CELEBRATION OF THANKS

The Celebration of Thanks service scheduled for November 22 provides each of us with the opportunity to experience what the psalmist celebrates in Psalm 95: “Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” This special service invites participation in several ways.

During each service, Connect included, the congregation will be invited to bring non-perishable food items to the front. These items will be given to the Samaritan Center to stock their shelves so people in need may be helped throughout the year.

The offering for the day will be for Campaign for Community, which helps the Samaritan Center provide help for today and hope for tomorrow to our community.

Once again thank you cards will be available in the Atrium. Pick up a card, jot a note of thanks to someone, write their address on the outside of the card, return it to the Church office, and we’ll mail it for you.

Bring your heart prepared for this special service.

CONNECT FAMILY ENJOYS FALL FESTIVAL

Connect worship service held a Fall Festival on the first cold night of fall at Hidden Hills Farm and Saddle Club. Bundled up and huddling around two fires, the group sang songs, roasted hotdogs, made s’mores, and visited. The kids had their faces painted and then painted pumpkins. Hayrides, glow sticks, and lots of fellowship made braving the cold worthwhile.
WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING.

by Ken Norton

It is a line taken from both a Bible text and a well-known old familiar hymn. Work for the night is coming. In John 9:4, Jesus said, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.” In 1854 at the age of 18, Anna L. Coghill, impressed by these words of Jesus, penned her one and only hymn. In the last verse of Work for the Night is Coming, Anna writes,

Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies.
Work till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work, while the night is darkening,
When man’s work is o’er.

What else will it take for God’s remnant church to truly believe the daylight is fading and the time is coming soon “when man’s work is o’er”? Will it take the beheading of more innocent victims by ISIS? Something deadlier than Ebola? Another mass shooting or bombing? Stronger, more terrible storms? Stricter laws suppressing freedom of speech? While many of us are praying for Jesus to come soon and end all the strife, pain, and evil in our world today, are we also praying for what Jesus asked us to pray for? “He said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields” (Matt. 9:37-38 NLT). Jesus longs to return, but He is choosing to wait. He is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth to ripen (James 5:7) and He needs laborers who will respond to His call to work in the harvest fields.

As pastors of the Colledale Church, we recognize we have a responsibility to you as church members that goes beyond simply being “under shepherds” of the flock. We realize it is our responsibility to train, equip, and support you as you work in God’s harvest fields by faithfully sharing Christ in the home, at school, or in your workplace. With this in mind, we have organized a training seminar that will take place at 4:30 p.m. on the Sabbath afternoons of November 15 in the Fellowship Hall and December 6 in the Activity Room. This seminar will take an in-depth look into how to give Bible studies and how to practically share your faith with others. A free book entitled “How to Give Bible Studies” by Kurt Johnson will be given to every attendee. This resource is a step-by-step instruction on how to conduct Bible studies, find Bible study interests, and is loaded with effective tips for leading people to Christ. The afternoon sessions are designed to give you the tools you need to study the Bible with others face to face, by video chat, or in a small group setting.

We believe the words of Jesus that the harvest is great and that God is calling His people in these darkening hours to work in His fields before it is too late. We invite you to come, be equipped, and join the ranks of those who are taking advantage of every daylight hour. By doing so, you will surely be an answer to someone’s prayer – maybe even your own.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT: THREE DAYS LEFT

We have three photography dates left for our pictorial directory...we just opened up December 9. So far 382 families have had their photo taken. If you have not signed up yet, do so soon. Sign up by either calling the Church at 396-2134 or going to www.colledalechurch.com and click on “Pictorial Directory Sign-ups” on the bottom right to schedule an appointment.

All photography will be done in the Church.

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.
A TOUCH OF CARING
by Cherie Smith

In a church this size, can you guess how many members are retirement age or better? If you said “HUNDREDS” you’d be right! And each is precious in God’s sight!

Some members are resigned to a “shut-in” status (not all are older). Most of these would be thrilled with a monthly visit from a fellow church member. (We know because we ask!)

Some members are almost alone, with little or no family left, and though relatively active, they would appreciate a weekly (or even monthly) phone call.

And some volunteers engage in a card ministry in which they send encouragement and promises from God to those who need a written “touch of faith”.

Would you like to participate in a caring ministry for people who truly appreciate being thought of? One or two of our several teams visit over 25 shut-ins every month—way too many, of course. But they enjoy it, and since we don’t have enough volunteers otherwise, they keep up this pace month after month—with love and joy in their voices and hearts.

Please call the church office (or fill in an “I wish” card”) with your info, telling how you would enjoy serving Christ. (A dream: It would be wonderful to have enough volunteers to reach those not of our faith with these same services!)

