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GOD HAS BLESSED

by Wolf Jedamski

As we close the 2013 church financial books, it is evident once again that God has blessed this church through people like you. That is why I wanted to send a note of thanks and report how we’re doing financially.

As of November 30 our tithe returns are up by 12% over last year. Our church budget YTD is also up significantly! Great numbers, but we do need to factor in that we are also one Sabbath ahead of last year at the same time period.

Historically, we receive over 25% of the entire year’s budgeted amount during December. This year is no different. We have budgeted 27.5% of the entire year to be given during the four Sabbaths of December. That is a lot!

However, through the faithfulness of our Collegedale family, we have consistently met our budget. Because we are ahead through November, if we receive the 27.5%, we will finish the year with a net gain! That would be great because of some big initiatives we’re planning on in 2014.

As you think about your year-end giving, consider these areas of need within your church:

• Giving to the church family budget – If we can finish the year with a gain here, we can fund some of our big plans.
  One of the largest will be our evangelistic training and campaign starting January 18 and continuing through much of February.

COME SEARCH WITH ME

Dr. Subodh Pandit, born and raised in India, is a licensed, board certified physician. 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.

An evangelism training seminar will be held January 18-23 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., followed by a Public Evangelism meeting entitled Come Search With Me February 1-8 (taking the 4th off) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Both events will be held in the Sanctuary.

Some of the issues covered:

• Is there such a thing as absolute truth?

• How can we convince people of the existence of God?

• Can anyone, anywhere, make a legitimate claim that their beliefs are truly evidenced based?

• Are there valid reasons to prefer one sacred writing over the other?

• Can the claims of Buddha, Muhammed, Jesus Christ, Krishna and others stand the test of serious examination?

• Why does belief matter?

These and other issues will be presented in detail, to equip you to evangelize with confidence.

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
by Lil Yarosh

The Hulsey venue was about maxed out, the newspaper ad had to be pulled because registrations had reached the limit, and the cooks were doubling their efforts to prepare enough samples for the enthusiastic turn-out at the “Home for the Holidays” Cooking Class.

Thirty Southern Adventist University students from Lilly Tryon’s Health Evangelism Class provided a major assist in set-up, registration, serving and clean-up. Bob Gadd, Professor of Accounting in Southern’s School of Business and Management, did one of the demos. Last summer he and his wife conducted a cooking school at a small church on Kodiak Island, Alaska, and he shared the recipe for Eggplant Bake which he had fixed there.

Several community attendees brought guests (as did a number of church members) for which we give a big “Thumbs Up”. One of the local doctors makes sure that all of her patients receive a flyer for each up-coming Dinner With The Doctor event, which gives a nice boost to our “new enrollee” number.

Harold Mayer, Assoc. Professor in the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness, will launch the 2014 DWTD series. His expertise is helping individuals develop and incorporate lifelong physical activity habits. Exercise and physical fitness are topics of great interest to the public our committee has found, as the number of frequent requests can attest.

Start off the New Year by putting his pointers into practice and invite a neighbor or friend. Register by phoning 423-315-1950 or at instep4life.com. Cost is $5.

The North American Division has named January 4 as a Division-wide Day of Prayer. Join other Adventists in united prayer across the North American Division and the world as we ask for His power and leading in ministry in 2014.

One of the best ways to describe prayer is “the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. . . Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him” (Steps to Christ, p. 93). Prayer is absolutely essential to the spiritual health of a believer’s life and is foundational and central to success in ministry and in fulfilling the mission of the church. Glenn Sheppard put it this way: “Prayer is the most powerful means we have to cross cultural, language and racial barriers. No walls are strong enough or high enough to keep out prayer. Through prayer, we cooperate with God in establishing His kingdom, we release life-changing power, and we enlist the aid of His ministering angels to go before us and with us (Hebrews 1:4).

. . . We must not look to the methods of men to win the world; instead, we must pray to the Lord of the Harvest (Matthew 9:38; Romans 10:1). He is the One who sends the laborers, who knows the seasons of men’s lives and when the fields are ripe for harvesting (John 4:35)” Global Prayer Strategy Manual by Glenn and Jacquelyn Sheppard, p. 21-22.

Also, don’t miss out on the Georgia-Cumberland Conference’s upcoming Prayer Conference “Simply Prayer... Touching the Heart of God” February 14-16 at Cohutta Springs. Our main speaker will be Lee Venden and there will be a special feature by Ken Brummel from the Northern New England Conference. The weekend will also include an anointing service and a special “wall of intercession.” Bring a picture to pin on the wall of someone special you would like to pray for during the weekend. To register for the conference, visit www.gccsda.com/prayer-ministries or call 800-567-1844.

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We covet your prayers for this event. We are called to fish, so we are stepping out in faith knowing full well that you as a church will be behind this Spirit filled event.

Volunteers are needed in many areas. Contact Eliana Farley at 304-1417 or the Church office at 396-2134.
CIVIL WAR MEDICINE AND ITS TREATMENTS

Start the Year right if you are 55+! Come to our first meeting. Sunday, Jan. 12, the vegetarian luncheon will begin at 12 noon with members bringing their food at 11:30 to the Fellowship Hall.

The vegetarian food assignments are:

- A-B Bread/rolls/sandwiches
- C-H Potatoes/rice/pasta
- I-L Entrees
- M-O Desserts
- P-S Salads: Potato/tossed/macaroni
- T-Z Vegetable

After a brief business meeting, Dr. Anthony Hodges, a Chattanooga dentist, will be featured on the subject of Civil War medicine and its treatments. A question and answer period will follow.

