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COVER PHOTO » Don Keele, Jr., then Madison Campus Church youth pastor, and Brett Hadley, then Madison Academy chaplain, oversee students replacing a roof during the spring trip of 1990.

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Training for a marathon, 26.2 miles, is a serious commitment of time, energy, diet, and lifestyle. Preparation involves 18-20 weeks of gradually increasing mileage. Yet experts warn against running more than 20 miles at a time in training. That means the last six miles of your first marathon are “no man’s land.” You may hit a wall. You may be crippled by blisters and cramps. While you’ve never experienced it, you know it will be tough. There’s no way to run the last mile without running the 25 that come before it. But if you train hard enough in the weeks leading up to the race, you’ll be ready to push through and cross the finish line.

Reading passages like Matthew 24 and Luke 21 make me think of the last mile in a marathon. We know it’s going to be difficult. There is no way to replicate now what it will be like then. Nevertheless, Jesus has told us what to anticipate and, more importantly, how to train. We prepare by spending time in His Word, saturating our minds with truth and fortifying ourselves against the false claims of religious hucksters. We prepare by resting in God’s sovereign love, knowing that His plan is perfect and His love unquenchable. We prepare by seizing opportunities to witness now, knowing that muscle will strengthen with use and knowing that He gives the words we need when we need them. We prepare by learning to endure hardship now, seeing that His strength is unflinching and limitless. We prepare by refusing to buy the lie that the things of this world are the important things. We prepare by praying each day for God’s strength to face whatever the last mile may hold for us.

At the beginning of this year, join me in training for the last mile of this marathon. We won’t give up or quit, because Jesus is running stride-for-stride beside us. He is cheering us on, calling us by name, encouraging us—yes, even carrying us at times. And this same Jesus is waiting to embrace us with eternal joy at the glorious finish line.

Last mile? Bring it on!

Ed Wright is president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference
STEWARDSHIP: SQUARE UP WITH GOD

New Year’s Day was always inventory day in our family business. My parents owned a grocery store on the main street of our small town in Michigan. Dad, Mom, and eventually all of my siblings (four brothers and two sisters) worked in our small establishment. Each year, as December drew to a close, it was time to finalize the records, determine annual income, square up the accounts, and close out the year.

The inventory process in the early years of my life included all of the employees and most of my family cataloging the entire supply of items in one day. Every box, can, bag, and object had to be counted. We’d work in teams of two, each pair having a large sheet to mark down the numbers. We had to count everything, including each stick of bubble gum, which cost one cent a piece.

Now our family inventories are but a fading memory, an outdated system and antiquated process from the “olden” days. The 21st century has ushered in new technologies featuring barcode printing capabilities, inventory management software, self-scanning systems, and much more. One or two people, armed with modern equipment, can complete the entire inventory process in much less time than it took our entire family.

Martin G. Collins made the following observation: “A builder who does not count the cost before laying the foundation is humiliated as a disgraceful failure, yet an unfinished life is far more tragic than a rock foundation without a building. Jesus warns, ‘No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God’ (Luke 9:62). Thus, failure to count the cost of following Christ results in an incomplete life. ‘Holding fast to the word of life’ is part of the solution for finishing one’s life successfully (Phil. 2:16).” (Bibletools.org, Parables of Counting the Cost)

A new year—time to take inventory, count the cost, and square up with God.

Mitch Hazekamp is director of the Stewardship/Trust Services Department

FINANCIAL REPORT

The figures below provide an overview of conference finances as of Nov. 30, 2013. Every member who is cooperating with God in the faithful stewardship of tithes and offerings makes our ministry and outreach possible. Thank you for your faithfulness!

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Headlines are filled with stories of bullying incidents for all age groups but especially for school-aged children. In an effort to educate conference schools and communities about the true definition of bullying and equip them with the skills necessary to battle it, the Office of Education has begun a venture using the Olweus Bully Prevention Program.

Unlike other programs, it is not a “one-size fits all” or “zero-tolerance” approach. Instead, it’s a data-based approach and is customized to each school by a community planning committee based on individual survey results. The Olweus Program is backed by years of research in schools just like ours.

We currently have three schools that have been trained and are working at the local level to develop an approach that builds relationships with each student through class meetings and incorporates education of the teachers, volunteers, and constituent members through kick-off programs and ongoing education. The beauty of the Olweus Program is that it is centered on redemption and restoration for all parties involved.

