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NEW ON-LINE: ENGAGE, SABBATH AND THE SHADE

Wayfarer Ministries' mission statement describes our goal as being "an inter-church resource ministry creatively designed to inspire and infuse a generation influx to become a people of genuine faith, hope and love." One of the best ways we can reach this generation is on the internet.

Last fall, Wayfarer launched



the new version of our web site, www.wayfarerministries.org. This site has proven to be a wonderful tool. People who visit Wayfarer on-line can read the first week of each of the devotional books in the Following God for Youth series, see schedules and hear samples from Wayfarer's speakers and find out about everything else that Wayfarer is doing.

This fall, as Wayfarer enters its sixth year, we're updating the Engage web site and launching new sites for Sabbath and The Shade. Here's a preview of what you'll find on-line.

engagegod.org

Engage launched its first web site about four years ago. Over the last three years, the site has had more than 55,000 visits from 24 states and more than 25 countries.

The new EngageGod.org will include the most popular features from the previous site, including



streaming audio of Engage messages. But we've added several new touches as well. The new Engage promo video is on-line, and people can now order Engage resources on-line via PayPal. The new site will also feature more interactive features, including stories from the Engage community, Q&A about what we're doing at Engage and discussion questions to help groups break down what they're learning at Engage.

theshadespartanburg.org

The Shade launches October 13. (See inside for more details.) From the start, The Shade's web

site will allow people to get even more involved in what God is doing at The Shade by giving info on plugging into discussion groups and service opportunities.

The "Life in the Shade" section will allow people to listen on-line, submit questions and watch videos. We'll also include prayer exercises and other special fea-



tures from The Shade's weekly meetings.

celebratesabbath.org

We've taken the Sabbath page from the Wayfarer site and expanded it to create a destination for students and leaders to visit.

The multimedia section includes streaming audio and promo videos, and there are places for students and leaders to submit their stories and questions. There are also details about upcoming Sabbath meetings.

We pray that these on-line connections will help Wayfarer continue to impact the next generation.

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ENGAGE'S FALL SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 20

Engage starts its fifth fall season on Tuesday, September 20 at Grace Church on Pelham Road in Greenville, S.C. It's going to be a great 12-week run.

Engage began five years ago with the goal of helping churches minister to 20-somethings by bringing them together from across the upstate for a weekly praise-and-worship experience. Now, more than 350 people gather at Engage every week. While the majority of these people are 20-somethings and college students, Engage also reaches people from outside that age bracket with its message of grace and growth.

This fall, Engage will experience three message series. We'll begin with *some assembly required. When you buy a bookshelf or an armoire or a coffee



table, you often get a terrible shock. Instead of getting a fully-formed piece of furniture, you get a flat, heavy box with dreaded words printed on the side - *some assembly required.

We often experience the same shock in our spiritual lives. We know that God is forming us. We feel Him drilling holes and labeling areas in our lives that need to go together. But then God puts us in charge of putting it all together, and we're left wondering if we'll ever get it done.

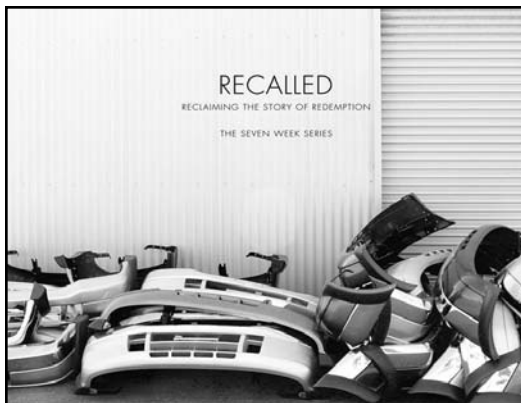
This series speaks to the places in our lives in between God's initiative and our prerogative. We'll

see how the most important thing at the end of the day is not how we put the table together but what it looks like in the end, and we'll discover how God relates to each of us as individuals who are putting together the pieces He has placed in our lives.

The fall will also feature the series Between the Li(n)es and Uncivilized. It's going to be a great season. Please join us on Tuesday nights or on-line at www.EngageGod.org, and please pray for the Wayfarer team as we put into practice all that God is calling us to do during this season of Engage.



**The Shade's six-week series this fall is
Recalled: Reclaiming the story of redemption**



In our last newsletter, we introduced you to The Shade, which is a community-wide praise-and-worship experience that Wayfarer is introducing to the Spartanburg community this fall. In the months that have followed, God has done some amazing things to prepare the way for The Shade.

The Shade begins meeting on Thursday, October 17 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg. We're excited about the support this ministry has gotten not only from St. John's but also from The Shade's other partners: Morningside Baptist Church, Roebuck Baptist Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Spartanburg Community Church and Christian Supply. We look forward to continuing to build a great team of partners for The Shade.

We also owe a great debt of thanks to the Spartanburg Christian Community Foundation, which has given a generous grant to fund The Shade's six-week fall season. This grant gets us off to a great start and is a wonderful investment in what God will do at The Shade.