Anthony has had a life-long interest in the Civil War and family history inspired by family oral history passed down by elderly relatives in North Alabama and Middle Tennessee. He began collecting Civil War artifacts as a 6 year old child with items from his collection being displayed at Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park and other National Park sites, as well as the Atlanta History Center, the Carter House and Carnton in Franklin, Tennessee, the Museum of East Tennessee History in Knoxville and numerous other historic sites. He began to study Civil War medicine while in dental school in the 1970s, and began lecturing on this topic shortly after graduating dental school in 1981.

There is no charge for guests or visitors, yearly dues are $6 per year; meetings are bi-monthly. Further questions and RSVP to attend as a guest: Erling Odel: (423)591-4779 or Rita Vital (423)505-6605.

HIRE-A-KID
by William Hurtado

Ever wished you could go on a mission trip, but obstacles prevented you? If you can’t go, why not help a young person who can. One dozen young people have signed up to take part in the Haiti Mission Trip scheduled for this March 2014. Would you help them raise money by hiring them? Possible jobs: housecleaning, raking leaves, yard work, cleaning out your garage, computer tutoring, babysitting—the possibilities are wide open.

Instead of an outright donation (these are greatly encouraged and appreciated!), you are benefited by getting odd jobs done and by helping a young person experience this mission trip. Hourly rates will be “donation-inflated” with a suggested rate of $25 an hour (or more...) and a minimum of 2 hours. To hire your helper, call, text, or email Shelly Litchfield at (423) 413-1954 or shelly.litch@gmail.com.

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- Our Church Building Campaign which will kick off after the New Year. Certainly if you have discretionary gifts you wish to donate before the year closes, this would be a great place to give them and jump start the campaign. You will hear a lot more about the church expansion after January 1, but for now, you know we want to create additional spaces for our members to connect in small groups and in adult Sabbath Schools. We just do not have the room to do that. Adding a new children’s Sabbath School wing would allow us to more than double our current adult spaces. Stay tuned for lots more detailed information but certainly consider giving to the building project as you think about your year-end giving.

I know that economic times are difficult for many of us. I also know that your gifts, small or large, can be and could have been directed to many other worthy causes. How many appeals for funds did you receive this past month? Yet over the eleven months of this past year you chose to support your church. That is an indication of your values and your commitment, and for that I and the church thank you.

I pray all of God’s richest blessings will be yours in 2014

In His service,
Wolf Jedamski, Administrator
**IN MEMORY**

Frances L. McKee, wife of A.C. McKee (Deceased) and mother of Betty Waterhouse, Marilyn Lee and Barbara Stanton (Deceased) passed away Friday, Dec. 13. Services were held December 18.

Frances Mae Fox, mother of Edward Fox, Bruce Fox and Pat Fox, passed away December 8. Services to be announced at a later date.

Irma Hyde, wife of Gordon and mother of Bradley Hyde and Rodney Hyde, passed away October 10. Services will be Sabbath, Jan. 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. 🙏

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**2013 CONTRIBUTIONS** may be made through midnight on December 31. Contributions may be placed in the mail slot next to the double doors closest to College Drive (upper parking lot).

**BLOOD ASSURANCE** will be at the Church January 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE:** Help support McDonald Road’s Youth Mission Trip to Belize on Sunday, Jan. 19, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Donations appreciated (no clothing) and booths available for $15. Contact Dan and Daryl Ford (423) 504-8116 for more information.

**RECRUITING SUBJECTS:** Dr. Mayer and colleagues at Southern Adventist University are working on a metabolic research study and are recruiting women ages 25-54 that exercise 3 days a week or less, and are willing to follow a whole foods plant based diet for 10 weeks. If interested, email SAUhumanperformancelab@gmail.com or call (423) 236-2815.

**HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT**, Jan 31 - Feb. 2 - a great Bible conference event for Adventist students (grades 9-12) who are not attending Adventist schools. Prior participants state that this weekend at Cohutta Springs has been life changing. Save $10 per student if you register by January 13. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 27. Register online at www.registration.gccsda.com or contact Alyse at 706-629-7951, ext. 346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

**LIFEGROUP RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**, Jan 31 - Feb. 2. Experience LifeGroup training and get involved with what God is doing. Learn how to connect yourself and your peers to Jesus on a weekly basis. Enjoy great food, new friends and beautiful Cohutta Springs. Cost is $69 and the registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 27. Register online at www.registration.gccsda.com or contact Alyse at 706-629-7951, ext. 346 or alyse@gccsda.com.

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**Wednesday, December 25**
Church Closed
Not Meeting  Intercessory Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 26**
Church Closed

**Sabbath, December 28**
9:00 a.m.  Adoration 1: LeClare Litchfield  
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m.  Adoration 2: LeClare Litchfield  
Sabbath Schools
11:35 a.m.  Connect: Andy Nash  
11:35 a.m.  Renewal: LeClare Litchfield

**Offering:** Church Family Budget
5:36 p.m.  Sunset

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**Tuesday, December 31**
Church Closed
Not Meeting  Women’s Bible Studies

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**
Church Closed
Not Meeting  Intercessory Prayer Group

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

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**Sabbath, January 4**
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
5:41 p.m.  Sunset

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**Tuesday, January 7**
Not Meeting  Women’s Bible Studies
7:00 p.m.  English as a Second Language