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**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF YOUTH LEADERS/YOUNG PEOPLE AND
MAKING THE KINGDOM PRIORITY FOR A SECURE FUTURE.**

Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you.
² Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. ³ And this
is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Greetings Youth Leaders, Youth Pastors, AYS, Pathfinder, Adventurer Leaders and all of God's workers for youth and young adults. I count it joy to be in partnership with God and the hardest working people in ministry. I look forward to networking with you all and being a resource center for all your youth ministry needs. Having said that, I want to inform you of the changes that have been made in the Youth Dept. of SCC. As you know Pastor Roy C. Parham served as the Youth/Young Adult leader in the past. We have decided to change responsibilities in our department. I will be handling Youth/Young Adult Ministries, while Pastor Parham will serve as our Pathfinder/Adventurers Director. I look forward to serving each of you in your respective churches. I am also excited about the many possibilities to network with all of you in programming and more importantly, in ministries that will stretch our youth and young adults beyond the corridors of the church walls. Communication is the key to success in any relationship. I look forward to sharing with you as you share with me so we are all informed of what is happening in our field. I am praying for your success in youth ministries and I am looking forward to ministering along side each of you as we seek to build up the kingdom and wins souls for Christ with and through our youth/young adults. May God bless each of you and may your Youth Ministries go to levels beyond your wildest imaginations. Again it is my privilege to be in a position of service and I look forward to serving you with the power of the Holy Spirit leading and guiding every moment of the day.

Focused on our young people,
P. G.

CAMP MEETING '06

Camp meeting was a tremendous blessing this year. For our youth service we were privileged to have Pastor Clifton McMillan start off our encampment for the Friday night investiture service at the Oakwood College Gymnasium and Ricardo Delahaye was our speaker for the youth service on Sabbath morning and continuing until Thursday night. Pastor Marvin Mclean (Youth Pastor of Madison Mission SDA Church) closed out the week on the last Friday night and Sabbath morning. This year the Youth Pastors for camp meeting, under Pastor Myron Edmonds and Romaine Medley's leadership pulled off the first "Amazing Grace" race for camp meeting. It taught our young people teamwork and at the end how to show GRACE toward each other. We ended that activity by giving the team that won iPods. We gave out 9 iPods leaving one team member without one; without hesitation Samuel Thomas III showed one of the greatest expressions of grace and gave his iPod to his team member. As a result and unknown to him, he received a \$350.00 video iPod. Way to go Sam. In our Young Adult service, Pastor John Trusty brought the house down each night and held powerful seminars on relationships during the day. Pastor Nelson Stokes culminated the Young Adult services preaching with power and authority on Friday night and Sabbath morning; preach Stokes, preach Stokes! I know our theme, "No More Chains" served to be a blessing to all that attended our youth/young adult services this year. All of our young people were blessed this year by the ministries that were presented at this year's camp meeting. I hope we answered the call of our young adults this year as well. I wish the mountain top experience could last all year! Camp meeting '07 will take us closer to heaven.



CAMP THUNDERBIRD '06

Thank You's

I want to give special thanks to the counselors, kitchen staff, office workers & counselors in training (CIT'S). Thanks to Dr. Pelote for loaning the camp his very nice boat & 2 Jet Ski's that made our waterfront program a success this year (he promises to be with us in the flesh next year). I also want to thank Lavanne who is the Camp Superintendent of Booker T. Washington State park. I want to thank Director Hughes, Nurse Brown, Mrs. Boone and staff. I want to thank my secretary, "Ms. Mac" for her time and effort and my "little boss" Pastor P. for showing me the ropes. Congratulations to Director Sean Williams & Director Farron Gibson on their engagement. I understand the wedding will be in December. Way to go Director Sean you have taken Aunt Ellen's council...long courtship...short engagements. Special thanks to Pastor Nelson Stokes who was camp pastor for "Fun in the Sun" week, he adjusted his schedule to be with us. Thanks to Pastor Wayne Hewlett who was camp pastor for "Friendship Camp"; he brought 12 young people with him. His area had not responded to Camp Thunderbird in over 5 years. Thanks Pastor Hewlett for blessing camp in more than one way and leaving one young man to be a CIT (James Battle) who was a very hard worker and respectful gentleman. Major props Bro. Battle, by God's grace I will see you next year. Pastor Hewlett the kids are still talking about your messages. Pastor Juleun "Juice" Johnson thanks again for coming during our "Sports Camp" week. The "buzz" of your willingness to sit down and talk with each young person is still humming throughout the conference; it was a tremendous blessing to have you come. Thanks for driving up from the 'Sip (Mississippi) to give the young people some "down south" Love. Special thanks to Sis. Melissa Johnson for coming up to support camp (husband) on Sabbath; (his preaching went off the charts that day). I also want to thank Sandy Smith, Mr. Leisure, Terry Hamilton, Jovan Times, Mrs. Philips and Joy, Joy, Joy Peifer; you guys have to be the best team assembled to work on behalf of our young people.