We can't wait to share the stories of the opening of The Shade with you. We'll be going through the series Recalled, which reflects the heartbeat of Wayfarer Ministries as much as anything we've ever done. Please pray for The Shade as it comes to life this October.

inspire SUMMER RECAP & FALL PREVIEW

It was a big summer for Wayfarer's speaking team of Chris Brooks, Chad Norris and Dave Rhodes. Before we let you know what's going on this fall, we wanted to give you a glimpse of what the summer was like. Thanks for praying for us on our travels. Please keep it up this fall!

SUMMER RECAP

- Visited more than 14 states
- Did more than 40 events
- Spent more than 150 days on the road
- Drove more than 25 rental cars
- Took more than a dozen flights
- Lugged more than 2,000 books around
- Gave more than 300 messages
- Touched and encouraged and inspired and changed more lives than we will ever know



FALL TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Chris Brooks

- September 9-11:** CrossRoads Community Church men's retreat, North Carolina
September 13-15: Youth rally, Georgetown, South Carolina
September 27-29: Shorter College, Georgia
October 5: Dash Student Leadership Partners Day, Atlanta, Georgia
October 15-16: Dawson Memorial Baptist Church retreat, Birmingham, Alabama
November 4-6: Northwest Baptist Church youth D-now weekend, Reistertown, Maryland
November 11-13: Brentwood Baptist Church

youth retreat, Tennessee

November 18-20: East Cooper Baptist Church youth retreat, Flat Rock, North Carolina

December 2-4: Temple Baptist Church retreat, Macon, Mississippi

Chad Norris

September 3-5: Southside Fellowship youth retreat, Cleveland, Georgia

September 11: Morningside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina

September 23-25: Heritage Church youth retreat, McRae, Georgia

October 2: CrossRoads Community Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina

October 5: Dash Student Leadership Partners Day, Atlanta, Georgia

November 16: First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia

Dave Rhodes

September 11: Hope Point Community Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina

September 19-23: Providence Christian Academy, North Georgia

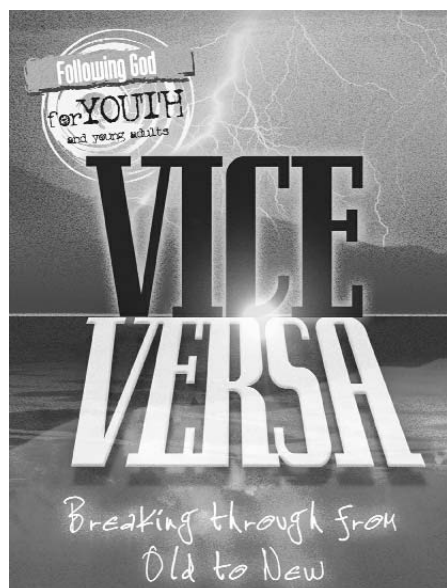
October 5: Dash Student Leadership Partners Day, Atlanta, Georgia

November 4-6: Steubenville Baptist Church retreat, Monticello, KY

November 18-20: Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen, VA

December 28-29: Student Life Ski Boone retreat, Boone, North Carolina

infuse VICE VERSA NOW AVAILABLE



This summer, Wayfarer Ministries and AMG Publishers released *Vice Versa*, the fifth book in the Following God for Youth and Young Adults series. This book takes a look at the seven deadly sins and how God wants to set us free from them by releasing the virtues of love, humility, gentleness, passion, trust, sacrifice and blessing into our lives. Like earlier books in the series, it's based on an Engage series.

Vice Versa student guides and message CDs are now available, and leader's guides are coming soon. Visit www.wayfarerministries.org or call us at 864.587.4985 to learn more.

Also, please pray for the Wayfarer team this fall as we are in our heavy writing season. Over the next few months we'll be working on curriculum projects for Dash Student Leadership, Lifeway's Crosspoint sports camps and Student Life's summer youth camps. We look forward to seeing how God will use these resources in the coming months.

FROM OUR HEARTS...

It's hard to believe that this September marks the five-year anniversary of Wayfarer Ministries. God has done so much through this ministry and the people in it over the past five years. It's remarkable to think about how Wayfarer has grown over that time.

Of course, we couldn't do what God has called us to do without your support. Thank you so much for being part of the Wayfarer team. Whether you've been with us from the beginning in September 2000 or you just began supporting us in recent weeks, know that we are truly thankful for your generosity, encouragement and friendship. One of the best things that we here at Wayfarer are blessed to enjoy is our relationships with people who do so much to be a part of what God is doing here.

This fall, we are doing a new fundraiser called a golf marathon. It is much like a Walk-a-Thon, as players find sponsors to support them on a per-hole basis. We're hoping to have 20 players teeing off at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Taylors on Monday, October 17 and playing up to 100 holes before the day is over. It won't be pretty golf, but it will be a great challenge for our players and a great way for Wayfarer to spread the word about what God is doing through this ministry.

We're excited to be able to partner with several churches in this fundraiser. Church representatives will be playing to raise funds both for Wayfarer and for their ministries.

If you want to be a part of the Wayfarer's 2005 Golf Marathon, it's not too late. Call the Wayfarer office at 864.587.4985 to find out how to sponsor a Wayfarer staff member or another individual player in this event.

Thanks again for being a part of Wayfarer Ministries. We look forward to another great year following God together.

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