# FRESNO SUNNYSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# SunnysideNews

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

# **CHURCH LIFE**



#### **BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Katherine and Kristopher Keener! Katherine gave birth to a 7lb. 4oz - 20 inch beautiful girl on May 22 at 8:01 p.m. Her name is Grace Elliot Keener.

Mom and baby were released from the hospital today.

Proud grandparents Greg and Julie Keener are excited to have their first granddaughter. Greg said that he was just so exhausted – he had been at the hospital from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Then he laughed at himself because he can't even imagine how tired Katherine is.

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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 19, 2012 11:00 A.M.

"Come Go With Me" "His Banner Over Me"

> Welcome **Bud Dickerson**

"Blessed Assurance"

**Children's Story** Cathie Jo Jones

> Offering **Bud Dickerson**

**Memorial Day** Rememberance Dianne Dickerson

"Breathe on Me" "You Are Holy"

> **Prayer Bob Fritz**

**S**cripture **Proverbs 8:10-18** James Browning

"More Precious Than Rubies" Pastor Ray

> **Benediction** Dianne Dickerson

#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Monday, May 28

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed Church Work Bee 7:00 a.m.

#### Tuesday, May 29

Facilities Committee Meeting - Youth Room 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 30

Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry – Junior Room 6:30 p.m. Small Group Bible Study: Gospel of Mark -Youth Room 7:00 p.m.

#### Sabbath, June 2

Sabbath School 9:30 p.m. Worship Service 11:00 p.m. Oasis Group - Youth Room 5:30 p.m.

#### PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 2 - Pastor Ray June 9 - Pastor Ray June 16 - Pastor Ray

#### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

\$29,000.00 May Church Needs Church Needs Donations 17,147.07 Over (Short) (11,852.93)

Year to Date \$145,000.00 **Donations Received** 105,980.05 Over (Short) (39,019.95)

Youth Pastor Fund \$19,491,73

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING

**Conference Faith Advance** 

#### SUNSET

This Friday Next Friday 8:07 p.m. 8:12 p.m.

### **HEALTHY BYTES**

#### **Antioxidants**

Everything we do causes oxidative stress: breathing, exercising too little, exercising too much, eating the wrong things, eating too much of the right

thing! Oxidative stress is LIFE. It is the "rust" and "exhaust" of our bodies. The only thing to combat oxidative stress is antioxidants, which can only be found in fruits, vegetables, berries and grapes:

Plant Food!



For more information on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or at gale4health@comcast.net

#### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

First Reading: Chelsea Lynch from Clovis. lanette Frazier joining by profession of faith.

#### CHURCH WORKBEE - MONDAY

Your church needs you Monday from **7:00** – **I I:00** a.m. to plant, transplant, dig a short ditch, mow some weeds, move some dirt, etc. Please bring shovels, weedeaters, mowers, hoes, rakes, wheelbarrows, gardening tools and we'd love to get "Round-up" & fertilizer donations. This should only take a couple of hours if we have lots of help. Contact Rod Turley for additional information (647-7784). Water will be provided. *Donuts for those who show up early!* 





#### SHARES CARDS PROGRAM

Thank you for using your S.H.A.R.E.S. card when shopping at Save Mart and FoodMaxx stores. We

just received a check for \$379.71 for purchases you made January thru March of 2012. We have received over \$2,500 in the past two years. All funds go into the church building fund. If you would like a card, please pick one up in the church foyer.

#### TIME TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES

Sunnyside will honor its 2012 graduates of eighth grade, high school, college, & advanced degrees on **Sabbath, June 9.** 



Please contact the church office (229-5501 or churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org) with the name of the student, name of the school, grade or degree, and any special awards or recognition for the graduate. We also need a current photo and a baby/toddler picture **by June 5** for a slideshow presentation.

#### REISIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship will be presented this year to one member of our congregation who fulfills the eligibility requirements of the scholarship. For further information about the scholarship & to apply, please contact Bud Dickerson at 250-7569 or bdickers@fresno.edu.

# SAVE THE DATE! VBS is Coming! July 30 – August 3

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help with Vacation Bible School. Email us at VBS@sunnysidesda.org

#### WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

We are receiving money order donations with illegible signatures. Please take care to sign your name clearly to ensure the treasurer is able to credit the proper person's account.

#### THANK YOU

We want to extend sincere thanks to our church family for your kindness and support during Bud's illness and recent passing. Bud always said we have a wonderful church, and you have all proven that he was correct.

With Love, the Shimmin Family

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

Our summer hours beginning June 6 will be: 8:00am -10am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday and 10:00a.m. to noon on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We are closed on the 2nd & 5th Wednesdays.

#### OASIS GROUP

Oasis Group has come to a consensus to meet 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. every other week during the summer. There is no meeting this Sabbath. On June 2, we will present "Tomb of Jesus" by Simon Brown. In this documentary the Real Discoveries team visits two tombs believed to be the tombs where Jesus Christ was laid and later rose. However, Jesus could not have been laid and risen from both tombs. Which one is the genuine one? Is there any evidence to support the fact that either of these sites is the genuine one? Find out as we journey to discover the Tomb of Jesus! All are welcome!

We would like to express our thanks to Kurt Logan for the DVDs he is providing for us.