Your children will be good counselors for years to come—Brandon Philips and Masika Piefer. The Ladies of treasury are always high on my list. I want to thank Ms. Merkita Williams & Ms. Alice Hospedales who assisted us the first week of camp, Mrs. Sonja Crayton the second week and then Ms. Hospedales who "came" back the last week. Thanks ladies. We must do that calendar—the youth dept. needs money—you guys will bring thousands. I want to thank Pastor Shepherd who has been a major blessing in my life in many ways, in particular for bailing me out when I was going under on the t-shirts and the trophies for sports camp. Pastor thanks for sending me in the right direction, it was major. On that note I want to thank Mr. Dallas Bunton for the financial contribution to camp this year. I had the privilege of having one of the former Youth Directors of SCC to visit the camp the first week in the person of Pastor Joseph McCoy, thanks Elder for coming by. I also had the privilege of my current Conference Secretary gracing our presence not once but twice who was also a former Youth Director of SCC in the person of Pastor Dana C. Edmond. Pastor Edmond thanks for coming- you just keep going and going and going and going, thanks for the calls every week as well that means a stack of "T-shirts" to me. I was also privileged to have the SCC President to grace camp this year in the person of Elder Benjamin P. Browne. Elder Browne thanks for coming to the camp this year and being active while there. I had the opportunity to take Elder Browne to get some swimming trunks and put him out on the lake to water ski. He was able to ride the waves for about 10 good, powerful, spiritual

seconds. He not only did it once, twice, three times or four, Elder Browne stood up on the water ski's a whooping 10 times only to discover that his days of water skiing are over; and then he drunk lake front water like a champ. Thanks Elder Browne what a way to go down. That's going down in history. Your appearance at camp means a stack of "Testimonies" (red books) to me and the entire camp staff. I didn't know you owned sweat pants and flip flops—Now that's funny! Last but certainly not least, I want to thank Mrs. Kim Griffin who came to camp this year and slept in the humid cabin, worked in the office, ran the camp store and kept up with Kalin while encouraging me that God is in control. Thanks Kim. I know you have said that you are not the one "We should look for another" it was real and you are a tremendous blessing to our camp and to me and little Ms. Kalin. I already know I have left somebody out—"charge it to my head and not my heart". We give God praise for 25 young people getting baptized at camp. Camp thunderbird '07 will be off the chains. We are planning to go 4 weeks for camp next year adding a music camp to our program. We are praying that the Lord will send us the right celebrity to come and do our music camp for us next year- I am hearing names like John Stoddard, Lloyd Mallory, Joey Kibble, Karima Kibble, Albert Dudley, Byron Cage to name a few. If anybody has connections out there please let us know. For sports camp we are attempting to bring in the And 1 basketball group to really boost our sports camp week. In the words of Director Hughes, "in May we are turning you away". All those interested in attending Camp Thunderbird next year, need to plan ahead now and make your calling and election sure. Camp Thunderbird '07 just a taste of heaven.

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??? YOUTH SUMMIT ???

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We are having our annual Youth Summit this year. Please youth leaders and those who would love to work closely with young people govern yourselves accordingly. The summit will take place at a new venue this year, the Shocco Springs Retreat Center in Talladega, AL. The summit is scheduled for November 10-12, 2006. I am asking my colleagues (Pastors) to support this year's summit by assisting those from your church/churches, who need to get some one on one attention, \$50.00 towards there cost for the summit. This year no one will have to share a bed like times past (Hallelujah); but beyond that our summit promises to be a tremendous blessing. All Pathfinder directors and leaders, Eager Beaver, Little Lambs, etc. this is your opportunity to get training for the next year. AYS leaders, youth pastors and those who would like to be youth pastor's this training is for you. Sabbath Superintendents, Sabbath School teachers, Family Life Directors and assistants, this year's summit will bless you tremendously. This year we are adding music to our summit. If you are trying to start a praise team in your church, if you are the minister of music for your church and you need assistance in choosing the right hymns for worship, the right people to sing for Sabbath worship and prayer meetings, if you are trying to start a choir (youth, young adult, Sanctuary) this summit is for you. The cost of the summit is \$160 per person. This includes lodging and food along with all the seminars and presentations for the summit. There are some youth leaders who are in hiding and God needs you to come out of hiding and go to work for the love of our young people. We will be teaching youth leaders more than AYS programming but also youth ministries beyond the walls of the church. Our theme is a continuation of Youth Congress, Camp Meeting and Camp Thunderbird- "No More Chains." Chains will be broken off our churches and our leaders so that we can be a blessing for the "kingdom." You will be receiving more information about Youth Summit '06 in the next week; along with registration forms and directions.

