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HILDEGARD SANDSTROM

Hildegard Sandstrom recently came from Florida to Greeneville to live near her two daughters, Jeannie Kretschmar and Ruth Kamieneski. She is making her home with Ruth's family; they renovated their garage into a cozy apartment for her.

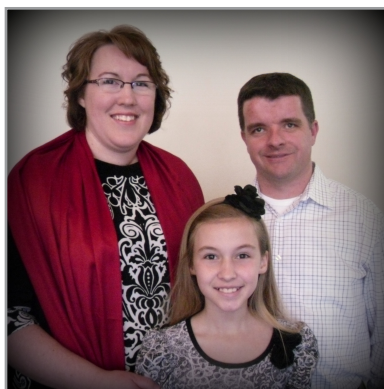
Hildegard was born in Germany. Her family immigrated to Canada when she 4 years of age. She decided to attend Atlantic Union College, where she met her husband, Don. He went into the ministry, first serving in New England. In fact, he was Mike Odell's pastor in Fitchburg, MA! From there, they went into mission service, serving in Brazil on the Amazon for 10 years and then in Peru, where Don was President of the Inca Union.

When their 4 children---3 daughters and a son---were teens, the Sandstroms returned to the US for 10 years. In 1981, they accepted a call to the East African Division; they lived in 3 African countries in 5 years! Returning home, they settled in Texas, but finally, upon retirement, they went to Florida because all 4 of their children were living there at that time.

Hildegard's son lives in Nashville and she's hoping her third daughter will move to Tennessee. Meanwhile, she's enjoying her 5 Greeneville grandchildren and she likes to garden. We count it such a blessing and privilege to have you in our church family, Hildegard.

Meet Our Newest Members

by Jeanne Odell



BOYCE FAMILY

Welcome back Keith, Trish, and Allyson Boyce. The Boyce family were members of our church from 2004 to 2007. They moved, because of work, to Lexington, KY from 2007 to 2011. They say they wanted to come home to TN and to the mountains, where they had lived off and on for 16 years. They have family in Tennessee, Florida and Arkansas.

Keith is an administrator of area nursing homes. Trish is teaching at GAA, where Allyson, age 10, is a student in the 5th grade.

Allyson enjoys pathfinders, playing the piano, and art. Trish likes scrap booking; while Keith enjoys camping and outdoor activities. We're so happy to have y'all back!!

From the Editor

Receive this newsletter as an e-mail up to a week earlier. Send a message to katrina0405@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Submissions, comments, and suggestions can also be sent to katrina0405@gmail.com.

Submissions for the May newsletter are due March 25.



COONLEYS

As always, we're happy when folks move to our community and decide to make our church their spiritual home. Ken and Sonja Coonley recently did just that and we welcome them. They are not strangers to us, since they are the parents of Terri Bermudez.

Ken was born in the state of NY but moved to Lakeland, FL at the age of eight. After high school he served 3 years in the army and upon returning home he was trying to decide if he should reenlist, when he met Sonja; he didn't and they married in 1959. Following Bible studies and evangelistic meetings, Ken was baptized. Sonja, on the other hand, grew up in Lakeland, attending Adventist church schools and was baptized at age 12.

Early in their marriage, Ken worked as a certified orthotist, making limbs and braces and he also became a lay leader. He felt the Lord calling him to work full time, so with the sponsorship of the FL conference, Ken attended Southern Adventist University and completed his degree at Atlantic Union College. He began his ministry in Lake City, FL and pastored a number of churches in FL. In 1987 he accepted the call to be executive secretary for the Carolina Conference and Sonja began working as a secretary in the ministerial dept. In 1990, he became president of the Carolina Conference and he served in that capacity until his retirement in 2004.

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Apr 1	Linda Carlton Rhonda Bennett Robyn Iuliano
Apr 2	Angel Manning
Apr 3	Lynda Nelson Maci McMillan
Apr 4	Jay Grose
Apr 5	Terri Bermudez
Apr 6	Milton Siepman Michael E Webb
Apr 10	Nancy Hood Kristina Dubs Brenda Crawford Darrell Sanford
Apr 11	Benjamin Adamo
Apr 14	Brad Emde
Apr 15	Karen Myers Carolyn Root
Apr 16	Jacklin M Horton Libia Inez Prada
Apr 17	Glenn S French
Apr 19	Leroy Wanamaker Randy Nomura
Apr 20	Juan Sanchez Johnathan Manuel Merida
Apr 21	Lynda Draper
Apr 22	Mearle Meyer
Apr 23	Mary Sue Riddle
Apr 24	Caleb Santos
Apr 26	Gayle Garrett Jane Vest
Apr 27	Deborah Pickett Christiann Nace Emily Latham
Apr 28	Herbie Hastings Muriel Nicora Patti Cohen

ANNIVERSARIES:

4/08/07	Brad & Katrina Robinson
4/17/10	TJ & Alysa Culler
4/19/90	Richard & Virginia Gluck
4/29/94	Matt & Maelyn McMillan

If your information is missing or incorrect, please contact the church office.

