Boyson; Vaughan and Lee-Ann Choudree; Shirley Engel; Melissa Espy; Randy and Debbie Fowler; Russell Gent; Edna Graham; Gordon and Carol Guild; Allen, Pam, and Malissa Harris; Vicki Jansen; John and Kimberly Muaya; Steve and Judy Sapp; and Laurie Stankavich.

OUT—Cindy (Firestone) Dawson; and Carolyn Johnson Taylor.