



“Room to Grow, Room to Serve”

Collegedale Church website



A.W. Spalding has reached a point where our crowded facilities can interfere with our bold mission. Every space in our present building is full, classes are beyond what we consider optimum size, and our community continues to grow.

The Greater Collegedale School System has moved ahead with the plan to build a middle school across the street from Collegedale Academy. This new facility will also have shared space for programs which affect the elementary grades, the academy, and also provide room to train current and future teachers across North America. There will be a prayer area, a place for community service projects to be organized, room for outreach training such as KID University, and a more up-to-date academic environment. It is also a goal of the GCSS to be a meaningful asset to the community by making parts of the facility available for general use outside of school hours.

This is an exciting time for A.W. Spalding. Please join with us in making this vision a reality!

The New Middle School

Spalding website

This picture was taken in August, 2009. The first two courses of block are just about completed and once that's done, the gravel



Spalding web photo

will be brought in followed by the plumbing and electrical contractors.

We appreciate all of the support that has been offered as we continue the process of getting more people excited about this project and gaining their financial support so that this new school can become a reality in the very near future. Thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward on this important project.

McDonald Road's Pledge

Linda Wilhelm



photo by Linda Wilhelm

As a constituent church, McDonald Road has pledged \$150,000 as their part of the total cost. The 1st \$50,000 is due upon completion of 25% of the project which is estimated to be done around December of this year. The 2nd \$50,000 will be due a year later about the same time of year.

Our children are the lifeblood of our church. We are making an investment in our young people as Christ commissioned us to do. We need your help to meet our pledge and to help make this new school a reality for our children for fall 2010.



Pastor's Challenge

Be Genuine in an Age of Plastic

Don Gettys

Life is composed of a whole lot of imitation. Take the food we eat, it is imitation... all of it. We are barred from "real food" which will give us unending life and is found on the tree of life. Anything except that food will only give a temporary life at the best. We do survive on the imitation but we all long for the real thing. Much of what we call love is imitation. Romans



12:9 says, "Let There be no Imitation of Love."

Adventists have made whole industries out of the imitation. We have Turkette, Chickette, Porkette or whatever we call that fake stuff we love. We have better than milk and worse than milk. The list could go on and on. Artificial eggs, fake leather that really breathes, mock peanut butter. I purchased some book shelves. The wood grain was so beautiful. The box that it came in was so heavy I wondered if the wood could be Ironwood or Leadwood. As I assembled the bookshelves, I looked closer at my nice "wood" shelves. They were made of glued up sawdust and the wood grain was actually Printed on a thin layer which soon scratched up to look real cheap and trashy. I detest the imitation.

My first church was a small one, meeting in an old run down house on a back street of a small town. Everybody there seemed to my young eyes to be at least 80 or 100 years old. I wondered if there was any hope. As time went on I made a wonderful discovery... 100% of them were saints! 100 Percent! My first sermon there was all of 5 minutes.

And do you know what they did? Each and every one of them came up to their new young pastor and gave me wonderful compliments. Now, no one in their right mind would compliment a passermon. I knew that. I knew their love for me must be genuine.



Pastor Don Gettys

Jesus is genuine. Je-tator. Satan might be Our Lord and Saviour

love is real and true. As a seasoned pastor, I want each one of my flock to experience a true and deep real relationship with Jesus Christ. No one has to go through life subsisting on a fake religious experience. If you are going to be a Christian, then be one all the way. Live each day as a true Christian. Have a real devotional life. Know that your sins are truly forgiven.

To pretend you are a Christian will reward you with eternal death. Hypocrites are all pretense. They walk into church leaving their worldly life in the car only to take it back up and put it on when they get back in the car to drive home. If you are going to be in the world, then do a good job of being a worldly person. But if you decide to be a Christian, be one all the way. Do not hang around the fringes of a real experience with Jesus. Get

into the middle of Christ's calling for you. Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, and there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." II Timothy 4:7. Be the best Christian you can possibly be. Be genuine in an age of plastic.



September Sermon Schedule

"True Godliness" By David Cook	Sabbath, September 5
"Prime Timers" By Don Gettys	Sabbath, September 12
"Communion" By Paul Carlson	Sabbath, September 19
"Live Your Convictions" By Don Gettys	Sabbath, September 26

Meet Our New Members

*We welcome you into our
McDonald Road Church family!*



Jeff & Cindy Lemon with Shawn
Tullahoma, TN



Yahaira Scoggins
Peru



Holly Jenkins
Corona



Kareem & Ruth Josephs
Standifer Gap



Alex Bourgius
Village Chapel



Tracy Polley
Saranac, NY



Vicki Tuttle
Village Chapel

Family Life Ministries

Cindy Cannon

Our first Ancient Paths Seminar held on July 24-26, 2009 was a huge success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend and were amazed at what the Holy Spirit and God can do when we open our hearts to Him. We feel that these seminars will be a great asset to our church. Collegedale Community Church is having these seminars also. We hope to be able to coordinate with them in the near future. John Gulley and his wife, Lori, are going to be our new coordinators in November. Collegedale Community Church has had several seminars in the past and are having another one September 25-27, 2009.