We have been blessed through a partnership with VersaCare, Inc., a nonprofit laymen’s organization, in which they are fully funding the program through the first phase. Together, we hope to help students recognize the damaging effects of bullying on relationships with others and equip them with skills to build a stronger community through Christian behavior.

To date, the Georgia-Cumberland Conference has the following schools involved to some degree in the Olweus Program:

- **3** fully trained and implementing the program: A.W. Spalding Elementary, John L. Coble Elementary, and Savannah Adventist Christian School
surveyed and awaiting training: Bowman Hills and Knoxville
committed to surveying in the near future with training in May of this year

“In my [fifth- and sixth-grade] classroom, I can already see the students coming together as a unit during our class meetings on Fridays and every day during recess and other group activities,” said Savannah Adventist Christian School teacher Lindsay Morton after their kick-off program. The school also shared a devotional about the biblical story of Joseph to tie together the bullying prevention principles. Afterward, students performed skits to share what they had been learning with their families and guests at their fall festival.

A.W. Spalding Elementary School’s kick-off included their theme, “The Power of a Friend,” and focused on Ephesians 4:32. And Marsha Claus, Olweus certified trainer, led out at John L. Coble Elementary to include North American Division Bible standards during class meetings and Friday Families to model Christ’s method of friendship.

The Office of Education’s mission statement is “Leading children to Christ through loving, learning, and living” with the goal of leading them to the foot of the cross. The Olweus program is one tool we have chosen to help model this mission to them. If your school is interested in starting the Olweus Program, contact Kim Thompson at kthompson@gccsda.com.

Kim Thompson is regional education director

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Students in grades 5 through 8 from around the Georgia-Cumberland Conference gathered to ring bells and sing praises together for the annual Chorale/Bells Festival, held Nov. 7-8 at Georgia-Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga. The campus population doubled during the two days, with 244 students attending the music festival.

Kim Thompson, regional education director, said the conference offers music festivals to “provide a rich learning experience for our various-sized schools, to provide fellowship and a sense of community through music, and to provide a worship experience to focus on music as a gift from our Creator to be used for His glory.”

Music has been an avenue of worship since biblical times and is just as applicable today, said Bev Amlaner, guest bell clinician and principal at Carman Adventist School.

“We lift our spirits when involved in music. We convey emotions through music, and as a result, we convey our love for God through our music.

“David and the children of Israel praised God in song, and I believe it’s the same for us—to learn to praise God in song,” she said. “We lift our spirits when involved in music. We convey...
emotions through music, and as a result, we convey our love for God through our music.”

Candace Nesmith, guest vocal clinician and Georgia-Cumberland Academy director of choir and vocals, said she sought to teach and demonstrate to students the higher purpose of music—that is, as a means of glorifying God.

“[It was] a blessing to be able to share the thought that music is a gift from God. We are here to worship, not to perform,” Nesmith said. “It is our duty as Christian musicians to make sure we reflect a picture of Jesus, not us. In order to do that, we must put self aside and reflect Christ. Music is all about worshiping God, not using our talents to glorify self.”
On Nov. 5, Collegedale Academy’s 300-plus high school students carried bag after bag of nonperishable food items into the school’s gym. It was pickup day for the school’s annual food collection drive. Community members were asked to leave bags of nonperishables out Tuesday morning for CA students to pick up and deliver to The Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, Tenn.

The food drive, called CAD 4 Hope, is named after the program’s founder, Richard Cadavero, the former CA teacher who died in September 2013. “It’s our opportunity to make him proud,” said Joelle Kanyana, Collegedale Academy senior.

Cadavero launched Project 5,000 in the 1990s. It was his challenge to CA students to collect 5,000 food items for needy families in the Ooltewah/Collegedale area. The program took off and became an annual event at the school. By the mid-2000s, the drive was collecting more than 40,000 cans per year. So the school did away with counting each of them. Now, thanks to a scale on loan, donations are measured in pounds. Last year, the school collected nearly 13,000 pounds of food—about equal to an adult African elephant. This year, the school collected 12,615 pounds of food and expected more to trickle in during the weeks following the event.

“This will keep up their food pantry for about an entire year,” said Chris Massengill, Collegedale Academy chaplain.

Emma Hooper, volunteer and programs coordinator at The Samaritan Center, said CAD 4 Hope is the center’s “main food drive.”

Overseeing the operation can be a stressful gig. Take Tuesday morning in the school’s gym, where students were free to hang out after unloading their donations. Some freshmen tossed one another into enormous piles of empty cardboard boxes. Footballs flew around. Running.

