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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

I trust that you are enjoying the change of season, although I'm not sure that it feels like autumn.

This month I'd like to share with you a topic that's on my heart dealing with the training of children. If you do not have children, the same applies to all.

We all want our children to do well in life. We want our children to be well trained. We want our children to be disciplined. But how are we to go about this most important work? How are we to train our children to think, to act, to decide for themselves?

Why do some children and/or adults seem incapable of thinking or acting for themselves? They seem enslaved to peer pressure. Lacking a firmness of character, they follow others into all sorts of mischief. We must develop a firmness of character in ourselves and in our youth.

I submit to you that many a child is trained under an authoritarian rule. Why so, because many people view God as an authoritarian. Some do so because of ignorance of His Word. Others do so because they have resisted God and have attempted to create God in their own image. Still others do so simply because they have drifted in their own Bible study and prayer time. Ultimately, we will act out upon others our own picture of God. Simply put, we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we fail to receive God's mercy and love, then how can we give it? If our hearts are not happy in Jesus, then how can we reach the hearts of others with His kindness and warmth? Without this vital connection with Jesus, a person loses the ability to reach the hearts of others. They are left with authoritarianism, a social Marxism of sorts.

But history is replete with many an example. Authoritarianism does not work. Just ask the Bolsheviks. Authoritarianism fails because it is incapable of reaching and transforming the heart of an individual. Individuals who are trained and/or taught under such rule will not learn how to think and to act for themselves. They will not develop any confidence in God, in others, or in themselves. They will be woefully set up for

unstable/unhappy relationships. They will be a mixture of timid, fearful, defiant, and rebellious. An authoritarian rule crushes a child's ability to learn. All thinking and acting is done for them by their authority figure. A child trained under such rule will not develop his own judgment. He will not have an opinion for himself. Such a child will not have a firmness of character that stands for the right in the face of negative peer pressure.

So how do we help our children to develop a stable/firm character? As parents and teachers, we must always be careful to not stifle learning opportunities with an iron fisted authoritarian rule. Such an approach will gain compliance from the child through coercion and fear, but it will fail to reach his heart. Learning how to think and to act is vitally important in God's kingdom. God doesn't want robots. He wants us to choose to be His disciples willingly. And so, God sent Jesus on a mission to reveal His own character of love to mankind. In [John 17:6, NKJV](#) Jesus says, "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world."

Jesus' mission was to reveal to mankind the loving character of the Father. His mission was to deliver us from sin. His mission was to make disciples with developed characters like unto His own ... like the Father. Jesus didn't seek to accomplish this work through heavy handedness. Instead, He came with love and mercy, reaching the hearts of whosoever would believe in Him. Does that mean that Jesus never disciplined? No it doesn't. Jesus cleansed the temple two times with a certain amount of enthusiasm. But notice that the Bible makes record of this happening two times in three and a half years.

By beholding the goodness of God, our hearts are touched and we want to follow Him. When we willfully submit to God's way, God is able to change our hearts. As we continually listen to Him speak to us in His Word, He is able to write His law in our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit's indwelling. We gradually become transformed in our thoughts, feelings, and actions. We learn how to think and act like Jesus, like the Father, independent from the vast majority of the world.

As we endeavor to train our children to think and act for themselves, the best way to do this is to follow Jesus' example – reach their hearts. This heart-work takes time. This heart-work requires much patience. This heart-work requires the parent and/or the teacher to have their own hearts filled with Jesus and His Word. It's been said that marriage teaches love, but children, patience. May we remember how patient and tender Jesus is/was as He taught the multitudes. The children ran to him. Let's be careful that we do not command and dictate our children too much. Let's win their hearts with warmth and sympathy. Let's show them that we love them by taking an interest in all of their efforts. Let's get on their level at times and win their confidence. If we reach their hearts, they will develop characters for time and eternity. Praise the Lord that Jesus won our hearts!

Pastor Jeff Walper

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Byron K. Hill, Sr. will be the worship service speaker on October 13. Hill has pastored in the Lake Region Conference, the Allegheny East Conference, and retired from Northern California Conference. He and his wife Brenda live in Hazel Green, Alabama.

Pastor Walper will be the speaker on October 20, 27, and November 3.

David Sigamani will be the speaker on November 10.

Tearl King will have the worship hour on November 17.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 13 – Fellowship dinner will be hosted by Chuck Kittleson's adult Sabbath School class.

October 13 and 20 – Shoe Ministry is collecting new or slightly used shoes. Details under BCCA News, page 2.

