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"Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!...Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

- Acts 28:28,31

Youth Crusaders Share Jesus

Six months ago, a group of about a dozen young people, ranging in age from ten to seventeen, came together to form the Youth Crusaders ShareHim group at the McDonald Road Seventh-day Adventist church. For six months, these youth reached out to their non-Christian friends and acquaintances, leading them to Jesus through friendship evangelism. And finally, on April 25, the Youth Crusaders began their first full-scale evangelistic series. The series was held in the Fireside Room of the church and ran through May 16.



Photo by Kristal Wever

Youth Crusader Randy Folkenberg preaches at one of the evening meetings during the series.



Photo by Kristal Wever

A representative from 3ABN interviews the group of Youth Crusaders on the last night of the series.

Five young people volunteered to be the speakers, only one of whom had preached in an evangelistic series before. Other members of the group coordinated music, dealt with the technical side of the work, and greeted attendees at the door. For sixteen nights, with minimal assistance from their parents and adult friends, the group of young people did nearly all the work involved in the effort. And by the end of the series, seven people—including one of the speakers—made commitments to baptism.

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Pastor's Challenge

Go for the Maximum

Let's suppose you have a credit card debt of \$15,000. Let's suppose you manage to make the minimum monthly payment and you cut your credit card into little pieces and throw it away charging nothing else. Did you know that it would take you 48 years and 11 months to pay off your debt? You will end up paying back to the credit card company \$55,370.41. I imagine most of you think the person who would do that would be about two quarts low.

Think about your spiritual life. Let's suppose you do the minimum prayer time. A quick prayer dashed off towards heaven once or twice a day. You don't take time to communicate deeply with God. Let's suppose you do the minimum Bible study. You read a verse or a few now and then. You don't take time to study deeply. Let's suppose you do the minimum witnessing. You meet someone and say, "God Bless You." You never really share your faith with your neighbor and remain uninvolved in sharing Jesus in a Bible study or holding a meeting or going on a mission trip. Will you be strong spiritually? A sluggish, slow, almost dead Christian experience will be your result.

What is the solution? If you face a heavy debt you must get a second job and limit almost other discretionary expenditures and pay large quantities of money to liquidate this awful debt as quickly as possible. In your spiritual life, you must limit discretionary things that do not enhance your spirituality. If you do not have time for Jesus then turn off that TV. Cancel newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

What would you think of a gardener who planted three kernels of corn in the spring with the hope of reaping ten bushels of corn in the fall? The Bible says, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

It takes time to grow. Ellen White said, "Oh, that we would spend more time upon our knees." (*This Day with God*, p. 277). I urge you to invest largely in your spiritual life, and you will reap rich spiritual dividends. Attend church faithfully, study steadfastly, pray diligently and you will grow speedily. You might not have 48 years.

- Pastor Don Gettys



Pastor Don Gettys

Sermon Schedule

- "Will the Real Father Stand Up" Sabbath, June 7
- by Paul Carlson
- "Is Time Really Short?" Sabbath, June 14
- by Don Gettys
- Communion Sabbath Sabbath, June 21
- Eating Unworthily?
- by David Cook
- "What to Do When the Wine Runs Out" Sabbath, June 28
- by Don Gettys

Church Business

Order Oregon Fruit Today

Now is the time to place orders for Frozen fruit from Oregon. The deadline for ordering is June 15, and the fruit will arrive sometime in the beginning of September. Delivery is at the Collegedale Church parking lot on the designated day of arrival. All orders must be prepaid, so the truck driver does not have to deal with any money exchanges. Fruit comes in 14 lb boxes. It is pitted (Cherries, apricots etc) and is loose frozen so is easy to repackage in smaller portions for your freezer if you wish. For information and ordering call Kathy Cook at 236-4801. There is nothing better than fresh fruit in January!! The fruit has been excellent in the past.

Samaritan Center Needs:

Right now the Samaritan Center needs: Canned Juice, Grits, Macaroni & Cheese, Maple Syrup, Mayonaise, Oil, Pancake Mix. If you can help with these items, bring them to drop-box in the church lobby, take them to the Samaritan Center front desk during office hours, or call 238-7777, ext 23, to make other arrangements.

Offering Schedule

June 7	Local Church Budget
June 14	Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries/ Multilingual Ministries (WBO)
June 21	Local Church Budget
June 28	Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

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.

Reaching In

My Song

“...and with my song I will praise Him”
Psalm 28:7

By Adrian Boyer

I thank the Lord from Day to Day
For all His Love and Care,
And lift my Voice in Gratitude
For answering my Prayer.

I keep a Song within my Heart
To cheer me on the Way.
It scatters dismal Clouds of Gloom
That oft my Path assay.

