SONRISE TICKETS FOR OUTREACH

If attending SonRise has been a tradition for your family and friends we encourage you to take that tradition to the next level. You’ve experienced the blessing of SonRise. Why not get involved this year and see the pageant in a whole new way? You’ll be touched by the experience and, the tickets you and your family have used in the past will be available to reach someone who doesn’t yet know the story of Jesus.

A limited number of SonRise tickets to be used as outreach will be available to Collegedale Church members on Sabbath, March 9 and 16, while supplies last.

SonRise’s primary goal is to reach the non-Christians in our local community. We realize that without a personal invitation, many of those people would not attend. Church member family units may obtain up to six “outreach” tickets and tickets for the number of immediate family members listed in their household to attend with those they’ve invited. We encourage you to take only the number of tickets you actually plan to use because, as you know the demand is always very high and we want to be able to reach as many in our community as possible with this life-changing story.

You will be asked to sign your name on our Church membership list showing your family picked up tickets, how many of each, and that you agree to use the tickets for outreach. Tickets will not be available during the week.

Tickets will be available to the general public beginning at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, by the elevator at Hamilton Place Mall, lower level. In order to provide tickets to as many people as possible, there is a ten ticket limit at the mall.

The March 30 pageant will begin in the Sanctuary and then continue across the University campus. The first group will leave at 8:30 a.m. and continue in half-hour intervals with the last Pageant beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are required for ALL pageants. The entire experience will take approximately two hours, start to finish. A leisurely walk of about a mile is required. A wheelchair accessible route is available for those who may need it. (Maps will be available at the Welcome Desk.)

Email sonrise@southern.edu or check at the Welcome Desk for a list of areas that are still needing volunteers and get involved. Make a tradition of participation!

MINISTRY OPPS

Volunteers are needed to help move SonRise Resurrection equipment into the Gym on Sunday, March 24, and to help take down the scene on Saturday night (after sundown), March 30. The core Resurrection team spends many long hours getting the scene ready the week leading up to SonRise, so the more help they get, the faster it gets done. If you can give any time on these two days, contact Hollie O’Brien at (423) 236-2015 or hollie@southern.edu.
Youth Ministry is the divine calling to partner with parents to spiritually protect and provide for our youth. Our goal this year is protect and provide so that NONE of the youth God has given us falls through the cracks. Our staff is working on getting to know and ministering to all of our youth. Please inform us if you know of any youth that need extra spiritual encouragement.

Youth Center Update
We praise God for our newly remodeled youth/collegiate center. We are closer to launching it as an outreach ministry. We are looking for a name beginning with the letter “C.” Any ideas? Email hwilliam@southern.edu

Staff Updates
1. Welcome Arenice Fowler as our new CAYA Community Director. This is a new youth ministry post.
2. Thank you Kasandra Helms for ministering in Earliteens through December 2012.
3. Welcome Carol Raney as our new Earliteen Director.
4. Welcome Sara Liriano, our Discipleship Groups Coordinator.
5. We are 126 youth ministry staff members strong! Thank you for your ministry!
6. Thank you Ame Fowler for a strong 10 years of ministry! Ame is leaving our youth ministry in pursuit of other adventures.
7. Welcome Elissa Northup to our youth ministry as Interim Assistant to the Youth Pastor.

ATHENS: PAUL’S DANGEROUS JOURNEY TO SHARE THE TRUTH

Join us every morning June 24 – June 28 for a Vacation Bible School adventure in Athens, Greece. We will learn all about the apostle Paul’s dangerous journey to share the truth of Jesus and His love. We will hear how Paul boldly stood up for his faith and how we each can do the same in our own lives today.

Kids, ages 4-10, will join us in the opening celebration for singing and worship, they will then venture off to the activity centers to watch the Bible stories of Paul’s missionary journey come alive in the Bible Center and participate in the Olympic Arena Games as well as Marketplace crafts.

The older kids, ages 10 to 13, are involved in Service Camp where they experience opportunities to serve others.

Reserve the dates now and join us for an unforgettable week where God’s Word touches lives, changes hearts and draws kids and adults closer to Christ.

iSERVE

What is iServe?
iServe is a new ministry that enables young people to help serve in their church. It is primarily aimed at students grades 4-12, however younger students can participate if their parents work directly with them.

How can we serve?
Students can serve by passing out bulletins, opening church and car doors, helping in the younger Sabbath School classes (song service, table teachers, check-in, skits, piano players), assisting in audio/visual, picking up offering, delivering the Sabbath School literature, playing an instrument in church, etc.