October 21 – Fall picnic, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. on the field behind Big Cove Christian Academy. Details under BCCA News, page 2.

November 10 – Fellowship dinner will be hosted by Don Evans' adult Sabbath School class.

November 11 – Wills and Trusts preparation is a free service to church members, provided by Gulf States Conference Trust and Services Department. David Sigamani can come to your home by appointment only to discuss your needs.

Sign up using one of the forms which are available at the greeter's desk in the church foyer. If you are not able to come to the church to get the form but would like an appointment, call either Janet Decker or Kathy Kittleson.

REGULAR OCCURRENCES

Sabbath School begins at 9:25 a.m. each Sabbath, with classes for all ages.

A prayer group meets in the sanctuary every Sabbath morning at 9:10 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Worship service each Sabbath starts at approximately 11:00 a.m.

A study group is meeting together on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to read the book *The Great Controversy* by Ellen White. Please join this group. You will gain a rich understanding of the plan of salvation, from the time of Christ until the end of time. You will better understand the significance of current events.

Mid-week worship (prayer meeting) is each Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the church sanctuary.

BCCA school board meeting – the 2nd Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m.

Central Church board meeting – the 3rd Monday monthly, 6:30 p.m., Central Hall.

Vespers – Usually at the church on *select* Sabbath evenings. Watch for announcements. Times will vary according to sundown.

Fellowship dinner – Second Sabbath of each month, unless otherwise announced.

NOTE: If you are a *regular visitor* at Central, and *regularly attend our fellowship dinners*, please be a part of our church family by bringing your favorite vegetarian dish to share with all!

Come bless and be blessed! Central presents a worship service most Sabbaths at 1:30 p.m. at Signature HealthCare Rehab Center on Teakwood Drive, just south of the church. If you would like to help with music and/or a devotional, please sign up on the form next to the greeter's desk in the church foyer. Need more information? Call Ed Toth, (256) 783-9551.

CENTRAL THIS 'N' THAT

New members Sabbath School class meets in the room behind the sanctuary organ. Questions? Ask the pastor.

Central Church choir usually rehearses on Friday evenings. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Malinda McCleary to get the details.

Big Cove Christian Academy has several current needs: a shuttle driver; people who can share their careers with BCCA students; volunteers to help maintain the school property. Details under BCCA News.

BCCA fund-raising projects – Read about them under BCCA News to see how you can easily support our school.

BCCA always welcomes financial support. See details under BCCA News.

BIG COVE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS

Career sharing and development – Big Cove Christian Academy is looking for professionals to come in and talk to students about their careers. The older students are at a time when they are seriously considering career paths, and also are interested in how school helps them later in life. Having professionals talk about careers and school would be very beneficial for them. The ideal time is on Fridays, but any time is welcome. Please contact me, if you can schedule a time to come in and talk about your job. (Lucas Smith, BCCA Principal, [lsmith at bigcovesda.net](mailto:lsmith@bigcovesda.net))

Volunteers needed – BCCA is always looking for ways to reach the community, and a well-maintained school is a key factor for those who are considering school enrollment.

One challenge we face is dealing with the upkeep of the school property, which requires attention regularly. We appreciate those who are currently volunteering, but we are looking for additional volunteers to help with things like killing weeds, cleaning the kitchen, clearing wasp nests, etc. Sharing the volunteer work will help alleviate the burden of the upkeep of our school, and provide a better curb appeal for prospective families.

I am in the process of putting together several small groups of volunteers to do regular maintenance chores. The groups would rotate so any one group would only need to come in once every 2-3 months, probably on a Sunday.

Please pray about this and contact me if you are willing to help. (Lucas Smith, BCCA Principal, [lsmith at bigcovesda.net](mailto:lsmith@bigcovesda.net))

Shuttle van driver needed to pick up children at the church each morning and take them to BCCA. This position is only needed in the morning. We have a school shuttle van for use, and gas is paid for.

If you would like to be considered or if you know of someone who would, please contact Lisa Schmitt, Christian Education Secretary, [lschmitt at bigcovesda.net](mailto:lschmitt@bigcovesda.net).

Shoe Ministry – Part of Big Cove Christian Academy's mission is to reach the community, and help those in need. You are invited to join this mission by taking part in one of outreach opportunities. One of the biggest needs in the homeless community is the need for shoes. We will be collecting *new or gently used shoes* for the Downtown Rescue Mission on October 13 and 20. Shoes can be any size, for either boy or girl. A box labeled "Shoe Ministry" will be placed in the church foyer. Thank you for being part of this outreach.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done" ([Proverbs 19:17](#)).

