ISHARE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

by Pastor Carole Verrill

Christmas is my absolute favorite time of the year! I love the beauty of this season. The reminder that Jesus Christ was willing to come as a little babe to this world of sin because of His incredible love for His children is a beautiful message of which I never tire of hearing. The sights, sounds, and smells of the season fill me with a feeling of joy and peace that I simply do not experience in the same way at any other time of the year.

CELEBRATION OF THANKS

The Celebration of Thanks service will be held November 17.

This service gives you a chance to participate in several ways. During each service, Connect included, the congregation will be invited to bring non-perishable food items to the front. These items will be given to the Samaritan Center to stock their shelves so people in need may be helped throughout the year. The offering for the day will be for Campaign for Community, which helps the Samaritan Center provide help for today and hope for tomorrow to our community.

Once again thank you cards are available in the Atrium. Pick up a card, jot a note of thanks to someone, write their address on the outside of the card, return it to the Church office, and we’ll mail it for you.

Bring your heart prepared for this special service.

Another special joy of the season is the yearly Christmas projects that the Collegedale Church Children’s Ministries departments have participated in over the past several years. We have adopted needy families, collected... continued on page 3, iShare

FAMILY LIFE

Our modern culture tells us cohabitation is a great alternative to marriage and divorce is a convenient solution to difficulties--consider what some current research reveals:

http://www.frc.org/marriwebsite/162-reasons-to-marry

Adults who grew up in an intact married family are more likely than adults from non-intact family structures to attend religious services at least monthly.

Engaged? Build a marriage to last a lifetime through thorough preparation! Contact Pastor Tim at timcross@southern.edu six months prior to wedding for more information.

Married? Plan to invest in your marriage by participating in The Art of Marriage on Wednesday evenings in the new Youth Room at 6:30 p.m. January 16 through February 20. This is an excellent new DVD curriculum produced by FamilyLife.
2012 FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT REPORT

by Wolf Jedamski

At this month’s Church Finance Committee meeting, Wolf Jedamski, our Church Administrator, shared the following report of improvements made during the last 12 months to the church facilities. The Committee felt it would be beneficial for this to be shared in Churchbeat. This list is in no particular order and includes completed items as well as those currently in process. I would like to thank our members for their faithful giving to the church family budget as well as some specific gifts for specific projects allowing us to make these upgrades.

- Church Receptionist’s office re-configuration and new workstation added
- Replaced 20 year old carpet in the staff offices and Church Library
- Repainted the walls and replaced the carpet in the Activity Room
- New carpet and paint for the two primary SS classrooms
- Both upper and lower entry drive through deteriorated interior ceiling sheetrock replaced with waterproof exterior rock, repainted and new low maintenance and power usage light fixtures installed
- Several major roof repairs made to fix ongoing leaks
- Major upgrades to the 20 year old security and door locking system for the Church’s exterior doors
- Additional motion sensor security cameras installed
- Upgrade the DOS EMS (Energy Management System) to an internet accessible windows system
- Replaced 10 of the lightening damaged controllers for the HVAC units
- Upgraded wireless antennas and routers installed throughout the building for faster Wi-Fi access and increased ability to handle large numbers of users
- Evaluation, balancing and upgrade to the Sanctuary PA sound system
- Remodeling of the live streaming production and storage room
- Ongoing upgrades to our Live Streaming equipment
- Memorial Park – New entry walls, sign, lighting and landscaping
- Memorial Park – New access road entrance
- Memorial Park – New paving of the entire driveway and cemetery road
- Replacement of exterior roof beams on back side of the church
- Remodeling of the youth room, adding outside entrance, youth pastor’s office and creating a youth lounge area with new furnishings
- New screen, projection system and sound system for the youth SS room
- Updating the Senior Pastor’s office 20 year old décor
- Repair the Carillion and update it to a digital system
- Re-staining and sealing the Atrium wooden doors
- Adding additional spotlights to the Sanctuary stage and replacing the dimmer system
- Installing handicap entrance opener/closer to the upper and lower atrium doors – project about to begin
- Shade for the Atrium Group Life Center window
- Additional directional and information signage for the Atrium
- Replace the Sanctuary house lights with new LED light fixtures that will take less wattage and will reduce the frequent need for bulb replacement
- Install new exterior light fixtures on the back of the building to provide security by lighting the sidewalk traffic area for SAU students at Southern Village

ARW ARTS, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES FAIR

The Adventist Retired Workers Club invites the community to attend an Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies Fair on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Exhibitors will be showing off their many talents. Many will be offering items that are just right for holiday gifts. See dolls and doll clothes, embroidered items, books, coin and stamp collections, homemade toys, canes, photography and oil paintings, woodworking, sea shells, etc.

Contact Jim Hoffer for further information, kw8tjim@catt.com or (706) 965-2425.
THE JACK BLANCO STORY UPDATE

by Christopher Beason

On September 20 a group of seven set off to shoot the Germany segment of The Jack Blanco Story. We landed in Nuremberg then headed for ground zero of Jack’s life journey, Hohenberg Marktleugast, Bavaria. In this village, a young Johann Jacob Kiessling first met his German grandparents and learned what country life was all about, after spending the first 9 years of his young life in Chicago.

