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Derek Morris Speaks on Radical Prayer at Campmeeting 2007

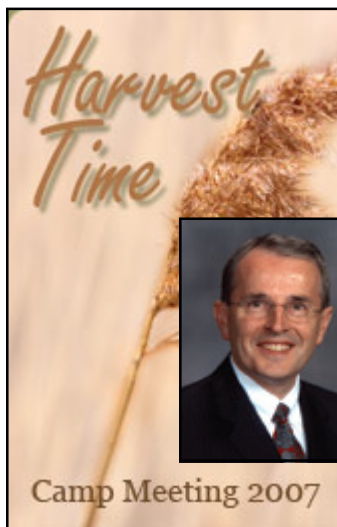
"Harvest Time" is the theme for this year's Georgia-Cumberland Conference Campmeeting during May 31 through June 2 on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee.

Conference President Ed Wright says, "It is easy to limit our evangelistic commitment to "seed sowing" and "cultivating," assuming that God will take care of the harvest in His good time. Perhaps we are intimidated by the prospect of bringing our friends and co-workers to make spiritual decisions. We may assume that they are not yet ready to take that next step for Christ. But Jesus challenges us to think and act with evangelistic intent, and to do it now.

Let us pray that we will see with new eyes the ripening harvest that surrounds us."

The featured speaker for this year's campmeeting program is Derek Morris, senior pastor of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, Fla. and professor at Andrews University and Southern Adventist University. He will speaking at the Friday evening program at 7:00 p.m. and the 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sabbath morning worship services. Pastor Morris will be presenting a three-part series entitled, "Praying the Radical Prayer."

~Melissa Turner, editor



"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it," Matthew 10:39.

Wednesday, May 30

7:00-8:55 p.m. Evening Meeting* - John Nixon

Thursday, May 31

10:00-11:30 a.m. Seminars

2:00-3:15 p.m. Seminars

3:30-4:45 p.m. Seminars

7:00-8:55 p.m. Evening Meeting* - Brennon Kirstein

Friday, June 1

10:00-11:30 a.m. Seminars

11:30-1:15 p.m. Lunch

2:00-3:15 p.m. Seminars

3:30-4:45 p.m. Adventist Book Center Sidewalk Sale

7:00-8:55 p.m. Evening Meeting* - Derek Morris

Sabbath, June 2

8:30-9:45 a.m. Worship Service - Derek Morris

10:00-11:15 a.m. Mission* - Ben Schoun

11:30-12:45 p.m. Worship Service* - Derek Morris

3:00-4:30 p.m. New Creation Chorale Concert & Mission Program

7:00-8:55 p.m. Evening Meeting* - VJ

Mendinghall

* Children's and Youth programming is available during these meetings.

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“Uplifting Jesus”

Pastor’s Challenge

An Army of Youth

I want Jesus to come. I thought He might come long before this. But Jesus has not returned yet. Maybe each of us should do more to do our part. I have dedicated my entire life to the work of Jesus. Many of you have done the same thing. We must preach the Gospel to all the world and then Jesus will come, Matthew 24:14. But, who will do this? The answer might surprise you. Our kids! I read a challenging statement: “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!” — Education, p. 271.



Where do our youth become rightly trained? Three specific places: 1. The Home. 2. The Church and 3. The School. I suppose the School could be divided into two distinct parts: The Sabbath School (from beginners up to Collegiate) and secondly the Church school (from Pre-Kindergarten to College). Here at McDonald Road we provide one of the absolutely best Sabbath School departments anywhere in America. Our leaders volunteer long hours applying limited energy and limited funds but their spirited imagination and dedication produce a product second to none. Have you peeked in lately? Not a week goes by without some visitor saying something like this: Your Children’s Sabbath School is so wonderful. And it is. Here is ground zero of the training ground where our youth are being rightly trained to be workers for Jesus.

One formidable factor in our success is the new spacious 14,465 Square Foot Children’s Wing we have just completed. Our church was built in 1979 but the Children’s Wing was recently finished in 2003 at a cost of \$1.6 Million dollars. We have paid off all but \$552,000 of this cost. I appeal to each of you to give liberally to pay off this debt in the next two years. King David took up an offering for the temple. David asked for each and every family to give of their personal treasures to this need. Let’s retire this debt and thus free up funds to provide for even wider training for the army of children that attend here. I ask every family for a minimum of \$50 per month. You have been specifically asked and when you specifically give, you will be specifically blessed for your act of generosity. You will be a “furnisher” of the rightly trained youth to finish the work so Jesus can come.

