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“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

- Matthew 14:12-14

Campaign for Community

With the struggling economy, this year the demand for the Samaritan Center's emergency assistance services is greater than ever. As a result, having a successful Samaritan Center Campaign for Community 2008 Fundraiser is essential.

From October through December, this fundraiser brings in cash support for the essential services the Samaritan Center offers to thousands of individuals throughout the year. These services include assistance with food, utility bills, rent, furniture, personal care products, and more.

But the Samaritan Center does more than just offer services; we help people. For example, this year there was one elderly man who was in an accident and couldn't work for some time. He and his wife were raising their grandchildren on a limited income, and the Samaritan Center was able to help them with food, clothes for their grandkids, and a couple utilities bills while he recovered.

And then there was the single mother who was undergoing cancer treatments and had her home foreclosed at the same time. She didn't know how she was going to make it, but after we helped her with food, clothes, school supplies, and a gas bill, she was filled with new hope. Sometimes it's just listening to people's fears and praying with them that is the greatest comfort of all.

This year's Samaritan Center Campaign for Community goal is \$200,000; as of early November, we have \$51,882. Please give generously during this important time to share help for today and hope for tomorrow with the grandfathers, single moms, and other people in need who come to the Samaritan Center.

To donate, visit www.thesamaritancenter.net, or mail a check to 9231 Lee Hwy, Ooltewah, TN, 37363. Call 238-7777, ext. 13, for more information.

- Angela Baerg, The Samaritan Center



Photo by Angela Baerg

Abigail, Gabriela, and Nolvía Dinarte are one family that received assistance from the Samaritan Center this year.

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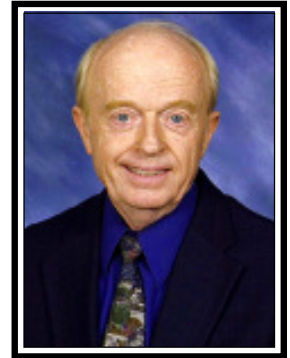
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Pastor's Challenge

Stand Firm in Sobering Times

I read a stark statement this week that I believe refers to the last days that we find ourselves living in. It read: *"There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis"* 9T13.



Pastor Don Gettys

We live in sobering times when big companies are falling like dominos. Bear-Sterns, Circuit City, General Motors, and hundreds more are tanking.

Gigantic cargo ships sit anchored silently, stretching as far as the eye can see from Singapore's gleaming skyscrapers, and they are a stark illustration of the worst threat to business that veterans of the shipping industry have ever seen. Ships, immobile on the horizon, going nowhere. For an economy such as Singapore, it is the stuff of nightmares. World shipping is way down. The Baltic Dry Index (BDI) of shipping rates for materials such as iron ore and coal has plunged by nearly 90 percent. People are not spending money. Revelation 18:11 speaks of the fall of the last day Babylon and refers to the ships: No one buys their cargoes any more.

Will the good times come back? Is the party over? Will our financial leaders struggle in vain to find a way out? Are we headed for a major depression like 1929 or worse? Could the events we see be ushering in the last days and the time of trouble? Could Jesus coming be real soon? We as a people ought to be the very elect. We ought to be studying the prophecies and sharing the truth with a doomed world. We ought to be prepared physically, mentally, and spiritually for the events of the end of time. Is your house in order? Are you faithful to Jesus and His church? The storm is coming and even now seems to be bearing down upon us. Jesus said: "He who stands firm to the end will be saved," Matthew 24:13.

- Don Gettys

Sermon Schedule

- "Jesus' Pockets Were Empty" Sabbath, December 6
- by Don Gettys
- "Every Birth is New" Sabbath, December 13
- by Don Gettys
- "The Christmas Sign" Sabbath, December 20
- by David Cook
- "Jesus the Tongue Tamer" Sabbath, December 27
- by Don Gettys

Church Business

The Church Board Notes, Financial Updates, and Membership Transfers are not available in the online Manna Highlights. If you would like to know this information, please contact the McDonald Road Church office.

Samaritan Center Needs

The Samaritan Center needs size 3 & 4 (large child) diapers, clear trash bags, canned fruit, liquid dish soap and detergent, Christmas toys, backpacks, syrup, and canned beets. If you can help, please bring items to the Samaritan Center front desk or call 238-7777, ext. 23, to make other arrangements.

Offering Schedule

Dec. 6	Local Church Budget
Dec. 13	Inner City Ministries (NAD)
Dec. 20	Local Church Budget
Dec. 27	Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

Reaching In

The Master is Calling

By Adrian Boyer

Hark! 'tis the Saviour that calleth

Bidding you not to delay.

Up from your slumber awaken,

Go to my vineyard today.

Now is the time of the harvest —

Now must the reaping be done,

Tarry no longer He pleadeth,

Soon comes setting of sun.

List! in the cool of the evening

Shadows bend over the lea,

Oft as the gentle dew falleth

Whispers His last tender plea.

