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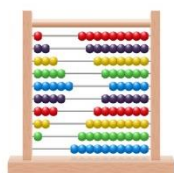
Club meets
1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 am
Downtown Holiday Inn
Huntsville, AL

Opti - Topics

Opening

Eighteen members assembled for our monthly business meeting today. Duane Plank arranged for the lunch, consisting of “Tenders” with beans, potato salad and delicious slices of bread. Buddy, with his usual efficiency laid out all the paper supplies. President Tom called on Jim Berry for the invocation and John Inman led us in the pledge.

Financial Report



After everyone was thoroughly stuffed, Tom asked Al Renz to give our financial status. We finished the nine months with a surplus over \$400 and a bank balance over \$2,400. Most functions were on, or close to budget and he projected that we would finish the year with approximately \$ 10,000 left from the \$35,000 allocated from the Foundation. The board will ask the Foundation to distribute that amount to the same youth organizations that they awarded money to last year. There were no questions.

Committees for 2013-14



Tom pointed out that he had passed out a form for members to commit to chairing or being members of our various committees for next year. He asked that everyone fill them out and leave them with him.

**Our business meeting
is held on the 3rd
Thursday of the
month at the Optimist
Recreation Center on
Oakwood Avenue**

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Band Program



The Band program is currently preparing instruments for distribution in the upcoming school year. Tom thanked Vastell Williams and Buddy Beck for their hard work in inventorying the band instruments arranging them back into the band closet. He reported that 42 instruments have been cleaned and adjusted by Robbins Music and are ready to be issued.

Picnic



Bob Martin announced that our annual Club Picnic will be at the pavilion at Fords Chapel United Methodist Church, 280 Ford Chapel Dr., Harvest, AL . The picnic will begin at 2:00 p.m. on August 3, the first Saturday in August. REMINDER: Because of the picnic, there will be no Club meeting on Thursday, August 1.

The Club will provide the meat and the drinks for the picnic. Attendees are to bring a covered side dish or dessert to complete the menu. Bob said he would need some early help on the day of the picnic to bring chairs and tables from the church to the pavilion. Maps are attached.

Morris Elementary School



Morris Elementary School, where we have a JOOI Club, has once again asked us to provide supplies for the coming year. Last year we did a great job providing them with supplies. A list of needed supplies is attached. Please bring items to the next two meetings.



John Inman reported that he and Fabiani had visited the Huntsville Evening Club and gave a presentation about our activities relative to our JOOI Club program. John, who will take over as Chairman next year, gave a preview of his plans for next year, which includes adding 3 new clubs, but concentrating on making sure that the existing clubs are running smoothly. Fabiani added his thoughts relative to encouraging the kids that are currently JOOI members to help run the existing clubs or start new ones.

Miscellaneous

There was considerable discussion about our dues structure and Tom has appointed a committee to analyze our current structure and make suggestions about any changes that would be beneficial.

Ralph Caneer expressed an opinion that he thought we should go back to having meetings on the fifth Thursdays.

Closing

The meeting ended on time with Carl Winkler leading us in the Optimist Creed.

Al Reng

**Don't Forget: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!
Invite someone to our July 25th meeting.**

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito."

~Unknown

CALENDAR

7/25 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Dr. David Copeland – Madison County School Superintendent

8/1 Thursday **No Meeting (Annual Picnic Saturday)**

8/3 Saturday 2:00 pm Ford's Chapel Pavilion

Annual Picnic

8/6 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting

8/8 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

**Chris Crumbly – Manager, Advanced Development Office
Space Launch System, NASA**

8/15 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting

8/22 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

TBD – Bill Peters

8/29 Thursday **No Meeting (5th Thursday)**

9/5 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

TBD – George McDonough

Supplies Needed For Morris Elementary

If you watch the ads you will find Back to School Bargains. Those of you that wish to make a cash donation toward this project, Tom will be making a bulk purchase from Amazon on August 7th.

