CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

by Wolf Jedamski

The Collegedale Church met in business session September 24 to consider a proposal to approve a renovation/building project. The proposal, presented by senior pastor Dave Smith and church administrative pastor Wolf Jedamski, addresses a significant need: facility space for additional adult and young adult Sabbath School classes and small groups. Recognizing that the most meaningful church fellowship often occurs in Sabbath School classes or in small groups, the pastors and Church members have for years been seeking ways to identify space for more adult study groups to meet. The proposal provides an action plan to meet this need.

Specifically, it was proposed that the Church vote to build a children's ministries facility which would provide a secure building to accommodate cradle roll through junior Sabbath School classes and the church's day care program. The existing space dedicated to these functions would be remodeled and would make it possible for up to 15 additional adult Sabbath School classes or small groups to meet in the church at the same time as the eight classes that currently meet during the 10:15 Sabbath School time.

After several questions and discussion a vote was taken. Of the 97 church members attending the meeting, 86 voted yes, 2 voted no and 9 abstained from voting. The proposal will now be taken to the Church Board. They will be asked to consider seating a fund raising steering committee as well as a building committee. The pastoral staff will seek opportunities to educate church members about the proposal and to gain broader support for it. They solicit the Church family’s prayers for wisdom and insight as together we consider future steps we might take to accomplish our goals.

If you have questions contact Pastors Dave or Wolf at 396-2134.
“...I WILL GO TO CUBA”

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I heard the voice of the Lord saying; “Whom shall I send...?” Isa 6:8. Five years ago during the last mission trip our youth went on to do evangelism in Cuba, we heard from a little church in the Central Conference begging us to consider coming back to their town to do a series of meetings for their church. The Bolivia Church used to be a Pentecostal Sunday keeping church before they met a committed Cuban lay person who moved into their community simply because there were no Seventh-day Adventists in that area. Not too long after, this lady, through her outreach and with God’s help, converted the entire church to the Adventist message. It is she that has begged us to please return and help their church become established into the Adventist doctrines. For five years, they have asked numerous times and I have tried many times to fulfill her church’s invitations. For one reason after another, every time, it just didn’t seem to be the right time.

This Christmas, however, fourteen of us will respond by taking our holidays and going to do evangelism meetings in those three churches. Oh by the way, did I mention that in those five years this devoted lay lady has planted two other churches? We will be preaching each evening, providing music and leading out in children’s meetings. In addition, our Cuban religious permission visas will allow us to go into the people’s homes and give Bible studies. During the day we will also do some community service work in those three small towns.

We are asking the Collegedale Church family to support this project both with your prayers between now and Christmas and also with any financial gifts you may want to provide. Those can be placed in the offerings and marked “Cuba”. Several of the group are SAU students and any assistance towards their trip expenses would be of tremendous help.

To help meet the spiritual needs, we are also wanting to provide new Bibles for each family in these churches. Most do not have access to a Bible. We are also wanting to provide for some of their physical needs with supplies that aren’t readily available in that part of the world. Your donations will be an early Christmas gift for these dear people. They and our group will be very grateful! ☺

BIKERS-TAKE NOTE

A 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place

Sunday, Oct. 13, at 4:00 p.m. at Imagination Station pavilion.
Walkers begin at 3:30 p.m.
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.
Free event!

For more info, contact Pastor Sam at samchetty@southern.edu or (423) 396-2134, ext. 13.

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. ☺
SOUTHERN’S ALUMNI WEEKEND

You are invited to attend Southern Adventist University’s Alumni Homecoming Weekend events scheduled October 24 – 27. Highlights include:

- Fall Colors Motorcycle Ride – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Friday, departing from the Church parking lot for a 147-mile route through the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Open to the public. Information packets are available from Alumni Relations.

- Vespers – 8:00 p.m., Friday, Sanctuary. Featured speaker: Steve Haley, ’83 alumnus and president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

- Worship Services – 9:00, 10:15, and 11:35 a.m., Sanctuary. Featured speaker: Dwight Nelson, ’73 alumnus and senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, MI.

