



A Periodic Newsletter

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Our purpose: to facilitate an atmosphere of belonging, believing, and becoming for all students. We desire to see each student maturing in their faith, ministering to the needs of others, being involved in mission and exploring leadership opportunities.

We are a part of the larger Adventist Christian Fellowship network of Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

AGAPE FEAST :: August 19

During our first vespers of the semester folks had the opportunity to both meditate on God's word and break bread together by candlelight.



CAR WASH :: August 21

In an effort to help raise funds for this year's Advent House Renovation Project, students, staff, and friends assembled together at the Knoxville First SDA Church for a carwash.

Despite the initial rain and overcast sky, the carwash went well. Close to \$200 dollars was raised, and many came out to support either by helping at the welcome desk, advertising/holding signs out on Kingston Pike, or washing the customer's cars.



DEMO & CLEANING DAY :: September 20

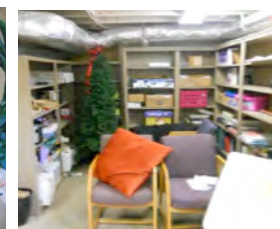


The time finally came to tear down the second floor deck that was in serious disrepair. Church member, Dan Peters, has been very instrumental in making the demolition possible and he led a few students in knocking down the walls.



While demolition was going on outside,

cleanup of the future prayer room was happening on the inside. Another church member, Barbara McKinney, is working with us to redesign this room.



Are you interested in supporting our ministry?

To find out more about how you can help improve our community, please contact: Michaela Lawrence Jeffery (Chaplain/Director) at 865.522.3193, mlawrence@gccsda.org

Or mail gifts to:
 1918 Terrace Ave, Knoxville TN 37916

You can also check out some of our activities online at:
www.adventhouse.org

ALL HANDS ON DECK :: October 2 & 23



Two impressive crews of church members and students showed up prepared with their masks, gloves, and energy to clean up the rubble from last month's demolition of the second floor deck. Thanks to their hard work, we are now rubble-free!

TIM KERIN FUND DRIVE :: October 8

Liesl Grady, Shekaina Domingo, Seth Ramsey, Nathan Rowe, Casey Tipton, Jeff Mbarushimana, and assistant chaplain Krystal Barnes were equipped with their "Tim" sign and power towels (to be offered to the public for \$5.00) to help support the Tim Kerin Fund Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Tim Kerin was the head athletic trainer for the University for 15 years who died unexpectedly due to an aortic aneurysm in 1992. In honor of Kerin, the University of Tennessee Campus Ministers Council and the Athletic Department sponsor an annual collection at one of the home football games. This year's drive was held on October 8, during the UTK vs. Georgia home game. In the past over \$40,000 has been raised for Second Harvest and many families have been helped through this endeavor.

Jeff Mbarushimana, commented that it was his first year participating in the event and after having experienced the fund drive he hopes to continue supporting the cause. "For my first year, I had a blast! The reward of seeing people willing to take a couple of minutes to either donate or purchase a towel so a family out there can at least have something to eat, just brings a sense of joy into my heart."



Next year's Tim Kerin Fund Drive will be held on September 15, 2012 during the UTK vs. Florida home game.



Student Spotlight

Yukina Yokoi is a computer science and engineering graduate student from Toyohashi University of Technology in Japan. She came to Knoxville to complete a six-week internship with the Department of Chemistry. In addition to working with one of the professors in that department and getting to know the Knoxville area with her colleagues, she was introduced to Advent House by fellow student & physics PhD student, Nick Vence.

Yukina came to a few spaghetti dinners and was able to practice her English while we practiced pronouncing Japanese words properly. She also played her first Dutch Blitz game with pros Michaela, Justin, Arthur and Seth. We hope to see her again. Until then, Facebook will have to do.

RENOVATION PLAN

Our goal is to raise **\$100,600** in order to complete the following tasks:

Complete Renovations—\$95,100 (most urgent need)

Increase Operating Expenses by—\$2,500

Increase Reserves by—\$3,000

Here's what the **Renovation** budget & details look like:

Description	Approx. \$*	Details
Deck/Patio Renovation	\$49,000	Tear down & reconstruct deck, expand living room, add indoor stairs to deck
Stucco	\$30,000	Stucco outer area listed above
Walkway Rebuild	\$2,000	Tear up old walkway/steps in front of house and rebuild
Landscaping	\$6,100	Plant banking and rock inlay, cleanup beds, remove brick, replant & mulch
Living Room Extension. Furniture	\$3,000	Add furniture to expansion
Basement Rooms Update	\$5,000	Paint, replace furniture, add carpet, build wooden structure for theatre seating
TOTAL	\$95,100	

*These figures are based on assessments by local construction experts.

WORK SO FAR

- Tore down deck and porch arches (one local church member volunteered to spearhead the demolition)
- Cleared away rubble in two cleaning sessions (many volunteers from two local churches came to help)
- Built door over outer steps leading to basement
- Patched the outer walls to prevent water damage (via a local builder)
- Cleaned out prayer room

MONEY RAISE SO FAR

- The Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has committed to cover 10% of our total costs!
- One donor has committed to \$1,000.
- A potential donor is willing to give a matching gift of \$5,000.
- The Advent House Board has committed to raising \$6,000.
- One donor is working on *and* committing \$2,000 to the creation of a prayer room and the revamping of the media/game room in the basement

We still have a lot of money to raise and a lot of building to do.
We ask that you partner with us through your prayers and donations.

Be a part of our **ADVENTure**

Donations made before the end of 2011 will be eligible for a 2011 tax deduction.