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## Greater Collegedale School System Considers New Middle School

By Jodi Ruf

GCSS constituents need to mark their calendars for June 12, 2006. Constituent churches need their members to attend this meeting as well as provide prayer and input for deciding on this crucial matter. During a business meeting of all three GCSS constituent churches that evening a new middle school will be discussed. Why, you may ask, does Collegedale need a middle school? Here are a few answers:

For the 2006-2007 school year only two grades at AWS have room for any more students.

Over the last several years, a steadily increasing number of families desire to have their children attend A. W.

Spalding. Current projections indicate that number will continue to grow.

However, AWS is already more than full. Language classes meet in the principals' offices, the school counselor and chaplain's offices have been created from hallways and closets. Additionally, no space exists for flexible small group work, the administrative offices are scattered in various nooks throughout the building, teacher materials and supplies are stacked on every available surface in classrooms, and the kitchen had to be eliminated to make room for more classroom space.

For this past school year, almost 50 more students attended than the building was built for. No room is available at the current site for expansion.

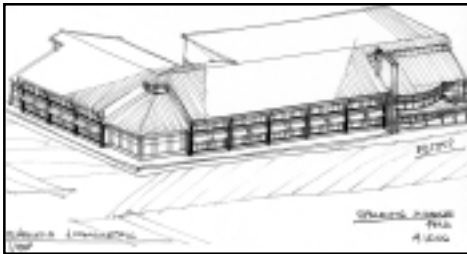
Clearly something must be done. Students could be turned away, but is that the best way to fulfill our educational mission? Should the school expand in order to meet both current and future needs?

The school, churches and community have been grappling with this growing problem for the last few years. One reason was the expansion of CA. Hundreds of students benefitted from that addition this year and many more will in the future.

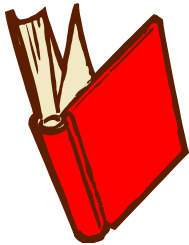
Based on the response of surveys and many discussions in meetings, consensus is growing that a new middle school could be both beneficial and within the ability of our com-

munity to support financially. Plans have been presented and approved by the church boards of the three constituent churches. The next step is to hold a business meeting to share with everyone the present need, the current plan and the goal necessary for success.

Who should come? All who are interested in supporting quality, Christ-centered education for our young people. This includes parents of AWS and CA students, grandparents, teachers, members of area SDA constituent and non-constituent churches and school alumni. The whole community is needed for broad input as we consider this major undertaking. The meeting is Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.



*Preliminary schematic drawn by Frank McDonald Architects.*



## Library Is Full

Thanks to your generosity, our Church Library is full. We are no longer taking books at this time. If you have books suitable for Earliteen or Youth age, please contact these Sabbath School departments about providing your books for their class libraries. Thank you!

# Pastor's Challenge



Pastor Paul Carlson

## Overextended, Anyone?

Are you overstretched? By the time you read this, the Revelation of Hope meetings with Mark Finley have been well under way. A number of our members have been busily and faithfully helping in this tremendous outreach ministry. Some may even feel their lives are stretched too thin. Does that sound familiar? You may feel that way too, overextended like an uncoordinated symphony perhaps.

There's a story about a symphony concert held in Philadelphia. One of the movements featured a flute solo that was to be played as if coming from a distance. The conductor had instructed the flutist to stand off stage where he was to count the measures precisely in order to come in at the

exact time, since there could be no visual contact between the conductor and the soloist.

On the performance night when the time came for the flute solo, the flutist began exactly on time. The fine, lilting notes floated out beautifully. But suddenly there was a pinching sour note and the soloist was silent. The conductor was outraged and at the end of the piece he rushed off stage to find the poor flutist.

The player was prepared. "Maestro," he said, "Before you say anything let me tell you what happened. But really, you're not going to believe it. You know I came in accurately, and everything was going beautifully, when suddenly this enormous stage hand ran up, grabbed away my flute, and pushed me back, saying, 'Shut up, you idiot! Don't you know there's a concert going on out there?'"

