NEW THINGS HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH

What do silver buttons, bathrooms, and golf carts have in common? They are three new things that have shown up at the Church in the past month.

In 2012 the request was presented to the Church on having automatic door buttons installed. The Church’s doors are large and heavy, which has made it difficult for some people to open them.

Several people began donating to the fund and research was begun. While the buttons have been installed for a couple of weeks, it wasn’t until Sabbath, July 13, that they were fully functional, so, now with a touch of a button the doors swing open. Not only is this helpful for those who are in a wheelchair, but also if you have your hands full and need a third hand to open the door.

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ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN’S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

YOU ARE INVITED!! YOU ARE INVITED!! YOU ARE INVITED!!

What: Children’s Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – a catered meal will be provided.

Who: ALL children’s ministry volunteers AND their families who serve in the children’s Sabbath School divisions, Vacation Bible School, and Adventurer ministries of our church.

When: Saturday, Aug. 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: To honor your ministry leadership to the children of our Church.

This is an opportunity for our Church to show our appreciation for the kingdom difference you are making to the children and families in our Church. Following our catered meal, we will enjoy an excellent presentation shared by Mae Watson and Ruth Williams-Morris as well as a time for all volunteers to share and brainstorm future ministry plans. Child care will be provided during the presentation and brainstorming session.

Please RSVP to Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu or (423) 994-2396. You may also stop by the table in the Atrium on August 3 or 10 to register.

MINISTRY OPPS

If you enjoy playing the piano or guitar or simply love praising the Lord through song, the Kindergarten and Primary classrooms would love to have you share your musical gifts with them. We are looking for song and music leaders to provide 15 minutes of music during the 10:15 Sabbath School time in those divisions once a month. Please contact Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu or (423) 994-2396 to see you how can get involved.
The Acceptance Sabbath School class has always been active with mission projects. Each year the class helps sponsor 3 or 4 projects. This year it was decided to do a “Hands On” project with class members actually going on location to complete the tasks. A small “Mission Committee” was chosen to come up with options. The decision finally came down to choosing Kodiak, Alaska as the location.

Kodiak is situated on the second largest island in the United States, approximately 250 air miles southwest of Anchorage in the Gulf of Alaska. Transportation between the entire island and the outside world is by air or ferry. It is a commercial fishing town. A lesser economic influence includes tourism, mainly by those seeking outdoor adventure trips as well as hunting and fishing.

Near Kodiak the United States Navy operates a small training base where they train United States Navy SEALs in cold weather survival and advanced tactics. Kodiak also is home to one of our largest Coast Guard Stations.

Our Seventh-day Adventist believers have a 100 member size church overlooking a lily pond but with membership of only around 9 adults and 9 children. About 20 years ago the church was full and even ran a school in its basement. Due to various challenges, people moving back to the lower 48 or mainland, the church at present finds itself struggling and with no pastoral care.

In spite of the many challenges we decided to send a team there to give support to the small church group. On June 11 and 12, Barbara and Benny Moore along with Bob and Holly Gadd made the fourteen hour journey to Anchorage then on to Kodiak.

On Thursday evening Bob did the first tasting demonstration and told a little about the topics that he would cover the next week. Topics such as: oats, beans, bread making, rice, and vegetables. Holly did health screening the first evening than did a presentation on various health related topics each evening.

On Sunday the remaining members of the group, Chuck and Murleen Robertson and Jim and Linda Marlowe, arrived. Monday at 10:00 a.m. the live action began. Children from the neighborhood began to arrive. We had around 25 children so we were off to a busy VBS week led by Linda. It was amazing to see what a great VBS she brought in a suitcase. Bob, Holly, and Murleen provided spirited singing each day. Chuck and Jim helped with the teens, doing presentations on edible plants and photography. The rest of us were busy with all the activities which Linda brought for the children to do. On Sabbath afternoon the parents were invited to a closing program where the children sang the songs they had learned, showed a video of their activities, and Chuck retold some of his “Poky” the raccoon story.

On the second Friday evening Terry and Kathy Janzen started a “ShareHim” evangelist series. This was a different approach to evangelist meetings doing 20 meetings in nine days. The meetings began at 6:30 p.m., ran 45 minutes, then a 15 minute break with Bob preparing a special snack or soup, then on to another 45 minute presentation.

