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Middletown’s Kristianne Roberts hit the road with five high school girls to attend the KY-TN

Young Women’s Retreat at Indian Creek Camp. The crew included (L-R above) junior Amelia Rowan, seniors Olivia Matthews and Becca Hornback, and juniors Jewel Kesselly and Golda Ruckle.

“God’s Girls” was the theme chosen for the weekend filled with uplifting music, inspirational

lessons from women in the Bible, boat rides, and some spa time. One of the most interesting parts of the weekend was the Sabbath afternoon panel of young adult women who opened up and answered some very real and sensitive questions that the young ladies had about relationships with guys. In addition, the retreat attendees felt especially inspired by the candid personal testimony of Crista Crittenden, the newly-appointed KY-TN Young Women’s Ministries Leader and main speaker for the weekend.

The girls loved the entire weekend and were so glad they went. Olivia reflected: “I felt

touched by the speaker and what she had to say and how it applied to my life and felt closer to the girls over the weekend and had a great time!” Becca remarked: “Hearing all of the stories and being put on the same level with them and relating to some of the things the speakers had gone through made me want to work harder on my relationship with the Lord. Plus I got to spend it with my favorite friends :-)”

Young adult women... opened up and answered some very real and sensitive questions... about relationships.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

4 | Monthly fellowship potluck

4 | LAA Bonfire and Vespers

4 | Young Adult Game Night

5, 12, 19 | Fall Work Bee

10-12 | Elders Retreat

DECEMBER EVENTS

2 | Monthly fellowship potluck

3 | EACM Community Meeting

6-8 | EACM Christmas Store

9 | Community Christmas Concert feat. Dr. Calvin Taylor

15 | LAA Christmas Program (Lou. First)

Getting In Step With Jesus

by Pastor Marius Serban

As two Middletown elders joined Pastor Marius in prayer for God’s guidance this past summer, they felt impressed that a new Sabbath School class should be started. It was to be a new members class, not just for the newly baptized, but also for those who’ve been in the church for awhile and would like to learn more about the Seventh-day Adventist belief system and culture. Pastor Marius personally invited several new and long-time members to join “In Step with Jesus”, and on

Sabbath, October 14 six expectant students gathered in his cozy office.

The New Members’ Bible Study Guide includes an entire year of studies with new topics each quarter, eventually covering all 28 SDA fundamental beliefs. One special feature of the weekly study guides is the introduction of “Adventese”, a sidebar which defines special Adventist terms and shares Adventist historical and current interest vignettes.

Students are encouraged to review the daily lessons in the study guide throughout the week. A quiz or other “Checking Up” activity culminates the end of each lesson. Then on Sabbath the teacher and students discuss the week’s lesson in a very relaxed, conversational setting.

This informative small group is open to anyone who would like to review and get a better, fresher understanding of Adventist beliefs and customs.



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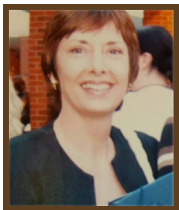
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"A safe environment... where people relationships become kingdom relationships"

A Life Well Loved

by MJ Hunter



In memory of his beloved late wife after her passing in August, George Carson established the Dianne L. Carson Benevolent Fund with an initial gift of

\$2,800 donated by family

and friends. This fund is based at Middletown and will provide assistance to those in need.

Dianne had a gentle, loving and beautiful spirit and was a blessing to anyone who knew her. An accomplished artist, her creations were

displayed in her home and in studios in the Oregon area when she lived there before moving to Louisville in 1992. Her eye-catching artwork depicts gorgeous natural scenery, people, animals, and more.

In September George, daughter Suzette Rodgers, and grandson Jarrell Harris presented Middletown with one of Dianne's beautiful landscapes which George nicknamed "Serenity". Dianne's painting is displayed over the fireplace in the fellowship hall where members and guests can view and enjoy it.

Dianne Carson's was "a life well loved", and her legacy of love will live on until we meet her again in Heaven!



Pastor Marius with George Carson and family presenting artwork donation

No Rainfall at Fall Festival!

by Traci Oms, Tabitha Sikes, and Golda Ruckle

Heavy rain forecasts threatened to ruin LAA's Annual Fall Festival throughout the early morning of Sunday, October 15, and



L-R: SA officers Eustace Eusebio and Golda Ruckle and classmate Aden Sikes

some pushed for postponement. Principal David Matthews persisted as he and our Home and School leader, Tabitha Sikes, united in prayer for a blessing over the weather for the event. Thankfully, the Lord held off the rain until

immediately after the festival ended. Event goers escaped the predicted downpour and had a lot of fun together as a school family and community!

The event was its usual action-packed, delicious success, and attendees enjoyed

activities synonymous with Fall Festival: hayrides, bounce house, massive inflatable slide, and face painting. Students and adults took turns manning (and playing!) IBC Ring Toss, Root Beer Pong Battleship, Operation, Fidget Spinner Arcade, Football Toss, High Striker, Tabletop Basketball, and Minute To Win It.

Food booth favorites included Mrs. Patti's freshly-fried veggie corndogs, deep-fried pies, virgin piña coladas, Walking Tacos, Big

Franks, and the newest Fall Festival addition, delicious Mexican Corn in a Cup.

Many classrooms were able to raise money



Group of students posing at the Football Toss game

for class trips and other needs, while most of the event proceeds benefitted Home and School. LAA is especially grateful to Tabitha, who did the lion's share of the organizing and planning to make this event possible. The Lord truly blessed!

LAA's Student Association (SA) invites you to their 5th Annual Bonfire and Vespers for the entire school family and local church community at the school (2988 Newburg Road) on Sabbath, November 4 at 5:30 pm. Bring snacks and a lawn chair; Big Franks and smores fixin's will be provided. Middletown, we'd love to see you there!



Father-son tractor riding (L-R): Parker, Brandon, and Landon Robison