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## WAYFARER TO START 'THE SHADE' THIS FALL

At Wayfarer Ministries, we are constantly striving to see what God is doing in our midst and to be a part of that. Over the past few months, we have sensed God calling us to start a new ministry in Spartanburg. And so this fall, Wayfarer Ministries will launch The Shade.

The Shade is a community-wide worship service based in Spartanburg. Much like Engage, it will be a place for people to encounter God in a fresh way. But unlike Engage, The Shade is not just targeted to a specific age group. Instead, it is designed to reach people of all ages who are looking for a refreshing place to come and meet God.

The Shade will meet on Thursday nights starting October 6, 2005, for a seven-week fall season. We'll be going through the "Recalled" series that made such an impact at Engage this spring.

To help you get more of a feel for what The Shade is all about, here are answers to a few common questions that we're getting about this new venture.

### **Why is it named The Shade?**

The idea of the name comes

from the book of Numbers. While ten spies reported back and said that the Israelites would



not be able to claim the Promised Land because of the giants who lived there, Caleb painted a great picture of how those men were exposed while God's people dwelled in the shade. The same idea shows up in Isaiah 25:4-5: "Brutal oppressors are like a winter blizzard and vicious foreigners like high noon in the desert. But you, shelter from the storm and shade from the sun, shut the mouths of the big-mouthed bullies."

Our theme verse for The Shade comes from Hosea 14:4 and 7, where through His prophet God says, "I will heal their waywardness and love them freely ... Men will dwell again in my shade."

### **Why don't you just start a church?**

As we embark on the adven-

ture of starting a community-wide worship service, many have asked us why we don't start a church instead. That's a question we have wrestled with ourselves as we have planned for The Shade, and the answer we have come to is that we feel called to empower the churches God has put in the Spartanburg community and to build bridges between them. We believe a community-wide service is the best way to work toward those goals.

### **Who will you target?**

As mentioned before, The Shade is open to everyone in the community. In order to make The Shade a resource to as many as possible, we will provide childcare for infants and toddlers.

We ask you to pray for The Shade as it begins this fall, and we also ask that you consider supporting it financially. Starting The Shade is a major investment of time and resources for Wayfarer Ministries, and we need people to come alongside us to make it possible. We take this step trusting that God will do great things through The Shade, and we look forward to sharing the stories of what God is doing in this ministry.

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On Sunday, April 17, more than 500 people from 20 churches celebrated God, life and each other at Sabbath. We gathered at Byrnes High School under the theme: "Lose yourself within ... Find yourself in Him."

During the night, Chris Brooks led us in discovering what God really thinks about us, and everyone in attendance received a letter that reminds us of how God really thinks about us. The Chris Orr Band led us in energetic and powerful worship, and improv comedy group Third String Varsity set the tone for the night by allowing everyone to laugh.

It was especially exciting for



us to see so many churches take part in Sabbath. One of the main goals of this celebration gathering is to allow students at smaller churches to get a greater picture of what God is doing throughout the Upstate. We'd like to thank all the churches who attended and everyone who helped us spread the word.

Also, Wayfarer would like to thank the Spartanburg Christian

Community Foundation for providing a grant that helped to make Sabbath possible for the 2004-05 school year. Without those funds, Sabbath would not have been possible.

We look forward to celebrating God, life, and each other with students again this fall. Watch [www.wayfarerministries.org](http://www.wayfarerministries.org) for up-to-date information on upcoming Sabbath dates.



The spring season of Engage was a great one, as more and more people joined with us and were impacted by what God is doing at Engage. This summer, Engage will meet on June 14 and 21 and August 2 and 9. We're excited about these chances to gather together as a community to worship and learn. Please continue pray for Engage as it ministers to 20-somethings from across the Upstate.



ENGAGE IS ON-LINE AT [WWW.ENGAGEGOD.ORG](http://WWW.ENGAGEGOD.ORG)



# SUMMER SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Each summer, Wayfarer's team of speakers travels around the country to minister to thousands of kids, students and adults at summer camps and retreats. Here is a list of where Chris, Chad and Dave are going this summer. Please pray for them as they impact countless lives during their travels.



