YOUTH MINISTRY: UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

by Pastor Will

It’s a hard-hat zone as we see God opening doors that lead to new opportunities for Kingdom growth. The work-in-progress is most obvious in three areas, which you are invited keep in your prayers!

1. Our youth and junior Sabbath School classes successfully swapped class-rooms. The Juniors are happy over the trade, but the high school group is a little dazed. You may hear some groaning as we are in a state of transition. Our goal is to finish the new youth center remodel and have a fresh start on October 27, including giving our Sabbath School a new name. Cheer us on as we adjust to the changes.

2. Big church = big management challenge. Coming in new, getting to know everyone, maintaining and developing effective programming could keep me in the office all day, every day—not to be desired! To build up our youth ministry, I’m focused on growing our leadership team with committed adults, grandparents, and enthusiastic students. At the same time I’m planning to “stay on the ground” with student

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VEGETLICIOUS! VEGETRITIOUS!

by Lil Yarosh

Two Vegetarian Cooking Classes are scheduled for Thursday evenings, Oct. 4 and 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hulsey Wellness Center. Cost is $5 for a single class; $7.50 for both. Recipe packets will be provided and door prizes awarded.

To woo the skeptics and wow the already-convinced, a number of dishes will be demonstrated and samplings served to each attendee. Almost never has a recipe been duplicated over the many years and venues these classes have been conducted. Each menu item has been tweaked to best appeal to palate-pleaser level while still endeavoring to meet the “good-for-you” health-wise criteria.

Thanks to Pastor Dave’s challenging sermon and Pastor Ken’s Ministry Fair response, we were able to augment our crew with up-fronters and behind-the-scenes to greet, decorate, demo and join in...
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

by Joanna King

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, Oct. 27. The Church Family Fall Festival will be held at the Farrow Family Barn from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bring your family and enjoy a time of fellowship, worship and singing to close the Sabbath hours. A bluegrass band will provide gospel music for our worship time. After supper, the band will provide a musical backdrop for face painting, pumpkin decorating, star gazing, hayrides, a glow in the dark game, balloon animals, and a toddler play area.

A hot dog supper will be served. Bring the following to contribute to the meal if your last name starts with the following letters:

A-F: 2 large bags of chips
G-L: 2 dozen cookies or brownies
M-S: 1 large veggie tray or fruit tray
T-Z: 1 large bag apples (to enjoy plain or drizzled with warm caramel sauce)

Watch for flyers in Sabbath School for more details.

THE JACK BLANCO STORY

Network Seven, A Not-For-Profit media ministry, is making a documentary film of Jack and Marion Blanco’s lifework. They are raising funds for filming in Germany, Zimbabwe & elsewhere. They will be taking Dr. Blanco back to life locations for filming. (Visit n7mc.org/blanco for more information.)

Because of Dr. Blanco’s involvement with this church and the potential for this film to be a tool in outreach, the Finance Committee has voted to allow funds to be solicited from our congregation.

Anonymous donors have now pledged $30,000 toward the production of Blanco’s story. This will bring our current contributions to $59,000. Our goal is $100,000. The $30,000 comes with a catch however. We must match it with another $30,000 in a very short time. As September 10, $3100 had been raised that will be multiplied to $6200!

To donate, call Network 7 at (423) 855-4877 or go to www.n7mc.org/blanco and donate.

THE CAYA CHALLENGE BIKE RIDE

The CAYA Challenge bike ride, hosted by Colledgedale Adventist Youth in Action (CAYA), is October 14. It is a 50k or 100k bike ride to benefit the CAYA basketball program. Lunch and a t-shirt are included. Registration forms are available at Scott’s Bicycle Centre, the Church, Colledgedale Academy, and on the web at cayabasketball.googlepages.com. Email jkitterman87@gmail.com for more information. Early registration ends on October 3.

membership transfers

The following names were presented for transfer.

IN—Barbara Clemons; Jessie Swartz Demaree; Robert Frist; Russell Kelly; Sarah Murray; Kathleen Payne; Kathy Santos; and Geneva and Gianna Spence.

OUT—Timothy Blair and Shanel Lafontaine; Angela Buckner; Hanna Meyer; Brian, Cynthia, and Dallas Mitchell; Ian Murrell; Maritza Ortega; Winter Sigh; Don and Tina West; and Stephan, Robyn, and Alexandria Wilham.
Volunteer Appreciation Sabbath

by Joanna King

Children’s Sabbath School volunteers met on Sabbath, Aug. 25, for a catered meal and meeting. Pastor Carole Verrill introduced the Children’s Ministries Development Team, and she and Ronna Barker expressed their appreciation for the many hours that each volunteer gives to make each Sabbath School and Children’s Ministry program a meaningful outreach. Each volunteer is truly the hands and feet of Jesus and makes a Kingdom difference as they serve in ministry.

A slideshow showcased each Sabbath School and the precious children who are there to learn about Jesus and His love for them. It included video clips of the Juniors’ Bible Sword Drill and Cradle Roll I children rocking in a “boat.” Using the talents that God has given to each of us, the slideshow was a reminder of how much can be accomplished for Him when we all work together.

