SONRISE NEEDS

So, you still haven't volunteered for SonRise? Here are a few of the areas that could still use your help.

- The student Cast Meal will be serving haystacks. We invite you to donate bags of corn chips, bags of shredded cheese, bottles of water, and cookies to the meal. All, but the cookies, should be dropped off at the Church office by March 25. Cookies should be dropped off March 28 from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., March 29 from 7:45 a.m. to noon, or Sabbath morning, March 30. Contact Roland Recchia at 505-8481.

- Volunteers are needed to be parking lot attendants, to help direct people to available parking spaces the day of SonRise. Contact Victor Berumen at 693-5203 or vebe56@yahoo.com.

- Lynne Macias could also use some more banner bearers to lead groups through the Pageant. Contact her at maciasly@gmail.com or 314-2953.

- The Leper Colony could use several adults to populate the colony. Contact Shelly Litchfield at shelly.litch@gmail.com or 413-1954.

- Greeters are needed to welcome and pass out programs to those attending. Contact Carman Paynter at 396-3461 or carmen5729@comcast.net.

- Volunteers are needed Friday night, March 29, to help check out costumes and attach padding to size helmets. Contact Sherrie Williams at 396-2134 or sonrise@southern.edu.

- Volunteers are also needed Sabbath, March 30, at 7:00 a.m. to help the soldiers get their armor on. Contact Sherry Magers at 236-2452 or sgmagers@hotmail.com.

- The Resurrection scene needs volunteers to move equipment into the Gym on March 24 and help take down the set SonRise night. Contact Hollie O’Brien at 236-2015 or hollie@southern.edu.

- Resurrection Ushers are needed to assist people in finding seats and help with crowd control. Contact Renita Klischies at 304-5754 or renitak@southern.edu.

- People are never turned away for volunteering to help set up the Marketplace on Thursday afternoon, April 5, and Friday, April 6, or taking

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UNIVERSITY DRIVE CLOSURE

On Sabbath, March 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. University Drive will be blocked at the University Drive and College Drive intersections in front of A.W. Spalding Elementary School and at the Village Market for SonRise.

Signs will direct traffic to two detour routes. Southern Adventist University has agreed to the use of Industrial Drive. The second route will take people from Apison Pike to College Drive and around.

Besides the detour signs provided by the University and City, SonRise signs will direct people to the Pageant.
CONNECT SPEAKER SAYS HIS FAREWELL

Jackie James has been one of the regular speakers at the Connect worship service held at Collegedale Academy.

Since 2004 I have been more than blessed to be a part of the Connect worship service family. My life has been changed in so many ways as we have experienced life in worship and fellowship together.

RE:FUEL WORSHIP CONCERT

You’re invited to join us on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. for our next seasonal Connect Re:Fuel worship concert themed “Thirst No More.”

In John 4:13-14, Jesus says, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Join in as we explore this inner thirst through music and sharing, and fully realize the one and only God who can cause us to Thirst No More! (Southern students will receive vespers credit.)

For the past few years I have been feeling God moving my heart and passions for a more church based ministry, and a few weeks ago I was asked to interview for and this week have accepted a call to be the Youth/Young Adult Pastor for Camelback Church in Phoenix, AZ.

Words cannot express how heavy my heart is to leave you, my family. I apologize for sharing this information via Churchbeat and on Facebook, but I will not be at Connect for the next few Sabbaths and I did not want to wait that long.

I do not have to words for how much I will miss you. My last Sabbath will be May 4.

IN MEMORY

Maurice Abbott, Jr., husband of Dorothy Abbott and father of Jeffrey Abbot, passed away March 7 in Atlanta, GA. Services were held March 12. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Adventist University in memory of W. Maurice Abbott, Jr., PO Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Bob Penner, brother of Jeanie Meyer and Ken Penner, passed away March 11 in Portland, Oregon. Services will be held March 23 at the Rockwood Adventist Church in Portland.

Courtney Seth, wife of Bill Seth and mother of Barb (Scott) Edens, passed away March 1. Services were held March 16. Memorial gifts may be made to Your Story Hour, PO Box 15, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-9920 or Adventist World Radio, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904 or to a charity of your choice.

Walter E Sloan II, brother of Pamela Sloan DeGraw and uncle of Katie and Japheth DeGraw, passed away March 7, in Atlanta, GA. Services were held March 16.

SonRise is Sabbath, March 30. Over 7,000 tickets were distributed at the Mall. All tickets are gone. Tickets are required for ALL Pageants. There will NOT be an unticketed Pageant.

If you by chance picked up tickets and will not need them, turn them in to the Church office as soon as possible so they can be redistributed. We have many people who call in requesting tickets. We’d like to provide them with a ticket. Tickets will be redistributed on a first come first serve basis.

If you find out Sabbath morning you have extra tickets, bring them with you and turn them in to the Information Desk. We have a group whose job is to collect the extra tickets and redistribute them to those who come without tickets.

If you do not have tickets, you may wait in line SonRise day to see if any extra tickets have been turned in. We cannot guarantee you’ll be able to go through at that specific time.

If none of these options are for you, we encourage you to visit one of the many Adventist churches in the area that day.

