

# MANNA

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"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

- 1 Peter 4:10

## Camporee Unites Pathfinders

Almost 1,000 Pathfinders from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference traveled to Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla., Sept. 26-30 for the Southern Union Camporee. With 43 Pathfinders on the trip and about as many adults, McDonald Road was one of the larger clubs. In the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, only Collegedale Church sent more Pathfinders with 57.

Pathfinders endured red ants and the bright Florida sun, but you would never know it as the theme "Pathfinders-Called to Serve" was promoted, shared, and lived.

Thursday evening, Elder Retzer spoke on the subject of choices, after which more than 200 students came forward to a call for baptism.

On Sabbath of the camporee, Pathfinders got a taste of what it might have been like when Jesus fed the five thousand when goldfish crackers were passed out among the crowd of just over 5,000 Pathfinders and sponsors from throughout the Southern Union. The spiritual lesson was that if we give even a little of our talent to God, He can turn it into much more. Before the day was over, 23 Pathfinders had been baptized.

Speakers for the Camporee included Jose' Rojas, director of volunteer ministries network with the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists; Gordon Retzer, president of the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists; Tony Anobile, executive secretary for the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; James Black, Pathfinder Director for the North American Division; and Ken Rogers, vice president of Student Services for Walla Walla University.

- Rebecca Brooks



Photo by Phil White

The McDonald Road Hawks march in the parade.



Photo by Phil White

The crowd had more than 5,000 people.

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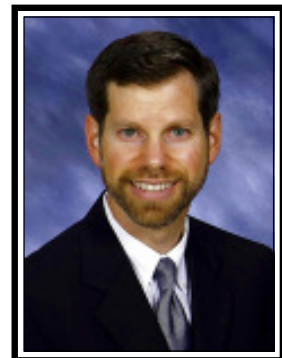
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# Pastor's Challenge

## What Do You Love About Fall?



Pastor Paul Carlson

Is it the cool air? Or colorful leaves? Ripe, crisp apples? Do you begin to anticipate the last remaining holidays of the year? I do, except for Halloween (it doesn't count). In fact, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it.

By the way, have you ever wondered what Jesus would look like if He entered our world as a human all over again? I have. Well, we can stop wondering because Jesus *has* done that already. When Jesus incarnated Himself as a human long ago, He created what the New Testament calls the body of Christ. *We* represent Jesus!

When non-believers want to know what God is like or what Jesus is like, they can't see Him in person. That leaves you and me. And thus the obvious question comes to mind: Do we display the traits of Jesus?

If that is overwhelming to you, remember the apostle Paul's reason for talking about the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians. In his letter, Paul contrasts what the Spirit can do in our lives with what we are able to do by our own efforts. By simply focusing on and trusting in God, he might tell us today, we *will* have a life-changing experience. And we will reflect the traits of Jesus because with the Spirit in our lives, Jesus is there.

So, for this Thanksgiving and throughout the coming holiday season, let's remember two things. First, the presence of Jesus is a continuous, life-changing gift in our lives. That's something to be thankful for all year around. And secondly, when we trust in Him, we can give the gift of Jesus to everyone around us through our attitudes and actions. The companionship of our God, His friendship with us through Jesus, brings to us a real cornucopia of grace and love and a rich harvest of beautiful changes in our lives.

Please join me in praying for God's Spirit to transform us so we can give such wonderful gifts as forgiveness, acceptance, gentleness, patience and compassion to others. Pray that we can each usher in God's kingdom of grace and love through our gifts of service to those in need.

- Pastor Paul Carlson

## Sermon Schedule

- "Stirrings in Orion" Sabbath, November 3
- by Pastor Don Gettys
- "Freedom is Not Free" Sabbath, November 10
- by Jack Blanco
- "Who's in Charge Here" Sabbath, November 17
- by Pastor Paul Carlson
- "Jesus Became a Savior" Sabbath, November 24
- by Pastor Don Gettys

# Reaching In

## A Balm in Gilead

*"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Jeremiah 8:22*

By Adrian Boyer

There is a Balm in Gilead  
That heals the Sin-sick Soul;  
An heavenly Pharmaceutical  
To make the Spirit whole.