Sharpened #2 pencils - regular size (yellow)

Crayola Crayons - regular size (24)

Crayola Washable Markers

Crayola Colored Pencils

Dry Erase Markers (Fine Point)

Blunt Fiskar Scissors

Glue sticks

Roll Scotch Tape (No Dispenser)

Box of Kleenex

Reams of White Printer Paper

70-sheet spiral notebook (wide-ruled)

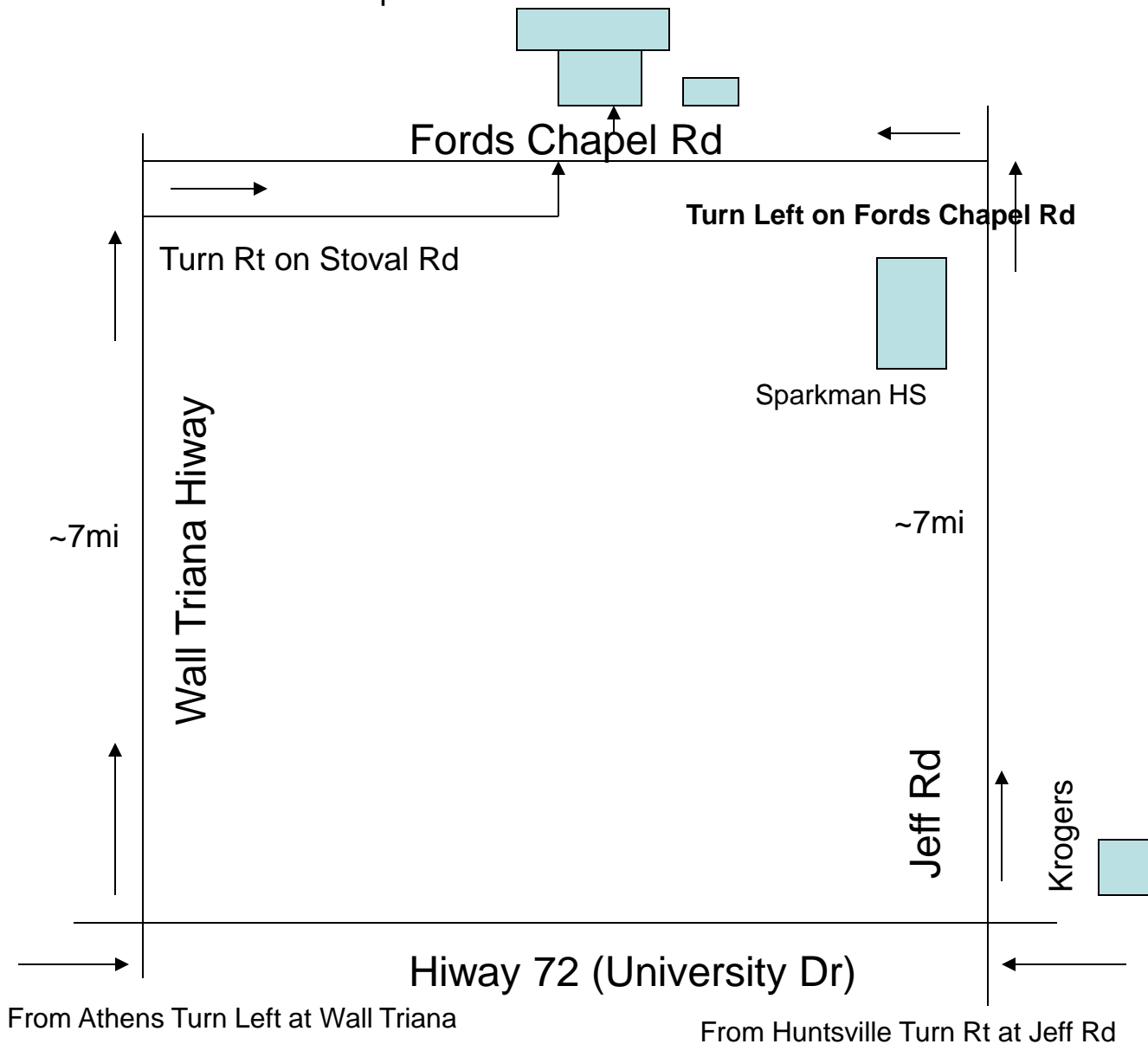
Composition Notebooks (Black & White)