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PANAMA TRIP LEAVES STUDENTS WITH UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

by Katie Turk

On February 24 I joined fifty-six other students, staff, and volunteers, in traveling to the province of Chiriquí in Panama for Collegedale Academy’s mission trip. We were to run a medical clinic in the town of David and help finish building some classrooms in Instituto Adventista Panamáno, the Adventist school.

From the airport we boarded a bus and drove six hours to David. We reached the school long after dark and hurriedly took our luggage to our rooms. Once there, we realized that we would not be the only creatures occupying the dorm rooms. We could hear bats flying around in the attic. Occasionally they would find a hole in a ceiling tile and fly in and out of the bedrooms. Lizards climbed on the walls and windows, chirping occasionally as if to greet us. Finally, cockroaches from the size of a fingernail to that of a child’s hand skittered up walls, in closets, and under mattresses. The first and second nights were filled with horrified screams and the sounds of shoes and other objects being used as weapons against the intruders.

The work project started the morning after we arrived. The medical team headed off to the Adventist church in David while the work crew stayed at the school. Students on the medical team helped to treat hundreds of patients every day. Each person on the team witnessed the Panamanian people’s gratitude through the patient’s beaming smiles and broken English.

The construction crew enjoyed long days of hard work. Even though they were exhausted at the end of the day, their spirits remained high. Many learned a new skill on the job site. Personally, I learned every step involved in tiling a floor from smoothing the original concrete to polishing the tiles after the grout between them had dried. At times the tools we had to use were limited and the air got a bit dusty from cutting tiles and smoothing concrete.

Sabbath was the only day we had a chance to relax. The group boarded a bus and drove a couple of hours away to go for a hike in the rainforest. For about an hour we explored one of the many trails in the forest spotting wild orchids growing on trees and fool’s gold in a creek.

Finally, after a week and two days, our work was completed. As Junior Andrew Suekert says, “I would recommend people to go on a mission trip for several reasons. You get to meet new people and get to know your friends better. Helping others in need shows you how much you have to be thankful for."

So, if you ever have the opportunity to go on a mission trip—whether abroad or right here in the States—take the chance. It will change your life.

APologetics CLASS

Want to study apologetics? Come to a practical 10-week course on presenting reasons to believe Christianity is true. This class in defending the faith is all about increasing your confidence as a Christian by exploring the reasons and evidences for the faith, and preparing yourself to be a more effective ambassador of Jesus Christ.

Watch for more information or contact Pastor Sam Chetty at samchetty@southern.edu or visit instep4life.com.

FAMILY LIFE

Women raised in intact married families have the lowest average number of out of wedlock pregnancies and births.

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 NEXT DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR is Monday, April 8. The topic is Disarming Diabetes: Type 2 Diabetes is the most common form of Diabetes. Learn how to prevent and even reverse Diabetes. The presentation includes a meal. The cost is $5. Visit www.instep4life.com or call 315-1950 for reservations.

ACADEMY DAY AT CA: Collegedale Academy invites new students for the school year 2013-2014 to Academy Day on April 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call (423) 396-2124 for more information and registration.

PARENT TRANSITION NIGHT at CA: Parents, Collegedale Academy wants to help as your 8th grader transitions to 9th grade. Staff members will share the spiritual, academic, and social opportunities for students next year at Collegedale Academy auditorium on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Come learn what to expect next year.

THE GCSS (AWS/CAMS/CA) is now accepting applications for all students. This includes returning students and new students. 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.

COLLEGEDALE ACADEMY’S ALUMNI WEEKEND is April 12-14 at the Academy. Friday vespers will be held at 8:00 p.m. with the CA Concert Band. Sabbath morning registration begins at 9:30, the service at 10:00, followed by the Alumni potluck luncheon. Saturday evening vespers is at 8:00 followed by the Alumni basketball games at 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Nafee at nafiema@collegedale-academy.com or 396-2124 ext. 431.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY: Enjoy a weekend with Dennis and Barbara Rainey as they share the most heartfelt, effective, and important lessons they’ve learned from their years of experience - being married for over 40 years, raising six children, and leaving a legacy of 19 grandchildren. The Rainey’s humility, warmth, and stories will encourage you and your spouse regardless of where you are in your marriage. You’ll leave encouraged, hopeful, and full of practical tools to grow and build your marriage. Join them May 3-5 at Winshape Retreat in North Georgia. Cost: $535 per couple (Includes program guide, meals, lodging and taxes). Call (877) 977-3873 to learn more.

MEN IN CHRIST SABBATH SCHOOL invites men of all ages to join the new video-based curriculum Winning at Work and Home. Learn to integrate God’s design for you into both your perspective and daily routine! Meets at Collegedale Academy, Room 101. Workbook is $10

DIVORCECARE meets 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays at the Church. For more information, call Richard at (407) 970-3127.

Sabbath, March 23
9:00 a.m. Adoration 1: Tim Cross
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Tim Cross
Sabbath Schools
11:35 a.m. Connect
11:35 a.m. Renewal: Tim Cross
Offering: Church Family Budget
7:55 p.m. Sunset

Tuesday, March 26
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Studies
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Studies

Wednesday, March 27
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, March 28
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Sabbath, March 30
No regular worship services due to SonRise
Tickets required for all performances.
Offering: SonRise
8:00 p.m. Sunset

Tuesday, April 2
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Studies
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Studies