Now it's free for the asking,  
And guaranteed to cure  
All Evil and Iniquity,  
Of that you can be sure.

Why suffer then the Ravages  
Of Evil and its Grief,  
When all you need to do is call  
On Jesus for Relief?

You'll never have to wait in Line  
In some congested Hall,  
Our Lord will treat your Case at once,  
He's always there on Call.

No need to be concerned about  
Some harmful side effects,  
For every Pain that Sin may cause  
This Healing Balm corrects.

There is a Balm in Gilead  
That heals the Sin-sick Soul,  
The Great Physician will apply  
That makes the Spirit Whole.

## "God at Work" in Juniors

With the theme "God at Work," the past fourteen weeks in the Junior Sabbath School class have been full of construction on kids' hearts. The room was decorated with road signs, blinking lights, a back hoe bucket, and even 5-gallon buckets for chairs.

The class was utilizing the KidZone discovery series by the Voice of Prophecy. As part of the program, Juniors would receive a letter in the mail with the KidZone lesson,

a personal note from one of the teachers or leaders, and a stick of gum.

Special activities and demonstrations were also held to help make the lessons more applicable to real-life situations.

"We made quite an impression on the kids when a police officer came in full uniform and 'arrested' one of our kids," said Junior Sabbath School Leader Pam Lewis. "It represented the wages of sin and how Jesus can take our place if we are willing."

The class also planted and grew tomatoes, which were shared with church members earlier this summer. Pastor Cook showed how a cucumber turns into a pickle, representing baptism. And an ice cream Sunday was made to represent the

awesome world God has given to us. However, the kids were sincerely disappointed when they were told that the "syrup" used was motor oil, representing how sin oozes into life on Earth.

The program seemed to impact the Juniors, and by the end of the fourteen weeks, eight young people had asked to be baptized.

- Rebecca Brooks



Photo by Pam Lewis

*Juniors enjoy the KidZone program during Sabbath School.*

# Reaching Out

## Youth Launch FLAG Camp

The McDonald Road Church youth group has an exciting new outreach ministry developing in downtown Chattanooga. In partnership with Southern Adventist University's FLAG (Fun Learning About God) Camp in the East Lake Courts neighborhood, McDonald Road's youth group will be expanding on the work already being done there by starting their own FLAG Camp ministry in another section of East Lake beginning in October.

On Sabbath, September 22, a group of nine McDonald Road youth, parents and staff went along with Southern's FLAG Camp group to learn the ropes and see how the program operates. FLAG Camp is a monthly or bi-weekly "VBS-like" program during which kids learn more about God through group-building games, crafts, stories and songs.

There are tremendous possibilities for this inner-city outreach and we hope the McDonald Road Youth will be the pioneers of a larger work our church family will follow up with in East Lake—health fairs, evangelism, planting a church there—we know God has big plans for this project because He is already doing awesome things to bring everything together.

Please support this new youth outreach ministry with your prayers and please contact McDonald Road youth leader Melissa Turner at 236-4093 if you would like to get involved with the youth in their outreach work in East Lake.

- Melissa Turner

## Habitat for Humanity



Photo by Martin Knopper

Have you heard about the Habitat for Humanity home Adventists are building in Atlanta? Georgia-Cumberland and South Atlantic Conferences are sending volunteers each Sunday through Dec. 2, to build a home for Angela Kendrick, a single mother with three daughters. The project began Oct. 14, and the walls and trusses are already up! To see photos and what is planned for each week, visit [www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com).

## Bird Flu Awareness

You've heard of Bird Flu, or avian influenza, but what do you really know about it? Do you know what you would do if a worldwide epidemic were to break out? Do you know how to prevent getting it?