Where am I going with this? Sometimes we don't know how everything will come to-

gether. We may have differing ideas of what

needs to be done. Mistakes may even be made. But it is true that God is our conductor and we can be sure that He knows how to fit all the pieces together. We need God's guidance more than ever so that we can accomplish our mission of reaching people for Jesus Christ. And we can trust confidently in Him to guide our church's outreach and ministry needs.

The only remaining question is: Are we paying attention to our Conductor? Please join me in praying

for us to follow His leading.



*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose," Romans 8:28.*

## Manna

The Manna is the official newsletter of the McDonald Road Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is published monthly and distributed to members and friends of the church. Items of interest to the McDonald Road Church family should be submitted in typewritten form at the church office (see address, fax number, and office hours below) or by email to [Manna@mcdonald.southern.edu](mailto:Manna@mcdonald.southern.edu).

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## Sermon Schedule

- "Dr. God's Advice" Sabbath, June 3  
• by Pastor Paul Carlson
- "Tender Warriors" Sabbath, June 10  
• by Pastor Don Gettys
- "Holy Bread" - Communion Sabbath, June 17  
• by Pastor Don Gettys
- "When the Lamb Roars" Sabbath, June 24  
• by Pastor Don Gettys

## The Heavenly Want Ad

By Adrian Boyer

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers  
are few."*

*Matthew 9:37*

### I

There's an urgent Want Ad published  
By the GOOD NEWS GOSPEL PRESS,  
Calling for a Core of Workers  
To proclaim God's Righteousness.

### II

All are guaranteed Employment,  
Plus a Job Security,  
And the Wages are Supernal  
Paid in Heaven's Currency.

### III

And the Benefits continue  
Throughout all Eternity:  
You'll be blest beyond all Measure,  
And from Care and Worry free

### IV

Now the Work will soon be finished,  
And the Want Ad be withdrawn,  
And a Lifetime Opportunity  
To your Sorrow will be gone.

### V

Why not place your Application  
In the Master's Hand Today,  
While the Invitation's open,  
Lest you lose out by Delay?

### VI

For the Harvest is Abundant,  
But the Laborers are few.  
There's a Need for faithful Workers:  
Can the LORD depend on YOU?



## Support Our Troops!

*Get Involved with McDonald Road  
Church's Service Personnel Ministry*

Contact Ann Davis, Service Personnel Ministry Director, at 396-2966 or e-mail her at [scottsmom1983@yahoo.com](mailto:scottsmom1983@yahoo.com) for more information on how you can help.

## Jesus: Social Activist

By Melissa Turner, editor

One of my writing assignments as editorial assistant at Chattanooga Magazine recently took me down through the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue projects in East Chattanooga. As I drove along in my comfortable, air-conditioned car with the doors locked, I watched out the windows as young people strolled along the sidewalks or sat on front steps at 10:00 on a weekday morning. As I took in this common scene, I thought to myself, “Why aren’t these young people in school? Why don’t they have jobs? What could I do to help them? What could our church do to help them?”

Andrews University and Pioneer Memorial Church have partnered in carrying out an impressive work in the crime-battered city of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Benton Harbor is a notorious inner city environment where the 2003 crime index was three times higher than the national average, where the median household income was just \$17,471 and where the unemployment rate of 16.3 percent was above the state average. Located just 20 miles away, the Andrews community could have kept to themselves, busy with studies and religious activities, but instead they broke free from the safety constraints of living in an Adventist community and began reaching out to the crime-infested city of Benton Harbor. Going door-to-door praying with people, offering religious meetings and Bible studies, helping with physical needs, Andrews has broken down barriers and touched the face of Jesus in so many battered and broken inner city people.

