

*Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform members and subscribers of our current news and events.*

## CHURCH LIFE

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunnyside will celebrate 25 years on February 11 with a very special worship service. We have invited our former pastors and they have agreed to be part of what we hope will be a joyful celebration. As we get closer to the date you will get more details about the day.

### THANK YOUs FOR SECRET SANTA

Dear Secret Santa,

We have enjoyed and appreciated every surprise we received during the 12 days prior to Christmas. My mother, Lena White, was also thrilled about the generous gifts we were receiving. We wonder who you are and we are very thankful that you are such a kind and generous person. ~ Thank you, John & Sharron Banks

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Dear Secret Santa,

How do we give you adequate thanks for such a wonderful, thoughtful, and undeserving gift as the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'?! This is the first ever being on the receiving end of such a generous gift.

We can't imagine what we could have done that was deserving of this. The anticipation was such fun. We could hardly wait for the daily mail delivery. Now we are excited to start visiting all the great places.

Again, we say thank you for this wonderful gift and we are hoping that someday we will have the opportunity to 'Pay it Forward'. ~ Rollie & Barbara Mitchell

### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

The Presbyterian congregation has asked for special prayer for the pastor's wife, Anna Peterson. She gave birth to a healthy baby boy but she had complications that resulted in severe bleeding. Initially, she was only given a 20% chance of survival; however, she is now stable but still unconscious and in critical condition.

### KITCHEN CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

Rod Turley and his staff at Sparky Electric have been here most of the week pulling wires and getting electricity in the kitchen. The plumber will begin his work next week and Bill and Ruth Clark should be here by January 20 to take charge of the project. We anticipate completion of the kitchen to be in mid-March.

### POTLUCKS CANCELLED

Our church potlucks for the January, February, and March have been cancelled while the kitchen is under construction.

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**January 7, 2012  
11:00 A.M.**

**“How Great Is Our God”  
“How Great Thou Art”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Children’s Story**  
Todd Cornwell

**Offering**  
Jim Robison

**“Above All”  
“You Are My King”**

**Prayer**  
Zaher & Dina Estassi

**A Spiritual Medley**  
Pete Jones

**Scripture: I John 1:1-4**  
Scott Moseley

**“Going Deep”**  
Pastor Ray

**Benediction**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Community Services Distribution 11:00 a.m.  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.  
Church Board Meeting – Junior Room 6:30  
p.m.

#### SABBATH, JANUARY 14

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
New Years’ Resolution Party – Maroa Rooms  
5:00 p.m.  
The GROUP – Sanctuary & Maroa Rooms  
5:00 p.m.

#### Sunset

*This Friday*  
4:56p.m.

*Next Friday*  
5:03p.m.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**January 14** — Pastor Ray

**January 21** — Pastor Ray

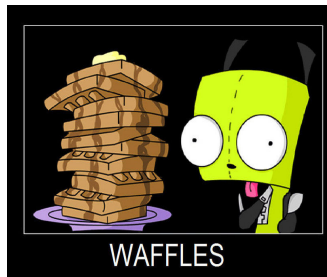
**January 28** — Pastor Ray

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>December Church Needs</b>	\$28,000.00
Church Needs Donations	48,885.04
Over (Short)	20,885.04
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$336,000.00
Donations Received	301,474.94
Over (Short)	(34,525.06)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$16,035.74

This Week’s Offering  
**Local Church Budget**

## YOUTH NEWS



WAFFLES

### YOUTH VESPERS & “BREAKFAST FOR DINNER” AT THE VAUGHNS’ FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20

Come hang out with us and make some of your breakfast favorites like Belgian waffles and omelet-in-a-bag and we’ll talk about our plans for 2012! Get more details in Sabbath School.

## HEALTHY BYTES



**What Do Shiitake Mushrooms Have In Common with Bananas?** Everyone knows bananas are famous for packing a mighty potassium punch (one banana delivers 450 mg of potassium), but did you know eating 4 ounces of Shiitake mushrooms delivers a whopping 2,500 mg of this essential “super” mineral? Studies have shown increased potassium intake can actually decrease the incidence of some forms of arterial aging (arterial aging not only ages you on the inside but on the outside as well—the younger you can keep your arteries the younger you will look and be!). As an electrolyte, potassium specifically helps in carrying an electrical charge to help a nerve or muscle contract, and it helps regulate blood pressure and allow your heart and kidneys to function properly. So, you want to continue eating your bananas...but you might want to add Shiitakes to the bunch too!