~Pastor Don Gettys

Sermon Schedule

- “Break Up, Break Dance” - Second Service Only (Campmeeting) Sabbath, June 2
- by guest speaker Pastor Joel Neil
-
- “Keeping the Faith” Sabbath, June 9
- by Pastor Paul Carlson
-
- “Earth II” Sabbath, June 16
- by Pastor Don Gettys
-
- “Jesus Humiliation” (Communion Sabbath) Sabbath, June 23
- by Pastor Don Gettys
-
- “Try Kindness” Sabbath, June 30
- by Pastor Don Gettys

Reaching In

Nostalgiaville

By Adrian Boyer

Come stroll with me down Mem'ry Lane
To old Nostalgiaville,
It's just a Dream or Two from Now
Beyond Reflection Hill.

We'll meet a Host of Folks and Friends,
And chat with them once more
As we recall those happy Hours
We spent in Days of Yore.

Old Classmates, Sweethearts,
bosom Pals
Will gladly welcome you,
For it's been Ages since you last
Bade each a sad Adieu.

It's only in Nostalgiaville
That these old Friends are found.
So don't delay, Let's go Today
Where Mem'ries still abound,

For in the Haze of passing Days
Remembering may fail,
And Joys and Tears of Yesteryears
No longer then prevail.

You'll never regret or soon forget
Those good old Times you knew
With Comrades in the Long Ago:
'twill be a Dream come True.

Let's wander then down Mem'ry Lane
To old Nostalgiaville:
It's just a Dream or Two from Now
Beyond Reflection Hill.

Georgia-Cumberland Conference Celebrates 30th Regular Constituency Session

Six hundred and fifty-three delegates traveled to the Georgia-Cumberland Academy gymnasium for the 30th Regular Constituency Session of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists April 22.

Delegates at the Constituency Session, which takes place every five years, met to discuss the business of the conference, vote in the administrative team, including directors and share their votes and opinions on how the conference should operate.

Voted into office were all of the top administration of the conference, including Ed Wright, president; Steve Haley, vice president for administration/secretary; Kevin Costello, vice president for finance/treasurer; Jerry Fore, general vice president; Cynthia Gettys, vice president for education; and Stan Patterson, vice president for pastoral ministries and evangelism.

Seventeen new churches were voted into the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Twenty-seven new companies were added as well "with a lot of growth in Hispanic areas," says Patterson. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference membership has grown to 32,213 members in 2007.

"We are blessed with an outstanding group with unique gifts here at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference," says Ed Wright, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. "We don't take lightly the trust you place in us."

Costello shared with the delegates that the financial position for the conference is strong, with healthy tithe reserves and 126 percent of required working capital in 2006. Each year of the quinquennial, the conference operated with a gain to the bottom line. Costello also reported that during 2006, GCC had the highest tithe per capita of any conference in the United States (\$1,196 per member), with only Bermuda Conference reporting a higher tithe (\$1,419) in the North American Division. The 2006 Division average was \$851.

"The very reason for our existence as a church is to let people know that we are all looking for a day very soon when indeed, We shall behold Him," says Costello.

~Tammy Fisher, Georgia-Cumberland Conference Communication Director

McDonald Road Church member Melissa Turner was elected to represent the Collegedale area on the Conference Executive Committee for the 2007-2012 term.



Congratulations to our 2007 Graduates!

Heritage Academy
Brenton Traxler

Highland Academy
Nathan Lewis
Lorraine Rollins

Ooltewah Middle School
Kayla Burnett



Reaching Out

Engage in Your Community

Read the words and let them sink in, let them slide down your throat as the poet Maya Angelou would encourage you in her cool, sing-songy voice. "No man is an island unto himself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main," wrote John Donne, the wise British poet.

No man is an island unto himself. No church is an island unto itself. No Christian is an island unto himself.

Twenty-five miles away from this quiet place called McDonald, Tennessee is the city of Chattanooga—a growing metropolitan area where many of us live and where even more of us work.