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In retirement, Ken and Sonja built a home near Hendersonville, NC and there Ken enjoyed golfing and spending time with his beloved horse Bandit. Sonja enjoyed having time to read, garden, and spend time with the grandchildren; they have 5 grandsons. They have a son who lives in Apopka, FL, but we're glad they chose to move near their daughter Terri and her family!

Behold the Sacrifice

Written by Norm Draper

Darkness fills the halls.
Heaven looks away.
Men wander aimlessly about.
Sin would have its say.
"Crucify the Lamb -
His blood be on us."
A silent bleeding Lamb
Is led, is thrown, is pushed.

The altar's ready now -
A cross between two thieves,
High and lifted o'er the crowd
A Lamb gasps and bleeds -
A few short breaths cry out,
"Father, forgive the men,
Behold my mother. I thirst.
My Spirit, Father, I send."

The grave tastes of darkness
So thick, night is light.
Loud silence stills the Sabbath
And on through the night.
A light glimmers deep inside.
The Lamb's heart beats to life
The stone rolls away.
Behold the Sacrifice!

Sunday morning mists
Hang low to kiss the earth.
Heaven celebrates.
The grave has given birth!
Angels hover low above,
The place the Lamb went free.
"O Death, where is thy sting -
O, Grave, thy victory?"



LEADERS: If you have a conflict for the week you are scheduled, please arrange for another group to trade with you or for someone to handle your responsibilities. Also, let the church office know so that it can be in the bulletin.

PARTICIPANTS: If you cannot be present, you are responsible for providing food, finding a replacement, or trading with someone.

CHURCH MEMBERS: If you are planning to stay for potluck, please bring enough food for your family as well as guests. Several groups still need additional team members; if you would like to join a group, please call Brenda at the church office to add your name.

SCHEDULE

APRIL

07	Brenda Chalfant & Chuck Reese
14	Jan & Joy Leffers
21	Walt & Mary Lou Cross
28	Church Retreat @ The Oaks

MAY

05	J.R. & Phyllis McKinney
12	Dave & Brenda Ondrejka
19	Dave Roberts
26	Fred & Barbara Myers

JUNE

02	Stanley & Ollie Mae Giles
09	Gordon & Lyn Marsa
16	Joe & Jeannie Kretschmar
23	Harry & Lynda Nelson
30	Joe & Lucia Fillers

Thank you all for the ministry you provide. You may never know those you've reached through your service.

Church Calendar & Announcements

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUN APR 1

April Fool's Day

5 – 8pm – Elder's Meeting

6 – 8pm – GAA Student Association
Banquet

MON APR 2

6 – 7pm – Finance Committee

7 – 8pm – Church Board Meeting

TUE APR 3

6 – 8pm – "How To" Crochet & Loom

WED APR 4

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Pathfinders

6:30pm – 8:00pm – REC

THU APR 5

GAA - NO SCHOOL - Staff
Development

6:30 - 8:30 – Photography Class

FRI APR 6

Good Friday

GAA - NO SCHOOL

SAT APR 7

1:00pm – 6:30pm – Health & Personal
Ministries

SUN APR 8

Easter

MON APR 9

GAA Parent Teacher Conferences - NO
SCHOOL

TUE APR 10

GAA MidTerm

6 – 8pm – "How To" Crochet & Loom

6:30pm – 8:30pm – CHIP Alumni

WED APR 11

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Pathfinders

THU APR 12

6:30 - 8:30 – Photography Class

APRIL 13 – 15

GDTSL Training - TEAM Meeting

FRI APR 13

7:00pm – 9:00pm – Tator Salad

SAT APR 14

Senior Choir Greeneville SDA Church
Pathfinder Outreach

7:00pm – 10:00pm – Youth - Capture
the Flag

SUN APR 15

Tax Day

Virginia Creeper Trail

9:30 - 11am – ABC Bookmobile

MON APR 16

GAA Grandparent's Day

TUE APR 17

6 – 8pm – "How To" Crochet & Loom

WED APR 18

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Pathfinders

APRIL 19 – 22

Pathfinder Camporee

THU APR 19

6:30pm – 8:00pm – REC

6:30 - 8:30 – Photography Class

SUN APR 22

Earth Day

GAA - GCC Constituency Mtg at GCA

Tue Apr 24

5:30 - 7:30pm – GAA School Board

WED APR 25

Administrative Assistant Day

6:00pm – 8:00pm – Pathfinders

APRIL 27 – 28

The Oaks Retreat

SUN APR 29

Bridal Shower for Amy Greene

GAA Golf Tournament

APRIL 30 – MAY 4

GAA - Dibels Testing

APRIL 30 – MAY 3

GAA – 9th & 10th Biology Trip

SUNSET CALENDAR

Sabbath Begins Friday	Sabbath Ends Saturday
04/06 7:57	04/07 7:58
04/13 8:03	04/14 8:04
04/20 8:09	04/21 8:10
04/27 8:15	04/28 8:16
05/04 8:21	05/05 8:22
05/11 8:27	05/12 8:28
05/18 8:33	05/19 8:33
05/25 8:38	05/26 8:39

