ADOPT-A-STUDENT MINISTRY

Although the hot temperatures outside certainly give us no clue, the fall season is fast approaching. The university students will soon be returning, and new students will be arriving. Excitement and energy is high!

We have an opportunity here in the Collegedale Church to welcome these students into our church family through our Adopt-a-Student program. This ministry was instituted two years ago and has resulted in some wonderful relationship connections forming between university students and church members.

The Adopt-a-Student ministry program will continue this year in the following format:

1. On Sabbath, August 29, and Sabbath, September 5, the university students will be invited to visit a welcome table in the atrium to fill out information cards if they wish to participate in this program. Church members may also visit this booth if they wish to request to keep the same students they adopted during the 2014-2015 school year.

2. On Sabbath, September 12, and Sabbath, September 19, church members will be encouraged to visit the booth in the atrium to pick up the student information cards if they are interested in adopting a student. The “adopter parents” will be asked to fill out and turn in an Adopter Information card that includes their own personal contact information as well as the names of the students they are adopting.

3. 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 2015-2016 school year. Part of every commitment should be the honor and responsibility of praying for your “adopted” students each week of the school year.

The times together with your “adoptees” could take any of the following forms:

- A meal together at your home
- A card or care package delivered to the student’s place of residence on campus
- A Sabbath afternoon hike or picnic together
- Or any other idea God places on your heart

RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Beginning Sabbath, August 1, we will return to our regular worship service schedule of three services: Adoration 1 at 9:00 a.m., Adoration 2 at 10:15 a.m., and Renewal at 11:35 a.m. 🕉️
This ministry has the potential of making a difference in the lives of your “adopted” students this year and helping them have a more successful and positive experience at Southern and the Collegedale Church. It also has the potential of being a blessing to you and your own family and home.

Thank you in advance for considering how you might partner with this ministry and truly make a Kingdom difference.

In His service,
Pastor Carole Verrill

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)
  - 8-yr.-old 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.

COMMUNION JULY 25

Communion will be held at both services in the Sanctuary on Sabbath, July 25.

The ordinance of humility will be observed in the Fellowship Hall on a continuous basis from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Worshipers are invited to arrive at least twenty minutes before the service of their choice at 10:15 or 11:35 a.m. to take part in the foot-washing ceremony.

Pastor Dave will provide the homily for both services.

Come with prepared hearts to participate in this special Sabbath.

MEN’S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 18-20

This year’s Men’s Retreat is being planned with Pastor Frederick Russell, Lead Pastor of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Congregation in Atlanta, Georgia. Pastor Russell holds degrees in theology and management and helps develop leaders in church, corporate, and governmental settings.

Further information and cost to follow.
IN MEMORY

Ronald Knickerbocker passed away July 9. Survivors include his wife Jeannette Knickerbocker; sons Gary and Steve Knickerbocker; granddaughter Amy (Geoff) White; and step-sisters Joy (Denis) Breetzke and Cynthia (Wayne) Vail. Services will be held at the Collegedale Church on July 25, 3:00 p.m., Gospel Chapel. Visitation will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Amazing Facts and/or ADRA.

Winford “Bill” Tate passed away July 8 at the age of 87. Survivors include his wife Virginia; children Louise, Mike and Gayle; siblings Geraldine, Betty and Carl; and extended loving family. His service was held July 12. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your chosen charity in Bill’s memory.

THE BLESSING

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. for “The Blessing,” a special event for 7th graders and their families as a celebration of following Jesus.

Come to the event to
• speak words of blessing into the life of your 7th grader
• commemorate the moment with a special challenge coin
• learn about our church’s youth ministry

RSVP to the church office at (423) 396-2134 for the free catered meal from Moe’s.

Below: the two sides of the challenge coin
SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION: Alumni of all ages and their families are invited! Enjoy an evening of light refreshments with friends, meet our newest alumni beginning college careers at Southern, and hear the latest SVA news from principal Dale Twomley. The reunion will be hosted by Dr. Dale Twomley and Dr. John Wagner on Tuesday, July 28, 6-8 p.m. in the South Oak Room of Thatcher Hall at Southern Adventist University. For more information, call 540-740-3161 or email alumniassoc@sva-va.org.

SUNSHINE BANDS: Come to Morning Pointe in Collegedale on Sabbath afternoon, August 1, from 4-5 p.m. to sing hymns with the residents. Families with young children are coming, whom the residents love seeing. Plan to join Sunshine Bands the first Sabbath of each month.

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.

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.

THE MONTESSORI EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER at A.W. Spalding is hiring a part-time teacher assistant for the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants with experience working in daycares or preschools are preferred. It is an hourly wage position requiring approximately 20 hours per week. Please email resumes to sschepers@gccsda.com by July 20. Interviews will be held July 23 and 24.

BOWMAN HILLS SCHOOL is seeking a part-time 5th and 6th grade teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Candidates must have a current teaching certificate, be willing to participate in extra school and church activities, and have a passion for reaching the hearts of His children. If interested, email or contact Matt Korp, Principal: mkorp@gccsda.com, 423-476-6014.