We can be proud of the transformation Chattanooga has undergone in its renaissance over the past several decades. From being dubbed the United States' dirtiest city during the mid-1900s to becoming a national model for urban planning and revitalization, Chattanooga has certainly made its mark.

But while the city itself undergoes renaissance and revitalization, the people who call Chattanooga home need the same kind of care and attention that has gone into redeveloping the physical infrastructure of the city.

Jesus spoke one powerful word
before leaving His disciples and
going to heaven, He said, "Go."

Those who keep up with local news know of these needs. Four thousand people live homeless on the streets of Chattanooga—more than twenty died last year alone. Drugs and prostitution continue to be rampant problems on Chattanooga's streets. Gang activity is on a dramatic increase in Chattanooga—with several stabbings and shootings making headlines in the past year.

We can listen to these facts and shake our heads and say, "It's a shame. I hope those people downtown can do something to stop these problems." Or, better yet, we can remember John Donne's words—"No man is an island to himself." We can choose to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit melting our hearts with the things that hurt God's heart. We can decide to engage in our larger community and find ways to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters who in downtown Chattanooga.

Jesus spoke one powerful word before leaving His disciples and going to heaven, He said, "Go." Is He calling you today? ~by Melissa Turner, editor

Where to Start...

Look into Chattanooga's more than 200 non-profit organizations to see if there is already a program that fits your interests and abilities.

www.cnpchatt.org

United Way of Greater Chattanooga's
Center for Nonprofits listing

www.volanooga.com

United Way of Greater Chattanooga's
Volunteer matching service

Just to name a few possibilities...

AAA Women's Services

AIM Center

Alton Park Reading Center

Blue Monarch

Bridge Refugee Services

Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Chattanooga CARES

Chattanooga Community Kitchen

Chattanooga Nature Center

Chattanooga Room in the Inn

Children's Advocacy Center

Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter

Children's Nutrition Program

CONTACT of Chattanooga

Dress for Success

Girls' Inc. of Chattanooga

Habitat for Humanity

of Greater Chattanooga

Head Start

Highland Park Reading Center

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Partnership

for Families, Children and Adults

READ Chattanooga, Inc.

Ronald McDonald House

Signal Centers

Southside Reading Center

Teen Challenge Inc. of Chattanooga

Engage in Your Community!

Kids' Corner

Uncle Burney's Critter Corner

Raw Bones is probably not the best name for a coyote, but it was the first name that came to mind when I first lay eyes on him. The morning mist had not even lifted when he came to help himself to the dog's food just outside our back door. What a beautiful animal it was, lean and lanky and you could tell he was made for running and hunting. His fur, even though it was thick, couldn't hide the fact that he was an older animal and was on the thin side. It was just a brief encounter, but stirring nevertheless. This was the first coyote I had seen in years and to be right there in my back yard in Tennessee was exciting. I reported this sighting to some of my friends and some doubted my eyesight. A few days later, though, a coyote pack started their singing just after sundown on a nearby ridge. Now the whole town believes. Soon everyone was hearing the eerie music coming from the ridge-tops around our little town. Nightly coyote concerts are common here now.



The first record of coyotes in Tennessee was back in the 1960s. Wild life experts think that they came up through Alabama and made their way eastward. Now they have been recorded in the entire continental U.S. The coyote has become the new top predator in their territory since bears and panthers have been "controlled" in most areas. Now as the top predator the coyote inherits the bad reputation that people put on animals they don't understand. Most people have never seen a coyote, but every thing mysterious that happens to their pets or farm animals is now blamed on el coyote. Yes, the coyote does take a few animals every year, but not anywhere near the number that cats, dogs, and cars destroy. Their main duty is to control rats, mice and rabbits and they do it very well. Now that this secretive, little 35-pound dog-like creature, has moved in to fill the major predator role, people are concerned, but they shouldn't be alarmed because attacks on humans are extremely rare.

The size and number of litters a mother coyote will have is directly related to how many share her territory. A female's territory can cover about 300 square miles, so the fewer coyotes in her territory the more babies she has. Unlike bears and panthers, who only have one or two babies a year, the coyote can have five or six or even more.

