EVEREST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

W e concluded our Vacation Bible School week on Sabbath, June 27. The theme was *Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power.*

An average of 300 kids, ages 4 to 10, attended VBS daily. Another 100 youth, ages 11-13, attended Service Camp.

“We chose the theme for VBS months before the devastating earthquake in Nepal,” says Pastor Carole Verrill, “but I don’t believe that VBS program decision was an accident. What an opportunity for our youth to partner with God to do something big with Him for people in need. Our mission project became Nepal relief and we partnered with ADRA to help in this devastated part of the world.”

The VBS team set two goals, the first at $500 and the second at $800. If the first goal was reached the kids could pick either Pastor Carole or Pastor William Hurtado to take the ice bucket challenge. If the second goal was reached, they both would have to face the ice bucket challenge.

“The moneys came in and in and in,” says Pastor Carole. “We surpassed our goal by over $700. In all we raised over $1500 for Nepal relief!”

“As far as I know, this is the highest goal we’ve ever reached in the VBS mission project,” says Pastor Carole. “It shows that our youth were passionate about helping people in need and also passionate in seeing their pastors dunked in ice cold water!”

At the closing ceremonies on Friday both Pastor Carole and Pastor William were doused with buckets of ice water.

On Sabbath the congregation was given the opportunity to also give to the Nepal Relief project. In all, a total of $7700 was raised.

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ATLANTA BRAVES FAMILY GAME DAY WITH THE GCC

Come be part of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Family Game Day as the Atlanta Braves take on the Arizona Diamondbacks at 1:30 p.m. on August 16. This is a multi-generational event sponsored by the Pathfinder, Youth and Young Adult departments of the conference and is intended for any and all of our Seventh-day Adventist family members. Come early and enjoy a Pathfinder processional on the field before the game. The Collegedale Church will provide free transportation to the game for our members. The bus will depart from the Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Non-Collegedale members are invited to ride the bus for $15. Reservations are required and can be made at the Church Office. Deadline is July 15.

Thanks to an agreement between the Atlanta Braves and the conference, we will be receiving $5 back off of every ticket sold, which will go to support the Pathfinders, the Cohutta Springs Campership Fund, or Young Adult ministries.

There are three levels of seating available for you to choose from, and there will be people from the conference office in every level.

Seating choices/prices are:
- Outfield: $28
- Upper Box: $20
- General Admission: $10

HELPING THE FIRE VICTIMS

Four families were displaced in June when one of the University’s student housing caught fire. If you have any of the below items, drop them (and other items) to Southern’s Student Services office in the Student Center:
- Home furnishings: bedding (king, queen and twin) and furniture
- Toys for 8-year old and 9th-grader boys
- Kitchen appliances
- Books: Spanish and English Christian books (adult and kids)
- Camping gear (tents, chairs, small camping stove, sleeping bags, air mattress)
- Hammock and hammock tarp
- Clothes
  - Male (pants 34/30, shirts: medium, shoes 8.5, church shirts: 32 length 16 1/2 neck, neck ties)
  - Female (pants/skirts/dresses (size 8), shirts: medium, shoes: 7.5)
  - Two 8-yr. male (pants: 8, shirts: Medium/8, shoes: 3)
  - 9th-grade male (size 8.5 shoes, winter boots, etc.)
- Winter/Snow jackets for males (small and medium)
- Winter gloves for male (small and medium sizes)
- Wal-Mart gift cards
- Electronics: a laptop, iPad, radio, TV, sound system
- Student desks
- Musical instruments (piano, snare drum, drum sticks for snare drum, cymbals, timpani, and mallets for bells, and percussion stick bag)
- Suitcases

Contact Kari Shultz at (423) 236-2484 with questions.

IN MEMORY

Ivan Hunt, father of Don Hunt and grandfather of Suzanne Hunt, passed away June 29 at age 99. Services were held July 1 in Forest City, NC.

Daniel Hurt passed away on June 26. Survivors include his wife, Corrinne Hurt; son, Bryan Hurt; daughters, Sherry Rawson and Sheila Tranum; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services were held June 28.

Gary Austin Ford passed away June 21. He was preceded in death by his parents, A.C and Betty Ford, and is survived by his siblings, Dennis Ford, Cindy Hollie, and Tammy Larson. Services were held June 27.
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BLOOD ASSURANCE will be at the Church on Sabbath, July 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

EVER WONDER how your child’s spiritual needs are changing as they get older? Physical changes are easy to keep track of, but what about emotional, social, and cognitive changes? Have you ever noticed a new behavior and wondered “whoa, where did THAT come from?” On August 22 Shelly Turkenkopf will be presenting an afternoon seminar that may provide answers and materials for some of these questions. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30 p.m. for some laughs and stories as we study the development of our children the way God intended for them to grow.

CHILDCARE DIRECTOR NEEDED: Recruit, screen, and schedule childcare providers for special church events including a weekly Tuesday morning mom’s group and a monthly Sunday evening Great Dates. Earn some money while serving Jesus in this important ministry. Contact Tim Cross at timcross@southern.edu.

BOWMAN HILLS RUMMAGE SALE is just around the corner. Bring your items to the gym (300 Westview Dr. Cleveland, TN) for the sale. You may put them in the trailer if no one is in the gym or just leave them outside the kitchen door. Remember, your trash is our treasure. You may donate anything and everything except paint. Thank you for your donations. Call Lee Uhelski at (423) 715-5323. The sale is July 15, 16, and 17.

CHRISTIAN MEDIA CAMP: Do you know academy/high school students who love writing, photography, or making videos? The School of Journalism and Communication at Southern Adventist University invites rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors to join them August 2-4 for Christian Media Camp. Registration is open through July 24 and costs $75 per person, which includes meals and lodging. For more information, call (423) 236-2330 or visit southern.edu/journalism.

THE SOUTHERN SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM at Southern Adventist University is offering a summer institute August 2-5. This is an opportunity for high-achieving sophomore and junior academy students to experience interdisciplinary and extra-curricular learning through activities focused on public art, Chattanooga’s Renaissance Park, and public transportation. Registration costs $150 per person and includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available. For more information, visit southern.edu/honorsinstitute.