### Chris Brooks

- June 1-2: Baptist Children's Home, Ala.
- June 4-10: Fellowship Bible Church, Fla.
- June 13-18: Centrifuge Camp, Ga.
- June 20-25: Centrifuge Camp, Ga.
- June 27-July 1: Silverdale Baptist, Tenn.
- July 10-15: Germantown Baptist, Tenn.
- July 24-28: FBC Athens, Tex.
- July 29-31: FBC Huntsville, Ala.
- Aug. 14-17: West Monroe, La.

### Chad Norris

- June 15-18: Student Life Camp, N.C.

- June 19-23: St. Mark's Church, N.C.
- June 26-30: FBC Augusta, N.C.
- July 5-8: Student Life Camp, Ala.
- July 11-15: Reach Ministries Camp, Ark.
- July 18-21: Student Life Camp, Ala.
- July 21-24: Student Life Camp, Ga.
- July 25-26: Ohio State Convention
- July 29-31: FBC Cleveland, Tenn.
- Aug. 1-5: Crestmont Baptist, Tex.
- Aug. 14: Grace Church, S.C.

### Dave Rhodes

- May 29-June 2: Valleydale Baptist, La.
- June 6-10: The Heights Baptist, Colo.
- June 10-13: Student Life Camp, Tenn.
- June 27-July 1: Student Life Camp, Mo.
- July 11-15: Bellevue Baptist, Ala.
- July 18-22: Student Life Camp, Ky.
- July 25-28: Student Life Camp, Ala.
- July 28-31: Student Life Camp, Ala.
- Aug. 19-21: Harrisburg Baptist, Ala.

## Wayfarer's second annual golf tourney

Wayfarer Ministries held its second annual golf tournament on May 6 at the Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg. One hundred players joined us for a day of great weather and golf. After the tourney, players joined us for an awards ceremony (pictured) at which we also shared about what Wayfarer does.

We'd like to thank these players and all the sponsors listed below for investing in what God is doing at Wayfarer by participating in this fundraiser. We'd also like to thank everyone on our staff and board who worked so hard to support Wayfarer by making the tournament such a big success.



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	Fatz Cafe	Woodfin Ridge Country Club
	Fire Mountain Grill	Yanni's

## FROM OUR HEARTS...

As you can see from this newsletter, it has been a busy spring for Wayfarer Ministries, but it has also been a wonderful one. On top of everything that has been going on with Engage, Sabbath, the golf tournament and announcing the launch of The Shade, we have also moved into a new office at 116 Hidden Hill Road in Spartanburg. Under the direction of David Reichley, and with lots of help from our board of directors and other friends, we have turned a former seafood restaurant into an office space that encourages creativity, productivity and community.

We are so tremendously thankful for the blessing of our new home. This 5,000-square-foot, stand-alone building gives everyone on the Wayfarer team a comfortable individual office space, which was not the case at our previous home. It also provides plenty of meeting space for the staff to gather together and storage space for our growing curriculum inventory. We hope the pictures below give you an idea of what our office is like.

We believe our new home will enable us to minister even more in the upstate community and beyond. We're so excited about everything God is doing in our midst, and we hope that after reading this newsletter you are as well. To continue to be faithful in everything that God is doing, we again need your help. As we take the step of faith to start The Shade on top of everything else God has called us to do, we are trusting God to provide for the additional financial needs. If you'd like to make a contribution to Wayfarer Ministries, you can use the enclosed envelope (which has our new mailing address) to do so. If you'd like to talk with us about what God is doing, we'd love to do that as well. Thanks so much for your faithfulness in supporting Wayfarer Ministries.

*Wayfarer Ministries is a 501 C-3 non-profit organization.*



Clockwise from top left: The exterior of 116 Hidden Hill Road; the library; the main office suite; and the lobby