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Water Wonders

"Sea Otters"

A Story by Mrs. Janice Parker

Sammy Sea Otter is native to the North Pacific. He and his friends can be found from Northern Japan east to California. Because of the sea otter's thick, beautiful fur, he and his family were hunted so much their species almost became extinct. Sea otters are now legally protected.

Sammy's long streamlined body is built for life in the sea. His thick fur coat helps to keep him warm. Underneath his powerful front paws is a skin pouch that he uses to store food he collects on his dives to the bottom of the sea. He also stores his rock in the pouch. This rock is what he uses to crack open hard-shelled food. Crabs, scallops, fish, mussels and snails are some of the food he likes. He must eat up to 25 percent of his body weight every day. Much of his time is spent in hunting food, playing and grooming.

Sammy will wrap himself in mats of kelp, securing himself to it so he won't drift away while he lies on his back grooming his fur. When Sammy Sea Otter is about six years old, he will be full grown and measure about five feet long and weight around 100 pounds.

Sherry, his mate, is a little smaller. They will live to be about 20 years old. Their sharp eyes help them to see well both above and below water. Sammy and Sherry like to stay in the shallow coastal waters. Except at mating time, the males and females don't live together. but live in groups called rafts. The females live in one group and the male bachelors live in another area. Their biggest threat is oil spills in the ocean. The oil gets in their fur and as they groom to get it off the oil gets in their eyes and internal organs.



Check Out Uncle Burney's Critter Corner on the Church Web Page at:
<http://mcdonaldroad.org/kids/corner>

Connecting

New Member Spotlight

Buster James

Transferring to McDonald Road Church from Laurelbrook, Tennessee last November, Buster James is retired, but he enjoys fixing up old houses. He and Mary Freeman recently married. Mary enjoys crocheting.



Betty Johnson

Transferring from the Standifer Gap Church, Betty is Dan Johnson's mother. She has been a homemaker and also a secretary. She has always enjoyed music.

Scott & Ashley Knowlton, Madison and Malachi

Scott & Ashley and their children come to McDonald Road Church from the Bowman Hills Church. Scott is a truck driver for Capital Wholesale Fence. His interests are golf, sports, camping, family and cooking. Ashley is a registered nurse, a director of wound care at Kindred Hospital. Her interests include her family, camping, shopping and cats. Madison is soon to be a five-year-old. She loves cats, puzzles and baseball. Malachi is a two-year-old who loves trucks, balls and golf.



Richard & Sue Natzke, Houston

The Natzke family has transferred from the Standifer Gap Church. Richard is a packaging mechanic at McKee Food Corporation and he loves hiking, mountain biking, camping, backpacking and drawing. Sue is a homemaker who also loves hiking, camping as well as cooking. Houston is in the Fifth grade. Nascar and ultimate frisbee are his interests.

~compiled and photographed by Pastor Paul Carlson

What's Happening

Campmeeting 2007:

Wednesday, May 31 through Sabbath, June 2, 2007 on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Featured speaker Pastor Derek Morris speaks on "Praying the Radical Prayer. For more information visit www.gccsda.com.

Cohutta Springs Family Camp: July 24-29. Come enjoy the beauty, activities and spiritual programming with your whole family and make memories for a lifetime! To register for family camp or another summer camp session at Cohutta Springs, visit www.cs-yc.com or call 1-800-567-1844, ext. 346.

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Regular Programs -

Weekly Worship Services

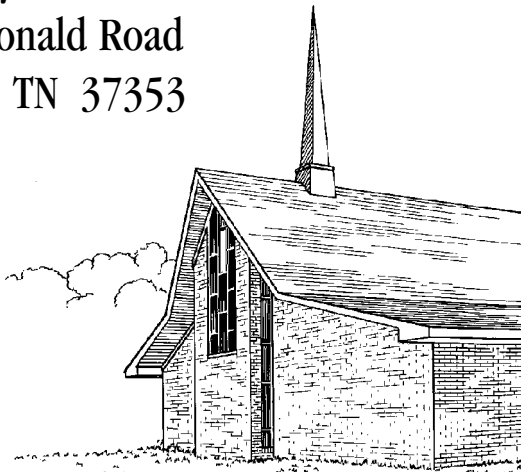
First Service
Saturdays at 8:50 a.m.

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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