YOUTH UPDATE
by Pastor William Hurtado

Hello my new church family!

My family and I are truly blessed to have joined your church fellowship. We look forward to worshipping and living life with you. Let’s do lunch sometime!

As we seek God’s guidance in leading our youth ministry, here is what the Lord has initially impressed me with:

1. Thank you! A BIG thank you to Tim Cross for his ministry to young people. Many good things have happened through Tim’s ministry, and we praise God for Tim and his family who are spending their lives for God. May we bless them as they bless us through their new church role!

2. The Conversation Box: Every ministry comes into a season of change, and this is it for the youth ministry. Expect good changes to be taking place! While it will take time to see the results of deep, purposeful change, now is the time for you to engage in the conversation of what you see God doing next. Besides all the regular forms of communication, I’m putting a “conversation box” with slips of paper you can write on next to the Church Office front door so that you can tell me what’s on your mind. Let’s be proactive and communicate!

3. Earliteen and Teen Sabbath Schools to receive an energy boost: We are indebted to the leaders and teachers of our Sabbath Schools. Thank you for serving in Christ’s Name! With time I hope to strengthen these ministries so that more and more of our kids find joy in attending regularly.

4. CAYA Friday Night Community Groups to continue. How can we say thank you to those involved in this ministry? An all-expenses-paid vacation for being youth ministry warriors? Seriously, this ministry has been very meaningful to kids. While we may need to tweak it a bit, I hope it continues. Pray for the leadership as we meet to plan for this.

5. CAYA Athletics to keep scoring for Jesus. I praise God for Tom Pyke, the coaches, and others involved in this very active ministry. Each practice and each game is an object lesson of how...
A SPECIAL INVITATION
by Pastor Cherie Smith

The Women’s Ministries Team appreciated every response we received from the ladies of the church regarding interests in starting a ministry for women. Our vision is that this ministry will encourage women to grow as authentic and faithful followers of Jesus Christ through exploration of Scripture, focused prayer, fellowship, and service to others.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, there will be a Kick-Off Brunch in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal and listen to our special speaker, Dr. Ruth WilliamsMorris, as she inspires and challenges the women with some thoughts about “PLANTING.”

There will also be opportunity to learn about and sign up for the Bible studies that will begin in September.

If you would like to attend the Sunday brunch, please call Carla McKenzie at (423) 785-6254 and reserve your spot. Child care will be provided for children one year old and older. Reservations and arrangements for child sitting must be called in to Carla by August 21.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, Aug. 26.

SKIN CARE WEEK

The Health Ministries Committee is hosting a Skin Care Week September 8-12 with dermatology specialist Victor Czerkasij.

Topics:
- Understanding Your Skin: Facts About Our Largest Organ
- Acne and Rosacea: When We See Red
- Issues of Darkly Pigmented Skin
- Skin Health for Baby Boomers
- America’s #1 Cancer

All topics will be presented at the Be In Health room next to the Samaritan Center. Times and registration information to follow in the Church bulletin and the next Churchbeat.

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Jesus would like us to think and behave in this world. A big challenge indeed!

6. Pathfinders continues to be the best Adventist youth ministry we have to offer. Bill Tracy and staff have a great thing going; it was fun to have joined them in their recent Pathfinder registration days. Please send kids you know their direction!

7. New Youth Room and Youth Ministry office in the works. The Junior Sabbath School is going to swap rooms with the Youth Sabbath School. This will allow the youth ministry to expand its reach by creating a youth center, with new doors leading to the lawn outdoors, and with an outdoor mini-amphitheater for a place to fellowship. Can you imagine the ownership our teens will feel when they realize that their Church is giving them their very own space? Thank you Pastor Wolf for helping develop this vision!

8. Our youth ministry called to fame. Not for ourselves, of course. That would be ridiculous. Fame for God! Our youth ministry is called to bring A LOT of glory to God. A LOT of fame to God. How can we put our hands on such a destiny? How can we ransom the lost dreams that God has placed inside the souls of our kids? For starters, I plan on giving away $500 in cash to any youth who dares to dream with God. How can they expand the Kingdom of God through that money? We shall find out.

In the meantime, know that my family and I are excited to join you in the journey to Jesus. He is the greatest Friend and Promise. Let’s “Live Christ, Unashamed.”

—Pastor Will
CHRISTIANITY AND THE LITERATURE OF THE WORLD

We look forward to seeing our members of the 55+ Club on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Fellowship Hall, along with any visitors who would like to join us.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jan Haluska, chair of Southern’s English Department, whose topic is “Christianity and the Literature of the World.” He will touch on how a Christian should regard literature, especially historically important fictional works that have shaped the world. Should we read such writings? If so, how should we read them especially in light of Ellen G. White’s counsel? Time will be allowed for question and answer period.