YOUTH CONGRESS '07

We are supporting the NAD and Pastor James Black with the Just Claim it (JCI) youth congress that will be held in Dallas Texas, February 28th-March 4th. I am hoping that our churches would send delegates to this particular prayer and youth congress that will be geared towards outreach and prayer. The website is www.justclaimit.org you can register there for delegate packages and find out all of the activities that will be going on. Many of you have said to me what about those of us who cannot afford to go to Dallas? I have heard you. I am answering you. We will have a Mini Congress in south central in '07. The purpose is to meet the needs of our own young people and to

own young people and to have our oratorical, jingles, and poster's for our youth. It will be tentatively in Nashville beginning on Friday evening and all day Sabbath. We will have sports that evening to include basketball and volleyball competitions. More to come about South Central Mini- Youth Congress at your fall federations.

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SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE 2006 FALL FEDERATION SCHEDULE

I am attending 3 of the 6 federations around our conference; Pastor Parham will be attending the other 3 federations. I am asking that each president plan to meet with me along with your cabinet so that we are all on the same page as it relates to our federations. I am also planning to bring with me Simon Jacob who is our sports coordinator for the conference. He will need to meet with the sports coordinator on the federation level and local church level. If your federation is up for election please be kind to let me know before I get to your particular federation. I am depending on the Federation presidents to set time and location of our meeting. I've indicated in parenthesis which conference official will be working each particular federation.

September 9, 2006:

MISS / TENN

Word of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church
Memphis TN (Pastor Roy Parham)

SOUTH ALABAMA / NORTH WEST FLORIDA

Theme: Preparing Our Hearts in these Last Hours of Probation
Troy University, Troy AL (Pastor Vandeon D. Griffin)
Guest Speaker: Elder Benjamin Browne, SCC President
SEE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

September 16, 2006:

CENTRAL ALABAMA

Theme: From Death to Deliverance
South Park Seventh-day Adventist Church
Birmingham, AL (Pastor Vandeon D. Griffin)
Guest Speaker: Mason West

MIDDLE TENNESSEE / KENTUCKY

Theme: Get on My Level
Cathedral of Praise Nashville, TN (Pastor Roy C. Parham)
Guest Speaker: Elder Calvin Watkins
SEE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

October 7, 2006:

TENNESSEE RIVER

Theme: "My Choice, My Regret, God's Choice, My reward."
Athens Middle School
605 S Clinton St, Athens, AL (Pastor Parham)
Guest Speaker, Pastor Jeffrey Watson

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

T B A
(Pastor Vandeon D. Griffin)

Congratulations Tennessee River for putting YAM in charge of planning this particular federation. Way to go TN River!



P G heard ...

from Sherrie Campbell,
South AL / NW Florida Federation President

from Middle Tennessee Kentucky Federation

Theme: "Preparing Our Hearts in These Last Hours of Probation."

Middle Tennessee Kentucky Youth Federation Fall '06
September 15 – 16, 2006

Theme: "Get on My Level"

Friday Night, September 15, 2006
Youth Talent Show

Sabbath, September 16, 2006
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
Cathedral of Praise
4300 Clarksville Pike
Nashville, TN 37218

Musical Guest: Dynamic Praise

**5:00 p.m. Musical Concert Featuring the Youth of Middle Tennessee
Kentucky Federation**

6:15 Musical Concert featuring Dynamic Praise

Saturday Night
8:00 p.m. Battle of the Churches
Whites Creek High School

Who-Speaker: President Benjamin Brown
What: Fall Federation
When: September 09, 2006
Where-Location: Troy University in Troy, AL
How: By the grace of God

What: Lunch
Please be advised and advise that a buffet style lunch will be provided by the University at a fee \$5.00 per person, across the board. Each church should collect and send a list, as well as the necessary funds, providing the total number individuals eating from their church NO LATER than SEPTEMBER 2nd. These funds should be sent to:
Sherman Arnold
804 Chappel Ave
Prichard, AL 36610.

Please be advised that lunch will include 4 or 5 vegetables, a couple of casseroles, rice, mashed potatoes, cheese pizzas, etc., a variety of desserts and breads as well as drink.

NO MONIES WILL BE ACCEPTED OR PAID ON THE SABBATH;
IT IS AGAINST OUR BELIEFS TO MAKE SUCH TRANSACTIONS,
ESPECIALLY WHEN PRIOR PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

What: Evening Activities. An Old time fun and recreation is planned for the evening's activity. Each church is being asked to design a T shirt, representative of the church's team spirit. Many of the sport activities being provided will be wholesome competition between volunteers/representatives from each church. The activities will climax with a trophy being given to the church with the most points. The social activities will last NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS. Admission fee is \$1.00. Refreshments will be sold. The Sports Coordinator is requesting assistance from the various AYS leaders to assist with the events.

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