Learn answers to these questions at an upcoming series of presentations sponsored by the McDonald Road Church Health Ministries department. The series will feature DVD presentations produced by the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists along with Drs. John Clark, M.D. and Amber Bell, DScPT.

The series will be held in the West Room of the Collegedale City Hall on November 6, 13, and 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. There is no charge, so to help defray the cost of renting the facility a freewill offering will be accepted at the door.

- Martha Dutterer

### Nov 6 - "Bird Flu: The Nature of the Beast"

This influenza has the potential of killing 2 million Americans and 81 million worldwide. 40% of the work force could be out leaving essential services and supplies unavailable. This segment captures the bird flu threat, tells what life would be like under quarantine and discusses vital items to have on hand.

### Nov 13 - "Bird Flu: An Ounce of Prevention"

An estimated 30% of the population will catch bird flu. How can we be among the 70% who escape its devastating effects? How can we boost the immune system while avoiding those things that suppress it so we have the greatest line of defense?

### Nov 20 - "Bird Flu: Treating the Sick"

This presentation addresses the often frightening effects this type of influenza has on the body over and above what we would expect from the average winter flu virus. While hospitals and doctors are turning people away with no hope you can know the simple treatments that were so successful in treating the equally deadly influenza of 1918. Learn how to use what you have at home to save the lives of people you care about.

# Kids' Corner

## Jungle Jaunts with Jack and Jerry

Jack, Jerry, and their parents are at a game park in Tanzania, Africa ready to go on a jungle jaunt. They get out of their car and go to the admissions office to get tickets and meet their guide.

"Hi! I'm Oscar, and I will be your guide today," says Oscar.

"Hi, Oscar!" say Jack and Jerry.

"Well, boys, what kinds of animals would you like to see?" asks Oscar.

"I want to see wildebeests, lions, gazelles, giraffes, and lots of others," says Jack.

"I want to see elephants, monkeys, antelopes, anteaters, and hippopotamuses," says Jerry.

"My! You boys have been doing your homework," laughs Oscar. "I'll try to help you find as many of these animals as I can. The lions have been hiding for the past few days, but maybe we can find some."

When everyone is in the van, Oscar explains the rules. "You must stay in the van unless I say it is safe to get out. You may roll down your windows so you can take clear pictures. Always keep in mind that these are wild animals, so you must keep a safe distance from them. As we go through the park, I will tell you interesting things about places and animals we see."

"How long have you been a guide here?" asks Dad.

"About six years," Oscar replies. "I have watched many of these animals grow up."

As they turn the corner, Oscar says, "See this row of houses? They belong to the care takers of the park." Soon they make another turn and there, right by the side of the road, are three elephants – a mother, a teenager, and a baby. The mother elephant keeps putting herself between her calf and the road. "That baby is only two months old," says Oscar. "I can remember when it was born."

Jerry gets out his African Wild Animals book and looks up elephants. He reads, "Male elephants are the largest land mammals in the world. They are about ten feet tall at the shoulders and weigh about 12,000 pounds. The Latin name for elephant is 'pachyderm,' which means thick-skinned.