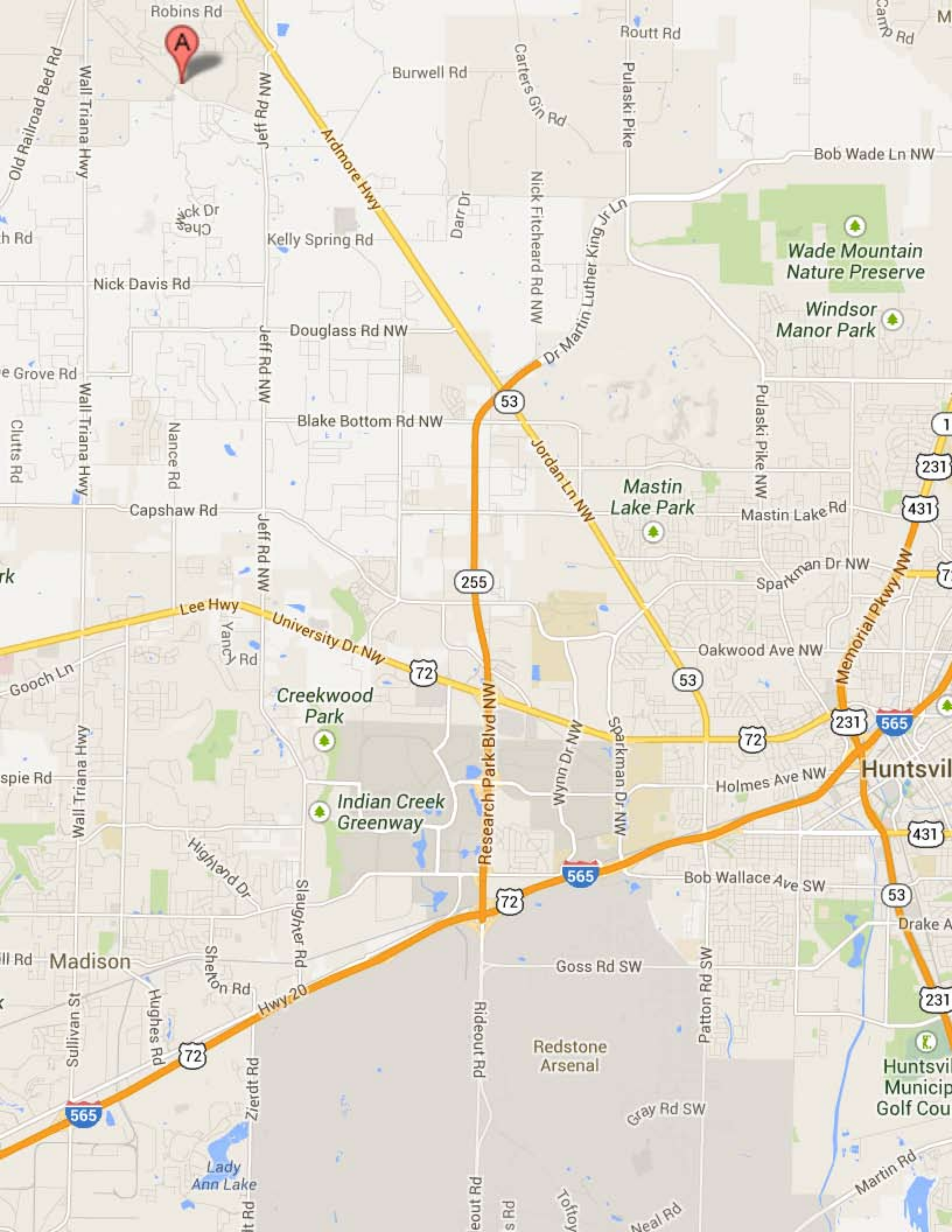
Package of Pencil Erasers (House Top)