(Lisa Schmitt, Christian Education Secretary, [lschmitt at bigcovesda.net](mailto:lschmitt@bigcovesda.net))

Food, fun, fellowship! All are invited to the annual fall picnic on Sunday on October 21 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. on the field behind Big Cove Christian Academy. Don't miss out on the family-friendly games, hay ride, bounce house, fellowship and good food. We will end off with a short time of worship around the campfire.

BCCA Home and School Association will be providing vegetarian hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks. Please bring your favorite soup, side dish or dessert, and also your lawn chair and a hot dog roasting stick.

Invite your friends! See you there! (Janet Decker, Home and School Leader)

Birdhouses needed – Our BCCA property has an abundance of birds. We would like to erect bird houses on the school property. Contact Sherry Daily if you can build or otherwise provide birdhouses for BCCA.



BCCA yard sale fundraiser results – Yard sales are always unpredictable, and this year was no less unpredictable. However, with clear skies and no rain the Big Cove Christian Academy yard sale fundraiser was a huge success. We could not have done it without your support!

Together we made \$1,070 from donated items, table rentals, and lunch fundraiser.

This year was our largest vendor participation with a total of 21 vendors. Four out of the 21 vendors were individuals from the community who had heard about our yard sale through social media.

It was also encouraging to see our church youth involved in selling their items. One of our own church school student Brianna

Gohn tried her hand at entrepreneurship by selling delicious lemonade.

Thank you to all the vendors, lunch helpers, and to those who helped with the logistics of setting up tables/clean up.

Our endeavor is to use this event to be a witness for the community, while being able to fellowship with one another.

Please continue to pray for Big Cove Christian Academy, and for all the youth of our church.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” ([Galatians 6:9, NIV](#)).

(*Lisa Schmitt, Christian Education Secretary*)

BCCA Coupon Book Fundraiser – With your support, a total of 57 coupon books were sold, totaling \$1175. Home and School appreciates your time and cooperation! (*Home and School Leader, Janet Decker*)

BCCA has two year-round fundraisers which are *super easy* to do! **First** – every time you shop, select products which have a label that says “Box Top\$ for Education.” Clip these labels out, and place them in the “Box Top\$” container in the church foyer. Each box top label is worth ten cents (.10)! This can add up to a lot of money for the school if each member will participate. Thank you for your support!

A second way to support our school is to simply sign up for an account at Publix.com (if you don’t already have one), and select BCCA as the school of your choice, then enter your phone number at checkout. A percentage of each eligible transaction made using your Publix Partners account is allocated to BCCA. Thank you for supporting Big Cove Christian Academy! (*Lisa Schmitt, Christian Education Secretary*)

It is the goal of Huntsville Central that all the children in our church family receive an Adventist education. If you believe you may need financial assistance for the current school year, please contact Kathy Aitken, BCCA treasurer, [kathy at raitken.net](mailto:kathy@raitken.net), (256) 536-0033.

If you are interested in sending your child or children to BCCA, or if you know someone who is, please, right away, contact either of:

Lucas Smith, BCCA principal, at [l.smith at bigcovesda.net](mailto:l.smith@bigcovesda.net), (615) 719-0437.

Jeff Green, school board chairman, at [j.green at bigcovesda.net](mailto:j.green@bigcovesda.net) (256) 509-5557.

Support BCCA monthly with tuition assistance for worthy students, or to the Nelson or Christensen memorial funds.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

Outdoor Vespers – The young people enjoyed a great hike and outdoor vespers a couple of weeks ago at the Certain Trail off Cecil Ashburn Road. The evening was spent fellowshiping and singing while watching the mountains and beautiful sunset. We were also blessed by a heartfelt testimony from Joseph Acevedo. The vespers was made even more special because a group of young people that happened to be sitting nearby heard us sing and asked to join in! But probably the highlight of the evening was watching a large size copperhead slither right in front of our feet as we were heading back from the ridge.

“Growing Younger” YAM Retreat (Ages 18-35), October 19-21, 2018 at Camp Alamisco. YAM is our ministry for young adults ages 18-35. Register online at www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events. Learn more about Young Adults Ministry at www.gscsda.org/yam

Rock Climbing Teen Invitational (Ages 13-19+), October 26-28. Visit the GSC website for more information: www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events

PATHFINDER RAMBLINGS

Huntsville Spacewalkers Pathfinder Club held their annual Camping Skills Fall Camp-out at Monte Sano State Park. The Pathfinder Clubs from Madison and Decatur joined them for a fun weekend of learning how to camp, pitch tents, cook, use knives and axes properly and other camping and survival skills. Each of the classes took a turn in leading out in worship services. Induction was held Saturday night to welcome new staff and Pathfinders.

