

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

## CHURCH LIFE

### SERMONS ARE BACK ON THE WEBSITE

Have you wished that you could hear one of the Sabbath sermons again? Well, now you can! Thanks to a collaborative effort by Malia Beckman and Eric Eckhart, many of the recent sermons are now on the Sunnyside website - ready for downloading or listening! You can check it out again yourself or make CDs for your friends. More will be available in the near future, so keep checking back at [www.sunnysidesda.org/](http://www.sunnysidesda.org/)

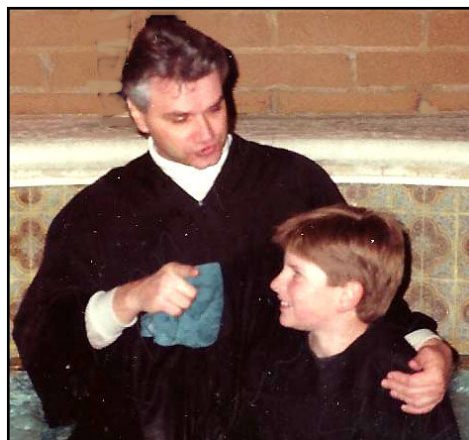
### FEBRUARY 11 — 25TH ANNIVERSARY— AN ALL DAY AFFAIR *A Snippet of Sunnyside History*

**Original Focus:** “Who we are - Who we become.”

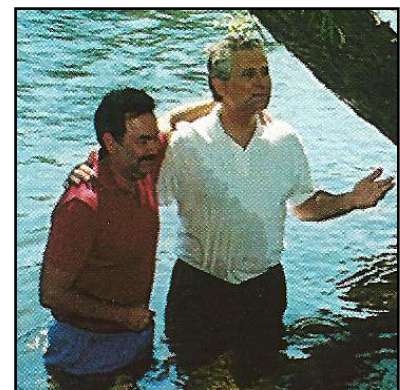
**Original Mission Statement:** “Our purpose is to love one another as God loves us.”

To that end, we are committed to:

- ❖ Showing, individually and as a group, our concern for others
- ❖ Enabling each member to develop and use his or her gifts and abilities
- ❖ Fostering spiritual growth for people of all ages
- ❖ Discovering and sharing the abundant Christian life
- ❖ Experiencing gracious and authentic fellowship
- ❖ Participating in creative forms of worship
- ❖ Reaching out to the community around us
- ❖ Giving God to glory in all circumstances



Pastor Alan Franzke  
baptizing Jonathan Ragsdale



Stan Wagenleitner &  
Pastor Ralph Neidigh at a baptism

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**February 4, 2012  
11:00 A.M.**

**“We Bring the Sacrifice  
of Praise”  
“The Power of Your Love”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Offering**  
Jason Castillo

**“Foolish Man”  
“Here I am, Lord”**  
San Fernando Valley  
Academy Choir  
under the direction of  
Michael Spencer

**“Breathe”  
“I Just Want To Be  
Where You Are”**

**Prayer**  
Patricia Ford

**Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17**  
Adrianna Castillo

**“Going Deep: Love of  
the World”**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Benediction**  
Shona Phillips

**Postlude**  
**“The Word Was God”**  
San Fernando Valley  
Academy Choir

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Pancake Breakfast – Clovis Church Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.  
Youth Super Bowl Party – Vaughns' home

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Single Women's Friendship Circle – Youth Room 2:00 p.m.  
Creative Worship Team Meeting – Youth Room 7:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Community Services Distribution 11:00 a.m.  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Church Board Meeting – Junior Class Room 6:30 p.m.

#### SABBATH, FEBRUARY 11

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
25th Anniversary Celebration  
“Salad” Potluck – Maroa Room immediately following service  
Early Youth at Horizon Health Nursing Home 3:00pm  
The GROUP – Maroa Room 5:00 p.m.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**February 11 — Pastor Ray**  
**February 18 — Fabian Carballo**  
**February 25 — Pastor Ray**

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>January Church Needs</b>	\$29,000.00
Church Needs Donations	18,056.82
Over (Short)	(10,943.18)
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$29,000.00
Donations Received	18,056.82
Over (Short)	(10,943.18)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$16,197.50

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

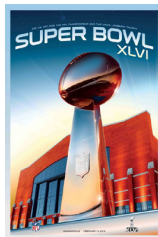
#### Sunset

This Friday  
5:25p.m.

Next Friday  
5:33p.m.

## YOUTH NEWS

### SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE VAUGHNS' - THIS SUNDAY!



Football, Food and Friends! - can it get any better than that?! The big screen and food will be provided; **all you have to do is bring a friend.** So, call someone you haven't seen at Sabbath School or a Youth event in a while or bring your neighbor or friend from school. Listen for more details in Sabbath School.

## HEALTHY BYTES



Getting healthy with WATER. Getting more water into your body may be the most important change you can make. If you would like to dramatically improve your health and energy, avoid premature aging, sleep better, and reduce or even reverse disease rates, then make drinking pure water a priority.

HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD YOU DRINK? Rule of thumb is one-half your body weight in ounces. More if you are active. If you weigh 150 lbs., then 75 oz. of water a day would be your goal. Start slow and work up to and exceed this. For every ounce of dehydrating beverage (coffee/sodas) we drink, we need two ounces of water to negate the effect. Our bodies treat "flavored" beverages like a food, so they do not have the same hydrating effect as pure water.