Adults are also needed to serve within this ministry. We need members willing to staff the iServe desk and serve as mentors for the students.

So how does it work?
Each week, between 10:00-11:45 a.m. we will be at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium for iServe. You don’t need to sign up ahead of time to participate; simply come to the iServe table and we will have options for areas where you can serve that Sabbath.
DIVORCECARE BEGINS MARCH 22

DivorceCare will meet 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays beginning March 22 at the Church.

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. Don’t go through separation or divorce alone.

DivorceCare will be led by Richard D’Avanzo, Ph.D. Richard says, “I relate well to those who have gone or are going through a divorce, as well as those who are struggling to make their marriage work, because I’ve been there.”

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they’ve ever faced. It’s a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you’ve never faced before.

DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. After viewing a video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week’s video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

For more information, call Richard at (407) 970-3127.

DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR

The first Dinner with the Doctor had a packed attendance with many more wanting to attend, but due to lack of room, could not. Dr. Michael Hollie presented “Preventing and Reversing Heart Disease”. Every second Monday of every month, Dinner with the Doctor will give practical tools for restoring health and inspiration for re-energizing your life. Watch for information about March’s gathering.

IN MEMORY

Dwight Douglass, father of Scott Douglass, passed away January 25. Services were held in Florida.

Ken Spears, husband of Mildred Bates Spears, father of Susan Loor, Steve Spears, Karen Lippert and brother of Don Spears, Jerry Spears and Joyce Cotham (deceased), passed away February 13. Services were held February 17. Memorial donations can be made to the Wayne Vandevere Memorial Scholarship fund at Southern Adventist University.

Dr. Peter Krueger, husband of Jeanne Bengtsson Krueger and father of Barbara Thomas and Beverly Koliadko, passed away January 30. Services were held February 3. Memorial gifts can be given to Collegedale Church Student Aid Fund.

Marvin Carnahan, stepdad to Randi Buhl, passed away February 7 in Springfield, MO. Services were held February 12. Memorial contributions may be made to: KSDQ Radio, Sunnydale Adventist Academy, 6818 Audrain Rd 9139, Centralia, MO 65240.

Rosalin Reed, mother of Cynthia McGrady, Cathy Mitchell, and Lisa Wilt, passed away January 25. Services were held February 1.

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:

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

Five percent of children from married families receive public assistance, compared to 25 percent of children from cohabiting families.

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.
THE GCSS (AWS/CAMS/CA) is now accepting applications for all students. This includes returning students and new students. The cost to enroll is $25 through March 1. After March 1 the cost to enroll will go up to $125. Be sure to get your application in now if you are planning to attend one of the three schools in the 2013-2014 school year.

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS to take our members to appointments throughout the week. If you would be willing to help from time to time call Litch for more details at (423) 413-1908. (The riders pay for your gas)

LITTLE LEAGUE/SUMMER SOFTBALL: If your child age 3 thru grade 12 is interested in playing ball, register through March 17th on the website. www.cdalessoftball.com. All registration forms are to be completed online this year.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASS: Sign up for the next amateur radio class, sponsored by the Greater Collegedale Amateur Radio Club, and taught by Dean Saunders. The class will meet for six Tuesday evenings at 7:00 at the McDonald Road Church, beginning February 26. For registration or information, contact Jim Hoffer at kw8tjim@catt.com or (706) 965-2425. There is a small charge for registration and the textbook.

WHAT CAN I DO for a diagnosis of Osteoporosis? I need to lose some weight...help! Join us with the StepFast Program for some exciting educational programs at the Standifer Gap Church School. Dr. Lester Haag, MD will be presenting Osteoporosis on February 24 and Weight Control on March 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy cooking demonstrations and sampling, question and answer time and more. Registration fee of $15 covers a $25 cookbook, blood pressure and diabetic blood sugar screening test. (Must arrive at 6:45 for screenings). Free to those who desire just to come for the evening without registering. For more information or to register call 892-6013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT FESTIVAL, March 23, Dalton, GA - This event will feature guest speaker Jonathan Henderson, young people from around the conference at the afternoon Expression Session and a concert with Bebo Norman in the evening. Visit www.registration.gccsda.com to register online or to download a form from the document center. Online registration available through March 21, meal order deadline is March 12. Contact Alyse at 800-567-1844, ext. 346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

THE SAMARITAN CENTER is in need of the following new items: kid’s toothpaste; diaper rash cream; laundry detergent; dish detergent; hair brushes; combs; baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby powder, onesies; baby t-shirts; white zippers size 18 to 24 inches; baby sleepers; baby soap, and baby bottles. All items need to be new.