OFFERING SCHEDULE

04/07	Local Church Budget
04/14	NAD/World Budget
	Christian Record Services
04/21	Local Church Budget
04/28	Conference Ministries

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAY

11:00am - M.E.R.C.Y.

WEDNESDAY

9:30 - 11:30 - Youth Villages

10:30am - Great Controversy study

6:00pm - 8:00pm – Pathfinders

7:00pm - Prayer Meeting - Testimonies

SABBATH

6:30pm - AYA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL BUCKS: Please register your Value Card at Food City for School Bucks. This helps the school get extra materials. Let them know at the register to use ID Code for GAA #40455.

GAA FUNDRAISER: "Golf for Education" is schedule for April 29. We need players and sponsors. See the brochure in the church foyer or call GAA 423-639-2011.

VBS: Vacation Bible School is 9am to noon July 9-13 this year. Our theme is "Miracles of the Bible" Ages 4 through 6th grade are invited. (Three year olds may attend if their grow-up stays with them for the entire program.) Pastor Nate will lead a special "Summer Fries" program at the same time for the Imitators (grades 7-12). Volunteers (18 or older) are appreciated. Please contact Angela Emde 423-318-7031 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Laughter

by Laura Webb

Laughter is grand

"Medicine" says God's Word

A giggle or cackle

Even an outburst, if heard

Can lighten the air

And make the lips curl

It's pure joy and so cool

When you're where it did start

For to give someone laughter

Is to touch someone's heart.

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Vision Statement

Knowing & experiencing God through active, Spirit-led relationships, anticipating Jesus' soon return.

Mission Statement

Building relationships with Christ, church, and community through loving, learning, living, & leading.

Plum Natural & Plum Tasty, back and better than ever!

PLUM TASTY DELI SOON TO RE-OPEN

Scheduled to Re-Open on May 1, 2012, Plum Tasty Deli will be under the ownership of John and Monica Campbell who are joining the Greene County Better Living Center team. After several meetings, an agreement was reached between John and Monica and William Barrett and Brenda Ondrejka of GCBLC to join forces in serving the people of Greene County.

The Natural food store will be reorganized and redecorated with Brenda Ondrejka as the Interior Designer. The store will be re-stocked with food more in keeping with our Mission of supplying the healthiest food available and the Deli will serve meals with the same goal in mind. The Store will be closed Monday

and open Tuesday 10 AM until 7:30 PM and Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM until 6 PM. On Friday the store will be open from 10 AM until 4 PM.

The Deli will be closed Monday and open Tuesday thru Friday 11 AM until 2 PM. The Deli will also be open Tuesday evening from 5 PM until 7 PM. This will allow those who are not able to come to the Deli during their lunch hour to enjoy a healthy evening meal with their family.

On Monday or Thursday evenings the plan is to offer cooking classes and seminars to provide the community with as much good information on health as possible. Monica is a licensed Healing Massage Therapist and is licensed to perform hydrotherapy. A

new Counseling Room will offer privacy to her clients.

PLUM TASTY'S MENU IS EVEN BETTER

Under the new agreement between the Campbell's and William Barrett, Director of GCBLC, Brenda Ondrejka will have complete authority and responsibility for the operation of the Deli. She and Monica who will have the responsibility for the Natural Food Store will work closely together to be sure that the store and deli complement each other. Brenda has prepared a new menu eliminating some items with no demand and adding new items which we believe will make your dining experience even more enjoyable and more economical. She is currently working on a cookbook which should be available later this year.

As most of you know, the operation of the Deli depends entirely upon its volunteers. Without volunteers it is not economically feasible to operate the Deli. Brenda will be contacting former volunteers soon and inviting them once again to serve God and their brothers and sisters in the community. If you are not a former volunteer but would like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Ondrejka at 798-9661. Besides volunteers, Plum Tasty and Plum Natural will need customers. Please support the Deli with your presence and with your donations to help us meet startup expenses.

Make checks to GCBLC and send to: William Barrett, 685 Doyle Davis Rd., Greeneville, TN 37743.