TRANSFORMING OUR CULTURE: SEE YOU AT THE SABBATH PLAZA FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 3

by Andy Nash

Dear Church Member:

1. Do you consider secular culture to be one of Collegedale's biggest challenges?
2. Does the simplicity of the early Christian church appeal to you--a community centered not on programs but on Spirit-filled fellowship? (See Acts 2:42.)
3. Do you think that, together with the Holy Spirit, we could tip our culture from secular to spiritual?

Let's take a step toward transforming our culture with a unique experience called the Sabbath Plaza.

Here's how it works. On Friday evening, May 3, at 6:30 come out to the creek and hillside north of the church. (You can park up above.) If you like, bring a blanket or folding chair—maybe even a picnic and a

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

Join us for this fun DVD series at the Church at 7:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings:

May 7—The #1 Key to Incredible Intimacy: This is it . . . the "yo mama" session you've been waiting for. Mark goes through the five steps couples need to know to experience incredible, mind blowing, married intimacy. . . don't miss it!

May 14—How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody: Through this session, viewers will discover the power of forgiveness in their marriage. . . or what Mark likes to call, "The Reset Button."

For more information or for assistance with childcare contact Tim Cross at timcross@southern.edu or 396-2134.

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Who: You and your church family
What: A unique experience called The Sabbath Plaza
Where: At the beautiful creek and hillside area north of the church
When: Friday evening, May 3, from 6:30 to sunset (and the first Friday of each month thru October)
Why: Because it's time to transform our culture
How: The Spirit of Christ

A prayer of dedication was given before The Sabbath Plaza workbee.
DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR

by Lil Yarosh

Both coaches for the NCAA Title Game were interviewed before the final playoff. Both indicated that “Everything we do is about team—we preach one 4-letter word above all others—TEAM.” At the Church’s Dinner with the Doctor (DWTD) Ministry in Fellowship Hall stadium, we would add one 4-word descriptive—“COACHED BY THE LORD.”

To give a glimpse of what goes on during pre-dinner warm-ups during the past two DWTD:

• One husband scoured three markets to procure 50 just-right avocados.

• One of the cooks slawed by hand enough cabbage for 150 diners.

• Another borrowed four rice cookers, working not out of a bag or a box but a burlap sack full of the brown grain.

• The dessert maker, while praying during her early-morning run, was impressed to concoct a strawberry sauce to give it just the needed “pop.”

CAYA CENTRAL

by Elissa Northup

CAYA Central—our new youth center—has been open for nearly a month! Located in the Youth Room, CAYA Central is a new way for the youth ministries to reach earliteens and youth.

We have also invited collegiate students to enjoy the easy going atmosphere. They are calling it the “new student center!” Other comments we hear are “This is so sweet! This is nice! What a great idea.”

Two weeks ago, we had an Open Mic Night, put together by a group of Southern students. It was a great night of sharing music and poetry. As college students enjoy and validate CAYA Central, high school and middle school students and parents will see what a beautiful blessing they have in it, and we will be able to carve out specific youth center time for them.

We look forward to continued growth as more students discover CAYA Central as their home away from home. Thank you church family for investing and loving your youth; and a specific thank you to church families who donated game tables for students to enjoy!

• The loaf-maker, with a trip out west looming before her the following day, made and froze the loafs plus sauce for the “sold-out” crowd.

Their paycheck comes not by way of a monetary bonus but rather via the response of the ticket holders. Afterwards one approached the speaker and commented, “I’m not an Adventist. My friends and I weren’t sure if it would be okay if we came, so they sent me to give it a look-see. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and plan to urge them to join me next time.”

The lady standing behind her expressed having the same hesitation and the same pleasant experience. Several of the attendees signed up for the next two DWTD’s to assure they would make the cut.

Perhaps we’ve been lax in not getting the message across that this is an outreach event. In the words of Ron Smith, our Union President, we need to “Reach Up, Reach Out, and Reach Across.” The evil strategy of our wily opponent behooves us to work together. Our team roster needs to be filled out. Our bench needs to be deepened.

Pray about how you can best participate and that the Lord would bring to mind someone to invite. Our BMI station needs better coverage (it’s a quick maneuver to learn), and we need to amp up the kitchen prep work detail.

To join our winning team, call (423) 304-1417 or email samchetty@southern.edu. DWTD is a sure-thing pick!
COOL CAMP REGISTRATION

COOL (Collegedale Ooltewah Outdoor League) Summer Day Camp will be held from June 3 through August 2 for ages 6 to 13 at the Collegedale Church.

