BRING YOUR GIFT FOR JESUS

Just as the Magi brought their gifts to the infant Jesus, so area people of all faiths bring gifts to the Samaritan Center as Gifts for Jesus during the holiday season. These gifts are, in turn, organized and given out to people in crisis throughout the year.

This year, the Center has special needs for baby items. New baby clothes are especially in short supply, especially sizes 3-24 months. Any other baby items, including, diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, diaper cream, and other baby bathing items are needed as well.

The Center also provides birthday gifts for children who would otherwise have none. They provide personal hygiene products for people who cannot purchase them with food stamps. They give hope to hurting families by letting them know that someone cares.

We will have a special time during the December 20 worship service for you to bring your gifts to the front. If you will be gone that day, gifts may be left at the

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A TIME TO REMEMBER

by Pastor Cherie Smith

When God created humanity He did not create us to say goodbye to those we love. The loss of a loved one leaves a hole in our hearts that no one else can fill, and the holidays can be a big reminder of the empty chair that is in our home.

During the past year our Church family said goodbye to 25 Collegedale Church members. We know that at least 71 of our members lost a family member to death during 2014, and many of us lost friends that we loved like family.

Believing that it can be healing to have some quiet time to remember, the pastors are again planning a special one-hour vespers service on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The purpose for the Reflections Vespers is to provide some quiet, reflective time to remember those we miss and to remind us of the blessed hope God has provided. One section of the program will be dedicated to honoring the memory of our church members who passed away during the past year. There will also be an opportunity for each person to honor those they miss.

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Our youth ministry is going to help local missionaries who minister to orphans and street children in Nicaragua over Spring Break.

There are several ways how you can help:

1. Pray that God will continue to bless us as we share Him outside of our bubble!
2. Donate. Each student needs to raise $1250.
   a. Donate through “online giving” at www.collegedalechurch.com
   b. Mark your tithe envelope “Nicaragua Mission Trip”
3. Go! If you are interested in going, contact Pastor Will at (423) 414-8569 or hwilliam@southern.edu.

Visit our information website at www.friendsoforphans.com or contact Pastor Will.

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**In Memory**

**Randy White**, father of Jodi Edmonds, Julie Vincent, and Cathy Fitts, and son of Gladys White, passed away November 23. Services were November 25.


**Luther Wayne Crocker**, brother of Mae Watson, passed away November 28. Services were held December 3. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant College, 14049 Scenic Highway, Lookout Mountain, GA 30750.

**Rita Beaulieu**, daughter of Peggy Bata Dower (deceased), mother of Jessica and Elizabeth Beaulieu, and niece of Barbara Jones, passed away in November. A graveside service will be held December 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Collegedale Memorial Park.

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All are invited to attend the special one-hour vespers. If you would like to be there to support friends and your Church family, be assured that your presence during this special one-hour service will be meaningful to those who attend.

Please plan to join the pastors for this short but meaningful service. It is our prayer that the music, Scripture, homily and time to share memories will minister to ALL who attend the vespers – no matter how recent or long ago their loss occurred.
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Church Office or taken to the Samaritan Center.

Gift Suggestions

Men, Women, and Children always need: socks, warm pajamas, t-shirts, briefs, boxers, panties, warm slippers, handkerchiefs/bandannas, tennis shoes, insulated underwear, hats, mittens, gloves, and coats.

Personal Care Items: shampoo, lotion, soap, deodorant, women’s razors, hand sanitizer, band-aids, hair brushes and combs, and sanitary products.

Babies and Toddlers: disposable diapers, stretch outfits and onesies, bottles, activity toys, books, sleepers, stuffed animals, and receiving blankets.

Children: crayons and coloring books, books, girl’s camisoles/undershirts, ribbons and hairclips, combs and brushes, kid’s toothpaste, school supplies, puzzles, and games.

Junior High and Teen: cologne, school supplies, hairclips...teens know best what teens need.

Adult Clothing (Especially L, XL, XXL): flannel shirts, flannel nightgowns, and sweat suits.

Other Needs: general cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent (liquid) not dishwasher detergent, new back packs, stamps, stationery and envelopes, greeting cards, sewing kits, batteries, umbrellas, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, nail clippers, emery boards, pens, markers, boxes of tissues...something you would like yourself.

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, stories, and scripture that help us reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

SONRISE DVD JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The 2014 SonRise DVD, produced by Huggins Media, is available in the Church office for $10 each (add $2 if we have to mail it). DVD proceeds will go to SonRise.

Since we do not know what the demand for the DVD will be, we will be duplicating small quantities at a time. To pick up a DVD in person contact the Church office at (423) 396-2134 or email sonrise@southern.edu to make sure we will have one ready when you come to pick it up.

Due to copyright issues, the original songs used in the Sanctuary, Crucifixion, and the Resurrection have been changed, but the blessing you receive will still be the same.
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**NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING:** If you are interested in studying Revelation and discovering God’s end-time call for you, join us on Wednesday nights, beginning January 7 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Collegedale Academy, room 108. For more info, call Marvin or Lisa Thorman at (423) 499-0698.

**CHRISTIAN ART.** An exhibit for Southern Adventist University student Sarahi Remolina’s collection of 24 digital illustrations about the Great Controversy runs through January 9 at the John C. Williams Art Gallery located in Brock Hall on campus. For more information, call (423) 236-2732.

**NEW CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION:** WSMC and Southern Adventist University are proud to announce a new, online station. For years we have had people tell us that they wanted us to play Christian music, and now we have the resources available to answer that call. We have started a new station, called Oasis, with the goal of pointing the listener to the Living Water. Listen to the best in Christian music and Adventist sermons online at WSMCOasis.org, or by downloading the WSMC app from the App Store or Marketplace.

**THE SACRED HARP** singing group will meet next Sabbath, Dec. 13, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for their monthly singing in the Seminar Room. The group welcomes anyone who would like to sing acapella 4 part music in the shape note tradition.

**HANDEL’S MESSIAH** will be performed by Southern’s School of Music on Sabbath, Dec. 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**GREAT DATES:** The next Great Dates is Sunday, Jan. 11. 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 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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**SABBATH, DECEMBER 10**
- 10:00 a.m. | 55+ Activities
- 6:30 p.m. | Pathfinders
- 7:00 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer Group

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**
- 10:00 a.m. | 55+ Bible Study

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**
- 8:00 p.m. | University Vespers

**SABBATH, DECEMBER 13**
- 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: Christmas Program  
  Renewal: Dave Smith

**OFFERING:** Adventist Community Services
- 4:00 p.m. | Handal’s Messiah
- 5:29 p.m. | Sunset

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**
- 10:00 a.m. | Women’s Bible Studies
- 6:30 p.m. | Women’s Bible Studies

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**
- 10:00 a.m. | 55+ Activities
- 6:30 p.m. | Pathfinders
- 7:00 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer Group

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**
- 10:00 a.m. | 55+ Bible Study

**SABBATH, DECEMBER 20**
- 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: Volker Henning  
  Renewal: Dave Smith

**OFFERING:** Church Family Budget
- 5:31 p.m. | Sunset