“In a couple of hours, I will be relaxing,” Massengill said. But not yet. A few kids were very late getting back. A vehicle carrying students broke down, latecomers explained.
It sounds like a lot of trouble—and a big liability—for a food drive. It probably would be...if it were just a food drive.

“It’s an opportunity to practice what we believe,” Kanyana said. “It’s an opportunity to think outside ourselves.”

In a corner of the gym, her fellow seniors talked while stacking empty boxes—not leaping into them like the freshmen across the room. By now, seniors know the drill and the significance of what CAD 4 Hope means to Collegedale and Ooltewah.

“A lot of people want to prove that we actually care,” Kanyana said.

The younger ones will get it someday. This was their first CAD 4 Hope drive, but Kanyana believes “they know it’s important.”

Important because a lot of Tuesday’s donations will be the only food some Collegedale and Ooltewah residents will have to eat and important because it’s not just a food drive—it’s being a good neighbor.

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APPALACHIAN OUTREACH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

by Tamara Wolcott Fisher
What started as a way to get high school students in touch with reality is still serving that same purpose today. Twenty-five years later, Appalachian Outreach is still making a difference in the lives of kids and those they serve.

In the summer of 1989, Don Keele, Jr., was searching for a way to challenge students and at the same time alleviate suffering for others. As the youth pastor for the Madison Campus Church, near Madison, Tenn., Keele took six students to work restoring trails in the Smoky Mountains. Later that fall, he talked 13 students into going to rural Kentucky to work in an area that had suffered extensive flood damage.

The idea caught on. Everyone was excited about this idea of serving locally, and they started networking and making contact with families in Appalachia who needed help with repairs. In the first four years, groups went on three trips per year—fall, spring, and summer, with the summer trip geared for those in seventh and eighth grades.

For 25 years, Keele has served as the head of the team, working to make the mission trips a reality, and he has only missed one—the 1994 spring trip—due to moving. In that year he moved to Washington state, where he served as pastor of the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground before being called to serve as the senior pastor at the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church in 1999.

Keele said the other half of the Appalachian Outreach leadership team was his friend Alan Craig, who went as a parent on the first trip.

“Craig wanted to go and readily agreed to serve as the cook,” Keele said.

It wasn’t until later that Keele found out Craig really didn’t know how to cook, but had his wife, Janie, make all of the food ahead of time and freeze it.

On his next trip—and every one after that—Craig served as the construction coordinator, going to job sites and ordering materials. He networked with locals and merchants and, for many, he became the face of the Appalachian Outreach team. “He was definitely the heart and soul of the trip that kept me going,” Keele said.

Craig passed away in February 2012, and for Keele, the trips since haven’t been the same.

“To say that Alan is greatly missed would be a massive understatement,” he said. But Keele kept going because of the impact the trips leave on everyone involved. His goal is to instill in the students that serving Jesus is actually fun. He wants to take kids out of their comfort zones and make service a part of their lives.

“Spiritual growth is more than building the buildings together,” Keele said. Each night of the four-day outreach, the group has a two-hour worship service where the bulk of the time is spent reliving the day’s activities and helping students see their job site through a spiritual lens.

Destiny Cosner went on the 2011 trip and said the a highlight was “seeing how much God could accomplish through us, being
real during the worship times, and having my eyes opened even more to what goes on. The worships really inspired me, and I learned so much throughout the trip.”

For the past 25 years, students and volunteers from Madison, Tenn., Battle Ground, Wash., and Calhoun, Ga., have served together. Together, they have repaired approximately 600 homes and spent more than $800,000 of funds that the Lord has provided. Keele estimates that somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 students have experienced Appalachian Outreach.

This past October, about 65 traveled to Appalachia to serve on five job sites. Over the years, teams have worked on roofs and floors, built wheelchair ramps, decks, and porches, and done a great deal of scraping and painting. Keele said he’s heard and seen it all, including a request to not kill a man’s “pet rattlesnakes” that lived under his trailer and “took care of them rats for me.” He has also baptized one parent, Steve Cole, who wanted to go on the trip mainly to watch over his daughter. Cole is now a valued, long-standing member of the mission team and has an unbelievable ability to train students and pull the best out of them.

The experience the students take home with them is often more than what they gave.

“Making friends who have the same mindset as you and working together with adults who encourage and work with you instead of against you was beyond amazing,” said Andre Greene, a 2011 participant.