Citizens of Chattanooga were recently given the opportunity to be reminded of one aspect of our own city’s great needs during the premier of a documentary on Chattanooga’s homeless population. During the course of the hour and forty-five minute documentary, Chattanooga’s citizens were introduced to the homeless of this revitalized Southern city. Yes, Chattanooga has come a long way, but it still has a long way to go yet. Four thousand homeless people wander the streets of Chattanooga day and sometimes even night. One Chattanooga Community Kitchen health care worker said, “We

have people dying out on the streets of this city, this is not right.”

What can you and I do to help? What can our church do to help? I think it should be obvious that we need to do something to help right here in our own community. The people of Chattanooga are searching. They are searching for love, kindness, happiness, peace, rest. Do these sound strikingly familiar? As children of God, we have been given the Fruits of the Spirit not just for our own spiritual strength but also to share with others who are searching for these good things



*Security in an Insecure World, photographed by Carissa Hernandez, photography student, at the Benton Harbor Street Ministries for a university promotion.*

from God.

We have been blessed with material resources, individual talents and spiritual peace and purpose, and now it is our privilege to share these blessings in a direct and personal way. Jesus says, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked,” (Luke 12:48). As we think about how we can give back, how we can be involved in social service in our community, we can consider another blessing—we have a head start in being equipped to answer the social needs of greater Chattanooga. We happen to know one of the greatest social activists in human history—Jesus Christ.

Knowing Jesus and His amazing love, we are empowered to go out as His modern-day disciples and touch the multitudes with the love that surpasses anything on earth. If we have truly been touched by Jesus’ love our hardened, selfish hearts will be melted

and we will be touched by the things that move God’s heart, we will have an inner drive and purpose toward sharing His love with others in all walks of life—especially those who have experienced social injustices such as the homeless, the hungry, the diseased, the dirty, the illiterate, the mentally challenged and whoever else God connects us with—just like Jesus did when He lived here and served others here on earth.

One of the great “If...Then” chapters of the Bible, Isaiah 58, reminds us of what true religion is and its description resounds of the life Jesus later lived as an example for us to follow. God says, “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: *to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*” (verses 5, 6 and 7).

Jesus did not depend on the Red Cross or the Community Kitchen to fulfill society’s needs. Jesus Himself was a ready social activist who was daily involved in loving others, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the sick and releasing the oppressed and imprisoned. It was a way of life for Him, as it has been for Christians ever since. He set the ultimate example and when He comes again He will say to His faithful followers, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me,” (Matthew 25:34-36).

A challenge stands before us. We live on the edge of a growing and bustling community where thousands are being left behind and need our love, our care and our help with some of the most basic needs in life. We have a huge mission field right in our own backyard. What can we do to help?

## Critter Corner

Uncle Burney's

### "Slinky Skinks"



When looking for a word to describe the little five-lined Skink, the word slinky came to mind. Things that slither, slide on their bellies and slip around and hide under rocks are slinky. My introduction to the slinky little skink family was anything but proper. These little lizards seem to appear out of nowhere and are so quiet that unless you are looking for them they will go unnoticed. You'll find them in your garden under rocks, boards, or piles of limbs.

Skinks, like most lizards, are harmless and like most reptiles in nature they won't hurt you, but they can startle you into hurting yourself. Skinks, like snakes, like to sunbathe to warm them up and help with their digestion. They are very helpful around your house by eating insect pests. The most common skink we have here in the Eastern part of Tennessee is the 5-lined skink, the one with the beautiful, bright blue tail.

It takes a lot of time and effort to get to really know nature but the rewards are well worth it. The more you learn the more you will appreciate and respect what your Heavenly Father has done for you. Go out and turn over a few rocks and get personally involved with God's creations.



Find more nature stories by Uncle Burney at Uncle Burney's Critter Corner Online at:

<http://mcdonald.southern.edu/kids/corner/>.

Currently, there are over 50 exciting critter tales with colorful drawings and paintings by Uncle Burney available online. Check it out!