With the cooking class, health lectures, VBS, and evangelistic series there was somewhere around 50 people.
ADVENTURER AND EAGER BEAVER REGISTRATION

The Collegedale Adventurer and Eager Beaver Club are ready to begin our Adventure with Jesus. Are you ready to join us? Children in grades K – 4th are welcome to join. Registration is Sunday, Aug. 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Adventurer and Eager Beaver club utilizes hands-on activities, explore and discover new things in God’s beautiful nature, create special memories, worship and praise God together, earn honors, make crafts, bless people in the community, participate in mission projects, learn about our church and country, and provides experiences where children can develop skills that will benefit them throughout not only this life but life with our Heavenly Father.

How can I volunteer or help out the Adventurer and Eager Beaver club? You can:

• spend time praying for our children, their families, and our staff.
• sponsor a child’s club dues.
• donate camping equipment, craft supplies, snacks and drinks, or paper products.
• assist with club activities, teach an award, or join our staff. (We still have positions that need to be filled).

Contact Pastor Carole Verrill at (423) 994-2396 or Curtis Cordwell at (423) 504-7931.

LITCHFIELDS JOIN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Welcome Litch and Shelly Litchfield to our youth ministry team! We are thankful to join hands with them in accomplishing our mission to empower our youth to follow and share Jesus. They will begin their new role as Youth Ministry Associates for Student Discipleship in August.

The Litchfields have been in our community a long time and are veteran youth workers, Litch as the Academy’s chaplain and Shelly as a teacher also at the Academy.

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For several years we have had a need for a family friendly bathroom. There are some people who need their spouse to help them or a parent needs to go to the bathroom with their child of the opposite gender. In the first instance someone has had to clear a restroom so the couple can go in while someone is standing guard. The Church decided to address the need. The ladies bathroom in the Senior Center hallway had a small lounge/sitting area before entering the actual bathroom. This area seemed to be the natural space to use and it was in a central location. On July 8 renovation began. The new bathroom should be open for use by the first Sabbath in August.

A new ministry began last month of offering transportation from your car to the front doors of the Church on Sabbath mornings. A multi-seat golf cart is rented each week and driven by volunteers who offer rides. It’s a nice gesture to those who park far from the Church, as well as when it’s raining. ~

...conference will find someone to go.

We will long remember the beautiful bald eagle nest outside our lodging window. Our hearts are sad as we leave new Kodiak friends behind but we hope that our presence there has given them hope and encouragement. ~
DIGESTIVE TUNE-UP: What happens when a bite of food passes over our lips...learn ways to prevent and cure our digestive challenges at the Monday, Aug. 12, Dinner with the Doctor, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by calling (423) 315-1950. Cost is $5/person.

THE MONTESSORI EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER is now accepting applications for students aged 3-5. If you would like to have a tour of our school and learn more about our Montessori program please call the school at (423) 396-2122 or contact Jill Howe at (423) 240-8189.

SPALDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is now accepting applications for substitute teachers. If you would be interested in substituting, stop by the school office and pick up a packet. Pay is based upon degree level.

LOOKING FOR A SPIRITUAL BASED KINDERGARTEN? If your child will be 5 by August 15, call 396-2122 to find out what AW Spalding has to offer.

IN MEMORY

Jeff Brown, pastor of the Apison Church, husband of Joy, and father of Beth Lasley and Zach Brown, passed away July 17 while on a mission trip in Panama. Services to be announced.

April Chambers, daughter of Nancy Chambers, sister of Kelcy and Savannah Chambers, and granddaughter of Merita Wilson, passed away July 12. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Please keep the family in your prayers.

THE COLLEGECADE ACADEMY UNIFORM RESALE is Thursday, August 1 (1:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, August 7 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.). You may donate your clean school uniforms by dropping them off at the Academy front desk Monday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To receive 2/3 of the profit, you must address an envelope to yourself and attach a paper to EACH article of clothing with your name and phone number. Contact Ziniah Beasley at (423) 598-8392 with questions or if your Sophomore wants to help either day for the profit to go to the Class of 2016.

THE APISON ALLIES PATHFINDER CLUB INDOOR YARD SALE is from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, and Sunday, Aug. 11. Proceeds go for the club to attend the Oshkosh International Camporee. An amazing selection of furniture, toys, clothes, books, home decor, holiday items, crafts, home school resources, tools, sporting goods, outdoor equipment, and electronics. Located at 11429 Bates Road, Apison.

Wednesday, July 24
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, July 25
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Sabbath, July 27
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: Andy Nash
11:35 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith

Offering: Conference Ministries
8:49 p.m. Sunset

Wednesday, July 31
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, August 1
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Friday, August 2
8:00 p.m. University Vespers

Sabbath, August 3
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
11:35 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith

Offering: Church Family Budget
8:43 p.m. Sunset

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