Go to my vineyard and labor —

Gather the lost to the fold,

Jesus will grant you tomorrow

Crowns of bright glories untold.

Women's Ministries Packs Boxes for Troops

Women from the McDonald Road Church gathered in the fireside room of the church to celebrate Veterans Day on Tuesday evening, Nov. 11. McDonald Road Women's Ministries director Sheryl Baker began the program by sharing a devotional thought and leading a number of patriotic songs.



The main event of the evening was packing boxes for service men and women stationed overseas. Thirty boxes were filled with pillows, lip balm, snacks, and cards made by the women will be sent to Afghanistan, Iraq, Alaska, and Missouri.

Sheryl Baker says McDonald Road Women's

Ministries held this event to show their support for the service men and women. "We want to show that McDonald Road Church supports them and hopefully we can show God's love through our church," she shared.

This is the first of many service opportunities that will be available during the holiday season. Women's Ministries will be collecting school supplies for students in Rockwood, Tenn., which is where the McDonald Road Earliteens went on a

mission trip last year. Women's Ministries will also be collecting Christmas gifts to give to four families from Room in the Inn. Watch for bulletin announcements with more information about these opportunities.

- Becky Brooks



Reaching Out

Youth Generate New Bible Studies in East Ridge

Thirteen youth from our church plant in East Ridge were busy the first two weeks of November working with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Maga Book Program. The group included Jason Anders, Allison Anders, Zack Barrow, Morgan Barrow, Wesley Donesky, Alex Donesky, Matthew Hollie, David Hollie, Seth Ruhling, Hannah Smith, Matthew Smith, Mindy Vanderoef, and Levi Vanderoef.

Led by Jimmy Farriester, these homeschoolers canvassed East Ridge and surrounding areas. In nine days of knocking on hundreds of doors, they received \$7,000 in donations which represented distributing approximately 1,000 books. The books included the *Desire of Ages*, *Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, children's books and cookbooks. One canvasser, Morgan Barrow, was able to leave eight books with a homeowner. This former Adventist was so excited to receive the books and said she was never usually home at that time. God definitely set up this divine appointment.

Canvassing has generated more Bible studies for our church plant. We need individuals willing to follow up with these contacts. If you are interested, please call Phyllis Smith at 559-2094. Please pray for these contacts and all those involved with our church plant. Check out future bulletin announcements to keep up-to-date on what is happening in East Ridge!

- Jay and Pam Anders



McDonald Road Honors Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, McDonald Road Church hosted guest speaker Chaplain Dean Darroux of Fort Knox, Ky., on Sabbath, Nov. 8. As part of the service, Clarence Merritt asked veterans in the congregation to stand.



Clarence Merritt

Photo by Jerry Harrison



Veterans stand at first service.

Photo by Becky Brooks



Dean Darroux

Photo by Grant Tuttle

Kids' Corner

Jungle Jaunts with Jack and Jerry

"Is there any place left that we might see some lions?" asks Jack.

"I know of a place where the lions sometimes hang out, but it is off the main road. Are you willing to do some four-wheeling to see if they are there?" asks Oscar.

"Sure are," they all answer together.

"Hang on. It will be a bit bumpy," laughs Oscar. Oscar turns off the main road and takes off into the open area. The van bumps along jarring them from side to side. "There's a knoll up ahead where the lions rest. Keep your eyes open for them," says Oscar.

Off in the distance they see the knoll and it looks like something is on it. Jerry takes out his binoculars and focuses on the knoll. "Lions, I see lions," shouts Jerry.

We will only be able to get within 100 yards of them, but you will be able to see them with your binoculars quite well," admonishes Oscar.

"One, two, three, I see a male, three females, and three cubs," exclaims Jack.

"What beautiful creatures, look how proudly the male walks, no wonder he is called The King of the Beasts," muses mother.

Jerry gets out his Wild African Animals book and reads: "Lions live in Eastern and Southern Africa. They spend most of their time resting. At dusk they socialize and groom each other. They hunt at night with most of their catch gotten just before dawn. Wildebeest, zebra, and buffalo are some of their favorites. The lionesses do most of the hunting because they are smaller and can run faster. The mane of the male lion makes it harder for him to run fast and he can be seen easier because of it.

"A group of lions is called a pride and is made up of one or two males several females and cubs. They are beige in color. Even though the females catch and kill the animal, the male eats first and the females and cubs get what is left. When male cubs get to be two to three years old, they leave their pride and live with other young males. The female cubs stay with their pride. Most adult lions live to be about 10 years old. Only about 20 percent of the cubs make it to adult hood.

Jack takes out his notepad and writes, Lions. It's time for the park to close so Oscar stops the van at the office and they all get out. "Thank you so much for a wonderful day," says the family together.

"Thanks mom and dad for taking us to see all the wonderful animals God has created," Jack and Jerry say together.

