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McDonald Road Hosts Elementary Band Festival

The McDonald Road Church was filled with young musicians on April 4-5. Band members in grades 5-8 came together from three Adventist elementary schools in Tennessee—A.W. Spalding in Collegedale, Bowman Hills in Cleveland, and Ooltewah Adventist School—for the annual Georgia-Cumberland Conference Elementary Band Festival.



Photo by Becky Brooks

Richard Hickam, Collegedale Academy music director, conducts the band as they perform during the second church service on April 5.

This year, for the first time, the festival was held over two days. Richard Hickam, conductor and Collegedale Academy music director, says the two-day festival works well because it gives the students a chance to rest before the performance after practicing most of the day Friday.

The musical ability of the band members was evident as they performed during the church service, which was held in the Family Center.

Carol Myers attended the second service on Sabbath morning. She is the curriculum specialist for A.W. Spalding and Collegedale Academy, a retired public school superintendent, and an aunt of one of the band members. "I've been in education for almost 40 years, in both the public and private systems, and this was the best elementary band I've ever heard," she said. "It was very nice."

- Becky Brooks

"The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'"

- Mark 10:26-27



Photo by Becky Brooks

Students in grades 5-8 were the featured musicians.

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Pastor's Challenge

The Story of Mastah Preddi



Pastor Paul Carlson

27-year-old Fred Hargesheimer was flying a photo-reconnaissance mission in the southwest Pacific in 1943. When the Japanese fighter caught the American pilot from behind, Fred's airplane was riddled with enemy shells. With the plane on fire, there was only one thing to do: bail out!

Buoyed by his parachute moments later, he looked past his dangling feet to see that he was descending into enemy territory, an island with dense forests and crocodile-infested rivers. Crashing into the underbrush of the jungle floor, he picked himself up—no broken bones! He looked over his survival kit to find only a few things: a compass, a machete, extra ammunition for his pistol, and two bars of concentrated chocolate, his only food.

After a month of foraging on his own, his chocolate long gone, help finally came in the form of natives. These villagers had seen Fred's plane go down and had begun a search for the pilot. And for months afterward, until he was finally rescued by a U.S. submarine, these villagers protected "Mastah Preddi"—Master Freddie. Conch shell tones repeatedly sent Fred running to his hiding place when the Japanese came around. And if Fred wore his boots as he rushed to hide, kids would follow with makeshift brooms, sweeping away the prints from the sand. They took a great risk by protecting him from the Japanese.

After the war, he could not forget these villagers who did so much to keep him safe and tend to his needs. He realized that he had a huge debt of gratitude. That realization began a life of showing his gratitude to the people of Ea Ea. And by 1964, he had raised \$15,000 to help build the area's first permanent elementary school; the Airmen's Memorial School opened with 40 students and four classrooms. But that wasn't enough for him.

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Sermon Schedule

- "The Mighty Militia" Sabbath, May 3
- by Bob Folkenberg
- "Why Me Lord?" Sabbath, May 10
- by David Cook
- "Mispah Maiden" Sabbath, May 17
- by Don Gettys
- "The Danger of Being Right" Sabbath, May 24
- by Gordon Bietz
- "Good News is Always Good News" Sabbath, May 31
- by Archie Moore

Reaching In

Mother

Even though this is not a Mother's Day card,
I want you to know from the depth of my heart
The moments shared, the years that have gone by
Mean more to me now as the memories I try.

Try to remember the stories you read,
Read to me often so that I could be fed;
The lessons of love, the instructions from above
You showed with your guidance, not just a shove.

Shove would be implied with the spinach I ate
The cottage cheese, which I still choose to hate
But remembered now are the meals that I love
Made with your best as if shown by above.

Also remembered are the seams that you sewed
So I could be dressed in fashion bestowed'
Even a costume for a song of a mouse
Captured applause and brought down the house.

And now as your years are long in number,
I want you to know before you are in slumber
That I love and admire you more each day
Even though I am not there in person to say.

It will not be long before our Savior will come
And restore our family to one happy one;
The ones gone before us will join us again
Where days will be joyous and have no end.

So, again, my dear mother, God gave me the best,
Now please be assured you've passed the test;
The job that He gave you may soon be at end
Where you will be crowned and your hard will begin.

We'll all join in the songs and with our Savior rejoice
That families without mothers are not a good choice;
So thank you again for the mother you've been
And with love in my heart, I now seal this and send.

Love, Christine Iles Vetnes
May 14, 2006

Southern Deaf Fellowship to Meet at McDonald Road

Have you heard of the Southern Deaf Fellowship? If not, you will be hearing more about it in the months to come. The Southern Deaf Fellowship is a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the Deaf. Its ministry is based online so it can reach the Deaf wherever they are.