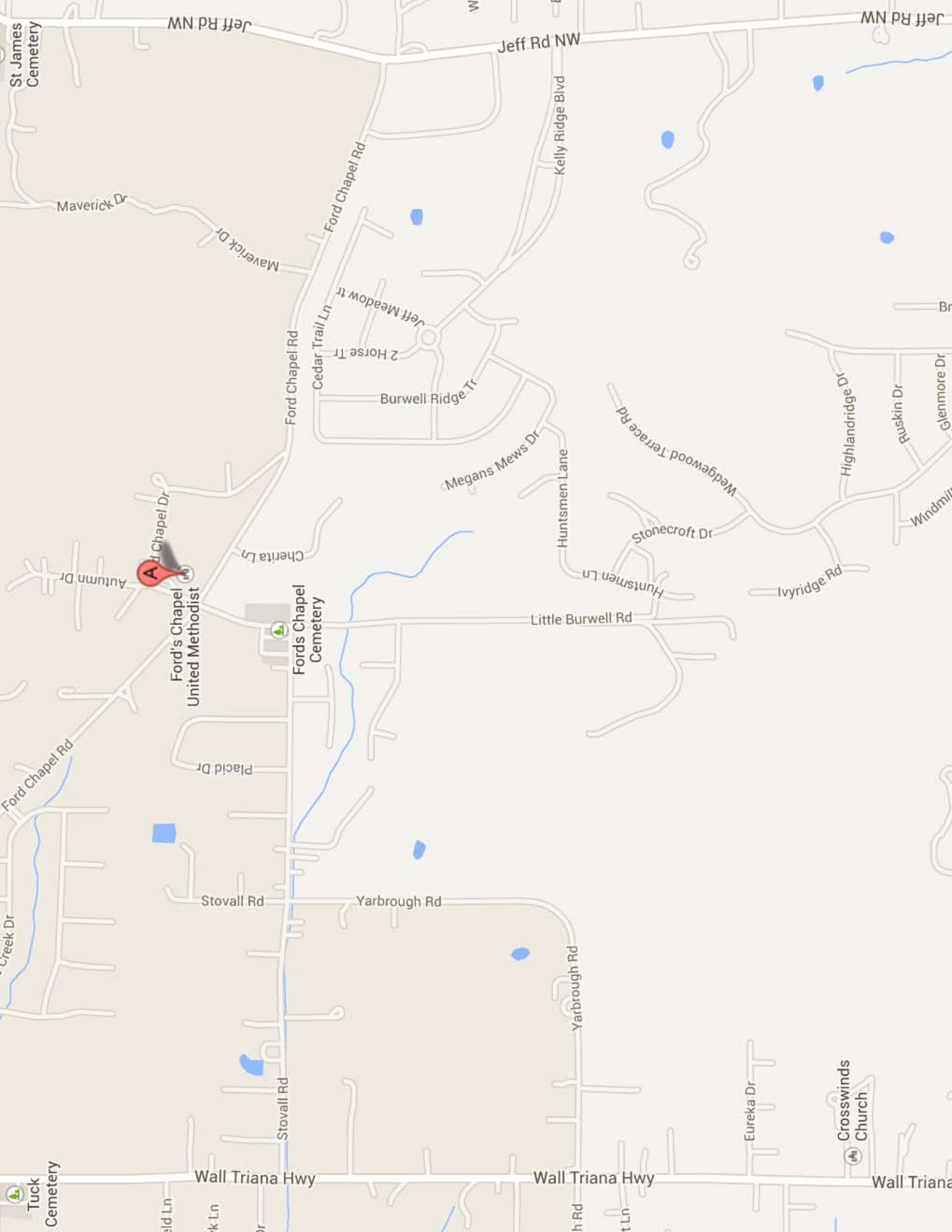
Huntsville Optimist Club Picnic Aug 3, 2013

Time is 2PM, Meat and drinks provided by the Club. Church provides tables and chairs & games. Bring lawn chairs and let's enjoy our annual Picnic.

Fords Chapel United Methodist Church & Pavilion







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Ford's Chapel
United Methodist

Fords Chapel
Cemetery

Crosswinds
Church

Tuck
Cemetery



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TO:

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself -

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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