We went to the Catholic Church where Jack served as an altar boy. It was his first time back in 70 years. He met one of his cousins, during our visit, whom he had played with as a young boy. They had not seen each other in 70 years.

We interviewed Jack in the barn loft and he swung the grain scythe hanging on its walls. It was the same barn where he had slung hay and where he near-fatally cut the nose of his grandfather’s ox with the scythe blade. Seventy years later barn and blade remain.

We searched for locations near his Nazi labor camp experiences, and found the Leipzig munitions plant is now an environmental research facility. At the Leipzig plant an unseen Hand miraculously removed Jack from its tortuous gates to a place outside and well away from the perimeter fence. It was an emotional visit in front of that building to know what he had escaped from, by a then, unknown Protector.

To see and hear more of Jack’s story, join Network 7 Media Center, for a Night of Thanks at Collegedale Community Church, on November 17, at 7:00 p.m. The evening will include a preview of the Germany years and a message from Jack’s friend, Victor Czerkasij.

Come enjoy this special vespers evening.

Jack finds himself overwhelmed with emotion at the site of the old Leipzig munitions plant where he supernaturally escaped the horrors of the Leipzig Nazi labor camp.

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and mailed items to SAU student missionaries and provided a free night of babysitting for our community police and fire fighters’ families. This year we are once again partnering with Family Promise and adopting 4 families to ‘Share Christmas’ joy.

During the month of November each of the Sabbath School classrooms from Nursery – Earliteens (a total of 9 classrooms) will post a display board that shares the wish list of all the members of one of our four ‘adoptive’ families. The display looks like a house with windows and doors. In those windows and doors are cards that list the items to be purchased for that family. These items will include non-perishable food items, toys, clothes, and household items. Your partnership is needed to visit those classrooms and select a card or two or three of some items you would be willing to purchase for that family. You would then bring the items back to the church unwrapped WITH the card attached so that we would know to which family the gift belonged. ALL items would need to be returned to the classroom from which the card was taken by Sabbath, December 8. On Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, several of the Children’s Ministries classrooms would host a wrapping party to wrap all the gifts for the families and prepare them to be distributed on the afternoon of Dec. 15.

This outreach ministry is sponsored by the Children’s Ministries department of our church but needs the involvement of the ENTIRE Church family in order for it to be a success. Please plan to share Christmas this year with one of our ‘adoptive families’ and be blessed as you give in the true spirit of the season.
CAMS 8TH GRADERS are selling Frasier Christmas trees and wreaths to help raise funds for their class trip. They are premium grade trees/wreaths offered at competitive prices. We are taking orders until November 16 with tree pickup scheduled for December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at CAMS. For questions and orders contact either Lou Ann Hesler at (423) 322-5556 or Amy McKnight at (423) 443-2841.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be Monday, Dec. 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The one-hour service will include vocal and instrumental music, readings, stories, and scripture. To participate, contact Rhonda Burnham at rburnham@awspalding.net by December 7 with the number of participants, names and what you would like to do.

THE FAMILY OF LANDREW WEBSTER wants to thank the Pastors, Church Staff, and Church Family for their care and concern in Landrew’s recent illness and passing. The thoughts, visits and prayers, cards, flowers and plants, and the family meal following the funeral; all these things were greatly appreciated. We look forward to that day when Jesus comes, that Landrew’s body will be made whole. What Joy! The Webster’s: Jon, Becky, and Libby

OUR APPRECIATION goes to Nora Moody and committee for organizing the Sandy Erickson Race for Christian Education in honor of Sandy. Many hours of work can only accomplish this. A big thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, runners, and helpers on November 4. We thank God for all of you. Richard Erickson, Frieda Blanchard, and family

PART TIME BABYSITTER NEEDED for a 2 month old boy from December through February, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. three days a week, in our home only 2 miles from Southern. Contact Wildrie Vega at (770) 639-0489 or walvarez@southern.edu.

JAIME JORGE is celebrating 25 years of music ministry with a concert 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25, at Collegedale Community Church. Tickets are available only at: www.jaimejorge.com.

membership transfers
The following names were presented for transfer.

IN—Harold Eugene, Argie and Carl Avila; Ken and Alice Cronje; Kris and Marla Erskine; Gene and Easter Fowler; Michelle Moore Haag; Nancy Harlow; Mark, Sharon and Mallory Houghton; Carole Kilcher; Larry, Ellia, Joshua and Kyle Martz; Sergio and Amanda Moreira; Mark O’Dala; Tre’ Smith; and Alfredo, Maria, Tamie, Tise and Timothy Suzuki.

OUT—Hazel Alkire; John and Julie Ferneyhough; Lorna Hills; Jennifer Silva; and Don and Sandy Tucker.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 14
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, November 15
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Friday, November 16
7:00 p.m. DivorceCare
8:00 p.m. University Vespers

Sabbath, November 17
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: Campaign For Community
5:34 p.m. Sunset

Tuesday, November 20
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Studies
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Studies

Wednesday, November 21
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities

Thursday, November 22
Office Closed

Friday, November 23
Office Closed

Sabbath, November 24
8:45 a.m. Adoration 1: Sam Chetty
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Sam Chetty
Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect: Andy Nash
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Sam Chetty

Offering: Church Family Budget
5:31 p.m. Sunset

Tuesday, November 27
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Studies
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Studies