## Water Wonders

### "Penguins"

By Mrs. Janice Parker

Paddy the Emperor Penguin leaves the water of the Arctic Ocean and starts her long journey to the breeding ground in Antarctica. Other penguins join her on this journey which can be as long as 70 miles. It is the dark time of the year, and traveling is slow over the frozen ice and snow. Paddy uses her beak like a pick for balance and to help her go up the frozen snow banks.

Paddy and her friends reach the breeding ground which contains a large colony of Penguins called a rookery.

She looks for a mate. Soon a handsome penguin attracts her attention. His bright orange ear patch draws her to him. Paddy and Pervis court for about one



month before she lays her egg. Very carefully she transfers the egg to Pervis' feet. Pervis carefully covers the egg with his brood pouch to keep it warm and safe. He will care for the egg for nine weeks.

Paddy and the other female penguins return to the ocean to eat and bring back food for the chicks. It is very important that they get back by the time the chicks are hatched because the chicks can't live long without food.

It is very cold and dark. The penguins huddle together in a cluster which can contain as many as 6,000 penguins. They move constantly from the outside of the cluster to the inside to keep warm. The cold and wind can be as much as 50 degrees below zero. Their bodies are covered with feathers and fat to keep them warm, but their beaks, eyes and feet aren't so they tuck their heads down and keep their feet moving or balance on their tails.

When Paddy and the others return, she takes over the care of the chick. Soon the chick is big enough so they can return to the ocean and feed on fish, squid and shrimp.

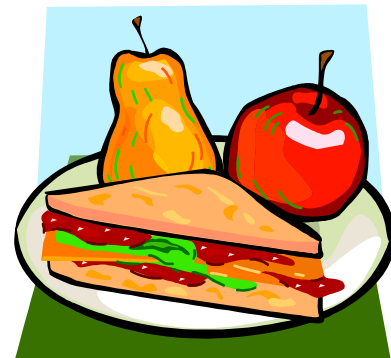
# Church News

## Come and Enjoy Fellowship Lunch on June 10

Look at our fresh new ideas!

-A designated play area for the children with special family seating

-A simple menu to make dinner more enjoyable for all of us



Please bring each of the following items to be shared at the fellowship dinner

- 1 sandwich for each family member plus 4 extra for visitors
- Any type of salad (i.e. pasta, toss, potato, taco)
- 1 dozen cookies

Table service and ice cold water are provided

The kitchen will be closed if your food will need chilling please bring a cooler

In an effort to provide a fellowship lunch that will meet the needs of all our church family we ask that you stay after lunch to help everyone clean up.

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## McDonald Road Church Social Committee June Schedule

**June 10—Church Fellowship Lunch** (see announcement above)

**June 17—Sabbath Afternoon in the Park** will be at the SAU Student Park Pavilion. There will be a Sabbath afternoon hike and a walk planned to begin from the park at 3:00 p.m. Following the hike we will have Sabbath hymns played bluegrass-style. If you have a guitar, fiddle, dulcimer, banjo, etc., you are invited to join in. For those of you who are not musical just bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fellowship. Our Sabbath evening picnic will be at 5:30 p.m. in the pavilion. Drinks, bread and table service will be provided. Please bring any type of salad for our evening meal together. (fruit, taco, toss salad, pasta, etc.)

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## June activities for the Earliteen Sabbath School

**Miniature golf** at Sir Gooney's on June 17 we will leave from Student Park after sundown.

**Waterskiing and boating outing** time and date to be announced at a later date.

**White Water Rafting**—sign up is now open and we need your name and your money by July 21. Our rafting trip will come at the end of our camping weekend, which is August 4-6. Our rafting trip will take place on the afternoon of August 6. You won't want to miss this wonderful trip. Church members are invited to join the Earliteen class on their rafting trip. Rafters must be 12 years old. Call 396-9502 to make your reservations.