FOREVER FAITHFUL
by Bill Tracy, Pathfinder Director

Oshkosh – it’s one of those words that brings both fear and excitement to a Pathfinder Director’s mind.

The activities, the drama, the message and just the experience of being together in a place with 46,000 others who believe in the same things we do. It’s an unforgettable experience that gives us the chance to meet believers from all over the world. What I learned most from our own Pathfinders is that they were knowledgeable and set an example for others to see by being considerate and respectful of the facility and others that were there.

What an experience we had learning about the life of Daniel and his faithfulness to God and God’s faithfulness to Daniel. It was a great experience to follow the life of Daniel through all of the tests and trials that were presented to him and his friends. It gave us all an opportunity to look at the ways that God works in our lives when we show our faithfulness to Him.

Our trip started out very much like many other Pathfinder events – a long bus ride and a very wet first night, but, what would a Pathfinder event be...continued on page 2, Camporee
PASTOR APPRECIATION SABBATH
by Jeanie Meyer

Have you been inspired by a sermon, encouraged by a Pastor, appreciated a church ministry or program(s) this year? Now is the time to affirm our Pastors, their families, and our church ministry teams for their dedication and leadership.

Pastor Appreciation Sabbath will be celebrated at the Collegedale Church on October 11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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without a little rain. Well, in this case, it was a lot of rain that translated into a lot more mud. It made things very interesting for the first couple of days and made us question how far we would have to carry our things to load the buses when it was time to go.

Fortunately, the weather for the rest of the week was ideal for camping, cool at night and warm during the day. There were so many activities for our Pathfinders to participate in that I never once heard anyone say that they were bored during the trip. We had groups that earned various honors, went water skiing and tubing, ice skating, sailing, caving inside a semitrailer and so many activities that I couldn’t begin to list them all. It was a great week, and one that was filled with many exciting days and spiritually blessed meetings. It was a great success, and one that those who attended will not soon forget.

There was an amazing amount of work that went in to making this trip a success. Things like transportation arrangements, food, camping equipment and supplies, trading pins, t-shirts, the logistics of our stops along the way all required hours of planning. I would like to say thank you for all of the countless hours of work that so many people put into making this trip a success. Thank you as a church family for all of the support you showed by helping to make this trip and Pathfinders possible.

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars now for the Family Fall Festival on Sabbath, Nov. 8, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Barn at the Farrow Family Home.

There will be cooler weather, music, food, hayrides, pumpkins, face painting, fun and fellowship!

Watch for information posters at Sabbath School and in upcoming issues of Churchbeat. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family there!
STRATEGIES FOR A PURE LIFE

Strategies for Pure Life will be presented September 27 through October 4. Six area pastors and the chaplains at Southern and the academy are behind its conception.

“Our hope is that each person that attends these meetings will come away with a clarity on how to use their sexual nature and how to deal with the abuse and to experience healing,” says Pastor Mickey Mallory from the Standifer Gap Church.

“We’ve invited people to present that have struggled,” says Pastor Alex Harter from Collegedale Community Church. “We haven’t invited people that have an opinion about it or because they are strong theologians or academics, but we invited people that were there. And they say, ’I know what you’re going through, I know the suicidal feelings, I know what you feel, but if only you can know what it feels like to be on this end, if only you can know what God can do.’ That right there is a priceless experience of grace.”

The team has lined up six speakers to rotate through seven venues to reach as many people as possible (see last week’s Churchbeat for information on each speaker):

IMPACT at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29—Bernie Anderson
Tuesday Sept. 30—Sue Moore
Wednesday, Oct. 1—Heather Thompson Day
Thursday, Oct. 2—Mike Carducci

STANDIFER GAP at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29—John Nixon
Tuesday Sept. 30—Mike Carducci
Wednesday, Oct. 1—Ron Woolsey
Thursday, Oct. 2—Heather Thompson Day
Friday, Oct. 3—Sue Moore

COLLEDGEALE
Saturday, Sept. 27, all worship services—Bernie Anderson
Monday, Sept. 29, 7:00 p.m.—Sue Moore
Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m.—Mike Carducci
Friday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m.—Heather Thompson Day
Saturday, Oct. 4, 3:30 p.m.—Panel Discussion

COLLEGEDALE COMMUNITY at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29—Mike Carducci
Tuesday Sept. 30—Heather Thompson Day
Wednesday, Oct. 1—Bernie Anderson
Thursday, Oct. 2—Sue Moore
Friday, Oct. 3—Ron Woolsey

APISON
Saturday, Sept. 27
11:30—Heather Thompson Day
2:00 p.m.—Heather Thompson Day (Just for Women)
2:00 p.m.—Bernie Anderson (Just for Men)
Saturday, Oct. 4—Ron Woolsey

Contact Tim Cross at timcross@southern.edu for information.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

We need you to make our new family album complete. Sign up online for appointments at the Church October 12-16, 26-30, and November 2-4. Go to www.collegedalechurch.com and click on “Pictorial Directory Sign-ups” on the bottom right to schedule an appointment.

Discounts/offers include:
• $10 coupon for online sign up
• 20% Senior Discount
• 20% Military Service Discount, including police and firefighters
• $5 off if you bring a food donation

ADOPT A STUDENT

University students are back! On Sabbath, Sept. 20, Church members will be encouraged to pick up one or two student information cards indicating their plan to ‘adopt’ these students for the current school year.

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 school year. The times together with your ‘adoptees’ could include: a meal, care package, afternoon hike, etc.
THE HYDE FAMILY wishes to thank the many folks who came to Gordon Hyde’s memorial and for the cards, flowers, expressions of sympathy and the lovely meal the church provided.

JESUS IN REVELATION BIBLE STUDIES: Come and discover God’s end-time call to you personally! During this 6-week series, Marvin Thorman will share a fresh perspective into the heart of God and all He is doing to bring His people home! Collegedale Academy chapel, Sabbaths through October 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Bring your Bible, notebook and a friend and be ready to dig into God’s Word for His treasures for these last days.

THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER of Hamilton County will be presenting their Stewards of Children workshop on September 20. This is a class for adults to help raise community awareness of sexual abuse of children, as well as provide action steps toward healing for victims. The class will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Collegedale Academy’s library (sponsored by the Connect Worship Service). A light brunch and childcare will be provided. There is no charge for the class but you must register by Wed, Sept 17. Contact Deanna Moore to register or for more information at dmoore@southern.edu.

LIVE IN THE MOMENT when God explained heavenly plans to humble Adventist pioneers. Heritage Tour visiting 17 pioneer sites, October 5-14. Call (423) 802-9617 for information

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED to coordinate the program at the Church every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Responsibilities would include distribution of books and coordination of teachers. This is an outreach ministry of our Church. Contact Pastor Sam at samchetty@southern.edu or (423) 396-2134.

IN MEMORY

Sue Regal, wife of Ken Regal, and mother of Connie Walls, passed away August 29. Services were held September 1. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 6221 Shallowford Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

Mertice A. Meyer, mother of Randall Meyer and Ronald Meyer, passed away September 6. Services were held September 12.

Ethel Heisler, wife of Edward and mother of Elizabeth Adels, Barbara Styron, Beverly Heisler, and Bruce Heisler, passed away September 9. Services were held September 14.

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