

Church News

Making Adjustments—Pastor Jeremy

MicroCHIP, a program that was intended to prepare us for the upcoming CHIP program this winter, turned out to be very successful. Averaging 30 to 40 in attendance each evening, we were enlightened as to what CHIP intends to accomplish. Near the end of this program, it was discussed and voted to postpone the planned prophecy series. Why? There are two main reasons. First, by moving the prophecy series we will allow our members to have a rest. For those who plan to help with the CHIP program, there is a rather large commitment seeing as how CHIP will meet Monday through Thursday for four weeks. We felt that to begin a five week series a week after a month long program on health would be to much for our people.

The second reason is that we want to allow some time to lapse between CHIP and the series so that those visitors who attended CHIP can have a rest. CHIP provides opportunities to build rela-



tionships with those in our community. Because it would be hard to have time to develop a relationship in just a few weeks, we felt that giving everyone a few months to have some “get togethers” or perhaps another program of some sort, would allow the guests not only a breather, but also provide an opportunity to get to know each other better.

So when will the prophecy series take place? Currently we are considering beginning the meetings in the middle of July. Even though July may sound a long way off, the preparation and planning is already underway. First we are preparing for CHIP and of course you’ve already been informed some about this. More details are soon to be released. On Sunday, November 4, we are providing Free Christmas Portraits to the community and may consider repeating this endeavor again this coming Easter with some changes made to our advertising. The idea behind the portraits is that it allows us to serve our community and build bridges, allowing them to see our church and meet our people. It allows us to serve them (Continued on page 2)

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Thanks Giving Banquet



Sunday, Nov. 11 @ 1pm
 Tickets are \$10 for adults
 and \$5 per child.

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freely with no strings attached. Of course the church billboard will be going up soon, which is intended to simply build awareness regarding our church and its presence in the community. The Bible Correspondence School will be sending out Bible Study Correspondence cards to several zip codes in January and there is the possibility of a cooking school in the late Spring. Indeed, programs and the like are being planned, considered and activated but this is only one element of our preparation as a church.

I would ask that each of you con-

sider your personal prayer life and witness. Do you want more than anything to see the kingdom of God grow, to see people learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus? If this isn't a passion of yours now, pray for it. After all, when your life draws to a close, it won't matter how much cash rests in the bank or how much television you saw or missed; what will matter is your work for the Lord. That's what lasts. That is what carries over into eternity. What are you doing to share the good news with others today?



As a reminder, the church recently voted that all showers are to be put together by the members and not by a church committee.

Curiosities—Virginia Wortham

Elder Charles Case has generously donated an autographed copy of his book, *Curiosities*, to our church library. This book consists of daily devotions for Juniors. Each day contains a Bible verse, interesting facts about God's creatures, plants, or universe and a conclusion that points out what a Christian can learn from God's wonderful world.

Through the year he takes us to places all over the world—to Krakatos, an island in the middle of Sunda Strait — to thirty thousand

feet under the sea — to twenty nine thousand twenty-eight feet above sea level to the top of Mt. Everest — to every continent — and even into outer space.

Curiosities is located in the Youth and Teen Section on the bottom shelf of the bookcase closest to the door. This section is arranged alphabetically according to author. Why not visit your church library this Sabbath and check out *Curiosities* or some other fascinating book to read during the week!

GOLDEN HARVEST CITRUS FRUIT 2007-2008 Schedule



ORDER BY **Nov. 28** / PICK UP ON **Dec. 13**

Grapefruit
21.00/14.00
FL Navels
22.00/15.00
Tangerines
-----/20.00
Variety Pack
21.00/-----

ORDER BY **January 9** / PICK UP ON **Jan. 24**

Grapefruit
21.00/14.00
FL Navels
22.00/15.00
Minneolas or
Honey Bells
35.00/21.00

ORDER BY **Feb. 13** / PICK UP ON **Feb. 28**

Grapefruit
21.00/14.00
CA Navels
TBA
Tangerines
-----/20.00
Temples
TBA

ORDER BY **April 2** / PICK UP ON **April 17**

Grapefruit
21.00/14.00
CA Navels
TBA
Tangerines
-----/20.00
Valencias
TBA

The Treasurer's Report—Bob Windscheffell



I am thankful to our Pastor for his sermons on Stewardship. I think that sometimes we all get a little lax in our

giving to the Lord, I know I have that tendency. But we need to keep in mind the fact that if it weren't for God's love for us we would have nothing. If we don't have Him in our lives we are very poor. Oh, we might have earthly treasure but that is really nothing. It will all be gone one day. God's love for us is forever and it will be forever for us if we do His will, and part of that is in giving back to Him.