This seminar is for anyone who would like a closer relationship with Jesus, for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives and would like to learn how to bless their children and/or parents and bring their families closer together. We hope that more of you will take advantage of this life changing opportunity.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call John Gulley 505-7854 or Cindy Cannon at 236-5322.



*"Stand by the ways and see
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is, and
walk in it; And you will find
rest for your souls."*

Jeremiah 6:16

Women's Ministry Book Club



Come join us
Read a book
Fellowship
Enjoy!

- First Tuesday of each month
- 7:00 pm
- Fireside Room

This Month: Sept 1, 2009

30 Days to Taming Your Finances

by Deborah Smith Pegues

Do you need a kick start to get your finances on track? Come discuss this financial step-by-step book to help you get on the right road. Please read through the book before discussion. Make September 1-30 your first step toward financial freedom.

Our Youth in Action

OSHKOSH!

2009 International Pathfinder Camporee "Courage to Stand"

David Cook

On August 16, 2009 the McDonald Road Hawks Pathfinder club woke up to the sound of rain drizzling on their bus roof. They had arrived at their new home at around 3:00 A.M. after a twenty hour drive to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Soon they were busily setting up camp while trying to stay as dry as possible.



Leaving for Oshkosh

Fortunately, it only rained that Sunday. The rest of the week offered excellent camping weather.

This year's Camporee will probably be long

remembered by the Hawks as one of learning how to overcome challenges created by trying to live in a camping environment with 35,000 other people. And yet, by God's grace and the positive attitudes of all involved, the club met each challenge and prevailed.

According to the official camp paper, McDonald Road had the largest combined club in the entire camp! Besides 117 of their own members, they sponsored 46 club members from Brazil, 11 pathfinders from Romania, one pathfinder from Mongolia, and 15 pilots and their families from David Gate's Gospel Ministries International.



McDonald Road Group

As you can imagine, it was quite a challenge to feed our large group each day. Dusty Miller and his crew did a marvelous job providing 4,600 individual meals to our 191 hungry campers during the camporee. One facet of Dusty's meal strategy was his three home-made propane ovens. In fact, these gained quite a reputation throughout the camp.

According to Dusty, there were up to five Directors each day coming by to marvel at his invention.

The daily transportation challenge was met with good attitudes and hard work as well. Some pathfinders and staff walked as many as eight miles a day. And yet they managed to get where they needed to go and enjoyed many of the activities that



Feeding our 191 campers

were provided such as rock climbing, obstacle courses, sumo wrestling, archery and much more. There were also 4 plane hangars filled with booths

and opportunities to earn honors and buy and trade pins, hats, and t-shirts. Beyond that there were offsite attractions including an air museum, a lake, the YMCA and a water theme park.

Most everyone met the bathroom challenges with courage. As far as they know, not a single person fell in



Oshkosh Camp - web photo

or failed to accomplish their fearful task. The same went for the showers. Most campers got in their one shower a day. This was greatly helped by another of Dusty Miller's inventions. He rigged up some much appreciated hot water showers for use by staff and parents. The showers were so efficient that most people only used about two gallons of water.

The seating challenge of 35,000 people all coming together for the evening program was handled well. The club resorted to sending as many people as early as possible. These soon noticed that the crowd would leave more room



McDonald Road Hawks Camp

for them than necessary and they would always be able to squeeze in a good number of those who came later. Thankfully, there were giant screens set up to magnify what was happening on stage so everyone could see. The meetings themselves were powerful. They included a tastefully done song service, a number of powerful musical numbers and a full stage musical production of the story of Esther.

The language barrier was met with gusto as well. Most of the Romanians already spoke English and those Brazilians who didn't, made great strides in learning it. Along with body language and some translating, communication was not too difficult to accomplish. In fact, many felt that the International flavor of the camp was one of the best



Arial view of the 35,000 campers - web photo

McDonald Road Pathfinders were also in charge of a booth at the concession stand. There were about 20 people working two shifts from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm. for 5 days. Those working the concession made over 4000 shaved icees, served about 4,500 slices of pizza, sold approximately 1,000 drinks and made over 300 servings of nachos and cheese. Our gross profit this camporee was \$17,000! This was much better than in 2004. Our workers were tired and overworked but had a wonderful time.

McDonald Road Pathfinders' drill team, leader Paul Irwin and members: David Hensel, James McCurdy, Kristen Moores, Christy Morse, Ashley Myers and Heather Peel, participated in the advanced drill competition. We are proud to announce that they received a first place trophy. Their hard work and many months of practice paid off.

The McDonald Road Hawks were greatly blessed not only by all the good they experienced but also by the challenges they faced and learned to overcome.

For more information about Courage to Stand Camporee, go to adventistyouth.org. You can download the daily camp newspaper, watch videos, and order DVD's and soundtracks of the evening program.

McDonald Road Hawks's photos by Grant Tuttle

Flea Market Craft Fair Family Fun Day!



