JUDY GLASS TO BE HONORED

by J. Bruce Ashton

A Hymn Festival will be held September 26 at 7:30 p.m. in recognition of Judy Glass’ 40 years of service as organist at the Collegedale Church. Southern Adventist University, where Judy has been on the music faculty since 1975, is co-sponsoring the event. All who have been blessed by her musical ministry are cordially invited to attend.

Judy has served not only the Collegedale congregation; her expertise is deeply appreciated by members of First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, where she has been the organist for 42 years. In addition, many of her undergraduate students have contributed to the worship experience of various area churches.

Judy and her husband Dwain were prime movers in securing the magnificent Brombaugh tracker organ housed in the Collegedale Church. This world-renowned instrument, known as the Anton Heiller Memorial Organ, has attracted artists from all over Europe, and has been featured on Michael Barrone’s radio program Pipedreams.

At the Hymn Festival, several colleagues, as well as present and former students, will offer tributes and/or musical selections in her honor. A reception will follow.

MINISTRY OPP

The Revelation Today meetings to be held in Chattanooga are still looking for volunteers to serve and minister to the children attending the event. This programming is for children ages 4 to 10 and runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on Friday, Oct. 9. If you would like to get involved, please contact Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu.
STUDENT AID THANK YOUS

This year almost $60,000 in student aid funds was awarded to students in the Greater Collegedale School System. Each family’s situation is different, but the Student Aid Committee hopes that the amount awarded will help ease some of the stress felt when tuition comes due.

While the Committee doesn’t hear from every student or family who receives student aid, there are always a few who do. Here are two notes and a letter from ones who did (some editing has been done to protect the identities of those receiving student aid):

Dear Collegedale Church,
Thank you for making it possible for me to attend CAMS. It’s nice to know I have a family here at the church as well. Without all of you, I would not be able to attend this extraordinary school. Thank you so much.

Dear Supporters,
Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your support and generous gift to the Collegedale Church which made it possible for my son to continue to attend the Adventist school. As so many people, we have had our trials, but this blessing is one that by God’s Grace will reap eternal dividends. Thanks you from the bottom of my heart.

Dear Collegedale Church, I want to start by thanking you for taking the time to review and process the financial aid application. To tell you the truth, this experience of getting the children in to not only a Christian school, but an Adventist Christian school where my children can consistently receive the same message that is taught at home, in church and now at school is a blessing beyond imagination. To receive the letter of the financial acceptance is in itself an answer to prayer. To learn about the financial peace class that is required for both spouses, is in itself another miracle by God and answered prayer because our family is in dire need of a third party intervention so we can be on the same financial page as a family unit. The entire process has truly been a miracle and we are overwhelmed with God’s grace and mercy on our family. We all have seen God at work in opening so many closed doors and how He has made this impossible journey to become possible for our children. For me personally, as their mother, it has been a 2 year consistent praying and fasting with and without the children. For the children, who absolutely hated the public school environment, who begged to send them to school where they can be around people who love Christ and they are free to talk about Jesus without hearing the cursing and see the so many bad behaviors. They also prayed and now they see how God with His strong hands worked and moved financial mountains and removed them from the public school.

My children’s faith have strengthened and they are not afraid to tell anybody they meet of how God opened doors for them to be able to attend GCSS this year and the possibility to continue with Christian education in the years to come. The joy on their faces and their excitement to go to school and learn about Christ and be academically strong, is priceless and worth all of the sacrifice that the family will need to make. However, this is especially possible because of the sponsors and church’s generosity who also believe in God fearing base Christian education. It is because of individuals in the committee who listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to help those in need with the extra resources or funds that is available and have been blessed with. For that I praise God for you and we are forever thankful.

Please pass along our thousand thank yous to our sponsors, committee members, etc. for their generosity and their kind heart to be able to invest and touch so many lives for eternity. This is not only godly and a good thing to do, but I believe it is part of the mission that God has instructed them to do. For He said “Verily, I say to you, Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it to me.” Matt 25:40.

From sincere and grateful hearts.
Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Student Aid Fund.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES

The Women’s Ministries DVD-based study “Faithful, Abundant, True” by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore is offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Room and 6:30 p.m. in the Earliteen Room. A second study will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays with a focus on the last week of Jesus’ life.

For more information, email susanmcclarty@hotmail.com or call the Church at (423) 396-2134.
ADOPT-A-STUDENT MINISTRY NEEDS YOU
by Pastor Carole Verrill

The new school year has begun. We have an opportunity to connect with university students to make them feel a part of our church family.

On September 19 church members will be encouraged to visit the Adopt-a-Student booth in the Atrium to pick up one or more of those student information cards with the intention of adopting the students for this school year.

What are the expectations? A minimum of two student-member connections per semester - a total of at least 4 per school year. Examples of connections include:

Birthday Bash: Make/order cupcakes for your students and partner with another adopt-a-student family once per semester to celebrate your students’ birthdays

Christmas Swap: Purchase small holiday candies and gifts to share with your students and place them in small gift bags. Invite your students to join you for a Christmas gathering together. Play a game in which the students take a gift and either keep it or decide to swap it with another student. This is also a fun activity to do with more students so partnering with another family might be best.

Care Packages: Bake some cookies or muffins and throw in some nuts, dried fruits, and chocolate to make a basket of goodies for your students. Bring it to them at their dorm during exam week to let them know you are praying and thinking of them during that stressful time.