And with a Song I'll praise the Lord,
In Hymns of joyful Sound,
For all the Blessings He bestows,
Though Troubles may abound.

How comforting it is to know,
Whatever may befall,
My Lord is just a Prayer away,
And hears me when I call.

With such Divine Assurance then,
Tomorrows hold no fear,
Nor can Temptations Lure entice
with Jesus ever near.

And so I thank my Lord each Day,
For all His Love and Care,
And raise my Voice in Songs of Praise
For answering my Prayer.

Beyond the Uniform:

Why McDonald Road Church Member Linda Albertson Chooses To Be a Volunteer Nurse at the Samaritan Center

Linda Albertson's inspiration for entering the field of nursing still makes her laugh.

“I liked the spiffy look of the white uniforms they wore,” she confesses. “Of course, I wanted to help people, too, and all that.”

Forty-four years later, she's still at it.

After graduating from Columbia Union College in 1964, Linda served her community professionally as a nurse for many years. However, when she and her husband moved from Illinois to Florida in 2000, she decided it was time to retire.

“We moved to Florida, and I just never went back to work,” she says.

By the time Linda and her husband moved to Collegedale in 2005, Linda longed to make use of her talents through volunteering in some way. She was excited when she saw a call in her church newsletter for volunteer nurses at the Samaritan Center.

“I thought, ‘I'm retired. I'm a nurse. Why not?’” she remembers.

Linda didn't regret her decision. At the Samaritan Center, she found a relaxing atmosphere where for two hours each week she could help people by taking blood pressures and answering the health questions of shoppers, clients, and bystanders.

Often her task is relaxing and routine.

“Then there are those other times when you discover that someone has a *really* high blood pressure,” she says, “times when you tell them they need to go to a doctor immediately, or they might have a stroke or something worse. It's times like those you feel like you're really making a difference.”

After Linda finishes manning her post, she always tries to browse the stores and snag a few bargains. “To help sustain the economy,” she says with a wink.

Though it doesn't involve spiffy uniforms, Linda says that she would highly recommend the world of volunteer nursing to anyone.

“Go for it,” she urges. “The hours are good (since you choose your own), and since the pay is heavenly, it's out of this world.”

- Angela Baerg, The Samaritan Center



Photo by Angela Baerg

Linda Albertson, a member of the McDonald Road Church, volunteers as a nurse for the Samaritan Center.

Reaching Out

Attention: Parents of Adventurers and Pathfinders

I would like to share some crucial information regarding Adventurers and Pathfinders. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference policy states that children must be in the fifth grade in order to join Pathfinders. This has caused some confusion when children finish Adventurers before they finish the fourth grade. Due to this fact, beginning this fall we will require that children be in the first grade in order to register for Busy Bees.

Our Pre-Adventurers program consists of Little Lambs (age 4) and Eager Beavers (age 5). Please carefully consider when you allow your child to join Pre-Adventurers. If your child will not begin first grade the year after Eager Beavers, they will need to repeat Eager Beavers, or wait a year to join Busy Bees.

Both Adventurers and Pathfinders offer wonderful experiences for your children and their walk with Jesus. Don't let your children miss the fun and blessing that both of these clubs provide. We look forward to another great year ahead!.
- Pastor David Cook

Youth Crusaders Share Jesus - *continued from page 1* -

Although there were technical difficulties and unexpected obstacles, the reward of working together to see people come to Christ outweighed the stresses of managing the campaign. At the last meeting, many of the group members described the meetings as "nerve-racking"; yet at the same time, they didn't want the series to end.

Through this event, the Youth Crusaders have discovered the delight of leading others to Jesus. One of the speakers, Christy Morse, describes an incident that illustrates this principle:

"I had the first card call," she explains. "While I was giving it I glanced over at one of my friends' parents and saw her crying. That was just a very touching experience for me."

As youth pastor David Cook described the group's evangelistic campaign, "It's thrilling!"

- Briana Wever



Photo by Kristal Wever

These young people were part of the Youth Crusaders team. Back row: Stephen Wade, Elizabeth Laffue, Briana Wever, Heather Peel, Christy Morse. Front row: Joshua Wade, Katie Folkenberg, Randy Folkenberg.



Photo by Kristal Wever

Before each meeting the group members who were present gathered for prayer. Here, left to right, are Todd Wever, Briana Wever, Ben Wever, pastor David Cook, Randy Folkenberg, and Tim Wade.

Kids' Corner



Jungle Jaunts with Jack and Jerry

It is early afternoon and the boys are getting restless. After watching the zebras, Oscar heads the van down the road.

"Let's play a game," suggests Mother.

"I know," says Jack. "Whoever sees an animal can say, 'I spy,' so the rest of us can see it."