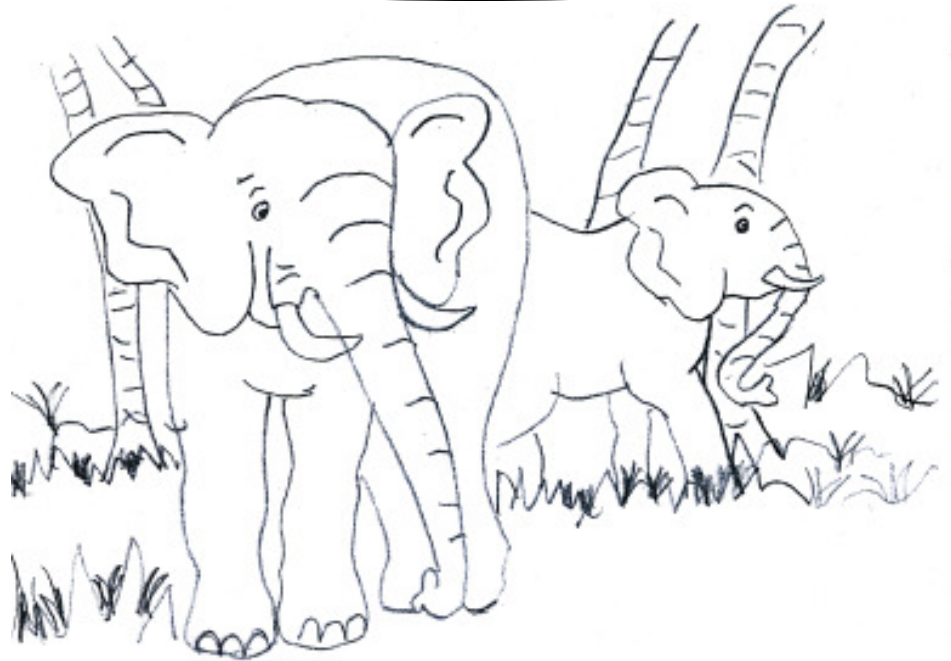
"They like to wallow in the mud to cool down and the mud provides an extra layer of cover to protect them from insects. The elephant has a heavy body that is gray in color. Its tail is short and ends in a bunch of hairs. Its head is large with two small eyes that don't see very well, two very large ears, a trunk, and two teeth called tusks. The elephant uses its ears to communicate and as fans to help keep it cool. The trunk is very useful for picking food, drinking, breathing, smelling, and fighting.

"Female elephants live together with an older female as the matriarch. Female elephants have a calf about every five years. All the females help take care of it. The new baby calf weights about 250 pounds. The calf will start using its trunk to grasp grass when it is about four months old. If it is a female calf, it will stay with its mother's group all its life. Male elephants live together and join females only at mating time."

Jack takes out his notepad and writes "Elephants."

"What animals will we see next?" asks Jerry. "You will have to wait and see," laughs Oscar.

- Janice Parker



How many words can you make out of the word ELEPHANT?  
Use each letter only once in each word.

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# Connecting

## Campaign for Community Kicks Off



Photo by Angela Baerg

Church representatives prepare for the Samaritan Center's fundraiser.

Nearly 50 pastors and church representatives from 17 local Seventh-day Adventist churches, including McDonald Road Church, recently participated in the Samaritan Center's Campaign for Community Kickoff. The churches came together in preparation for the Samaritan Center's upcoming Campaign for Community Annual Fundraiser, which runs through November and December. At the event, campaign materials were distributed, information and inspirational stories were shared, and the group was united in prayer for the upcoming Campaign. The fundraising goal for this year is \$200,000.

Since the Samaritan Center was established 21 years ago, donations from the community have been its driving force, not government funding. In fact, 14.4% of the Samaritan Center's budget depends on you. The Thrift Shop provides the majority (85%) of the funding, and less than .6% is provided by federal funding.

The Samaritan Center wants to thank all of the area churches for this early show of support. With your help, we know we can make this year's Campaign our best ever. Together we can continue to bring help for today and hope for tomorrow to our community.

- Angela Baerg, Samaritan Center

## Spalding Awarded as School of Excellence

A.W. Spalding Elementary in Collegedale, Tenn., is the first school in the Southern Union to receive the Adventist EDGE "School of Excellence" award from the Southern Union department of Education. Presented on Oct. 2, 2007, the award signifies that it is an exemplary school.

Spalding Elementary had to meet a number of requirements to become a School



Photo by Rebecca Brooks

Conrad Gill, Southern Union Educational Department Director, and Cynthia Gettys, Georgia-Cumberland Conference Vice President for Education, present Murray Cooper with the Adventist Edge "School of Excellence" award.