After Craig’s death, Keele was forced to take another look at the future of the mission trips. They had previously been hosting groups of 120 to 135 and working on 10 to 12 job sites simultaneously. After much prayer, those involved decided it would be

1. 2003: Students from Madison Academy, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, and Meadow Glade Church finished this job site as the rain started.
2. 1990: Job completed. Rattlesnakes undisturbed.
3. 2010: Students from all three schools stand on this grateful resident’s newly completed deck.
4. 2013: This team of about 65 worked on five job sites.
5. 2003: Girls from Meadow Glade shovel garbage out from under a kitchen floor before a new one was constructed.
6. 2013: Brooklyn Moore of GCA installs a hand railing on a wheelchair ramp.
7. 2006: Kaitlyn Perry, from Battle Ground, Wash., paints a house near Yosemite, KY.
best for Madison and GCA to part ways, with Madison planting a new outpost in Manchester, Ky., while GCA continued serving in Liberty, Ky.

Appalachian Outreach is now taking a new turn and becoming a training event. Keele said that on the most recent trip, Madison trained students from Highland Academy and partnered with Manchester Hospital in Kentucky. GCA students trained students from Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio. This year, GCA will be adding starter groups from two other schools. Keele said the training is a two-year process starting with 10 students and four to five adults from each school. Throughout the process, the groups will grow to include 20 students and 8 to 10 adults before they are launched to serve in a new locale.

The big-picture goal is to plant numerous outposts throughout the Appalachian regions of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia over the next five to 10 years.

As it celebrates 25 years of service, Appalachian Outreach’s future looks bright and meaningful, but just how long it will continue is unsure.

“Hopefully until the Lord returns,” Keele said, adding with a grin, “but I’m not sure how much longer I can keep going.”

Still, Keele feels that God has not released him from this ministry. “I stopped fundraising in 1991,” he said. “I told God I would continue to lead this trip if He provided the money. So far, He has always provided.”

If you would like to help support Appalachian Outreach, tax-deductible donations may be sent to the GCA Church, c/o Don Keele, Jr., at 351 Academy Drive SW, Calhoun, GA 30701. Please put “Appalachian Mission Outreach” on the memo line.
The Samaritan Center’s Doll Squad gives new adventures to old dolls. In the 1930 Newbery-award-winning book *Hitty, Her First Hundred Years*, the reader follows the tender story of a doll named Hitty and the many children who cared for her. At the Center, much-loved dolls, like Hitty, are cleaned, dressed, and given a complete makeover before finding new homes with shoppers at the center’s Toy Connection.

They become beauticians, spa specialists, and sometimes even plastic surgeons.

Started by June Beckett in 1995, the Doll Squad enjoys caring for donated dolls. They meet each Wednesday morning in the activity room at Morning Point in Collegedale, Tenn. They also work independently throughout the week, washing tiny clothes and taming doll hair. They become beauticians, spa specialists, and sometimes even plastic surgeons. Together, these eight ladies ensure that Center dolls get a new beginning and enjoy many new adventures!

What started out as a volunteer group has turned into a social group of friends. Each meeting ends with a hug circle and a prayer that each doll will bring happiness to its new children.

The Doll Squad is looking for new volunteers. If you would like to participate, call Emma Hooper, volunteer and programs coordinator, at 423-238-7777 (x 22).
This year’s men’s retreat, “Men of Valor: We Are Not Done and Gone,” sought to inspire men to seek growth, particularly in their spirituality and relationship with Christ.

Men responded positively with about 75 attending the event held at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. The featured presenter was Jorge Torres, chaplain in the United States Army since 2004.

“Men’s retreat is an opportunity for men to meet with other men in an environment they enjoy and spend time discussing how they can become better spiritual leaders in their home, church, and community,” said Jerry Fore, general vice president and the retreat’s coordinator.

Luis Alonso, a member from Pikeville, Tenn., said he attended to “find a better way of doing things.” He enjoyed learning from the presenters and sharing with the other men.

“If you haven’t tried it, you might find the answers that you have been looking for that you don’t find anywhere else,” he said.

In addition to Torres, presenters included Gary Rustad, pastor of the Calhoun (Ga.) Church, who spoke on leadership; Jeffrey Gates, an associate professor at Southern Adventist University, who spoke on health; and David Wendt, pastor of the Laurelbrooke Academy, Dayton Ogden Road, and Pikeville churches in Tennessee, who spoke on addiction.

