THE MISSION of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church is to bring all people to a saving relationship with Jesus and grow them for God’s glory.

THE REST OF THE STORY

by Dave Smith

In recent weeks several presentations have been made from the front regarding the Arise and Build Community Campaign. Different church members have shared why they are excited about aspects of the campaign. A meeting was held to answer questions and receive suggestions. Pledge cards have been distributed.

But there is more to the story behind this campaign than has been presented to this point. I would like to share part of “the rest of the story” with you so that, along with the pastors, you can sense God’s leading in this endeavor.

For the past two years, as the pastors have gone on retreats to seek God’s will for our church and to discern how to plan for the church’s future, a conviction has grown that we need to provide more opportunities for fellowship, Bible study, and interpersonal interaction for our members. Our church is large. New members and visitors are easily lost in the sanctuary. While our greeters and members offer a warm welcome each

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SONTREASURE ISLAND VBS: DISCOVERING GOD’S LOVE

VBS 2014 SonTreasure Island is right around the corner. We are excited to bring you an island experience seeking the precious treasure that God has waiting for us. The adventure begins at 9:00 a.m. Monday July 14.

REGISTRATION: ALL parents please come Sunday, July 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to the Church for final VBS registration where you will receive security instruction, your child’s wrist band and group name as well as the opportunity to purchase a T-shirt and CD for any children attending.

VOLUNTEERS: Calling all volunteers! We NEED you. You are the backbone to this ministry. ANY time that you have available: all week, one day or just one hour, that time is a precious gift to our children and a great support to our program. Prayerfully consider assisting in our 2014 VBS. We are in great need of group leaders and assistant leaders to help motivate and lead a group a children from activity to activity. You too will be blessed by the treasure to be found at SonTreasure Island.

We have a staff/volunteer training sessions in the church Activity Room (located in the Junior classroom on the 1st floor level): Wednesday, July 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. You will also receive assignments, meet other team members, complete any paperwork necessary and pick up your t-shirt and lei.

Make your plans now to join us for this fun tropical island adventure!!

Any questions? Call the Church Office at (423) 396-2134 or Sharon Mohr at (423) 605-1779. ☝️
BECOME A PATHFINDER CHAUFFER & FEED OUR PATHFINDERS

by Bill Tracy, Pathfinder Director

With the Forever Faithful International Camporee in Oshkosh just a few short weeks away, we have been busy making final plans and preparations for the trip. There are 160 of our club members and staff attending the Camporee this year. Out of more than 46,000 Pathfinders that will be in attendance, our club is the third largest group world-wide to register for the Camporee.

The total cost for our club to attend the Camporee is high, but this is truly a once in a lifetime experience for our Pathfinders. We need your help with some of our expenses. We are looking for members who are willing to “Feed our Pathfinders” and others that are willing to be “Pathfinder Chauffeurs”.

“Feed our Pathfinders”

Our cooks do an amazing job at providing great meals for our club and keeping the cost as low as possible. On average, it will cost us about $2.50 per person for each meal. We will be serving 20 meals for a cost of $50 per Pathfinder. That doesn’t sound too bad until you feed 160 Pathfinders at each meal. The cost for each meal for the club will be $400 and a total food bill of about $8,000 for the week. We are looking for members willing to help by sponsoring a Pathfinder ($50), a club meal ($400) or club meals for a day ($1200).

“Pathfinder Chauffeurs”

Help our Pathfinders make the trip. Just like the food, when broken down to a cost per person, the numbers aren’t overwhelming. It will cost $68 per Pathfinder to travel the 1690 miles round trip for Camporee, a little more than $.04 per mile. That doesn’t sound too overwhelming, but as a club, it will cost us about $6.45 for each mile we travel. We are looking for members that are willing to help us with transportation cost by sponsoring a five mile section of our trip ($32.25), a Pathfinder ($68) or a 25 mile portion of the trip ($161.25).

IN MEMORY

Patricia Rushing, wife of Jan Rushing and mother of Tami Fisher and Tim Rushing, passed away June 26. Services were held July 6. Memorial gifts may be made to Teckla Wilson Charitable Trust, 2810 Walker Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421. The trust has been established to promote the health and welfare of Southern Appalachian Mountain communities, such as the Roan Mtn., community which Patsy held so dear.

Graciela Valencia, mother of Grace Pollett, passed away June 12. Services were held June 28 in California.

Ginger Kenyon, wife of Don Kenyon, Jr, passed away June 24. A memorial service will be held July 11 at 1:30 at Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to: Adventist Heritage Ministries, P.O. Box 1414, Battle Creek, MI 49016.

Cecil Rolfe, wife of Becky Rolfe, father of Rob Rolfe and Karen Rolfe Bottomly, and brother of Joy Breetzke and Cynthia Vail, passed away June 26 in Longwood, FL. Cecil was a long-time professor of business at Southern Adventist University.

Hartmut Jedamski, brother of Wolf Jedamski, passed away.

Cindy Steiner, mother of Dylan Steiner, sister of Vicki Jansen, and niece of Betty McKee, passed away June 24. Services were held June 27.
Sabbath to those who attend the worship service, we do not incorporate those who attend into our church life simply because of their attendance. While we believe that the formal worship hour is special and sacred, we have become increasingly convinced that the most valuable part of the church worship experience is the type of group interaction that occurs in more informal settings such as Sabbath School classes. These group experiences enrich the member’s worship experience and extend the impact of church beyond the church service time. Those who participate in these groups have the opportunity to discuss ideas, study Scripture, learn together, support each other when times are difficult, and fellowship regularly with a group of people that often become like family.