- Potluck Lunch – 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Sabbath, Iles PE Center. The main entree and tossed salad will be provided by the university. If you plan to attend, please bring another type of salad and/or a dessert for approximately 10-15 people in disposable dishes. We’re also asking you to bring sandwiches and some cookies for supper. If your food is vegan, please mark it as such, as we have many guests who appreciate this option. Food should be brought to the front entrance of the Iles PE Center between 8:15-11:00 a.m. for lunch and by 5:00 p.m. for supper.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Barn at the Farrow Family Home. The evening will begin with worship followed by supper. Families are asked to bring the following:

- A-E 2 large bags of chips
- F-L 2 dozen cookies or brownies
- M-T large raw veggie or fruit tray
- U-Z 1 large bag of apples

After supper, there will be music, hayrides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, family games, balloon animals and more. Plan to bring your family for food, fun and fellowship.

SANDY ERICKSON RACE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Greater Collegedale School System (GCSS) is pulling the community together and honoring a beloved teacher. On November 3, GCSS is hosting the Sandy Erickson Race for Christian Education. The 5K race is open to all students, parents, runners, and other community members. All proceeds will benefit the school system’s worthy student fund. Race registration and donation information is available on the race website www.sandyericksonfunrun.com.

The race is named after Sandy Erickson, a beloved first grade teacher who taught for over twenty years at A.W. Spalding Elementary School. When diagnosed in 2008 with A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig’s Disease), Mrs. Erickson maintained her cheery attitude and sense of humor, exemplifying Christ’s selflessness.

Last year, our first race, we raised over $47,000 which benefited Christian education in our community. We had over 500 student and community runners participate in the event. One hundred and twenty of those students were our 4-8 year olds running in the 1K fun run. Family and community running together for a cause……it was a wonderful day!

The pre K-2nd grade Kids Fun Run will begin at 1:30 p.m. The 5K race (3.2 miles) for third grade through adults will begin at 2:00 p.m. Both races begin at Collegedale Adventist Middle School (CAMS).

For parents and community members to run/walk, register by going to the official race website at www.sandyericksonfunrun.com. Registration fee is $20. The race can only accommodate 600 runners, including students. Register early!

To Donate – Go to the official race website www.sandyericksonfunrun.com and click on the donate link, or you may sponsor a runner from one of the GCSS schools.

For Students in the GCCS, a packet will be sent home for you to obtain sponsors for your race fees. $20 minimum is required to race. Packets should be sent home in early October.
SOUTHERN’S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will perform their first concert of the new school year on October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Highlighted pieces include Mozart’s Overture to “The Magic Flute,” Bizet’s L’Arlesienne Suite No. 1; and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7 in A major. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (423) 236-2000.

AARP DRIVING CLASS will be held at Garden Plaza of Greenbriar Cove, 4586 Forsythia Way, on November 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for nonmembers. For further information or to register for the class, call 396-5100.

DO YOU OR A LOVED ONE NEED HELP? My passion is to help individuals who are older and in need of help. If you need a sitter, or someone to clean, do yard work, run errands or provide transportation call Julie at 521-6105.

SEVERAL OF THE PATHFINDER UNITS will be teaching the ‘Small Engine Repair’ honor. 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. Contact Lonnie Sedge at (423) 605-8747.

RIDE LIKE A PRO ADVANCED MOTORCYCLE SKILLS COURSE: Coming 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.

SABBATH, October 5
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: Church Family Budget
7:00 Evensong
7:20 Sunset

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. English as a Second Language

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
8:00 p.m. University Vespers

SABBATH, OCTOBER 12
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: Voice of Prophecy
7:00 Evensong
7:10 p.m. Sunset

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. English as a Second Language

IN MEMORY

Charles Edwards, husband of Betty Edwards and father of Toni Edwards, Chuck Edwards, and Mike Edwards (deceased), passed away September 14. Services were held September 19.

Betty J. Ford, mother of G.A. Ford, Dennis Ford, Cynthia Hollie and Tamarin Larson, passed away September 22. Services will be held in the Sanctuary on Sabbath, Oct. 19, at 3:30 p.m. Visitation will be at 3:00 p.m. in the Atrium prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Samaritan Center, 9231 Lee Hwy, Ooltewah or 3ABN, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896.

Shannon Hays, mother of Bob VanDevander, passed away September 22.

Bobby Owens, husband of Sue Owens, passed away September 7. Services were held September 11.

The brother of Bill Twombly passed away September 16. 

Wednesday, October 2
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, October 3
10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

Friday, October 4
8:00 p.m. University Vespers