LOOKING AT OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

by Pastor Wolf Jedamski

Apparently retail merchants want us to know that Christmas is right around the corner. In a lot of ways they are correct! The year’s end unfortunately will be here before we know it. As we have passed the three quarter mark and are starting to think about how we will close our giving for the year, I want to share an update on how we’re doing.

Our financial picture makes it clear that God has blessed this Church through people like you. Through the end of August our tithe is up over last year by 4.25%. Because we return ten percent, the tithe should be a reflection of how our incomes have grown. Unfortunately, our freewill giving to the church budget hasn’t grown at the same rate. Our giving to the church budget through August is down a little from last year. ($2,183) For a church and budget as large as ours, that’s not a great amount. Since I had budgeted at less than 100% of last year’s giving, we’re doing fine as a church with our expenses vs income. However, as we finish the next three months, we can do much better in giving to the church family budget. Remember, the tithe doesn’t stay here in our church. It all goes on to the Conference and the world church beyond. We only operate based on what you freely give to the church budget.

Also as you think of your giving between now and year’s end consider and pray about what additionally you can and will do for the Arise and Build Community campaign. We haven’t pushed the pledge cards or giving much, but I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider what your part might be. Pledge cards are available in the Atrium or the Church Office.

May God continue to bless us as we worship Him through our giving of those blessings back to Him! 🙏

PHOTOGRAPHY HAS BEGUN

We are over halfway through the first week of photography for our pictorial directory. If you have not signed up yet, do so soon. Sign up by either calling the Church at 396-2134 or going to www.collegedalechurch.com and click on “Pictorial Directory Sign-ups” on the bottom right to schedule an appointment.

The last scheduled photography day is November 11. All photography will be done in the Seminar Room.

Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 and a directory. If you bring non-perishable food items for the Samaritan Center, you will also receive $5 off if you decide to make a purchase.

We need you to make our directory as complete as possible. 🎥
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Fall is here, and plans are underway for our annual Family Fall Festival. This is an event that is planned in partnership with the Collegedale Church and the Home & School of AWS and CAMS. The Barn at the Farrow Family Home at 5767 Tallant Road in Ooltewah, TN will host this year’s event on Saturday evening, Nov. 8, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. The evening will begin with worship followed by supper.

Families, with last names beginning with the letters listed below, are asked to bring the following food items:

- A-E  Large bag of assorted individually packaged chips
- F-L  2 dozen cookies or brownies
- M-T  large raw veggie tray
- U-Z 1 large bag of washed apples

We have listened to your suggestions after last year’s event and have made the following adjustments to the evening’s plans:

- Extra parking attendants to guide families to parking area
- More volunteers will assist people in finding the right table to place their food items as well as to help serve the food. (See above for food assignments).
- At supper time, more food lines will be open, and there will be a special line for families with children under the age of five.
- Additional port-a-potties and better lighting will be available.
- Extra face painters available to create the art masterpieces.

After supper, there will be live music, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, balloon animals, face painting, and more. Bring your family for food, fun and fellowship. We will see you there!

CALLING ALL WORKPLACE LEADERS, EXECUTIVES, AND BUSINESS OWNERS!

by Marcel Schwantes

Collegedale Church is proud to be one of this year’s remote site locations for the premier leadership event America’s Best Hope. This event is broadcast live via web stream to hundreds of churches across the country.

What is America’s Best Hope? This event is all about cultivating godly leaders in the marketplace – men and women hungry to grow and lead spiritually, professionally and personally – and who are ready to make a difference in the world. The powerhouse lineup of conference speakers will address seven qualities of godly leadership: Christ Centered, Character, Commitment, Courage, Competency, Catalyst, and Compassion.

This leadership event will feature inspiring industry CEOs, relevant entertainment figures and thought leaders from around the country.

The keynote speakers this year are none other than Dan Cathy, Chairman, President & CEO Chick-fil-A, and Janet Parshall, Moody Radio Talk Show Host.

Join us in equipping a generation of godly leaders in transforming the marketplace. The significance of these messages will have a ripple effect across the country to thousands of current and future leaders. With limited seating, we anticipate this year’s conference WILL sell out!

America’s Best Hope: A premier Leadership Event

www.americasbesthope.org

The seminar will be held November 14, from 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Live Stream Admission is $49. To purchase tickets, go online to www.americasbesthope.org/tickets and choose the Chattanooga, TN (Collegedale Church) remote location.

For sponsorship information contact Marcel Schwantes at (310) 283-1830.
To our generous donors:
The best way for us to begin this letter is to express to you a huge thank you. This summer a total of twenty-seven inner city kids from the Westside community in downtown Chattanooga were able to spend a week at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp in Crandall, Georgia. We wish that each one of you could have seen firsthand the fruits of your generosity, but because that was not possible for most of you, we would like to tell you about what we witnessed this summer.

God blessed this ministry more than we could have imagined. What began as a mere idea back in the summer of 2013, finally became an exciting reality as funds came pouring in a month before the first week of camp started. Our goal of $15,000 was far exceeded as the sum total reached $22,000. We were blown away, but the even more exciting part came when those dollar signs were translated into our Westside kids rolling into camp every week.

It was not an easy summer. The positive environment of CSYC proved to be quite the culture shock for many of our kids and it was challenging to help them adjust to the rules and structure. Though these challenges arose so many positive changes were seen as each week progressed. When the end of the week came and the kids watched the Friday night play, nearly all of them had tears in their eyes and stepped forward to make their commitment to Christ. Although we cannot be the judge of whether those commitments are firmly grounded or not, we know that the seeds have been planted.