Sabbath Hike or Picnic: Invite your students to join you for a Sabbath afternoon picnic and hike in a local park.

Prayer Lunch: Invite your students to a special lunch outing, prayer walk, or frozen yogurt trip someday simply to say you care and are thinking and praying for them.

membership transfers
The following names were presented for transfer.

IN— Rodney Kristi, Samuel and Benjamin Bishop from Huntsville, AL; Stephen and Fae Brown from Winter Haven, FL; Lydia Barros Chinn from Ontario, CA; Helen Gray from Joshua, TX; Lisa Guarjardo from Collegedale Community; Emma J Hall from Cohutta, GA; Thomas P Ipes, IV from Knoxville, TN; Wesley Khan from Grand Terrace, CA; Kimberly Kirschmann from Lumberton, MS; Linda McKee from Spencerville, MD; Richard Paul McKee from Spencerville, MD; Sarah Peden from Chesterland, OK; Anna Romuald from Minneapolis, MN; Silvia Rosilo from Collegedale Impact; Justin Stone from Collegedale Community; John and Kimberly Thompson from Ooltewah, TN; Jameson Towles from Jellico, TN; Allen “Gene” and Ella Mae Truax from Ooltewah, TN; Marc and Priscilla Walwyn from Hendersonville, TN; and Larry and Vicki Willsey from McDonald Road.

PROFESSION—Mindy Coggins

OUT—Janet Burke to Apison, TN; Arlen and Laura Byrd to Ooltewah; Sam and Molly Chetty to Powder Springs, GA; Vivian Colvin to Collegedale Community; Murray and Kathleen Cooper to Orlando, FL; Peter and Laurie Cooper to The Well; Tim, Susan, Ryan, and Allison Glantz to Apopka, FL; Megan Grundy to McDonald Road; Robert Hargrove to Durango, CO; Mary Ann Renshaw Heyn to Oxford, WI; Eric and Janell Hullquist to The Well; Bryan and Susan Hurt to The Well; Barry Janzen to Bowman Hills; Tamaria Jenkins to Cohutta, GA; Darlene Karst to The Well; Kevin and Genevieve Kibble to Cohutta, GA; Bo Kochenower to The Well; Melissa Lechler to Chattanooga First; Cody and Jeanette (Frescino) McElroy to Meridian, MS; Jonathan Morris to Orlando, FL; Carlton and Brenda Mouzon and Christian Contreras to Grand Coulee, WA; Stephen and Grace Pollett to The Well; Kristen Taylor to College Place, WA; Marvin and Lisa Thorman to Caldwell, ID; Deborah Valmont to Collegedale Community; Brenan Vega to The Well; Christianna Walter to Jellico, TN; and Irena Williams to Bryant, AL.

IN MEMORY

Bette Jean Graves passed away September 9. Services were held September 12.

Donn Roy McKnight, brother of Steve McKnight, and uncle of Preston, Mason, and Sheldon, passed away August 17. Donnie was 48 years old. He was born and lived in Clearwater, FL.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assure our children are safe. You can be a part and help at one of the security desks once a month or once every other month – whatever works out with your schedule. Contact Pastor Carole at cverrill@southern.edu or (423) 994-2396 to volunteer or for more information.

RELATIONAL CHRISTIANITY SABBATH SCHOOL held weekly in Fellowship Hall A&B at 10:15 is an intergenerational class (college age and up) that engages in Christian responses to relevant popular culture issues. The current series “Jesus in the Market Place” is hosted by the School of Business & Management faculty and community business leaders this semester.

STEP UP YOUR METABOLISM: Harold Mayer, Ph.D., and his colleagues at Southern Adventist University are studying the effects of metabolism efficiency. They are recruiting women ages 25 to 54 years. The study will improve metabolism through diet and exercise plan. Call or text either (630) 254-7749 or (614) 562-5959 to get involved or for more information. You can also email SAUhumanperformancelab@gmail.com to do so.

COLLEGEDALE COLLEGIATES—Enjoying friendships, applying Scripture! A new Collegiate Sabbath School meets weekly at 10:15 a.m. in the Training Chapel next to the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Tim at timcross@southern.edu.

ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (ACF) extends an invitation to join their group for anyone attending the University of Tennessee (UTC). If you know of students attending there or would like more information, please contact Haley gzl665@mocs.utc.edu or Rick Norskov wnorskov@southern.edu for more information.

AN AARP SMART DRIVER CLASS is Tuesday, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Garden Plaza of Greenbriar Cove, 4586 Forsythia Way, Collegedale. Cost for AARP members is $15; non-members is $20. Call (423) 396-5100.

IMPACT YOUR HEALTH CHATTANOOGA is still seeking medical and non-medical volunteers for AMEN’s free healthcare clinic on October 3 and 4. Especially needed are physical therapists, dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. To volunteer, or to donate toward the clinic’s costs, visit www.impactyourhealthchattanooga.org.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a new media ministry: to record and produce free CDs and DVDs of the church services and make them available immediately after the services for those who want a copy. Contact the Church at (423) 396-2134 and ask for Wolf Jedamski.

RIDE NEEDED TO CHURCH on Sabbaths from Winding Creek Apartment on Ooltewah-Ringgold Road. Call Hyacinth Lorraine Henry at (423) 223-9709.