

**SABBATH SCHOOL AT CAMP MEETING**

Sabbath School was indeed a great experience according to the many comments during camp meeting. Mrs. Carolyn Kelly was this year's Sabbath School superintendent and she did an excellent job as always. Elder James Talton facilitated a lively, interactive lesson study. Those who arrived early received and "I ❤️ Sabbath School" button.



A special thanks to our participants who did an outstanding job. Hats-off to former Sabbath School director, Elder Roy Patterson, for the part he played as well. And of course a big shout out to the state directors, assistants, area leaders and all those who served as hostesses. We received many comments on this special touch as members are welcomed to the Sabbath School experience.

This year, the Sabbath School leaders had the opportunity to attend two training tracks to assist them in assuring that the experience is one that members look forward to and visitors feel comfortable attending.

**Track I, Discipleship Master Plan**, was taught by Dr. Melvin Santos. In these sessions, Sabbath School leaders received comprehensive training with emphasis on creating disciple-making churches. Leaders and others were equipped with the principles to transform regular churches into disciple-making churches. Over a hundred attendees of lay people and pastors attended the sessions. Our goal is to produce dozens of disciples and lay ministers to do the work of the ministry and ultimately win people to Jesus.



**Track II session, Mastering the Tools of the Trade**, was lead by veteran instructor, Faith Crumbly. This comprehensive four day training ignited the passion of leaders as they explored the tools necessary to create a Spirit-filled interactive Sabbath School experience.



Attendees who attended all of the sessions in at least one of the tracks received Discipleship medallions.

We are looking for participants for next year's Sabbath School program as well as ideas of what you would like to learn to strengthen your serve. Let us hear from you before the year ends. You may contact Judith Eddings, secretary, at the number and extension listed.

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*To Win – To Hold – To Train*

**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PEN:**

*Greetings*

*It is with joy that we provide the third quarter's newsletter. Included are suggestions for outreach projects for your Sabbath School action teams. Remember outreach is one of the four fundamental objectives of Sabbath School. We believe that God longs to do more through the body of believers than on the day of Pentecost.*

*We encourage you to take the time to come aside and ask the Holy Spirit to ignite a fire for souls as you reach out in your church, home, workplace and community. The harvest indeed is plentiful. It is our prayer that God will send forth laborers, in the form of action teams, to reap where others have sowed, or watered or where there is a drought.*

*Please contact us if there is any way we can assist you in making your Sabbath School an experience where members are eager to attend, visitors feel welcomed and love reigns supreme.*

*At Jesus' feet,  
 Shirley Scott*



**REACHING OUT...**

It's amazing what God will do when we follow His master plan of discipleship. What an exciting time students had in the discipleship class during camp meeting. When Jesus gave us the great commission, the first word was, "GO!" Not come, not bring, but go into all the world and preach, teach, and baptize. Along with the command was a promise; "I'll be with you." Our success is assured when we do it God's way. The church in Acts 2 was engaged in a lot of outreach because the Bible says they distributed as the needs dictated out of their own means. People need to see Jesus in action. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." Ellen White, Ministry of Healing p 143. *Let's move into action!*

What an amazing God! He gave us the command and showed us how to do what He commanded us to do...and said you've got ME as a partner. It can never get better than that. The Sabbath School experience is an ideal place to form outreach ministry action teams. This newsletter has many ideas and some of you may have more to add to the list. Think what would happen if the Sabbath School department would meet with the church as a whole with each member in their assigned Sabbath School group (called action teams). The main purpose would be to develop projects for the entire year where each team would do an outreach at a certain time during the year. How soon would we make friends for God? It would make it easier for us to move those friendships to fellowship to membership to discipleship, which is our ultimate divine calling from God and mission as the body of Christ here in South Central. It is our divine calling and He never ask us to do the impossible because with Him all things are possible.

So what are you waiting for? There's a work for you to do! Pray and move forward with excitement and expectations.

With Jesus, each of us can do exceedingly, abundantly more than you can think or ask according to the power that works in you. And God gave you power at baptism. You've got what it takes!  
**Go for it!**

*Help its students catch a vision of the church's mission in the community, train them for service, and inspire them to witness. It will develop programs to involve them in soul-winning activities.*



## ORGANIZED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The service projects are not done **AFTER** Sabbath School, but **DURING** Sabbath School. In this manner, the Sabbath School itself becomes mission oriented and you get a lot more people involved in outreach.

### Plan 1: Dedicate 15 minutes of Sabbath School time in the group each week to service.



For example:

- Everyone bring their cell phone and call one shut-in or person in the hospital.
- Collect shaving supplies each week and give to Homeless Shelter at the end of the month. Create festive wrapping.
- Class members collect change in jars at home. Bring to class after a few weeks and use money to purchase a gift for a need, hurting person.
- Have everyone bring in fresh fruit to make a fruit basket. The group decides who to give it to. It need not be a shut-in, but anyone who needs encouragement.
- Everyone bring a few fresh flowers that are picked or purchased to make a bouquet to bring to someone who could use some encouragement.
- Have each class member purchase a card for someone the group decided on the week before. Bring the cards to class, write a short note of blessing and appreciation, and everyone sign each card. Mail them at the same time.
- Fill out postcard size "Encouragement Cards" or "Appreciation Cards" with the person's name on the front. Give it to the church office to add the address and mail.

### Plan 2: Periodically devote all of the Sabbath School group time to service, staying within the building.

For example:

- The class members practice a skit to be presented during the church service, children's Sabbath School, or some other time. Choose skits that are designed to involve a dozen or more people. Skits can be purchased online from places such as:
  - <http://www.crosspointscripts.com/site.cfm/home.cfm>
  - <http://willowcreek.com/servicebuilder/catalog.asp?catId=2>
- Get white poster board that is 3 feet on each side. With a pencil divide it into 12" by 12" squares. Decide on one overall scene and have members color in only the portion in their square with crayons. Cutout and send one square per day to the person you want to uplift so they can put it all together. Include a not that it is a puzzle.

## ORGANIZED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES Continued...

- Assemble kits for the homeless – "Street Corner Care Kit"
  - Some things to include:
    - ½ gallon freezer bag
    - Food
    - Drink
    - Socks
    - Hand cream
    - Toothbrush
    - Etc.

### Plan 3: Periodically devote one entire Sabbath morning to service out in the community using a van or bus. Make the theme "Random Acts of Kindness".

For Example:

- Go online ahead of time and purchase balloons that you can have the company put a Christian message on. Take a rented helium tank to a downtown park, fill the balloons with helium, and give them away to families. If they ask why you are doing this just say, "To demonstrate God's love."
- Purchase cold soft drinks and water ahead of time and have the class give them away to cars that stop at red lights.
- Have committee to research service opportunities that class can participate in during regular Sabbath School and have a class sign up ahead of time. Both within the church and community.
- For other ideas see websites such as:
  - <http://www.helpothers.org/ideas.php>
  - Put "Random Acts of Kindness ideas" in a Google search