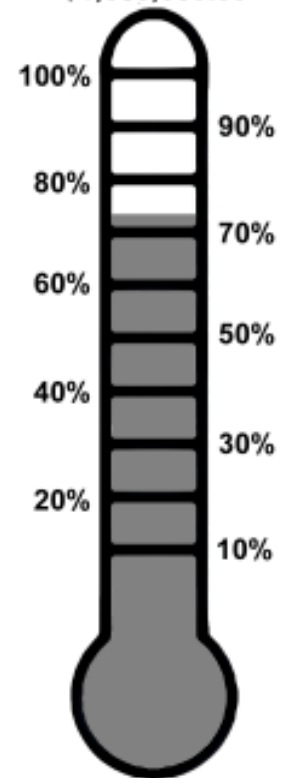
of Excellence from elements dealing with teachers, administration, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, public relations, customer service, and much more.

Along with the Adventist EDGE "School of Excellence" award, A.W. Spalding received a special flag and a check for \$18,000 from the Southern Union School of Excellence fund.

Cooper says the money will be used to purchase three active boards with electronic pens, continued staff development, and some promotional pieces for the school.

- Rebecca Brooks

Building Fund Goal:  
\$1,833,000.00



Raised as of 9/30/07:  
\$1,318,483.03

# What's Happening

**Share Him Rally:** Nov. 10, 2:30-5:00 p.m. – If you are interested in sharing your faith in cooperation with other like-minded Christians, please don't miss this important rally. You will learn what a lifestyle of evangelism means, become part of a community of like-minded Christians committed to "Evangeliving," and practically set out the steps for your Outreach Team to reach the lost for Christ. For more information, please call the McDonald Road Share Him Coordinator Bob Folkenberg, Jr., at 423-716-0167. Plan on attending this life-changing event!

**Covenant of Praise Men's Chorus** invites you to join them for their Fall dinner cruise on the beautiful Southern Belle river boat, Thursday, Nov. 29. Boarding is at 6:30 p.m., with departure at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy traditional, uplifting gospel music as you sail on the Tennessee River for the 2½ hour evening cruise. The dinner menu is vegetarian, provided by the culinary staff of the Southern Belle. Begin the Fall season with Christian fellowship on the river. For reservations, please call 266-4488.

**Quiet Oaks Assisted Living** in Graysville, TN (just south of Dayton) and 45 miles from SAU currently has room openings for seniors needing assisted living care. Located on a beautiful, wooded, mountain estate with many walking trails and gardens. Our licensed home is very clean and updated with 11 rooms, 3ABN TV, healthy menu, access to 3 local SDA churches, social activities and outings. Call RN/BSN Administrator, Laura Morrison, for information or to schedule a visit.

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## Regular Programs

### Weekly Worship Services

First Service  
Saturdays at 8:50 a.m.

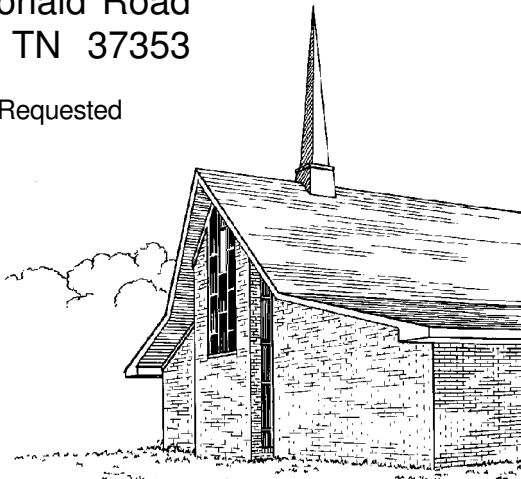
Second Service  
Saturdays at 11:25 a.m.

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

Prayer Meeting  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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