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 GREAT HAYSTACK
by Ken Rogers

Join us for the second “Great Haystack” fellowship lunch sponsored by the Southern Union Youth Department during Collegiate Commitment Weekend, Sabbath, Sept. 6. The event will follow the third church 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. The Southern Union Conference Youth Directors along with the SAU Campus Ministries team will serve the haystack meal.

Last year, nearly 1500 haystacks were served. Collegedale members bring a dessert to the event, which can be a homemade favorite, or perhaps a new recipe you want to try out. Plan to bring enough to provide for your family and 10-12 students. Members take their dessert to a table and eat with the students, and then share together in the dessert that has been prepared. Some members may choose to join with another family or friends to provide a combined dessert offering, some may want to decorate a specific eating table in a theme or personalized manner, some may wish to invite specific students to join them by invitation. There are many different ways to create a memorable “Great Haystack” experience.

Whether single or a family, begin making plans to participate in the “Great Haystack.” Many positive comments and reactions were received from those who experienced this event last year. It is a great way for the University Community to demonstrate a caring environment for all involved.

Questions? Call Ken Rogers at (678) 836-8284.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

University students will be returning to campus and begin classes on August 25. Their first Sabbath back, Aug. 30, and again on Sabbath, Sept. 6, students will be asked to fill out information cards.

On Sabbaths, Sept. 13 and 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.

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SUNFLOWER BRUNCH

Women’s Ministries invites women of all ages to a Sunflower Brunch on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker is Pastor Alex Harter. Free childcare available.

RSVP to (423) 396-2134 by August 29.
WE NEED YOU...

We need you to make our new family album complete. It has been over three years since we produced our last pictorial directory.

Photography will begin in October. We are once again partnering with Lifetouch directory company.

You may sign up online now for appointments October 12-16, 26-30, and November 2-4. All photography will be done in the Church. Go to www.collegedalechurch.com and click on “Pictorial Directory Sign-ups” on the bottom right to schedule an appointment.

Discounts include:
- A free 8x10
- $10 coupon for signing up online
- 20% Senior Discount (age 60+)
- 20% Military Service Discount, including police and firefighters (must present proper ID)
- $5 off if you bring a food donation for the Samaritan Center

Go to http://churchdirectories.lifetouch.com for more information about Lifetouch and samples of their work.

We had 512 photos taken for the last directory...the most that we have had taken. Let’s surpass that number with this directory.

Volunteers are needed to schedule appointments at Church, and greet and sign people in on photography days. If you are available to help, email Sherrie at ssplatt@southern.edu.

STRATEGIES FOR A PURE LIFE

Each January the Georgia-Cumberland Conference pastors gather for meetings. This year Mike Carduci and Ron Woolsey were two of the speakers they shared the story of their journey from an active homosexual lifestyle to lives harmonious with the teachings of Scripture. Their presentations sparked an idea in several minds and then spread.

It started with Mickey Mallory, Standifer Gap pastor, who then pulled in several others. By the time it went from idea to conception seven pastors were involved: Tim Cross, Mickey Mallory; Juanfer Monsalve, Impact; Alex Harter, Collegedale Community; Dave Ketelsen, Hamilton Community; Brian Burgess, Apison; and Brennon Kirstein, Southern Adventist University chaplain. Chris Massengill, chaplain at Collegedale Academy, later joined.

Those pastors began meeting and came up with Strategies for Pure Life, a collaborative effort among the above churches and schools for striving to achieve sexual purity in our community, says Pastor Alex.

Strategies for Pure Life will be presented September 27 through October 4. The team has lined up six speakers to rotate through seven venues to reach as many people as possible. Five of those venues will be churches and two, Collegedale Academy and Southern Adventist University, are combining the presentations with their Week of Prayers.

“We want to open the dialog,” says Pastor Alex. “To bring restoration and healing for those that have experienced abuse or are feeling enslaved by their sin addiction, but also to create an environment within our churches and within our families within the dialog of what God desires for us is fulfilling the desires of our heart even more than our carnal nature can explain. That is a critical key. It is critical to our children, our youth, and our families. Our families are being torn apart by sexual immorality or sexual impurity whether its pornography or whatever. Secular society is inundating our kids. We’re not saying anything. This has to be a loud strong voice that we have a Biblical perspective that God’s grace is transforming, is freedom, and is life abundantly.”

Watch for more information about the speakers and times.

IN MEMORY

Layton S. Wilson, son-in-law of Bill and Sandra Twombly, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 5. Services were August 8.

Sandra Pappas, aunt of Bill Jennings, passed away August 8. Services were held August 15.

Edward C. Wines, husband of Moneta and father of Ed Wines, passed away August 13. Services were August 18.
AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS OFFERED

AARP Driver Safety Class for those 50 and over is being offered Monday, Sept. 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Garden Plaza of Greenbriar Cove. Bring a Lunch. Cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for nonmembers. To register, call 396-5100.

The program is the nation’s first and largest classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 and older that has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today’s roads. The course is designed to:

• Tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road
• Learn about normal age-related physical changes, and how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes
• Reduce your traffic violations, crashes, and chances for injuries
• Drive more safely
• Get an insurance discount

COLLEGE DALE CHILDREN’S CHOIR

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.

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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 include: a meal, care package, afternoon hike, etc.

This ministry has the potential of making a difference in the lives of your ‘adoptive’ students and helping them to have a more successful and positive experience at SAU.

FAITH WITH CREATIVITY AND ART

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 at samchetty@southern.edu.

HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

God’s Final Message Sabbath School will be offering presentations on August 23 and 30 in Senior Center B at 10:15 a.m. and repeated at 11:30 a.m.

August 23: With all of the latest brain research, do you know how to win “The Battle for Your Mind?”—The relevance of Health Message to end time events.

August 30: Has anyone you know or love been diagnosed with cancer? Come to “Cancer the New Hope for a Cure”—New Scientific research and the Bible showing simple changes in our diets may prevent and even reverse cancer.

The presenter, Cathy Pethel, a Registered Nurse, Health Ministries leader and Pastor’s wife, has presented many Health Seminars over the past 20 years. Mrs. Pethel has traveled with E.W. Dempsey presenting health programs at the local churches.
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.

FAMILY LIFE’S WEEKEND TO REMEMBER is the perfect marriage tune up! Get $100 discount when you register as part of the Collegedale Church group. Here in Chattanooga October 24-26, 2014! To register call 1-800-358-6329.

THE WOMEN’S INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY GROUP begins Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Youth Room. The Women’s video-led study begins Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Activity Room, and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. They will be doing the Beth Moore study entitled *Children of the Day.*

FREE CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING is available from Master’s-level counselors-in-training at Southern. All counselors are supervised by qualified faculty. Premarital, grief, and relationship counseling, as well as personal adjustment and career counseling are available. Call Southern’s Master’s Program Counseling Clinic at (423) 236-2492. Space is limited, availability may vary.

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, Sept 8, at 6:00 p.m. the topic is Brain Health: Learn ways to maximize your brain power now, and reduce your risk of developing memory problems when you are older. Limited seating. Enjoy a full plant based dinner and physician presentation. Cost is $5. RSVP to (423) 315-1950.

MEN’S SABBATH SCHOOL—join us as we take the journey “Quest for Authentic Manhood”. Excellent for men in all seasons of life, but especially helpful for those newly married, or who recently became a father. Meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sabbath in Spalding’s lower level. Email timcross@southern.edu for more info.