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WAYFARER RESOURCES GROUPS WITH JOURNEY PACKS

Over the past two years, Wayfarer Ministries has sought to produce resources that will help students learn more about who God is and to encounter Him through group Bible studies and personal devotions.

Now, Wayfarer has taken the four books in the Following God for Youth and Young Adults series and made them even more group-friendly by producing **Journey Packs**.

Journey packs are designed to be one-stop resources for small groups, discipleship groups and other study gatherings. Each one includes 10 student devotional guides, a leader's guide and audio CDs featuring the messages Dave Rhodes and Chad Norris originally preached when they went through the series at Engage.

They also include posters to help youth ministers and leaders promote groups and studies as well as rub-

ber-band bracelets featuring the name of the series. These journey bands are great community builders for groups using this material.

All these materials arrive in a suitcase-like box that illustrates the



journey aspect of faith that the curriculum hopes to portray.

Complete journey packs are now available in two titles: *God Is...* and *Dismantled*.

Redefining Normal and *Broken* journey packs will be available later this fall once leader's guides are released.

The Wayfarer team believes that this new

approach will make the Following God for Youth and Young Adults line of products a resource for even more students.

Churches and leaders will benefit from the convenience of getting

everything they need for a study in one place.

Also, by offering these Journey Packs at a price of \$99, churches and group leaders can save more than \$35 off the retail price of the books and message CDs. This will allow even more churches and groups to have access to these materials and thus allow them to be an

even greater blessing.

David Reichley has coordinated the massive effort of taking journey packs from an idea to a reality. He will spearhead Wayfarer's effort to let churches know about these resources in the coming months.

Wayfarer will be informing past customers of these journey packs through a special mailing this fall. We'll also spread the word about journey packs at several youth ministry conferences around the Southeast. And we're looking for ways to spread these resources to even more people in the upstate South Carolina community we call home and beyond. More news on that is coming soon.

Please pray that journey packs will be a blessing to many students, leaders and churches in the coming months and that God will use these resources to provide income for all the ministry He has called Wayfarer to do.

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FALL SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Now that Chris is on board, Wayfarer's fall speaking schedule is busier than ever. Here's a look at where Wayfarer's speakers are going this fall. Please pray for them as they go.

DAVE RHODES

Sept. 15-17: Youth revival, Charlotte, N.C.

Sept. 18: Youth night, Madison, Ga.

Sept. 24-26: RBC Ministries 25th anniversary celebration, Rockledge, Fla.

Oct. 6-8: DASH partner training, Atlanta, Ga.

Oct. 8-10: Youth retreat, Jacksonville, Fla.

Nov. 7-11: Youth retreat, Alabama

Dec. 2: Clemson Univ. FCA meeting, Clemson, S.C.

CHAD NORRIS

Sept. 15: Youth event, Tallahassee, Fla.

Sept. 24-26: Marriage conference, Birmingham, Ala.

Sept. 30: Univ. of South Carolina FCA meeting, Columbia, S.C.

Oct. 6-8: DASH partner training, Atlanta, Ga.

Oct. 8-10: Kids event, Huffman, Ala.

Oct. 21-23: College retreat, Panama City Beach, Fla.

Oct. 31: Kids event, Augusta, Ga.

Nov. 5-7: Youth retreat, Yale, Va.

Nov. 10-12: Youth retreat, Talladega, Ala.

CHRIS BROOKS

Sept. 10-12: Youth event, Birmingham, Ala.

Sept. 15: Youth event, Cleveland, Tenn.

Oct. 14: Univ. of South Carolina FCA meeting, Columbia, S.C.

Oct. 26: Youth event, Nashville, Tenn.

Oct. 30-31: Junior high event, Birmingham, Ala.

Nov. 5-7: Youth retreat, Columbia, S.C.

Nov. 12-13: Youth event, Birmingham, Ala.

Nov. 19-21: Youth retreat, Cleveland, Tenn.

Dec. 10-12: Youth event, Ardmore, Okla.

CHRIS BROOKS JOINS WAYFARER STAFF

Wayfarer added its fifth staff member this summer by hiring Chris Brooks as a speaker and writer. We're excited about the energy, creativity and insight Chris will bring to the team. He represented Wayfarer at camps and retreats this summer, and he spoke at Engage in August. Chris also wrote part of the DASH curriculum project that Wayfarer turned in at the end of August. More than 400 churches will use this middle and high school curriculum in the coming year.



"That was a great thing to come in on because it felt like we worked as a team to accomplish a monumental task," Chris said. "It felt good to contribute."

Chris graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic College and finished his Master of Divinity degree at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., this year. He spent six years as a producer, writer and performer with Student Life before joining the Wayfarer team this spring.

