CHURCH ADDITION?

by Wolf Jedamski

For the past year and a half the Pastors have used the tag line “Care & Connect” to describe and to influence everything we do. Our goal, as a Church family, is to raise the level of caring for each other and to connect with each other and our community.

One of the best things we as a Church can do to increase that fellowship and caring for each other is by connecting in smaller groups. Sabbath School classes and small groups provide the heart of fellowship for Church members. Therefore, creating more adult Sabbath School meeting spaces has been one of our goals.

A proposal has been brought before the Church Board to build a Church addition which will consist of a more secure and safer children’s wing. The current children’s Sabbath School classrooms would then be remodeled to accommodate adult meeting spaces. In other words we would be addressing two needs for the price of one. Depending on the design elements we would gain an additional 12-15 adult rooms and at the same time provide a better environment for our children’s classes.

Because this is a huge step forward which will also involve a capital campaign to raise the funding, we want input and support from the entire Church family. The Church Board has called for a business meeting in the Sanctuary at Dr. Subodh Pandit, will be speaking September 20 and 21 in the Sanctuary.

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Born and raised in India, Subodh is a licensed, board certified physician from North Carolina. His twenty-year search for a reason to believe led him through the questions of atheism, post-modernism and pluralism onto a unique method of comparing the five great world religions.

Friday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Science, Reason, Faith, and the Existence of God. Can the rational scientific mind accept the existence of the supernatural?

Sabbath, September 21

9:00, 10:15 & 11:35 a.m. Hope’s Double Reward

4:00 p.m. The Book of books will compare the sacred literature of the Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, and Christians

6:00 p.m. Comparison of the Founders

The evening and afternoon sessions will end with a question and answer time.
CAYA CENTRAL MAKES A DIFFERENCE
by Shelly Litchfield

“It’s fun,” says 10th grader Elizha Sanders. “You get to see a bunch of friends.”

“It’s a place to hang out and be safe,” comments Jordan Tompkins (9th grade).

Chloe Slocum (9th grade), who is there every day, says she likes coming there “to meet new people.”

What are these students talking about? CAYA Central, the Collegedale Church Youth Room that has become a youth center, open every afternoon (Mon-Thu, 2:00-6:00 and Fri 12:30-3:00).

When Pastor Will Hurtado came to Collegedale Church as our new youth pastor and asked for an office that was more accessible for young people, he set in motion changes that have made such a difference for the youth of our Church. Church Administrator Wolf Jedamski caught Pastor Will’s vision and what developed is the new Youth Center on the ground floor of the Church, complete with a worship area, sofas for Sabbath School classes and weekly study sessions, and recreation spots with foosball, pool, and ping pong tables. Sports equipment can be taken to the grassy area outside the Youth Room. A glass-walled office is accessible yet private for conversations or meetings. A snack bar and popcorn machine are very well-used. And soon to come will be service stations where students can volunteer to do something purposeful with their time.

SAU students also enjoy CAYA Central, even using it as a venue for open mic nights last spring. Open mic and other collegiate ministries at CAYA Central will resume in October. CAYA Central is also used by parent leaders and Pathfinders.

CAYA Central would love your support in the form of food donations for after-school snacks (fruit, juice, chips and salsa, peanut butter and jelly, bread, etc). Drop these off any afternoon. Parent volunteers are needed to be a presence at the center. And your prayers are invited - prayers that CAYA Central will be a place where young people can realize their Church is a caring place.

Contact Pastor Will Hurtado at 423-414-8569 or Shelly Litchfield 423-413-1954 for further info.

A 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place
Sunday, Oct. 13, at 4:00 p.m.
beginning at Imagination Station, behind the pavilion.
Walkers begin at 3:30 p.m.
Onsite registration only begins at 3:00 p.m.
Free event!

For more information, contact Pastor Sam at samchetty@southern.edu or (423) 396-2134, ext. 13.
DivorceCare meets Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Church. You are welcome to begin attending a DivorceCare group on any week. Each session is “self-contained.”

October 4: What’s Happening to Me?
This introductory seminar helps answer the question, “Why do I feel the way I do?” You’ll come out of this session with an overview of the DivorceCare program and an appreciation for the benefits of a support group environment.

October 11: The Road to Healing/ Finding Help
This video segment helps you begin to identify the many losses that occurred as the result of your divorce. It also introduces strategies you can use to begin the process of healing from your separation or divorce.

October 18: Facing My Anger
This video seminar deals with the subject of anger, a nearly universal response to the pain and stress of divorce. You’ll gain constructive suggestions for dealing with your anger and learn methods for responding to the anger coming from your ex-spouse.