"That's a good idea," replies Oscar. "I know of some members of the primate family that live not too far down this road. Let's keep an eye out for them."

"What's a primate?" asks Jerry.

"It's a member of the order of animals like gorillas, monkeys, apes, and baboons," says Oscar. "The ones we're looking for will be on the ground and not swinging from the trees, so don't look up to find them."

Jack and Jerry watch the sides of the road carefully to see if they can be the first to see the new animal.

"I spy," says Dad. "Look up ahead on the left side of the road. I think there is a family of baboons."

"You are right," says Oscar, "and they are the ones we are looking for."

"They are a lot bigger than the monkeys we saw earlier today," remarks Jerry. "Look at all their fur. I see a mother carrying a baby; it sure is hanging on tight."

Jack gets out the Wild African Animals book and looks up baboons. "What kind of a baboon are these?" asks Jack.

"They are called olive baboons," explains Oscar.

Jack reads, "All baboons have 'dog-like heads' with a long muzzle. Their eyes are close-set and they have powerful jaws. They are covered with thick fur except around their muzzle. Their tails are short and there are hairless pads on their hindquarters. These are nerveless calluses of skin that provide comfort when they are sitting. The males average around 35 inches and weigh about 65 pounds. Olive baboons are ground dwellers and are found in open fields, woodlands, and hills across Africa. Even though their diet can consist of meat, they are mainly vegetarians. They forage at irregular times of the day and night.

"Most baboons live in troops of five to 200, but often the troop has only about 50 members. They use vocal sounds to let other baboons know who the leader of the troop is. Mating varies, in some troops the male can mate with any female. The female gives birth to one baby about every other year. The babies weigh about two pounds at birth and are all black. The mother is the primary caretaker for her baby, but the other females will share the duties of caring for all the young in the troop. Male baboons live with their birth troop until they are close to sexual maturity, which is around five to eight years. Females always stay with the troop they are born into. Olive baboons live to be about 30 years old."

Jerry gets out his note pad and writes, "Olive Baboon."

"There are so many animals to see," says Jack. "I wonder what will be next."

- Janice Parker

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J E
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I H C A O

Count every five letters and write that letter on the line below to see what the animal is:

Connecting

New Member Spotlights are not available in the online Manna Highlights. If you would like to know this information, please contact the McDonald Road Church office.

What's Happening

Worthy Student & Non-Constituent School Applications: June 30 is the deadline to turn in applications for the fall semester. Forms available at the church office during office hours.

Share Him is looking for speakers for our India trip starting October 24, 2008. Please prayerfully consider joining our team in preaching the Three Angels Message to the people of India. For more information contact Bob Folkenberg, Jr. at 423-716-0167.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp: With over 70% returning staff, a newly expanded lodge/dining hall, and the campers favorite part of camp, the Spiritual night time programs, This summer is shaping up to be something extra special! For More information or to register, go to www.cs-yc.com or call 706-602-7346.

The Lantern Alzheimer's Center of Excellence in Collegedale has volunteer opportunities for a variety of life enriching activities including, mid-week prayer meeting, Friday night vespers, Saturday or Sunday afternoon services. Contact Dawn Dunn, Program Director, at 396-4700 or 280-2857

Samaritan Center Volunteer Opportunities:

General Maintenance: Flexible hours; Try your hand at minor facility maintenance and repairs.

Group Volunteering: Sunday summer afternoons; Help employees carry community donations inside.

Volunteer Nurses: Flexible hours; Needed Monday and Tuesday afternoons; Take blood pressures and offer health advice to clients and customers.

Volunteer Video Cameraman: Help the Samaritan Center create a cool new video.

Call 238-7777, ext. 24, if you're interested.

Regular Programs

Weekly Worship Services

First Service
Saturdays at 8:50 a.m.

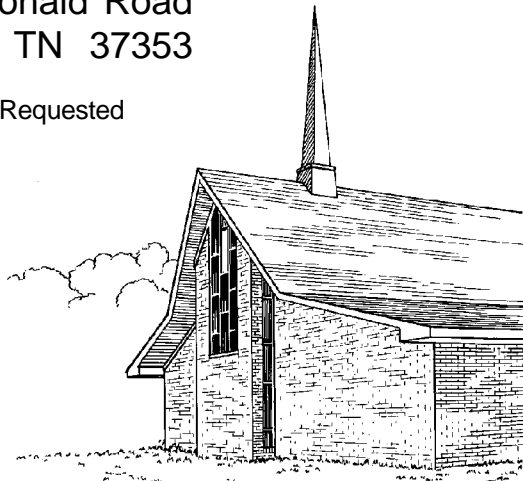
Second Service
Saturdays at 11:25 a.m.

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

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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