For more info on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or email at [gale4health@comcast.net](mailto:gale4health@comcast.net)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

*Second Reading:* Tim and Dionicia Rodriguez from Fresno Spanish SDA.



### WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Our next gathering will be **January 21** for Sabbath lunch. Please talk with Lola Arteaga (323-6682), if you have any questions.

### ARE YOU GOOD WITH CRAFTS?

The Primary Sabbath School Class is in need of help with weekly craft projects. No teaching is required. You would just need to prepare a craft for about 20 children. Reimbursement is available. Please contact Leslie Batty (286-6573), if you're able to provide craft projects.

### POTLUCK SCHEDULE

There will be no potlucks in January, February, or March due to the kitchen construction.

### WE NEED REFRESHMENT HOSTS!

Thank you to those who have volunteered and hosted the refreshment table. We are always delighted with the treats and your creativity. We are in need of hosts for **January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18, 25**. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Make it simple or go with a theme. Reimbursement is available.

### NURSE NEEDS A ROOM TO RENT

Audrey Whiting, recent graduate from Southern Adventist University, is in need of a room to rent. She has just taken a traveling nurse assignment at Children's Hospital and will need housing from until March 31. If you have space available for Audrey, please contact her at 828-505-5600 or audreynicole@gmail.com.

### SUNNYSIDE NEW YEAR'S PARTY



Join your church family for a fun evening celebrating the New Year! Did you make any resolutions? More family time, eating right, exercise, charity? We can help! **Next Saturday evening, January 14 from 5:30 – 9:00.** Please bring new or gently used clothing or household item to donate to Community Services (encourage the kids to make their own donation, too!) For refreshments we are encouraging everyone to bring a snack dish with a healthy twist. Doesn't mean it has to be rabbit food! Try to "tweak" an old favorite to make it a bit healthier! Contact Gale Bolinger if you need ideas. Board games, bounce house, fire pit and more to keep you busy. Bring the family and spend the evening with your church friends.



### RESERVE YOUR CAMP SITE AT SHAVER LAKE

Now is the time to start getting your reservations in for our annual "Church in Shaver" weekend scheduled for **Sabbath, August 18**. The email address for those wanting to reserve a campsite is [camped@sce.com](mailto:camped@sce.com) and the website for Camp Edison is [www.sce.com/campedison](http://www.sce.com/campedison). Sign up early; spaces fill up quickly! Contact May Bristol for more information ([mkbristol@hotmail.com](mailto:mkbristol@hotmail.com)).

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

"The Day God Spoke and Saved My Life" A testimony by Debra Holland. How often we take our daily routine for granted thinking today will be the same as yesterday. Follow Debra through one of her "ordinary days" to see what almost happened to her. Debra was the only woman to survive attacks by a serial rapist. Statistically speaking, every five minutes a woman is raped. Perhaps this has happened to you or someone you know. Invite a friend to hear Debra share about her narrow escape. **This Monday, 7:00 p.m., 493 Timmy Avenue in Clovis.** Call 325-2006 for directions. Come with a friend for spiritual food and fellowship.

**GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY**  
*Building Lives Through Relationships...*

**Dave & Elga Boccardo**



**Domingo & Marianne Cruz**

## THE LAST WORD

### REFINER'S FIRE

Malachi 3:3 says: *'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'*

This verse puzzled a group in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God..

One of them offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: *'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.'* She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?'

He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it.'

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eyes on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO...**

Lauren Mayne (1/7)  
Freda Putz (1/7)  
Stacy Carrisosa (1/8)  
Lorraine Farkas (1/8)  
Terri Yoshida (1/8)  
Albert Leung (1/10)  
Manuel Taboada (1/10)  
Deb Tetz (1/10)  
Steve Cosner (1/11)  
Patricia Gonzales (1/11)  
Aesia Dobson (1/12)  
Ella Lee (1/12)  
Carole LeGallo (1/12)  
Phyllis Carides (1/13)  
Amity Pipkin (1/13)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO...**

Richard & Sherry Marsh  
(1/7)  
John & Sharron Banks (1/8)