"I'm excited to be in an environment where diversity and creativity are celebrated in the context of community," Chris said. "Every day we get to learn more about ourselves, each other and God. Sometimes that's good; sometimes it's bad; but I'll take it."

Chris and his wife, Audrey, live in Spartanburg. They welcomed their first child, Simon Davis Brooks, to the family August 29.

"Life has been a huge adjustment with Audrey being home, us having a kid, starting a new job. We're grateful to have friends to help ease the transition," Chris said. "I'd be scared to think about doing it alone. But God has blessed us with community."

Chris took part in Wayfarer's fall planning for the first time, and his gifts are already being reflected in the preparations for Engage and Sabbath. His fresh voice will add tremendously to these ministries in the coming months. Chris is also going to play a big role as a writer in the various projects Wayfarer does.

"I didn't realize the incredible amount of work these guys undertake. That's exciting and intimidating at the same time," Chris said. "I look forward to us succeeding and failing together and loving each other through it all."

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a praise + worship
experience
for 20-somethings...

Engage is a praise and worship Bible Study where 20-somethings from across the upstate can Engage their hearts, souls, minds and hands in God. Sponsored by partner churches in the area, Engage is designed to equip and grow 20-somethings in their knowledge of God with an emphasis on spiritual formation.

> Every Tuesday night
starting 09.21.04 @ 7:30pm

> Currently meeting at
Grace Church on Pelham Road

Fall Season Lineup:
> Unfailing Love
> Opportunity Lost
> Barriers to Belief

worship leader
Chris Orr

teacher
Chad Norris

teacher
Daue Rhodes

teacher
Chris Brooks

Want to know
more about Engage?
Visit us at
www.engagegod.org

ENGAGE BEGINS FALL SEASON

Engage begins its fall season on September 21. Once again, Grace Church has generously given us use of its facilities, and we'll be meeting in the church's new auditorium.

The fall begins with a three-week series on **Unfailing Love**. We often see pictures of love in our lives. The echoes we see in friends and family remind us that love is a part of our lives. But we also often see pictures of failure in our lives. We know all too well that the desire to love cannot overcome our tendencies toward selfishness, anger and isolation.

Jesus hung around with failures like us, and it caused the religious leaders of his day to grumble. When they did, Jesus told three stories that give us amazing pictures of how God's love never fails even when everything else in our world does. This series will take a three-week journey through Luke 15 and lead us to get lost in the unfailing love of God.

On October 12, Engage starts a six-week series called **Opportunity Lost**. Far too often, we live life in regret, wishing we had chosen God's best for our lives instead of lesser things. This series will look at how we can make those choices in many areas of our lives - purpose, friendships, relationships, finances, ministry and career - and will give us insights on how to set priorities about what's truly most important in our lives.

The season concludes with a three-week series on **Barriers to Belief**. Please pray for God to bless and use Engage this fall.

ENGAGE IS ON-LINE AT
WWW.ENGAGEGOD.ORG

We're excited to announce that Sabbath will return on Sunday, November 14. Thanks to a grant from the Spartanburg Christian Community Foundation, we now have a great start on our budget for Sabbath for the coming year. We currently plan to have two Sabbath celebrations this year.



FROM OUR HEARTS...

On September 1, Wayfarer celebrated the beginning of its fifth year of ministry. As we move to another year, it's amazing to look back at all God has done and to look forward in anticipation of all God is going to do. This newsletter tells about many of the new things that are happening at Wayfarer: journey packs, the addition of Chris Brooks to our staff, the fall season of Engage and the new wayfarerministries.org. (By the way, we'd love to hear what you think about the new site. Take a look and let us know!)

Another new thing that we're really excited about is the two new members of our board of directors. Kenneth Cole and Jamie Cullison are excited about jumping into the ministry and making an impact. The board provides us as a staff with so much encouragement, support and wisdom, and we're excited to add these two Greenville residents to the team. We also want to thank Dr. Jason Johnson, who rotated off the board after three years of service. We wish he and his family the best in their new adventure in Virginia.

Before we put our 2003-04 ministry and budget year behind us, we want to take time to say thanks for all your prayers and support. God has been so good to us, especially when it comes to finances. Our fundraising goal for 2003-04 was \$143,500, which we knew was a lofty goal going into the year. We raised \$135,000 of that goal, which we consider a huge success. This year, we've set another big goal for fundraising: \$144,700. We look forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks and months how we plan to accomplish this goal. So many of you have contributed generously to this ministry, and we pray that you will continue to participate in what God is doing here.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support.

Blessings,

The Wayfarer Team

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