- Janice Parker



Use the code to fill in the blanks:

"MY _____ HATH _____ HIS _____ AND HATH _____ THE _____
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MOUTHS THAT THEY HAVE NOT _____ . ME." Daniel 6:22.
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Connecting

Groundbreaking Held for Middle School



As the bucket on the backhoe pierced the roof and pushed in a wall, cheers and clapping came from many in the crowd. Although it was a perfectly good house, and had been a home for many years, with its demolition it brought hope for the future...the future of a new Middle School in Collegedale, Tenn.

The groundbreaking on October 26 was unfortunately just a ceremonial program. To begin actual construction on the Middle School one hundred percent of the construction budget needs to be pledged. As of October 25, over \$225,000 was still needed.

The program included remarks from Don Duff (School Control Board Chair), Murray Cooper (AW Spalding Principal), John Turner (Mayor of Collegedale), Wolf Jedamski (Church Administrator), Gordon Bietz (Southern Adventist University President), and Ed Wright (Georgia-Cumberland Conference President). The Collegedale

Academy Caroliers sang "A Cannon of Praise" in celebration of the memorable day.

With 439 students enrolled at A.W. Spalding for the 2008-09 school year and 16 on the waiting list, the need to expand is obvious according to Cynthia Gettys, conference vice president for Education.

Murray Cooper, A.W. Spalding Principal, says, "The new building will allow for significant growth of the middle school and give additional space in the existing AWS building for growth in K-5 grades as well."

- Sherrie Williams

Fire Destroys Heritage Faculty Home

Vlasta Hybl, canvassing director for Heritage Academy in Monterey, Tenn., returned home Saturday morning, Nov. 8, to find a fire in his basement near the furnace. The home, located on the campus of Heritage Academy, billowed smoke as staff and students used garden hoses to attack the fire. By about 12:00 PM when firefighters arrived, flames were showing through the roof. It took the fire department several hours to extinguish the flames, inspect the damage, and declare the area safe.

At 2:30 AM, Sunday morning, Nov. 9, faculty members of the boarding school awoke to a rekindled fire with the house fully engulfed with flames as high as 60 feet. By the time firefighters returned, the home and its contents were a total loss. Mr. & Mrs. Hybl and their three children were staying in another home on the campus at the time it reignited. No one was injured throughout these events. Contact Debbie Baker at 931-239-4425 with any questions.

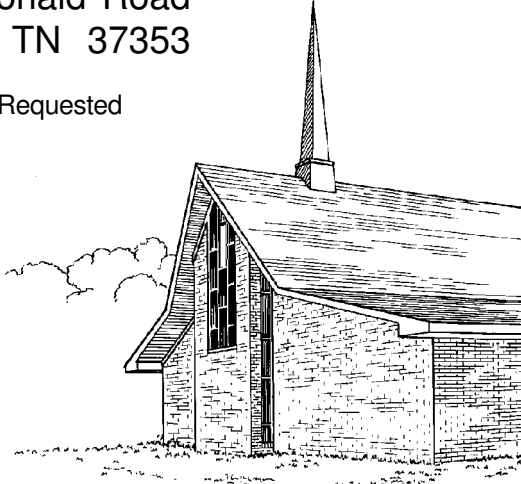
- Debbie Baker, Heritage Academy



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What's Happening

Christmas is just around the corner, so....consider enjoying watching Spirit-filled young people praising God through song and strings in a GORGEOUS winter wonderland!! Fountainview Academy students created and are selling: *Go Tell it on The Mountain*. This DVD is something you will enjoy over the Holidays and will make a lovely gift. Each DVD costs \$20. All proceeds go directly to mission projects that Brad Donesky, Robby and Randy Folkenberg, Jeremy Grabiner, Ethan McGrath and Elizabeth Ruhling are involved in. If you would like to purchase one of these DVDs, contact one of the ladies listed below:

Nancy Donesky, 396-3280
Audrey Folkenberg, 715-6245
Vivian Grabiner, 236-4887
Marsha McGrath, 883-9214
Diane Ruhling, 236-4705

Know a Missionary from McDonald Road?

Ask them to send their stories and photos to manna@mcdonaldroad.org. We love sharing the mission experiences of our McDonald Road Church members.

Church Budget: Our church budget was short at the end of October. Church Treasurer Sheryl Baker reports that this is not due to overspending, rather, the amount needed to meet the budget is just not coming in. Please remember the church budget in your personal giving plan.

Volunteers Needed at Morning Pointe at Greenbriar Cove Assisted Living or The Lantern Alzheimer's Care in Collegedale. There are many ways you can help. Call 396-6999 for more details.

Regular Programs

Weekly Worship Services

First Service
Saturdays at 8:50 a.m.

Second Service
Saturdays at 11:25 a.m.

Sabbath School
Saturdays at
10:00-11:20 a.m.

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.