Even though Dr. Haluska’s first love was flying and he received his bachelor’s degree in aviation, he has found something he enjoys doing even more. He loves teaching and maintains that teaching is a ministry. Giving good, practical help and expanding the mental universe of his students are two of his main goals.

In addition to teaching, his work experience has ranged from the U.S. Army to selling, printing, and leading a jazz band. After his army service, Dr. Haluska traveled around the world by himself - an experience he has found very useful in his teaching career.

Come join us and meet Dr. Haluska, and enjoy the fellowship. Luncheon begins at 12:00 noon, and program at 12:50 p.m. Members are asked to bring the following vegetarian foods by 11:30 a.m. for kitchen serving.

A-B: Dessert
C-F: Vegetables
G-L: Salads: Macaroni/Potato/Tossed/etc.
M-P: Potato/Rice/Pasta Dish
R-V: Entrees
W-Z: Rolls/Bread/Sandwiches

First time guests are encouraged to come and need not bring food. For further information, call Erling Odell at (423) 591-4779.

Invest in Your Marriage!

Family Life’s Weekend To Remember is coming to Chattanooga October 26-28! Incredible discounts and help available to make it possible for you to attend this event, even if you have children! Why not make an investment that can last for eternity! Contact Tim Cross for more information at timcross@southern.edu or (423) 309-1860.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

by Carole Verrill

If you are an active volunteer in any area of Children’s ministries at the Church, i.e. Children’s Sabbath Schools, Adventurers, VBS, we want to honor your commitment to Jesus and to the children and families of this church by hosting a volunteer appreciation luncheon in your honor. You, AND your families, are invited to attend this catered meal on Sabbath, Aug. 25, immediately following the Renewal service in the Fellowship Hall.

We will enjoy a meal and a short presentation followed by time for each ministry team to meet together for sharing and brainstorming. The afternoon will conclude with a time of dedicatory prayer for each ministry for the upcoming year. We will plan to dismiss no later than 4:30 p.m.

RSVP to Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu or (423) 994-2396 or at the Children’s Ministry table in the Atrium during the month of August.

MINISTRY OPPS

The First Impressions Ministry needs greeters to welcome members and guests and distribute bulletins in the Church foyers on Sabbath morning. If you are interested in participating in this ministry call the First Impressions Leader, Gina Metellus, at (423) 255-5545 or the Assistant Leader, Andrea Waegele, at (423) 943-0895. Your help with this ministry promotes a caring church environment.
THANK YOU for the cards, words of encouragement, flowers, food, and hugs at the passing of my mother, Audrey Jones. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot. Nancy Rose

A CHILDREN’S CHOIR parent orientation is 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, in the Fellowship Hall. The choir, for ages 4 thru 4th grade, will meet Thursdays from 7:00-7:45 p.m. in the Earliteen Room.

A FATHER AND SON CAMPOUT will be hosted by Men’s Ministry September 28-30. Call the Church Office at (423) 396-2134 or email Pastor Ken Norton at kennorton@southern.edu.

APOLOGETICS is indispensable in the application of God’s Word to all of life. Apologetics is simply the branch of Christian Theology that seeks to provide answers to the intellectual roadblocks that keep believers and non believers from taking the message of the gospel seriously. If the Gospel is what the church needs, why then doesn’t it seem to have any impact in the very places where thousands of people have accepted it? The Apologetics class meets in the Junior Room at 11:30 led by Pastor Sam Chetty.


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OUTDOOR FAMILY FELLOWSHIP (OFF) meets the second Sabbath of each month for some afternoon outside activity and potluck supper. Email tamathafarrow1@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

WE-HAUL: Welcome new Southern students by helping them move into the dorms on Friday, Aug. 24, and/or Sunday, Aug. 26. Need haulers, greeters, and head greeters. Sign up for a time at www.southern.edu/wehaul, or call 236-2830.

FREE GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT at the Collegedale Community Church on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Featuring Joey and Matt Tolbert with special guest and World Vision artist Steve Darmody. This is a CD release concert for Joey Tolbert’s newest CD, Parables.

TO HELP THE CHURCH SAVE MONEY, you may subscribe to the online version of ChurchBeat by going to www.collegedalechurch.com. Once you subscribe, you will be taken off the mailing list.

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SABBATH, August 25
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: Jackie James
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith

Offering: Conference Ministries
8:18 p.m. Sunset

SABBATH, September 1
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: Andy Nash
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith

Offering: Church Family Budget
8:08 p.m. Sunset

Easter, 2018
8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
9:30 a.m. Regular Church Services
Evening Services
5:00 e.m. Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 a.m. 55+ Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Adult Sabbath School
11:30 a.m. Children’s Sabbath School
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11:30 a.m. Children’s Sabbath School

PASTOR Sam Chetty
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