After the slideshow, Cynthia Spears was presented with a basket of flowers to show our church family’s appreciation of her ministry in Kindergarten 2 over the past several years. As she transitions into the leadership role of director of our Children’s Choir, we know that God will continue to bless her talents and ministry.

Pastor Carole introduced the new iServe ministry. This is an exciting new venture in which we will partner with our youth to be involved in every area of ministry inside and outside our church. Jeanette Stepanske and Steve Ericson were also present to represent the deaconess and deacon teams and their excitement over involvement in this ministry.

Following the presentation, everyone separated into their individual Sabbath School units from Nursery through Juniors. The time was spent discussing the things that are being done right and the things that could use some change. Each group brainstormed for ways they could improve Children’s Sabbath Schools and made a list of the things that they need. Then, the groups pulled together and shared what had been discussed.

At the conclusion, Pastors Dave and Cherie Smith joined Pastor Carole to lead in prayers of dedication for all the volunteers. The people who volunteer in each division stood encircled by volunteers in other divisions. Prayers were offered for blessings so that all children who attend Sabbath School at Collegedale will grow closer in their friendship with Jesus. This luncheon was greatly blessed by God and all in attendance were drawn closer to Him through this time together.

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in as doers in this Community Health Outreach. Still needed are prayers for the event, donors for door prizes and spread-the-words.

Being surrounded by family and friends around our kitchen/dining tables is always a blessing whether everyday or company gatherings. It is our mission to amplify those mealtime memories through the cooking classes. Ever searching for new ways of providing the optimum of nutrition for your family while at the same time implementing eye-appeal and taste-appeal ingenuity, we hope to help shrink the mealtime turn-up-the-nose responses and raise the clamor-for-more family favorites.

To register, or for more info, call 396-3399 or 396-2134.

Living in Your Skin

by Lil Yarosh

Hamilton County should see a sharp drop in water consumption in the near future. That is, if the area-wide household teens heed one piece of advice given at the recent Skin Care Seminar at the Community Health Room:

“long, hot showers have been shown to exacerbate acne, wrinkles, and other skin problems.” One father actually gleefully texted his daughter this newly-learned scientific info, seeing visions of dollar bills as the monthly statement dips. In his own inimitable way, Victor Czerkasij, made the whole topic of skin care pop. Interspersed with humor, anecdotal and research-backed facts, he drew from his broad experience as a dermatology specialist with connections as far-reaching as a Pharmaceutical Company board member position to instructor at Vanderbilt University and SAU. The overhead frames sped by quicker than the fast-paced narrative of the attention-riveting speaker. At the end of each lecture, there was a queuing up of question-full folks (often 10 deep) with personal skin care concerns.

Over 60 attended, amply supplied with samples, references and gratefulness for this free, information-packed Community Health Outreach.
THANK YOU for your prayers and concern for us during Thomas’s accident, surgery, and hospitalization. He is recovering beautifully. We appreciated your phone calls, visits, cards, balloons and meals, and felt so loved and lifted up. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving community. God is good! Cary & Holly Greer

THE FAMILY OF BEA STINCHFIELD thanks their church family for the hospital visits, cards, and expressions of love and sympathy at the time of her unexpected death. We look forward to the second coming when we will be reunited with our mother, grandmother, and Great-Mother. Bud & Barbara Platt, Juanita Stinchfield, and Sherrie & Dakota Williams

FOOT PRINTS FOR KIDS programs will be starting soon in our community. These programs are designed to help parents and grandparents disciple their children and grandchildren to a meaningful relationship with Jesus and to become His disciples. To attend a group, or for more information, call In Discipleship at 396-2120, or email Gary Weber at gary@indiscipleship.org.

A FALL FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY YARD SALE is Sunday, Sept. 30, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Lester Coon Adventist School, 11429 Bates Rd, Apison. There will be food, games, horseback riding, air slide, book fair, and free car wash. Call 505-6573 to reserve a space.

IN CONCERT, Ellen Coon Buckley, Friday, Sept. 28 at 7:00 P.M. at the Chattanooga First church.

SOUTHERN SINGLES MINISTRIES Alumni Reunion Potluck is 1:00 p.m., Sabbath, Sept. 22, at the Chattanooga First Church.

AW SPALDING ELEMENTARY and Collegedale Adventist Middle School are still accepting applications for grades 2-7. If you would like some more information call AWS at (423) 396-2122 or CAMS at (423) 396-3020.

A 5K FUN RUN/WALK is Sunday, Oct. 14, at 4:00 p.m. beginning at Imagination Station’s pavilion. Call 238-7777, ext. 16.

IN MEMORY

Dr. Merle G. Harris, Jr., father of Allen Dortch Harris and grandfather of Malissa Harris, passed away August 19 in Yucaipa, California. A memorial service will be held in Indiana in October.

Steven Markert, father of Stacey Markert Rambo Nolan, passed away September 6. Services were held September 10. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

Billie Rudd passed away September 8. A private service will be held. In honor of her 30+ years of service in our children’s Sabbath schools, we are collecting memories of Billie to be included in a scrapbook for her family. Items may be turned in to Pastor Carole by October 1.

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