The Southern Deaf Fellowship has been meeting in Atlanta since 1997 and was organized as the only Deaf Adventist Church in the North American Division in 2005.



Photo by Becky Brooks

Jeff Jordan and his wife, Melissa, met with the church board April 21 to share their proposal for the Southern Deaf Fellowship to meet at the McDonald Road Church.

Now, the church is relocating to the Collegedale area to be closer to the resources available at Southern Adventist University. On April 21, the McDonald Road church board voted to host the Southern Deaf Fellowship at the McDonald Road Church by providing a base location for the church to meet. Jeff Jordan, pastor of the Southern Deaf Fellowship, is Deaf himself. Each week, his church services for the Deaf are streamed live online in American Sign Language to reach people wherever they are located. The church currently has 40 members from states across the Southern Union.

"The difference with Deaf work is that it's not your neighbor. You are geographically spread all over the world," signed Pastor Jordan as Melissa translated. "I know support would be really great here in this community for the Deaf work. There is a club of students interested in American Sign Language at the university, and they would provide a lot of support for us."

Pastor Gettys shared that there will be a lot of details to work out, but that it is a great opportunity. "We feel like it's an opportunity for McDonald Road to stream the Seventh-day Adventist message to the American Sign Language world," he said.

Jeff and Melissa Jordan have four young boys and hope to relocate to the area in May. To learn more about the Southern Deaf Fellowship and its ministry, visit www.deafchurchonline.org.

- Becky Brooks

Reaching Out

Women Minister at Room in the Inn



Linda Albertson, one of the McDonald Road Church members who is active in Women's Ministries, gave a teddy bear, complete with a colorful bow, to each of the ten children currently living at Room in the Inn of Chattanooga, Tenn.

In October 2007, McDonald Road Church Women's Ministries volunteers began providing one hot meal per month for homeless women and children staying at Room in the Inn of Chattanooga. The women always take pretty place settings, flowers for the table, and a special treat of some kind for the children.

Working with Room in the Inn has led to other ministry opportunities for the women's group. In February 2008, Women's Ministries volunteers invited women to join them for the Spa day at McDonald Road church. Three of the women from Room in the Inn attended. They said they had never been treated so nicely. Two of the women also came to several follow-up Women's Ministries Bible Studies at the church.

On April 17, women from McDonald Road Church delivered their monthly hot meal with the added treat of a teddy bear for each of the ten children currently in residence at Room in the Inn. The bears were provided by Linda Albertson, one of the McDonald Road Church members who is active in Women's Ministries. She purchased the bears, made sure each one was looking its best, then dressed each with a colorful bow. She also sewed little drawstring carrying cases for each one. For kids living in a shelter, having something of their own is important, and now they each have their very own teddy bear.

The ministry is continuing to grow. In April, Women's Ministries volunteers were asked by the staff of the Room in the Inn to come one Tuesday each month to give Bible studies for all the women at the Inn. The group will be starting a team of ladies who will minister to our sisters in downtown Chattanooga. If you are interested in helping, contact Sheryl Baker at the McDonald Road Church office by calling (423) 396-3462.

- Sheryl Baker, Women's Ministries Director

Mastah Preddi - continued from page 2 -

After more fund-raising, 1969 brought a library to the school and also a clinic. And he still wasn't finished showing his gratitude. Then, in 1970, he and his wife packed up and moved to this village to teach in the school themselves. And while there, they helped to build another school in the area.

Fred Hargesheimer's cup truly ran over with gratitude. Throughout his remaining life, he demonstrated his gratitude over and over again to these people.* Perhaps we might do well to remember the debt of gratitude that we ourselves owe. May is the usual month for remembering mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. So thank them for the protection and help they gave you. In fact, remember everyone else in your life to whom you are grateful. What about other members of your family? Your friends? And your God?

The apostle said it well. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Gratitude expressed will change your life. Just ask Fred.

* For more of this story, see "Mastah Preddi fell from the sky, into hearts," (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23538741/>).

Camp Meeting 2008: May 27-31

Mark your calendars for Georgia-Cumberland Conference Camp Meeting, Collegedale, Tenn., May 27-31. "Mission Possible" is the theme with featured speakers: Bill McClendon, pastor of the fastest growing church in North America, South Tulsa Adventist Fellowship, and ministerial director and vice president for the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and Marvin Moore, *Signs of the Times* editor, the author of 30 books, Moore grew up a missionary kid in Peru, Argentina and Cuba. There will also be seminars on prayer, financial planning, health, and women's and family ministries. More information is available online at www.gccsda.com. Internet streaming will be offered during main meetings throughout camp meeting.