Fore said this year’s attendance was higher than usual. “There were many new men this year who came as a result of personal invitations from their friends and because the theme and speaker captured their attention.” ■
Jessica Ahn, senior at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and the daughter of physicians Daniel Ahn and Susan Kim Ahn, recently won the top prize in her age category for piano performance in the Music Teachers’ National Association state competition. On Nov. 5, 2013, Jessica performed 25 minutes of advanced piano literature from a range of musical styles in front of a panel of judges. She competed against 11 other top senior high school pianists from across the state for this award and will now have the honor of competing in the nine-state regional competition in Louisville, Ky. on Jan. 19.

Jessica’s piano program for the state competition included pieces by Joseph Haydn, Robert Schumann, Maurice Ravel, and Sergei Prokofiev. Jessica’s favorite of her repertoire was the Ravel piece. “The first movement of Ravel’s suite Gaspard de la nuit, titled Ondine, is very watery and impressionistic,” Ahn said.

Currently a student of Helen Ramsaur, retired longtime piano teacher at Shorter College, 17-year-old Jessica began studying music at age 5. Her intelligence, discipline, and innate talent merged beautifully over the years, producing an outstanding young musician. Ramsaur is amazed how quickly she learns.

“I have had many bright students, but Jessica sees the notation patterns and can immediately play them,” she said. “I attribute this partially to her work and study habits, which her parents have taught her.”

Jessica has given many winning performances. In 2012, she earned a winning spot in the senior high school division of the Rome Symphony’s Concerto Competition and performed with the Rome Symphony. She has also been the winner of a past Georgia Federation of Music Club’s competition, as well as Georgia Music Teachers’ Association and other local competitions.

Music is not the only area in which Jessica shines brightly. The National Merit commended senior has been offered a full-ride scholarship to her university of choice based on her stellar grades and outstanding test scores. Jessica plans to pursue a career in medicine and is considering a double major in chemistry and music. On top of her academic and musical accomplishments, this well-rounded young woman has also been active in student government, class activities, the National Honor Society, and her church. In addition, Jessica accompanies the choir at GCA and holds down a part-time job.

“Music has taught me many things such as discipline and perseverance,” Ahn said. “However, I give credit to God for keeping me calm when competing and helping me to do my best.”
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The Collegedale Church Pathfinder Club in Tennessee, like many clubs across the country and around the world, is looking forward to traveling to Oshkosh, Wis., next August for the International Pathfinder Camporee.

And like many others, the Collegedale club is concerned about the extra cost of sending their kids and families. As a result, they had been throwing around fundraising ideas, but hadn’t found that unique and special one until now. A couple of team leaders recently developed a limited edition Forever Faithful puzzle, which matches the theme of the upcoming Oshkosh camporee. The club has already sent samples to Maryland, Indiana, Virginia, Washington, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, and other places around the country.

This premium 1,000-piece puzzle was developed with other clubs in mind, as well. Enough of these puzzles have been manufactured so that other clubs can utilize it as their main or secondary fundraiser. If you would like to use this as a fundraising opportunity for your conference or club, please contact Bill Tracy at pathfinderpuzzles@gmail.com

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“The cost to send a Pathfinder to Oshkosh can range from $400 to $600 per child,” said Fernando Verduzco, director for the Children’s/Junior Youth Ministries Department. “Thanks for your support in helping send Pathfinders to this once-in-a-lifetime event.”

The 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee will take place Aug. 11-16 in Oshkosh, Wis. More than 36,000 Pathfinders from more than 60 countries are expected to attend, making it the largest six-day Adventist Youth world event.

If you would like to use this as a fundraising opportunity for your conference or club, please contact Bill Tracy at pathfinderpuzzles@gmail.com

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About 125 Pathfinders and 60 staff from throughout south Georgia gathered Oct. 25-27 at Towns Bluff Park and Heritage Center near Hazelhurst, Ga., for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

The Friday evening meeting featured a song service led by the Milledgeville club and a worship thought from Daryl Lewis, coordinator. Lewis spoke on creation, the campout’s theme.

The next morning everyone met under the big tent for Sabbath school, where Matt Ellis presented the new Creation honor. Church followed, with song service by the Brunswick club and a devotional thought by Lewis. During part of his message, Lewis called a few kids up front and asked them to count the hairs on their friend's head. Impossible! But, as he pointed out, God knows how many hairs are on each of our heads!

Sabbath afternoon provided an opportunity for Pathfinders to earn new honors. Those offered included Cats, Spiders, Nutrition, and Geocashing.

The park offered several nature trails to explore, or Pathfinders could participate in a photo scavenger hunt or enjoy being creative with arts and craft projects.

After supper, evening worship was held around a large campfire. The Savannah club led out in song service before Lewis shared more on the creation theme. Worship concluded with appreciation and recognition of Ginnie Sanders, Macon club director, who retired last year from serving as South Georgia Fellowship coordinator.