People who attend these groups often gather Sabbath afternoons or evenings or during the week to fellowship and study. Many of these people feel more connected to their church because of these experiences. But presently the church facility can only host eight such groups during the traditional time set apart for such experiences: the 10:15 a.m. worship period.

The result is disappointing. Many members no longer attend or belong to a small group. They simply attend one of the three worship services and go home. Many of these individuals do not feel connected to our church like they would if they belonged to a small group. Sadly, numbers of families are no longer attending church together. Some adults choose to attend the second worship service while their children are in Sabbath School. Then the family goes home. The pastors believe that God wants us to change this. At the end of our retreat a year ago, we left with a burning desire to explore how we might expand or modify the church facility to make an increased number of small group worship experiences possible during the same time period. In the context of our church membership any group less than 100 is a small group although the smaller the group the greater the fellowship and interaction. When an anonymous donor offered to help fund a major project for the church, the pastors took this as an answer to our prayers. God had not only planted a burden in our hearts that we needed to provide more Sabbath School type experiences for members, He had also moved a donor to help us begin the process of making this desire a reality.

Imagine for a moment what our church experience would be like if a majority of our attending members were actively involved in small groups focused on issues that interested them. Imagine the level of fellowship and belonging that could result from most of our members being regularly engaged with other members. Imagine how our evangelism would strengthen as we provided more small group opportunities for new members, visitors, and interested community people.

I am sure that as our campaign becomes a reality we will all celebrate the increased blessings that will come to our children and children’s ministries volunteers, to our Kiddie Kampus outreach, to those who need more fellowship meal spaces, to those who need more storage, to senior Sabbath School class members who can meet with their classes in safe locations, and much more. But the real purpose of our campaign is to grow God’s kingdom: to grow it in our hearts, in our church, and in our community. The possibilities for kingdom growth are very exciting as we consider what God wants to happen for our congregation and facility.

I want to invite you to join the pastors in praying about what God wants for the future of our church. And I trust that He will convict you, as He has the pastors of this church, that the best thing we can do to strengthen community, increase involvement, and grow evangelism is to dedicate the traditional Sabbath School time period to small group experiences for everyone who desires that experience. I would particularly like to encourage those of you who are not involved in a church small group to consider starting a group or suggesting to your friends how you might participate in a small group together. I invite all of you to support this campaign and begin to anticipate the blessings it will provide.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this project, please talk with me or any of the pastors. We would be happy to hear from you.
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THE COME SEARCH WITH ME DVD SERIES WITH DR. SUBODH Pandit is available in the Church Office during office hours. The seven-CD set covers each night he presented earlier this year. The cost is $25/set or $20/set if you purchase two or more.

WANTED: Volunteers to serve on one of two Food for Bereaved teams--July or August. Both teams need more team members, either male or female, who are willing to provide and serve food no more than twice to families and guests who have lost loved ones during the designated month. Contact Elaine Dodd, Coordinator, at (423) 667-9413 or email edodd@epbfi.com.

THE 55+ CLUB will meet Sunday, July 13, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. A vegetarian potluck dinner will be served and the program which follows at 1:00 will feature a presentation on The Civil War in the Chattanooga Area by Judy Luster, Children's Librarian at the Collegedale Public Library. Food assignments: A-B: Vegetables; C-G: Potatoes, pasta or rice; H-M: Dessert; N-R: Entrees; S-T: Bread, rolls or sandwiches; V-Z: Tossed, macaroni or potato salad. Bring by 11:30.

I HAVE BEEN a Collegedale Church member for nearly 60 years and I have never appreciated it more than during the last several weeks in dealing with lung cancer. It was the biggest shock of my life. It has not been an easy path, but with the many prayers and beautiful cards from my Church family, it has helped more than I can ever tell. I still need prayers, as there is still a ways to go, but God is good, and the fact it was discovered early is a miracle in itself. Thank you for your prayers and concern. My only wish now is that Jesus will come very soon, as HE is the only answer to life's problems. Stay close to Him and He will stay close to you.

Pauline Pierson

A FREE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY FAIR will be held in the McDonald Road Church Gym on Sunday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Dorothy Walters at 236-4893 for more information.

SOUTHERN invites high school students with a passion for media to apply for the Christian media camp, July 28-30. Students will gain hands-on experience with media, along-side faculty and staff in the School of Journalism and Communication. Students will leave better prepared to work on yearbooks, videos, newspapers and other media. Cost is $60/student and includes lodging and meals. Visit southern.edu/journalism or call (423) 236-2330.

COVENANT OF PRAISE men’s chorus will begin its 14th year of music ministry this coming September. As we prepare, we’re looking for a few more members who enjoy singing traditional gospel songs to share their love for Jesus. If you would like to be involved, contact Herb Poulson, director, at 423.472.7225, or hpoulson46@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN ARTIST DALLAS HOLMN, will be in concert at Collegedale Community Church on Saturday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 9
10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
7:00 p.m. VBS Staff/Volunteer Training
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group meeting at 4201 Stratton Ln in July

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

Sabbath, July 12
9:00 a.m. Adoration 1: Tim Cross
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Tim Cross
Sabbath Schools
11:35 a.m. Connect: Andy Nash
11:35 a.m. Renewal: Tim Cross

Offering: Local Women’s Ministries
8:56 p.m. Sunset

Sunday, July 13
1:00-3:00 p.m. VBS Registration

Monday, July 14
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 15
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 16
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group meeting at 4201 Stratton Ln in July

Thursday, July 17
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 18
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Sabbath, July 19
9:00 a.m. Adoration 1: Tim Cross
Adult Sabbath Schools
10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Tim Cross
Sabbath Schools
11:30 a.m. Connect
11:45 a.m. Renewal: Vacation Bible School

Offering: Vacation Bible School
8:53 p.m. Sunset