The goal of COOL camp is to provide a Christian atmosphere and environment in which your children will not only have fun, but will also have many opportunities to encounter and establish a relationship with a personal God who loves them immeasurably. The daily worships and themes encourage the children to deepen their own spiritual walk.

There will be daily organized classes and activities offered for your child in the areas of swimming, arts and crafts, and sports. Field trips will be offered as well as community service outreach projects that allow the children opportunities to minister and serve.

Applications are available at www.coolcamp.org or you may stop by the Church Office to pick one up. Space is limited so plan to reserve your spot. Registration will be held Sunday, May 5, from 3:00-3:45 p.m., followed by a parent orientation at 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Room. Collegedale Church members will receive a 15% discount on camp tuition this summer.

FAMILY LIFE

Our modern culture tells us co-habitation 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

Children of married parents are less likely to be diagnosed with asthma.

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.

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guitar—for Acts 2-style community: fellowship, breaking of bread, study, and prayer. The evening will be largely unprogrammed—wide open for Spirit-filled fellowship. We'll have a special “water altar” where you can write and release your prayer burdens, watching them dissolve. Some of our SonRise girls will be Hebrew dancing, inviting other girls to join in. Sing, laugh, mingle, turn off your phone—just come and be.

Later in the evening we’ll celebrate our youth who have biblically come of age—like the 12-year-old Jesus in the temple. We’ll gather around them and their families for a special blessing and the planting of an aquatic plant in the creek. In future months, whenever a young person enters their 12th year, we’ll honor them and their families.* But for our first evening, we’ll celebrate the 13-year-olds who have already come of age. With 68% of our youth leaving the church, we want to send them a simple message: We are here for you.

Then later, as the sun sets over White Oak Mountain, we’ll all gather for a special Sabbath blessing and song as we rest together in Christ.

What do you think? Is this well with your soul? See you May 3.

* If you have a 12 year old and family who would like to participate in this short and meaningful ceremony, contact andynash5@gmail.com.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS. VBS is coming June 24 - 28, for ages 4 to 13 years. The children are invited to Athens where they will follow Paul on his missionary journeys and discover the mercy and grace of God. Come and join us as a volunteer to support our children in their spiritual growth.

BEFORE LONG, school will be out and our summer campaign for young people will be under way at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp! For information or to register, go to cs-yc.com, or contact the office at 800-567-1844, ext. 346.

POTTERY CLASS: A class for students who will be in high school for the 2013-14 school year will be offered through the Southern’s School of Visual Art and Design on Tuesday, May 21-July 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Additional open studio time will also be scheduled on Thursdays. Maximum enrollment is 15. Contact Erik Vetne at (423) 443-1053 or erikvetne@yahoo.com.


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. The class will begin June 1. Contact Pastor Sam Chetty at samchetty@southern.edu or visit instep4life.com.

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

IN MEMORY

Merle Choske-Rose, mother of Loranne Grace, passed away April 14. A family service will be held in Oregon at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to: Global Missions; KID Center; SAU Student Missionary Fund; or the mission project of your choice.

The sister of Agnes Lyzanchuk passed away April 11. Services were held in Canada.

William G. Swafford, Jr., father of Carl Swafford and grandfather of Chris and Corbin Swafford passed away April 16. Services were held April 27.

Wednesday, May 1
10:00 a.m.  55+ Activities
7:00 p.m.  Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, May 2
10:00 a.m.  55+ Bible Study

Friday, May 3
7:00 p.m.  DivorceCare
8:00 p.m.  SAU Consecration

Sabbath, May 4
9:00 a.m.  Adoration 1: SAU Student Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m.  Adoration 2: William Hurtado Sabbath Schools
11:35 a.m.  Connect: LeClare Litchfield
11:35 a.m.  Renewal: William Hurtado

Offering: Church Family Budget
8:28 p.m.  Sunset

Tuesday, May 7
10:00 a.m.  Women’s Bible Studies
6:30 p.m.  Women’s Bible Studies

Wednesday, May 8
10:00 a.m.  55+ Activities
7:00 p.m.  Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, May 9
10:00 a.m.  55+ Bible Study

Friday, May 10
7:00 p.m.  DivorceCare

Sabbath, May 11
9:00 a.m.  Adoration 1: Dave Smith Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m.  Adoration 2: Dave Smith Sabbath Schools
11:35 a.m.  Connect: LeClare Litchfield Renewal: Dave Smith
11:35 a.m.  Offering: World Disaster & Famine Relief
8:34 p.m.  Sunset

Tuesday, May 14
10:00 a.m.  Women’s Bible Studies
6:30 p.m.  Women’s Bible Studies