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - MONDAY

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

#### HOST THE REFRESHMENT TABLE

Available dates: June 9, & 23; July 14, 21, & 28. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. You can make it simple or go with a theme. Reimbursement is available.

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

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

WORSHIP

LEARN

CONNECT

SERVE



Robert, Diana, Armand & Arthur Mora



Charles LaCross
& Lyn Harrelson

# CHURCH FINANCE 101 - "THE BASICS"

Ever wonder what happens to that financial support you give so generously to our church? Below is a brief outline as to what those resources are used for:

- I. All money marked "Tithe" on the giving envelopes is sent directly to our local Central California Conference for use in the world-wide church. The only money that comes back to our local church is in the form of salary paid to our head pastor and a minor stipend each year for the treasurer's expenses.
- 2. All money marked "Local Church Budget" on the giving envelopes is kept and used by our church locally to pay bills including, but not limited to:
  - a. Mortgage payments for our facility
  - b. Salaries for the secretary, treasurer, bulletin secretary, & musicians
  - c. |anitorial
  - d. Electric and gas utilities
  - e. Phones, internet, yellow page advertising
  - f. Water and refuse
  - g. Storage rent
  - h. Office supplies
  - i. Sabbath school literature
  - j. Sabbath school program props & materials
  - k. Landscape maintenance
  - I. Subsidy to Fresno Adventist Academy for their operations
  - m. Assistance with tuition for some students at the Academy from our church
  - n. Vacation Bible School during the summer
  - o. Expenses related to our Shaver Lake outings in August
  - p. Building maintenance and repair
  - q. Social events during the year
- 3. Any money marked for building, community services, or any other ministry or separate fund is kept in that ministry or fund until the purpose of the money is fulfilled and paid out for those specific needs.

If you should have any questions regarding these items, please feel free to ask our administrative elder, church staff, finance committee member, or treasurer.

Thank you for your continued generosity in keeping our ministries alive and well at Sunnyside.

Ron Fitzgerald Treasurer

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Felipa Altamirano (5/26) Lesley Ford (5/28) Sugar Knizevski (5/28) Ben Liu (5/28) Ken Mitchell (5/28) Estelle Webb (5/28) Zoe Zenith (5/28) Armando Blanchet (5/30) Martin McCann (5/30) | Murdock (5/30) Mark Pillor (5/30) Christine Czajkowski (5/31) Dianne Hall (5/31) Cathie Jo Jones (5/31) Brooklynn Wheeler (5/31) Joscelyn Craig (6/1) Gavin Nozaki (6/1)

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Rod & Vicky Turley (5/27) Lemuel & Dana Recalde (5/28) Frank & Connie Carpenter (6/1)Bill & Denise McEowen (6/1)

### THE LAST WORD

#### **Hockey Pucks**

By Jacqueiine רייאיייי A hundred hearts would be too few to carry all my love for you. - Author Unknown

My husband had only two culinary skills -- coffee and tuna salad -- and although he did those both very well, he was terrified to take things any further.

He broke into a cold sweat if I so much as asked him to take something out of the oven. He required detailed instructions when asked to pick up an onion or a dozen eggs. The good news is that cooking was such a complete mystery to him, he thought I was brilliant because I could transform raw chicken into dinner. The bad news is that left at home with a little girl to feed, he was utterly helpless.

But early on, my husband committed a deed of culinary derring-do, when he set aside his fear of anything involving food preparation because he loved me so much. I had just returned from the hospital with our new baby girl. She was not sleeping and neither was I, and between hormones and sleep deprivation, I was a wreck. The baby cried. I cried. I was also hungry and not up to doing anything about it. He looked on, worried and desperate to help.

"What would you eat if you could eat anything?" he asked, nervously. We both knew that unless it was take-out, whatever "anything" was would be beyond his capabilities, probably involving an oven or stovetop and baffling ingredients from little jars. But even his wanting to try helped. I dried my eyes and considered.

"If I could have anything I would want some whole grain applesauce muffins," I said, with no hope that there would be any until the baby permitted me fifteen minutes to bake them. (I figured sixteen years, give or take.) He sat on the edge of the bed for a moment, thinking hard, and then vanished into the kitchen.

An hour of banging cabinets and refrigerator doors later, he walked in, flushed and sheepish, carrying a steaming mug of perfect decaf... and a plate of hockey pucks. I bit into one. They were warm and cinnamon-y and odd. I am not sure why they turned out that way -- the recipe is foolproof-- but they were half an inch tall and rubbery. "They're awful, aren't they?" he said, defeated. He didn't get it.

I started to cry again, because of hormones and sleep deprivation, but also because I had a plate full of the most wonderful muffins that I would ever eat, a husband who loved me so much that he would crack raw eggs for me, and the baby I had dreamed of. I was the luckiest girl on earth.

People like to say that food made with love tastes better. We know that's not necessarily true. We've all choked down Grandma's stringy pot roast or Aunt Rachel's parsnips and prayed for a reprieve. What is true is that sometimes food is made with so much love that the taste is irrelevant. When my husband made the applesauce hockey pucks he overcame fear and insecurity because he wanted me to feel better.

Sometimes the best dish that you ever had is a transcendent blend of tastes and textures and beautiful presentation. And sometimes it is an even more transcendent blend of courage and dreams and love.