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

### HOST THE REFRESHMENT TABLE

Dates available:

**March 3, 24**

**April 14, 21, 28**

Thank you to those who have volunteered and hosted the refreshment table. We are always delighted with the treats and your creativity. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office (229-5501). Make it simple or go with a theme. Reimbursement is available.



### 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)).



### THE FULL PLATE FOLLOW-UP CLASS

We will start a 4-week follow-up class for those who attended the Full Plate program. The class will begin February 27. Please make your reservation and order your book from Gale Bolinger (974-2459) by February 13. The cost of the new book is \$25.



### POTLUCK SCHEDULE

We will have a special 25th Anniversary "salad potluck" on **February 11** as part of the day's celebration. There will be no potluck in March due to the kitchen construction.

### 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.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES NEEDS

Thank you for your overwhelming support for Community Services. We have an abundance of adult clothing. We are currently in need of:

- ❖ children's clothing & shoes
- ❖ canned food
- ❖ dry food
- ❖ a bunk-bed set
- ❖ and most furniture & appliances

Please contact Printess Schlist (232-1194), if you can help or if you have any questions.

### JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Plan to attend the Pancake Breakfast **this Sunday** to support Christian Education! Breakfast will be served from **8:00-11:00** at the Clovis Church Fellowship Hall. There will be pancakes and scrambled eggs, including vegan options. Tickets at the door are \$8 each, children under 3 eat for free. Call Sue Schramm 392-3817.



### BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit your announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: [bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org). All info is due by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.

### ANNUAL BIBLE CHALLENGE

The Central California Conference would like to invite you to support the 7th and 8th graders of CCC as they participate in our annual Bible Challenge. 3:00 p.m. next Sabbath at the Clovis Church.



*REMEMBERING THE PAST 25 YEARS*  
and looking forward to where God is leading us.



## THE LAST WORD

# The Garage

by Christine A. Brooks

*Some of the most important conversations I've ever had occurred at my family's dinner table. ~ Bob Ehrlich*

As we sat and ate dinner in the garage, it occurred to me that we were not like most families. Surrounding this dinner table were baseball hats, war memorabilia and beer steins. We sat in a garage heated by an old woodstove, and cooled by a sliding window above the countertop where my father sat on his favorite barstool. This was the kind of place that was warm, inviting and where every stray dog, cat and person could easily find a warm place to sit and have a cold drink.

Dinners here were special. They often, but not always, had a purpose. A big promotion, new job, new house or new friend would be reason enough to put out a big spread of cheese and crackers, coleslaw and meat of some kind on the handmade table. Tonight, we would gather to remind each other that we were family. Tonight, we would talk and laugh, all to avoid a more serious issue that was looming over us. As a family, we were facing Dad's cancer surgery, and as a family, we gathered in our meeting place to enjoy each other's company.

The garage was special. If walls could talk, I wondered what secrets they would share.

They had definitely heard of hard times, worries and shortcomings. They had had their share of good news as well. All sorts of events were celebrated in the garage, and even a perfect summer day or magnificent snowstorm would be cause for celebration. On one night, an unexpected blizzard blew through town and we laughed, telling stories until the snow piled up so high outside we were all stranded at Mom and Dad's house. The woodstove popped, the window frosted up and we enjoyed the magic of family and the solace of the garage.

Part of its magic was that it did not discriminate. The garage had held us together during the most trying of times. Together, we sat in silence at the loss of those closest to us, and wonderment as to the reasons that must exist for sudden passing. We watched the Red Sox do the unthinkable, and then only days later we gathered to deal with a personal crisis. We watched in silence as our nation was attacked, and prayed even when praying was not what we were best at. What most people did individually, we did as a family, in the garage.

By looking at it, it was certainly nothing special. No fancy decorations adorned its walls and the furniture was either handmade or handed down. It was special, though. The garage was a safe place. It was a place to share secrets, problems and great stories. It was in the garage that I learned how to heal from a broken heart, how to ask for help, and how to listen with both ears. It was there that I learned the secret of life.

As we sat around, laughing and sharing stories of long ago moments, I caught my father's eye. I saw something I had never seen before. He was sitting back in his tall bar chair admiring his family. (My father's family extended well beyond blood relations. He welcomed friends and neighbors into his family and never let anyone forget how lucky he felt to have such wonderful people in his life.) As he sat quietly, listening to us jokingly discuss what it was like to grow up in a Polish, English and Irish household, his eyes glistened. It was then that I knew that he, too, had learned the secret of life.

The garage had given us a place to grow up, grow old and grow together. Although an outsider may think it odd that we ate in the garage, anyone who knew us would see something different. It was in that garage that we were most ourselves. We were family.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO...**

Jennifer Cole (2/4)  
Larry Schlist (2/4)  
Gilbert Barr Jr. (2/5)  
Eric Eckhart (2/6)  
Wendell Edwardsen (2/7)  
Michael Mosley (2/7)  
Stanley Barr (2/10)  
Jason Em-Franco (2/10)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO...**

Chris & Kristi Burkhart (2/5)  
Justin & Tonya Priest (2/7)