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Ephesus Academy	205.786.2194
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A merry heart does good, *like* medicine



But a broken spirit dries the bones

- Q. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?**  
 A. Because he knew there was something fishy about it.
- Q. Where was Solomon's temple located?**  
 A. On the side of his head.
- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?**  
 A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

**EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 23, 2019



Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me • You have been so, so good to me  
 Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me • You have been so, so kind to me

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me • You have been so, so good to me  
 When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me • You have been so, so kind to me

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
 O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
 I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away  
 O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

**Sick & Shut-In**

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**Community Service** If you would like to help put together boxes on Sunday, Nov 24th and pack boxes with food on Monday, Nov 25th, plan to meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30am on both days. Boxes will be given out on Tuesday, Nov 26th, 12:00noon - 3:00pm. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE...** No sign-up is needed.

**Birmingham First SDA Church.** Youth Rally "THIS IS A WAR CRY" On December 7th, 2019

**Ephesus AYM "Holiday" Friday Night Live!!!** Friday, December 6th at 7pm at Ephesus Church in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments afterwards

**LIVE FROM EPHEBUS**  
IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT!  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 @ 7pm  
MUSICAL GUEST: GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST  
**DONTE CARR**  
VESPER THOUGHT BY:  
**CEDRIC BURDEN**

For we wrestle not against flesh & blood...  
SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY  
ENGAGE MINISTRIES  
PRESENTS:  
**THIS IS A WAR CRY**  
YOUTH RALLY  
AGES 13 TO 19+  
BIRMINGHAM FIRST SDA CHURCH  
DECEMBER 7, 2019, 9 AM TO 10 PM  
3520 LORNA ROAD, HOOVER AL 35216  
All participants must complete Consent Form at  
<https://gscsda.org/youth-ministry-events>  
For more information:  
Please call: 205-987-7208

	Introit	
Call to Worship & Invocation.....		Elder Willie Mae Whatley
Mission Statement.....		Elder Willie Mae Whatley
	Announcements	
Welcome.....		Sister Wilma Germany
	Greetings & Fellowship	
	Hymn of Worship	
Intercessory Prayer.....		Elder Benjamin Sellers
Tithes and Offering.....		Elder Benjamin Sellers
	Children's Ministry	
Scripture Reading.....		Colin Jones
	Praise & Worship	
	Spoken Word	
Benediction.....		Elder Willie Mae Whatley
	Closing Hymn	

**SS SUMMARY GOD AND THE COVENANT, LESSON 8**

*Prophets and Kings, p. 668, by Ellen G. White, depicts for us the joy that accompanied this covenant renewal at this time of Nehemiah. She brings it down to a personal level that any of His followers can experience.*

**“For those who are convicted of sin and weighed down with a sense of their unworthiness, there are lessons of faith and encouragement in this record.** The Bible faithfully presents the result of Israel’s apostasy; but **it portrays also the deep humiliation and repentance, the earnest devotion and generous sacrifice, that marked their seasons of return to the Lord.**

**Every true turning to the Lord brings abiding joy into the life.** When a sinner yields to the influence of the Holy Spirit, he sees his own guilt and defilement in contrast with the holiness of the great Searcher of hearts. He sees himself condemned as a transgressor. But he is not, because of this, to give way to despair; for his pardon has already been secured. **He may rejoice in the sense of sins forgiven, in the love of a pardoning heavenly Father.** It is God’s glory to encircle sinful, repentant human beings in the arms of His love, to bind up their wounds, to cleanse them from sin, and to clothe them with the garments of salvation.”

Although there is much for the individual to be thrilled about when it comes to forgiveness of sin and the joy that accompanies our salvation, there is a reminder in this particular covenant that God’s house is not to be neglected either (Nehemiah 10:39). The blessing shouldn’t stop with us. **God wants us to share our experience with others and that is best accomplished in the corporate body of Christ—in other words, His church** (Hebrews 10:25).

How have we neglected the house of God? What more can we do to support the operation and improve, even beautify, the building where we worship? Let’s not deny God the opportunity to complete His mission on earth by neglecting the instrument He has chosen to represent Him.

**Happy BIRTH-DAY!**  
Mrs. Kristen Buford  
Have a blessed day!!