Church Office: (423) 396-2134

“Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto Me.”

P.S. If you know someone who is sick or needs a visit, please let us know! Hospitals can no longer reveal patient names.

COLLEGEDALE HOSTS COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our church will host the annual East Hamilton Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This interdenominational service will provide a time for community members to express gratitude for God’s many blessings.

The Samaritan Center invites those attending the service to bring donations of nonperishable and canned food that is not out of date. During the service, a food donation offering will be taken to provide food for those in need in our community during this holiday season.

Pastor Peter Kulakov, pastor of the Ooltewah Seventh-day Adventist Church, will share the Thanksgiving message and special musical numbers will be presented by a community choir led by Bruce Ashton, professor emeritus of music at Southern Adventist University and singer/songwriter Sarah Tullock of the Ooltewah United Methodist Church.

The Samaritan Center is the only social services agency in Ooltewah providing essential emergency aid services to more than 3,179 people in 2013. Since 1986, the Center has helped residents of East Hamilton County, providing assistance with food, rent, utilities, Christmas toys, and school supplies.

The Collegedale church would like to thank Murray Cooper for his years of service in the Greater Collegedale School System. God has blessed us under your leadership and we pray that God will continue to bless you and your entire family as you assume your new responsibilities in Florida.
**THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** is Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The one-hour service will include vocal and instrumental music, readings, stories, and scripture that help reflect on the meaning of Christmas. If you would like to participate, contact Rhonda Burnham at rburnham@gccsda.com by November 21 with the number of participants, their names, and what you would like to do.

**FREE PRISON MINISTRIES TRAINING:** If you are interested in possibly getting involved in ministering to those in prison, a free training class will be held Monday, Nov. 17, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., 302 Spruce Street, Chattanooga, sponsored by Prison Prevention Ministries (PPM), a non-denominational organization. For more information, call Glen Turner, PPM coordinator, at (423) 622-5768, or John Holley at (423) 316-6722 (Adventist coordinator).

**ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE:** Jon Seligman, head of excavation for the Israel Antiquities Authority, will present “Villages and Monasteries in Jerusalem’s Hinterland During the Byzantine Period” on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel on the campus of Southern Adventist University. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (423) 236-2027.

**DUE TO THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE** the UN estimates that there are more than several hundred thousand refugees. The Ukrainian Adventist Union churches and ADRA of Ukraine are very active in providing aid. Locally, John and Julia Warren are collecting and shipping warm winter clothes for the Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to participate in this relief effort call (423) 715-9631 or visit the Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/845819995437527/

**ARW ARTS, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES FAIR.** Adventist Retired Workers fellowship is extending an invitation to the entire community to attend this event, to be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Exhibitors will be showing off their many talents, including crafts and hobbies of a wide variety. Many will be offering items that are just right for holiday gifts. Also, food will be sold. This is open to the public.

**IN MEMORY**

**Sylvia Crook,** mother of Joelle Ringer, passed away October 28. A private family memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to The Quiet Hour, PO Box 3000, Redlands, CA 92373.

**Angela Meriweather,** wife of Michael, mother of Mario Meriweather, Ayesha Reynolds, Reuben Meriweather, and Amber Green, and grandmother of Jmyra Pettway, passed away October 9. Services were held October 19.

**Michael Lewis,** father of Ryleigh Lewis, passed away October 10. Services were held October 13.

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**CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, November 12**
- 10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
- 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
- 7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

**Thursday, November 13**
- 10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

**Friday, November 14**
- 8:00 p.m. University Vespers

**Sabbath, November 15**
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration 1: Mike Ryan
  - Adult Sabbath Schools
- 10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Mike Ryan
  - Sabbath Schools
- 11:35 a.m. Connect: LeClare Litchfield
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal: Mike Ryan

**Offering:** Church Family Budget
- 5:35 p.m. Sunset

**Tuesday, November 18**
- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Studies
- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Studies

**Wednesday, November 19**
- 10:00 a.m. 55+ Activities
- 6:30 p.m. Pathfinders
- 7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

**Thursday, November 20**
- 10:00 a.m. 55+ Bible Study

**Friday, November 21**
- 8:00 p.m. University Vespers

**Sabbath, November 22**
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration 1: Dave Smith
  - Adult Sabbath Schools
- 10:15 a.m. Adoration 2: Dave Smith
  - Sabbath Schools
- 11:35 a.m. Connect: Praise Service
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal: Dave Smith

**Offering:** Campaign for Community
- 5:31 p.m. Sunset