The club generally meets on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm at BCCA where the Pathfinders work on Investiture classwork, honors, and marching as well other fun activities.

The club is open to children in grades 5-12 who are willing to abide by the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.

For more information about Huntsville Spacewalkers, contact the directors Rick or Kelly Riley, at (256) 566-2181 or (256) 778-4142 or email [RKAARiley at aol.com](mailto:RKAARiley@aol.com)

MAY INTEREST YOU

Quiet Hour Ministries has several upcoming short-term mission opportunities. If you are interested in participating in a mission trip, check out the list of possibilities here: <https://www.qhministries.org/portal-missions?srtid=1&erid=3685615&trid=>

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” ([Philippians 4:6, NKJV](#)).

Those currently on the prayer list are: Jeff Irwin, Hugh Wilson, Lee Hipps, Thomas and Joanne Lang; Norma Harrison, Dee Theiss, Lisa Bender, Deb Saylor, Gloria Radke, Clarence Baughn, Tim Hendel’s brother Rick, Barbara Fraiser, Jennifer Reyes’ daughter Dia White, Sherry Bray, Vernelle Browning and family, George and Janet Decker’s children and grand-children, Beth Gohn’s mother Sheryl Carte, Gailynn Haynes, Corina Mullin, Randall Rierson, Delores Cochren’s daughter Kimberly Kirton, Louise Parsons, Ed and Jeannie Stover, Mary___, Ryan White.

Remember all those who are grieving, BCCA students and teachers, our youth here or serving our country or away at school, our homes and families, Christian missionaries, our denominational leaders, world leaders, persecuted Christians, and all affected by famines, diseases, violence and disasters around the globe.

Please note: For urgent prayer requests needing to be passed on to the church family, please contact Jon Barfield at (804) 586-5919 or [jondbsept24 at aol.com](mailto:jondbsept24@aol.com)

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

Noemi’ and Heinz Wiegand III were married in Gibraltar in March of 2018. They are now moving to California due to Heinz’s Navy change of station.

Well wishes can be sent to 4256 Green Acres Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363. Information came from Rachel Wiegand, [rachelwiegand at juno.com](mailto:rachelwiegand@juno.com)

Bobby Harrison entered the 2018 National Audubon Society photo competition, which had about 8,000 entries.

One grand-prize winner was selected, then two follow-ups, then the top 100 images. Bobby’s awesome image of a snowy egret was among the top 100! And his image was one of those selected to be used in a traveling exhibit!

View the 2018 Audubon Photography Awards Traveling Exhibit Top 100 images: <https://www.audubon.org/magazine/summer-2018/the-2018-audubon-photography-awards-top-100> Bobby’s image is about halfway down the list.

Visit Bobby’s Blogspot to see many more of his wonderful nature images here: <http://bobbyharrison.blogspot.com/2018/09/>

If you would like to congratulate Bobby yourself, you may: [bnharri at aol.com](mailto:bnharri@aol.com)

Thanks to Bobby's wife Norma for telling us about this, and congratulations to Bobby!

PRAISE TIME

Editors note: The following testimony was submitted by Delores Cochren.

Trust Him and wait – In early June I came home from church one Sabbath and it was warm in the house. After checking my thermostat I realized that my air-conditioner was no longer cooling. Later I called my son (whose finances were tied up because he was in the process of buying a new home) and told him what was going on. He advised me to get someone to look at it and get back with him.

I prayed and called around to see if there was anyone within the church with HVAC qualifications and learned that there was no one. A few days later I spoke with a friend who reminded me of a very nice young man who attended First Church that had a small HVAC business.

I contacted him and he came over the next day and his assessment revealed that it would cost \$400 plus to repair. My son immediately put the \$400 into my checking account so that the work could begin right away, and life was back on track.

Then the unthinkable happened... about 3 weeks later my 4 ton compressor died! I was devastated...what was I going to do? My HVAC guy did not recommend buying a new compressor for such an old unit (it was here when I bought the house in 2000) and I didn't have the money for either a new compressor, or, let alone a new unit. And to make matters worse, my children's solution to the problem was to sell my house and move closer to family because the house (and I) was old and would always require something.