Following vespers, everyone played a game of Junk Scramble that had Pathfinders scrambling to find things like AAA batteries, toothpicks, heads of lettuce, black shoe strings, and more! Afterward, several played a game of football in the dark, taping glow sticks to the ball.

Sunday morning, Lewis led clubs in a drill down, teaching Pathfinders basic and advanced commands. Soon it was time to break camp and head home, with everyone taking many good memories with them.
A weekend to provide mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual renewal for cancer patients and their families. All those who are currently receiving treatment and those who have completed treatment within the past year, along with their immediate family members and primary caregivers, are invited to attend!

Cost is $50 per family and includes a motel room (2 queen beds), five (5) meals for each person, program/seminars, activities and crafts, and programs for teens and children.

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At the beginning of each school year, kids get much enjoyment from sharing what they did during the summer. Joe Hannah, a fourth-grader at John L. Coble Elementary School (Calhoun, Ga.), is no exception. He smiles broadly when he tells others about an enterprising business he started: Joe’s Jazzin’ Juice.

Joe’s mother, Melissa, coordinated and managed the CREATION Health Farmers’ Market at Gordon Hospital this past summer. The once-a-week farmers’ market is part of the Harris Radiation Therapy Program, a holistic wellness program that promotes healthful living for cancer patients currently undergoing treatment, cancer survivors, and the Calhoun community at large.

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“I TELLS GOOD,” he said. “LIKE HELPING PEOPLE.”
John and Monica Campbell thought to retire and find a home in upstate New York, but God had other plans. The Campbells felt impressed to move to Tennessee, and now they own and operate a health food store and deli, Plum Natural Health Foods and Plum Tasty Deli in Greeneville, Tenn.

“A good day is not really selling a bottle of Vegenaise or that someone enjoys a sandwich for lunch,” John said. “It is the opportunity to point them to Christ.”

John is a retired banker, having worked in Manhattan for 33 years. Monica has been involved with health food, cooking, and natural living for more than 20 years but had never operated a deli until now.

John said a lot of customers come into the health food store not knowing what they want or need.

“Our mission is really to educate people in terms of natural alternatives and lifestyle,” he said. “We want people to work with their physicians, and we also want to introduce them to a healthy lifestyle.”

The couple offers seminars like bread baking and healthy meal planning. They teach the free seminars at the deli and have from 10 to 25 people attending.

Monica and a friend, Jennifer Barnett, operate the vegetarian and vegan deli and provide specials. The deli serves soups, salads, sandwiches, smoothies, and desserts.

“Every dish I wash is for the Lord,” Monica said. “[It’s] an opportunity to share Christ in different ways. [And] we’re having fun. We are not in this for business and making money. God covers the money. We are here because God wants us here.”

Visit vimeo.com/gccsda to watch a video about the Campbells and Plum Tasty Deli.
BLACK BEAN & QUINOA SOUP
Recipe by Isa Chandra Moskowitz  |  taken from theppk.com

INGREDIENTS
1 tablespoon olive oil 1 yellow onion, diced medium
4 cloves garlic, minced 1 cup chopped fresh tomato
1 teaspoon ground cumin 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes 1/2 cup quinoa
1 large carrot, cut into 1/4 inch pieces or so 2 bay leaves
4 cups vegetable broth, divided 1 24-oz. can black beans
1/2 cup chopped cilantro, plus extra for garnish
Avocado (for serving) Tortilla chips (for serving)

DIRECTIONS
Preheat a 4-quart pot over medium heat. Sauté onion in olive oil with a pinch of salt for about 5 minutes, until translucent. Add garlic and sauté with the onions for a few seconds. Then add tomato, cumin, oregano, and red pepper flakes and cook for a minute or so, just to break down the tomatoes a bit.

Add quinoa, carrots, and bay leaves, and then pour in 2 cups of the broth. Cover and bring to a boil. Let boil for 5 minutes or so, until al dente (mostly tender with a little firmness).

Add the remainder of the broth, the black beans with their cooking liquid, and the cilantro. Cover and bring to a boil, then remove the lid, lower heat to a simmer, and cook for 10 minutes or so, to cook the quinoa the rest of the way.

Taste for salt and seasonings and let sit for 10 minutes or so to allow the flavors to marry. Remove bay leaves and serve topped with crushed tortillas, avocado, and cilantro.

Serves 6  |  Total time: 40 minutes | Active time: 20 minutes
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