We can show our appreciation for His love by following Him and doing His will in our lives and by showing Him how much we love Him by giving generously to His Church in the form of Offerings, and our time.

Now, to some facts and figures. We ended the month of October short of our budget goal by \$1,325.62. Since the first of January 2007 we have only met or exceeded our budget goal three months. This is very sad as we have many expenses and it is getting hard to pay the bills.

Right now our Church Expense account is in the red \$2,833.72 and the Family Life Center account is in the

red \$9,153.57. Sooo, you can see why we all need to be good stewards and do our part in keeping God's Church going. He will bless us, but we have to make the first move!

**Candle Light
Communion Service**



When:
Monday, Dec. 31st at 6:30pm

Where:
FLC Gym

Personal Ministries Minute - Kevin Zais



I used to love studying GOD'S word, now; I love to find Him in His word. I used to ask for guidance, now; I feel His hand upon the reins

of my life. As Seventh-day Adventists we believe that Scripture is a road map. The Bible is God's voice, speaking His love personally to us today.

“ But first seek the kingdom of GOD and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Mat 6:33. We know GOD'S kingdom starts inside us, in our hearts. It is here we must seek Him.

The Bible speaks the Creator's directions to us, like a detailed road map that clearly shows the exit ramp directly into heaven. It is also

much like an owner's manual for a life ready to be lived on the cutting edge of liberty.

The reason I focus, for the **minute**, upon this topic is that it is the possession of the Godlike character that marks one as truly belonging to God.

Righteousness is found in the Bible 306 times in 289 verses.

“Seeing then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth,

wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace,

without spot, and blameless.” 2 Peter 3:11-14.

“Preach in your lives the practical godliness of the faith that you believe. Let it be seen that the truth never degrades the receiver, making him rough and coarse, or fretful and impatient. Make apparent to all your patience, your kindness, your long-suffering, gentleness, compassion, and true goodness; for these graces are the expression of the character of the God whom you serve.” Ellen White on Evangelism.

So now I take this **minute** to ask you, what is it you seek, and what directions are you using to get there?

The School Report—Heather Stovall

Citrus brings a smile to the community!

The community is happy to once again get fresh citrus from Florida. Many voiced their excitement when they called in their order or were called by one of our great helpers. We owe a huge thanks to Jessie Barnes, Shirley Bingham and Jeannie Reuer. They have offered their services for the next 6 months taking orders, calling people, and then keeping me informed of all the orders so we can order the correct fruit. So far we have at least 160 full cases for our first order! I am thrilled that we have such a great product that our community looks forward to each year. Please keep in mind that all proceeds go to the school.

School yard sale

The yard sale hasn't happened yet, but I want to send out a big THANK YOU to all those that donated and those that helped out. We are planning to have 2 yard sales a year (Spring/ Fall). So if you do some cleaning and need somewhere to put your new found yard sale items just give me a call, we have a shed that we can store them in.

Calendars, Note Cards and Cookbooks

The school will be selling 2008 calendars and note cards starting in mid November. Calendars \$10, Note cards (12 per pack) \$6, Cookbooks \$10 or 2/\$15. All these items make great easy Christmas gifts that

will be enjoyed not just for a day but for time to come. Contact any Inez Wrenn student.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week just concluded and the children really enjoyed all the visitors. The police department was a big part of the week as they came in to speak on different topics: Stranger safety, seatbelts, drugs and many more things. The older children were able to learn the scary truth about Meth addictions and what it does to your body. Each day the children wore a red ribbon and would receive a treat if they remembered to put it on. Friday they all wore red shirts that said 100% ME -- DRUG FREE.