I then remembered that when I took out a mortgage back in 2000 that I had a big dinner one Sabbath and invited all of my friends and the then pastor of First SDA Church, Pastor Benjamin Jones, to bless and dedicate my home to God's service. So in my mind, this is not my house... but God's! So that became my prayer to Him, that it was His house, I was His child, and that I was not going to stress about it because it was all on Him, and I was just going trust Him and wait. And that I did, from June to September, and believe me when I tell you... *I was never uncomfortable*, thanks to Pastor Jeff Walper and others who knew and prayed for me. Praise the Lord! Then early Monday morning, September 3, I received a phone call from an unlikely benefactor.

Wayne, a student that I had befriended a few years earlier, had called me back in July just to check up on me. He is now married and lives in Oklahoma City, and I told him a little of what had happened with the air-conditioner. So on September 3 he was calling to see if I had replaced the unit yet. I said No, but the Lord was working it out in His time. He then said, "Well, that's why I'm calling. I need you to get the price of a new unit and find out the down payment and monthly notes and get back with me. I'm going to pay for it." I was silent because I could not believe what I had just heard. After a few moments had passed I said, "WHAT? But it's going to cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000!" And he said, "Mother Cochren, can you please do that for me?" The Lord gets all of the praise!

I put my HVAC guy in touch with him and he told him that he did not do monthly payments so Wayne sent me a check made out to the company for \$5460.00!

I just want to say: "IT PAYS TO SERVE JESUS, IT PAYS EVERYDAY, IT PAYS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY! MARANATHA!"

SHARE THE TRUTH

Everyplace we go, there are reminders that Halloween is approaching. Children's minds are naturally drawn toward the decorations and costumes associated with this holiday. It is up to us, the adults in their lives, to educate them in regards to the origins of Halloween and why, as Christians, we do not celebrate the devil's holiday. We need to know what to tell our children and youth about popular themes such as Harry Potter, the "Twilight" series, Wicca and other forms of magic and witchcraft.

On White Horse Media website Steve Wohlberg, a much-respected author and speaker has unveiled the truth about these subjects and the occult. Go to <http://www.whitehorsemedia.com/> and scroll down to find the "search our site" box and type the word *occult*.

Here is a website which has a list of links that will help your family understand the roots of Halloween. <http://www.angelfire.com/ne/goyimforjesus/hall.html>

Learn here the truth about ghosts: <https://www.ghosttruth.com/>

Halloween – an outreach opportunity? Why not help your children witness to their neighbors and friends who come to the door on Trick-or-Treat night? By dropping a tract or two (along with some candy) into their bags, in one night you can give the gospel to lots of kids – and their families – all without leaving your home. Join the growing

number of Christians who take advantage of this once-a-year witnessing opportunity.

White Horse Media has a gospel tract for Halloween, "Trick or Truth," <https://www.whitehorsemedia.com/order-now-halloween-tracts-trick-or-truth/> Pack of 100 for \$9.99.

Several special Halloween tracts are available for both young and older kids. You can see/read the content of each tract before you order.

\$4.00 per pack of 25, <http://www.chick.com/seasonal/halloween/tractsuggestions.asp>

\$2.49 per pack of 25, http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/gift_results?page=1217977&sp=78963

VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Alabamians to vote on the Ten Commandments Amendment on November 6 – Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) recently interviewed special guest Reggie Whiddon, pastor of a Sabbath-keeping church in Huntsville, Alabama. Pastor Whiddon became convicted of the Sabbath truth after reading the book *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* by Danny Shelton and Shelly Quinn of 3ABN. Whiddon transformed his church from Sunday worship to Sabbath worship, though it is not a Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Whiddon has been active in successfully attempting to get the Ten Commandments Amendment on the November 6, 2018 Alabama ballot. This is sure to draw the attention of the nation.

The interview of Pastor Whiddon has been posted to YouTube. Be sure to watch as Danny Shelton and Shelley Quinn, authors of the book *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, and Dwight Hall of Remnant Publications which is publishing the book, and Yvonne Lewis-Shelton, as they talk with Whiddon as he give a first-hand account of this amendment in Alabama. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaqbXkvc31Q&list=PLeFIDisZ08E2UY2tHbgJcQRbZi>

Now is a prime time to blanket the city of Huntsville with *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* while people's minds are focused on God's law. And most importantly, pray for those who will receive this book! Order your FREE supply of these books immediately and distribute them to everyone you know, and folks you don't know. FREE cases of 100 books – you pay only shipping! (These books sell for \$12.95 on Amazon.com!) <https://3abn.org/news.html>

(Thanks to Jim Bishop for this information.)