ADOPT-A-Student MINISTRY
by Katie Verrill, Student Renewal Team Leader, & Carole Verrill, Pastoral Renewal Worship Sponsor

It is that time again, a new school year! The University students will soon be returning and new students will be arriving. Excitement and energy is high!

We have an opportunity here in the Collegedale Church to welcome these students into our church family through our Adopt-a-Student program.

The program works this way:

1. On Sabbath, Aug. 30, and Sabbath, Sept. 6, the University students will be asked to fill out information cards in the worship services. These cards will be collected as the students leave the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

2. On Sabbath, Sept. 13, and Sabbath, Sept. 20, there will be an Adopt-a-Student booth in the atrium and church members will be encouraged to visit this booth to pick up one or two of the student information cards indicating their plan to ‘adopt’ these students for the current school year.

3. Our members will be asked to agree to commit to sharing a minimum of four meaningful times of contact with their adoptive students throughout the 2014-2015 school year. Part of every commitment should be the honor and responsibility of praying for your ‘adoptive’ students each week of the school year.

The times together with your ‘adoptees’ could take any of the following forms:

1. A meal together at the member’s home
2. A card or care package delivered to student’s place of residence on campus
3. A Sabbath afternoon hike or picnic together
4. Or any other idea God places on your heart

This ministry has the potential of making a difference in the lives of your ‘adoptive’ students this year and helping them to have a more successful and positive experience at SAU. It also has the potential of being a blessing to you and your own family and home.

Thank you in advance for considering how you can partner with this ministry and truly make a Kingdom difference.
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VIDEO WEBSTREAMING MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

The Video Webstreaming ministry is looking for one or two more volunteers to participate. Training will be given.

Teams are scheduled to stream once a month during Adoration 2 (10:15 a.m. service). When the students are gone, the Church’s teams also stream the 11:35 a.m. Renewal service.

We are particularly looking for someone to join the team that streams the fourth Sabbath of the month. Contact Sherrie at ssplatt@southern.edu.

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The Collegedale Children’s Choir for ages 4 through 4th grade will tune-up on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room (downstairs at the Church). Our first get-together will be a parent information meeting. All children in our community are welcome regardless of church affiliation. Rehearsal is on Thursdays, from 7:00-7:45 p.m. They perform about once a month. Call Cynthia Spears at (423) 544-1310.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

We will be taking photos for a new pictorial directory in October and November. We are using LifeTouch, the same company as last time. We were very pleased in the quality of their product and with the low pressure sales tactic they used. We had 512 photos taken for the last directory...the most that we have had taken. Let’s surpass that number with this directory. Watch for appointment information.

membership transfers

The following names were presented for transfer.

**IN**— Kevin and Jennifer Brown from McDonald, TN; Arlen and Laura Byrd from Apison, TN; Genie Pagado Cook from Philippines; Greg Daniel from Richmond, KY; Ricardo and Sandra Garcia from McDonald, Road; Bette Jean Graves from Lincolnton, NC; Brett and Pamela Jansen from Apopka, FL; David, Carolyn and Christine Jimenez from Kettering, OH; Dave Leonard from Standifer Gap; Alexis Mohr from McDonald Road; Jack and Ruth Parnell from Chattanooga First; Rudolph and Estelle Skoretz from Lookout Mountain, GA; Billy and Jeanine Snowden from Standifer Gap; Barbara Whidden from Dunlap, TN; and Edward and Cheryl Wines from Minnetonka, MN.

**PROFESSION**— Hector Olivencia from Puerto Rico.

**OUT**— Anita Bandiola to Winnetka, CA; Hampton and Karla Bisalki to Cookeville, TN; Gil and Jennifer Cayabyab to Hamilton Community; Anthony and Nancy Gentry to Apison; Perry and Robin Pratt to Hendersonville, NC; and Greg Robert and Vinita Sauder to Lincoln, NE.

IN MEMORY

Andy Magers, son of Dwight and Sherry, brother of Caryn and Kimberly, and grandson of Harold Grundset, passed away July 10. A private family service was held. Memorial contributions may be given to the Samaritan Center, 9231 Lee Hwy, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

Betty Adams, mother of Beth Jedamski, passed away July 25. A private burial will be held.

Jim Haney, father of Lisa Phillips, passed away July 16. Services were held July 26.

Jim Conerly, husband of Janice Conerly, father of Chip Conerly, Dale Conerly, and Matt Conerly, and brother of Jan Conerly, Jerre Conerly, and Carole McDonald, passed away July 29. Services were August 3.

The brother of Geri Dider passed away July 17 in Florida.

Robert Knickerbocker, brother of Ron Knickerbocker, passed away July 14. Services were held July 19 in Maryland.

Ruth Joseph, sister of Ilene Azard and aunt of Andrele Beaucicot, passed away July 29. Services will be held in Haiti.
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.

THE ARW (ADVENTIST RETIRED WORKERS) CLUB will meet on Sunday, Aug. 10, at noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Norman Gulley will present “The Importance of the Sanctuary of Jesus.” Bring food assignments by 11:30: A-C Sandwiches or rolls; D-G Salads; H-K Desserts; L-P Vegetables; Q-S Entrees; and T-Z Sandwiches or rolls.

MISSION TRIP FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE: Help support McDonald Road’s youth mission trip to Belize. A flea market and bake sale will be held Sunday, Sept. 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the McDonald Road Church. Donations appreciated (no clothing) and booths are available. For more information, call Daryl Ford at (423) 504-8116.

THE NEXT DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR is Monday, Aug. 11, at 6:00 p.m. the topic is My Achy Breaky Heart: Are Medicines the Only Answer? Learn ways to prevent and reverse heart disease. Limited seating. Enjoy a full plant based dinner and physician presentation. Cost is $5. RSVP to (423) 315-1950.

RELATIONAL CHRISTIANITY SABBATH SCHOOL is designed to equip ourselves for engagement with others outside of our belief system. This fall’s theme is integrating Faith with Creativity and Art. Sometimes our world view is only within the Christian circle and that’s all we know. Thinking broadly about the role of creativity in redemption and restoration and the God-instilled creative abilities in each of us is helpful. Why has the church relegated artistic endeavors to a small corner of our Christian experience? In this class your worldview will broaden regarding faith and creativity and artistic endeavors. The intention is to utilize this view in relationship with creative secular individuals who may not be religiously inclined. Buckle up for a ten week thought provoking and stimulating presentation. Watch for further information, or contact Pastor Sam Chetty at samchetty@southern.edu or Dr. Rick Norskov at wnorskov@southern.edu.

JOIN US FOR THE “GREAT HAYSTACK” fellowship lunch sponsored by the Southern Union Youth Department during Collegiate Commitment Weekend, Sabbath, Sept. 6. The event will follow the third service and be held in the University Gym. This unique event is designed to provide a relaxed and inviting venue for Church members and SAU students to become better acquainted, connected, and to make friends as a fresh academic year begins. Church members will host a table and are asked to bring a dessert for your family and 10-12 students.