The Pathfinder Report—Marvin Jenkins



So far this year...we have 16 pathfinders, with 4 new members! Oct.19-21 found us at Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park for the North Tennessee Pathfinder Fellowship campout. The weather was great and we all had a good time. Next Sunday, Nov.11 @ 1:00 will be our annual Thanksgiving Banquet! We made the time earlier this year so no one would have to be out after dark. A Pathfinder should be calling you sometime next week to offer you dinner tickets. In case we miss you,

please call Marvin or Teresa @ 484-8836. We hope to see everyone there to support the Pathfinder club as this is our biggest fundraising event of the year. The menu will include; golden dinner roast, smooth and creamy mashed potatoes, herb dressing, green beans, sweet potatoe casserole, garden salad, hot buttered rolls, and scrumptious pie. The price for adults is still \$10, and children under ten can have this meal for \$5. In order to help us prepare our menu, reservations are preferred, but you may pay at the door. A warm setting with the Pathfinders serving you--hope to see you there!

Inez Wrenn School
Christmas Concert



December 7 at 7pm
in the
Church Sanctuary

▶ November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 5:30PM
4 Christmas Portraits Outreach Project 1-5PM School Yard Sale	5 School Yard Sale	6 School Board 5:30PM	7 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Pathfinders 6:00PM	8	9	10 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4:30PM
11 Thanksgiving Banquet 1PM	12	13	School Week of Prayer—Pastor Jeremy			17 Morning Worship – Pastor Jeremy Vespers 5:30PM
		Church Board 5:30PM	Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Pathfinders 6:00PM	15	16	
18	19	20	21 School Break at Noon NO Prayer Meeting NO Pathfinders	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24 Morning Worship - Elder Jim Curry
25	26	27	28 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Pathfinders 6:00PM	29	30	

▶ December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Morning Worship - Highland Gymnix Vespers 4PM Gymnastics Show
2	3	4	5 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Pathfinders 6:00PM	6	7 School Christmas Concert 7pm	8 Morning Worship—Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4PM
9	10	11 Church Board 5:30pm	12 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Pathfinders 6:00PM	13	14	15 Morning Worship—Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4PM
16	17	18	19 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Pathfinders 6:00PM	20	21	22 Morning Worship—Pastor Jeremy Vespers 4PM
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 NO Prayer Meeting NO Pathfinders	27	28	29 Morning Worship - Elder Paul Jensen
30	31 New Year's Eve Communion Service 6:30pm					

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From the Pastor's Desk



A shaft of light drifted in from the crack in the bedroom door, casting dark shadows across the dimly lit baby room. I stood there with Jason in my arms, my forearm resting against his hurting tummy. Jason was crying from what appeared to be pain in his stomach. He had turned six months old that day and Tina and I marked the occasion by setting him in his highchair for the first time and feeding him his first jar of baby food. He loved the green saucy substance which supposedly represented green beans. We took lots of pictures and finally put him to bed. Some time later he had awakened with a tummy ache and so while Tina went to pre-

pare something for him, I was given the task of trying to console him. As we tried various positions, finally I discovered that by holding his head and back against my chest with my forearm supporting him against his stomach, I could soothe him. As I rocked on my feet, I sang Jesus Loves Me softly as we stared out at the starry night from his bedroom window. Slowly the sobs subsided and he rested as I felt the air rumbling inside his small tummy. In some ways, that's the way it is with us. We celebrate life and enjoy the moment, but when the night comes, when the music drifts away, when the people leave, when the lights grow dim, we are sometimes left to ourselves amidst the dark and still of night. Some call it old age,

others call it reality. It's been referred to by some as the dark night of the soul, those times when we realize the story will eventually end, when we realize that we are ultimately helpless. But if we cry out to our Father in heaven, if we refuse to remain silent and cry out, He hears and He responds. Though we can't see Him, I imagine He bends over and scoops us up with His strong arms, and He rocks us back and forth, soothing us with His still small voice. And though the darkness may surround us, though the crowds may have disappeared, there is great joy in our heart as His presence envelops us, holds us, and comforts us. When is the last time you really cried out to God? I would like to remind you, He's listening.