Sunday
August 2, 2009

It was a success in spite of the rain. Thanks to your contributions, Women's Ministry made \$675.



Watch for this Women's Ministry annual event again next year.

It's a day for the whole family. As you can see, the kids had lots of fun, too.



photos by Bob Rempher

Coupon Class!



On August 3, Kelly Meyers, coupon specialist, presented two classes: one in the morning and another

one in the evening. These classes stirred up so much interest and enthusiasm that a follow up class was held on

August 18. Kelly shared her expertise as a coupon connoisseur and offered a tremendous amount of information and insight on how to stretch your dollars and enjoy generous savings on the family budget.



photos by Linda Wilhelm



Church Business

Church Board Notes

August 17, 2009

John Davis had the devotional and prayer to begin the evening. Murray Cooper, principal of AW Spalding, gave a report on the Middle School project. The estimated 25% completion date is December of this year. The board voted and approved the June board meeting minutes. Sheryl Baker gave the Treasurer's Report and the board voted and approved it. The Finance Committee had no actions taken to report on.

Steve Grabiner gave a report on the East Ridge Church Plant. A Methodist church has been located as a new meeting place and they are waiting on approval from the Methodist Church. It will seat approx. 50 more. No rental amount has been negotiated yet. They have 4 requests for baptism and a Bible Worker has been hired.

It was voted and approved for Jay Anders to serve on the McDonald Road Church board as a representative of the East Ridge church plant until they reach company status.

It was voted and approved for the mission trip this next year to be to Guatemala. It was voted and approved for VBS to be scheduled during the month of July with the exact date to be worked out between those involved.

Ami Miller turned in a document reporting on this year's VBS and her plans for VBS next year. It was voted and approved to accept the document with the following parameters: 1) the sanctuary may be sued for the opening program each evening and the Sabbath school room and Fireside room can be sued for adult programs; 2) VBS should be held Sunday thru Thursday; 3) No food/drink or crafts in the Church or Sabbath school building; 4) the VBS leaders is to make arrangements with other Sabbath school leaders for the use of their rooms.

It was also voted and approved to request \$1500 from the conference to help with the adult evangelism programs that will run alongside VBS. It was voted and approved to accept the Pathfinder schedule for the 2009-2010 school year. It was voted and approved for the Chattanooga African Violet Club to use a room the first Sunday of every month from 3:00-5:00. Room details will be worked out with the facility usage chairperson.

The wedding of Willard Clapp and Joan Linebaugh was voted and approved. Hugo Christansen offered the closing prayer.

Joy Traxler, Church Clerk



God's Treasury

Financial Update July, 2009

Combined Budget for 2009:

Needed Monthly	\$ 22,916.67
Received in July	\$ 17,410.64
Received Year to Date	\$ 139,914.13
Short	\$ (8,668.36)

Building Fund:

Beginning Loan Balance (11/1/04)	\$ 775,000.00
Minimum Monthly Payment	\$ 6,128.65
Received in July	\$ 6,534.12
Balance Loan (7/31/09)	\$ 349,900.00

Worthy Student Fund:

Received in July	\$ 2,247.18
Paid Out in July	\$ 0
Ending Balance (7/31/09)	\$ 10,688.50

Middle School Pledge:

Need This Year	\$ 50,000.00
Received Year to Date	\$ 13,354.71
Short	\$ (36,645.29)

Membership Transfers Voted

August 17, 2009

Welcoming New Members

Alex Bourgeois
from Village Chapel
joining East Ridge

Holly Jenkins
from Corona
joining East Ridge

Kareem & Rug Josephs
from Standifer Gap Church
joining East Ridge

Jeff & Cindy Lemon with Shawn
from Tullahoma, TN

Tracy Polley
from Saranac, NY
joining East Ridge

Yahaira Scoggins
from Peru

Vicki Tuttle
from Village Chapel
joining East Ridge

Bidding Members Farewell

Kara Burgdorff
to Collegedale Community Church

Karen Caldwell
to Collegedale Church

Janelle Edmondson
to Collegedale Community Church

Alyssa Foll
to Savannah, TN

Tim & Susan Glantz
to Collegedale Church

Felipe & Barbara Granada
to Collegedale Church

Adriel His
to Arden, NC

Pam Russo
to Collegedale Community Church

Cynthia Steiner with Daylan
to Collegedale Church

Bryan & Crystal Stitzer
to Hamilton Community Church

Total Membership.....1,078 (6-30-09)
Total Families587 (6-30-09)



September Offering Schedule

September 5	Local Church Budget
September 12	Fall Mission Appeal (WBO)
September 19	Local Church Budget
September 26	Georgia-Cumberland Ministries

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The church office is open:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(unless otherwise announced)

Weekly Programs

Worship Services:

1st Service
Saturday 8:50 a.m.

2nd Service:
Saturday 11:25 a.m.

Sabbath School:

Saturday 10:05 a.m.

Prayer Meeting:

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



Manna News

Manna News 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.

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The third Tuesday of each month
unless otherwise specified.

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