The impact that Cohutta had on these kids was not contained to just them. As the bus filled with twelve Adventure campers (ages 7-9) pulled back into the Westside community one Sunday, the kids insisted they sing our opening song “Start a Fire” to all their parents. They stood outside the bus and sang their little hearts out as a crowd formed around them. Adults pulled out their phones and started recording the joyful sight. When they finished, they ran over to their parents and immediately started telling their stories of camp and begged them to let them come back next year. One parent even approached us and asked if she and her kids could start attending church with us this semester. You can imagine how full our hearts were upon hearing this! God is doing big things in this community.

None of this would have been possible without your prayers and financial support which is why we cannot thank you enough. Our plan is to water the seeds that have been planted this summer by continuing the Westside4Jesus ministry through Southern Adventist University during this school year. Although, the two of us are unable to work at CSYC next summer, we are still planning on sending as many kids from Westside as possible to camp using the left over funds from this summer in addition to further fundraising.

We ask that you continue to pray for these kids as God works in their lives. Again, thank you so much and God bless!

RACE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sandy Erickson Race for Christian Education benefitting the Greater Collegedale School System’s Worthy Student Fund is Sunday, Nov. 2. Pre-K through 2nd grade will do a 1 mile Kids Fun Run at 1:30 p.m. Grade 2 through adults will do the 5K (3.1 miles) at 2:00 p.m. Both runs begin at Collegedale Adventist Middle School.

Register by going to www.sandyericksonfunrun.com. You will find a link to Register (which takes you to the registration website – www.active.com). There you can register and pay the $20 race fee (includes race t-shirt). The race can only accommodate 600 runners, including students. *Register by October 16th to guarantee a race t-shirt.*

The race is named after Sandy Erickson, a first grade teacher who taught over twenty years at A.W. Spalding. When diagnosed in 2008 with A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig’s Disease), Mrs. Erickson maintained her cheery attitude and sense of humor, exemplifying Christ’s selflessness. ☺
ATTENTION DADS: You and your son(s) (ages 6-12) are invited to attend a special Father-Son Retreat at Booker T. Washington State Park on the weekend of October 31-November 2. The weekend will be filled with fun, fellowship, and adventure, culminating in The Blessing. The Blessing is a special opportunity to speak words of affirmation and encouragement into the life of your son(s). The weekend cost is $25/person which includes all meals, cabin lodging, and programing. Activities will include music, hiking, biking, fire building, teambuilding, and canoeing. This is a weekend you don’t want to miss! Consider getting a group together to fill a cabin of 8 or 16. For more information go to our Man Up, Chattanooga Facebook page. To register, contact Marty Miller at mdmiller@southern.edu or (423) 322-8491. Space is limited.

A FAMILY MISSION TRIP to Haiti during Spring Break March 2015 is planned to return to the orphanages we have ministered to on previous trips. This trip is designed for families rather than being strictly a youth trip. If interested, contact Pastor Wolf at church@southern.edu or (423) 396-2134.

COLLEGEADVENTIST YOUTH IN ACTION (CAYA) is sponsoring a mission trip to Nicaragua during Spring Break March 2015 to bring the hope of Jesus to those suffering from the devastating effects of poverty in Managua and surrounding area, Nicaragua, March 5 – March 15. The cost is $550 plus airfare, for a total of approximately $1250. Final price will be set after airline tickets are finalized. There’s a $50 non-refundable deposit (applied to your trip fee) due at the time of application submission. Contact Pastor Will at (423) 414-8569.

THE CHURCH’S FUN RUN will not happen this year due to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on the same date.

GREAT DATES: Enjoy a ten minute DVD marriage vitamin from leading experts and then revel in a date with your spouse. RSVP (423) 309-1860 for free childcare. 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.: October 26 and November 16.

**Bulletin Board**

**Wednesday, October 15**
- 10:00 a.m.: 55+ Activities
- 6:30 p.m.: Pathfinders
- 7:00 p.m.: Intercessory Prayer Group

**Thursday, October 16**
- 10:00 a.m.: 55+ Bible Study

**Friday, October 17**
- 8:00 p.m.: University Vespers

**Sabbath, October 18**
- 9:00 a.m.: Adoration 1: Gordon Bietz
  - Adult Sabbath Schools
- 10:15 a.m.: Adoration 2: Gordon Bietz
  - Sabbath Schools
- 11:35 a.m.: Connect: LeClare Litchfield
- 11:35 a.m.: Renewal: Gordon Bietz

**Offering:** Church Family Budget
- 7:03 p.m.: Sunset

**Tuesday, October 21**
- 10:00 a.m.: Women’s Bible Studies
- 6:30 p.m.: Women’s Bible Studies

**Wednesday, October 22**
- 10:00 a.m.: 55+ Activities
- 6:30 p.m.: Pathfinders
- 7:00 p.m.: Intercessory Prayer Group

**Thursday, October 23**
- 10:00 a.m.: 55+ Bible Study

**Friday, October 24**
- 8:00 p.m.: University Vespers

**Sabbath, October 25**
- 9:00 a.m.: Adoration 1: David Osborne,
  - SAU Alumni Weekend
  - Adult Sabbath Schools
- 10:15 a.m.: Adoration 2: Lynell LaMountain,
  - SAU Alumni Weekend
  - Sabbath Schools
- 11:35 a.m.: Connect: Andy Nash
- 11:35 a.m.: Renewal: Albert Handal,
  - SAU Alumni Weekend

**Offering:** Church Family Budget/SAU Alumni
- 6:54 p.m.: Sunset