November 1: Facing My Depression
Depression can be a paralyzing emotion as you go through divorce. Even so, it can also be a “healing emotion,” and this video seminar explores constructive responses you can employ to deal with depression.

November 8: Facing My Loneliness
After divorce, many people respond to their loneliness in ways that will cause them even deeper pain. This segment explores healthy ways to overcome the loneliness that will inevitably arise during your separation or divorce.

November 15: What Does the Owner’s Manual Say?
This video seminar explores real-world answers from the Bible on issues related to separation, divorce and remarriage, presented in an easily understandable format.

November 22: New Relationships
The loneliness that comes with divorce will put you at risk when making decisions about new relationships. This session helps you determine whether you are ready for a new relationship and how to get it off on the right foot if you are.

December 6: Financial Survival
Most people are stretched financially during divorce. This video segment offers you practical help on how to survive and ways to deal with the many money issues that you’ll face during and after divorce.

December 13: KidCare
This video seminar helps you understand the effects of divorce on your children and offers practical suggestions for being an effective single parent. You’ll also learn how your children are processing the divorce and how you can help in their healing.

December 20: Single Sexuality
How do you deal with your sexuality after divorce? This important seminar will help you understand sexuality from God’s perspective and see that it is possible to be single again and satisfied.

January 3: Forgiveness
The hurt that comes with divorce is a barrier that prevents many people from forgiving their former spouse. This seminar shows you why forgiveness is important and how you can begin the process of forgiving.

January 10: Reconciliation
Reconciliation is one of the most misunderstood aspects of the divorce healing process. You’ll learn that reconciliation can happen even if your marriage is not restored and why it’s important to pursue reconciliation.

January 17: Moving On, Growing Closer to God
How can God produce something good out of something as bad as divorce? This segment will show you how to grow closer to God as you go through your divorce experience.

Bikers-Take Note
Are you looking for an early Sunday morning ride? Come help support the CAYA (Collegedale Adventist Youth in Action) basketball teams and join us for a 50 or 100K ride through the beautiful and rolling roads of Hamilton and Bradley counties. The ride begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For registration and more information about the “CAYA Challenge”, go to www.cayayouth.com. Early bird and student discounts apply.
HOW IS GOD WORKING through our church’s youth ministry? Find out by visiting our youth ministry website, www.cayayouth.com. You will find current photos, videos, and short stories that will impress you with how God’s Spirit is working—in the present! You will also find calendars, schedules and links for our many youth ministry activities. www.cayayouth.com

SEVERAL OF THE PATHFINDER UNITS will be teaching the ‘Small Engine Repair’ honor to the kids. In order to accomplish this we need lawn mowers, weed eaters and or other lawn equipment that you don’t need any more (and don’t want back). It doesn’t have to work. Please contact Lonnie Sedge at (423) 605-8747 or Karen Reed at (423) 505-1586.

RIDE LIKE A PRO ADVANCED MOTORCYCLE SKILLS COURSE: Coming to Collegedale Sunday, Oct. 27, in the Church parking lot. No matter if you have been riding for 3 months or 30 years, this training will enhance your riding skills. You will be a safer, more confident rider. Contact Dennis Dodd for more information at dlkdodd@gmail.com or (423) 309-9059. Or go to http://www.ridelikeaproatlanta.com/Schedule.html to sign up directly. Cost is $150.

ENJOY THE DAY with family and friends, Sunday, Sept. 29, from 12:00 - 4:00 pm, at Lester Coon Adventist School’s Annual Fall Festival located at 11429 Bates Road, Apison, TN. There will be a flea market, games, food, prizes, animals, car wash, and lots of smiles. Call Anita at (423) 505-6573 to reserve a booth if you have items you would like to sale.

MESSIAH’S MANSION, a life-size replica of the Ancient Hebrew Tabernacle, will be at Standifer Gap Church September 28-October 6, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free tours. Visit www.messiahsmansionchatt.org.

SOUTHERN SINGLE ALUMNI REUNION, Sabbath, Sept. 28, at Chattanooga First Church, at 1:00 p.m. for potluck with program to follow. Alumni will tell tales of when they were in Singles.

IN MEMORY

Laurel McFarlane, wife of Lloyd and mother of Lorna Birch, passed away September 11. Services to be announced.

Marilyn Read, wife of Charles Read and mother of Brent Read, Brenda Thornton, Lisa Cavin, and Tricia Burgess, passed away August 31. Memorial contributions may be made to ADRA International, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904. A private family service will be held at a later date. ✝️