Kids' Corner

Jungle Jaunts with Jack and Jerry

Leaving the parrots behind, Oscar heads the van into another part of the game park. Here there are fewer trees and the grass at the edge of the jungle is taller.

"Maybe we will see some lions now," admonishes Jack.

"Look on the right," says Jerry. "See that pack of dogs?"

"Those are wild dogs," explains Oscar. "They can cause a lot of problems for some of the animals in the park, especially the young ones."

"I wish I could see what is hiding in that tall grass. I bet there are all kinds of animals slinking through it," muses Jack.

"Boys, look over on the left," says Dad. "Think you could ride one of them?"

Jack and Jerry look to the left and see a herd of zebra grazing in the field. "It would really be neat to ride one, but I am going to let Jack have the first try. If he stays on, I might think about it," replies Jerry.

"That's alright," says Jack. "I don't feel like riding a bucking bronco today."

Jerry gets out the Wild African Animals book and reads: "The plains zebra has a thick body and quite short legs. Both the male and female are about the same size. They stand around 4 ½ feet at the shoulders and are about 8 feet long. The males weigh about ten percent more than the females. All zebras have bold stripes of black and white and no two of them are exactly alike. Their stripes are vertical on the front part of their bodies and lead to horizontal stripes on their hindquarters. They live in Eastern and Southeastern Africa where there are wet and dry seasons. Zebras need rainfall for food and water. They go on great migrations to follow the rain. Sometimes they migrate as far as 700 miles for food and water. Zebras don't require short grass to graze on. They can eat a wide variety of grasses, leaves, and shoots if short grass isn't available.

"Zebras are very social and form small family groups that consist of a single stallion and a few mares along with their recent offspring. Bachelor males live alone or with other bachelor groups. Mares give birth to one foal every 12 months and nurse it until it is a year old. Like horses, newborn zebras can stand, walk, and nurse soon after they are born. Even though

the whole family group takes care of the new foals, only 50% survive to adulthood. The main enemies of the plains zebras are lions, cheetahs, leopards, wild dogs, and spotted hyenas. The Nile crocodiles are also a threat to them when crossing rivers."

Jack gets out his notepad and writes "Plains Zebra."

"We are getting quite a list of animals," says Jerry.

"When will we get to see the lions?" Jack wonders aloud.

- Janice Parker



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WORD SEARCH: Find these words in the chart to the left.

ZEBRA FOAL
 WHITE BLACK
 STRIPS GRASSES
 WATER LIONS
 PLAINS

What's Happening

Vacation Bible School Leader Needed: If you are interested in leading a Vacation Bible School at McDonald Road Church this summer, please contact the church office by 10:00 a.m. on May 5.

Young Adults: You won't want to miss this year's Young Adult program at camp meeting. It's called "GODencounters" and you can learn more about it at www.gccsda.com under Camp Meeting 2008.

License Plates Needed: This quarter the Junior SabbathSchool will be learning more about Jesus through the gift of birds. The young people will be building bird houses, and old license plates make great roofs. If you have some you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office before May 17th. Questions call Pam Lewis (423)236-4858.

Unity in the Community: Come celebrate the beginning of uniting Chattanooga with the Adopt-A-Block Project Kickoff. Volunteers are needed to distribute information and meet neighbors. Fun activities are planned for children and Mayor Littlefield will deliver the charge. Date: May 3, 10:00 a.m. Place: The Salvation Army East Lake Center, 2140 East 28th Street. For more information, call Will Hale at The Salvation Army 423-756-1023. To volunteer, call Tonya Cobb at the United Way 423-752-0300.

Donations Needed for Hospice: The ladies of Women's Ministries will be collecting cd players and inspirational cd's for hospice patients. Drop off your donations at the church office. Call Sheryl Baker at 396-4220 for more information.

Regular Programs

Weekly Worship Services
First Service
Saturdays at 8:50 a.m.

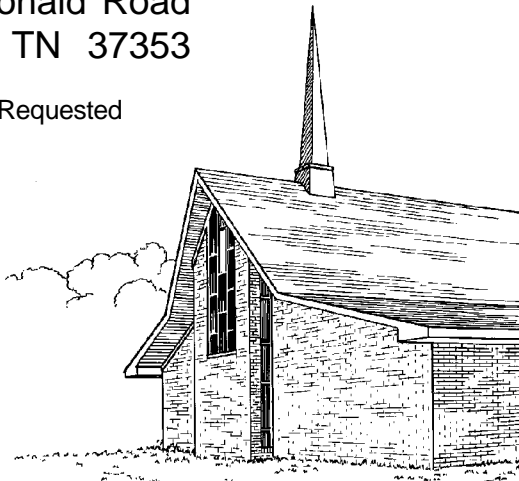
Second Service
Saturdays at 11:25 a.m.

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

Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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