

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 15, 2009

PASTOR'S NOTES

INSPIRATION SEMINAR

Alden Thompson will be at Sunnyside on Sabbath to present a seminar on Inspiration. He is a professor of theological studies at Walla Walla University. For more information about Alden Thompson, please go to <http://www.wallawalla.edu/academics/areas-of-study/undergraduate-programs/theology/meet-the-faculty/aldentompson/>. The seminar schedule is as follows:

8:30 - 9:30, Meditative Worship Service, "When the Word Became Flesh"

9:30 - 10:40, Sabbath School, Q&A session on Inspiration issues (held in the Conference Room)

11:00 - 12:15, Main Worship Service, "When the Word Became Flesh"

12:30 - 1:30, Potluck

2:00 - 4:00, "Pictures to Help You Study Your Bible" (held in the Music Room)

Please note that free child care will be available during the afternoon session.

REFRESHMENT TABLE

Now that the Estep's and Isaac's have retired as coordinators of the refreshment table, we are in need of someone to continue this important ministry. It needs to be pointed out that the refreshment table coordinator is not required to actually set up and run the refreshment table on any week. The coordinator's job is to find volunteers to run the table each week. Also, this position does not require any personal expense. There is a church fund set up to cover all expenses related to the refreshment table. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me (647-9485 or dennis@sunnysidesda.org).

CONSTITUENTS WANTED

Fresno Adventist Academy's annual constituency meeting will be held at the school on February 8. Sunnyside is allowed to send up to 24 delegates to represent our congregation. We're having a difficult time finding 24 delegates, so please let us know if you are at all interested. Contact Bud Dickerson (250-7569 or bdickers@fresno.edu).

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**January 17, 2009
11:00 A.M.**

**“A Mighty Fortress
is Our God”**

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“How Great is Our God”
“Draw Me Close”**

Garden of Prayer
Marla Hartman

Children’s Story
Linda Barron

Offering

**“Strange Way to Save
the World”**
John Relph

**“When the Word
Became Flesh”**
Alden Thompson

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
Adventurer & Pathfinder Clubs – Church
6:00 p.m.
“Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home”
Class 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study – Marsh home 6:30 p.m.
Youth Pastor Search Committee – Church
Office 6:30 p.m.

SABBATH, JANUARY 24
Meditative Service 8:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 24 — Pastor Ray
January 31 — Pastor Ray
February 7 — Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

January Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	6,310.51
Over (Short)	(11,989.49)
YTD Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	6,310.51
Over (Short)	(11,989.49)
Youth Pastor Fund:	\$28,622.15
Children’s Offering YTD:	\$260.00

This Week’s Offering:

Local Church Budget

<i>Tonight</i>	Sunset	<i>Next Friday</i>
5:07p.m.		5:14 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH LAKE TAHOE SKI TRIP FEBRUARY 12 –16

THE WEEKEND’S GUEST SPEAKER
WILL BE CALEB FOSS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION SINGERS! Please meet at **10:15 a.m.** to rehearse and prepare with the choristers for the morning's service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GLENN CORWIN

The Memorial Service for long-time Sunnyside member and friend, Glenn Corwin, will be held on **Sabbath at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Visalia Seventh-day Adventist Church. There will be time for those who knew and loved him to share their thoughts and stories. Please wear bright colors! Glenn always wore brightly colored socks and ties and the family would like to honor his memory by dressing in bright colors. Flowers and cards can be sent to: Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 East Caldwell Ave. Visalia, CA 93722 (559-635-1144).



POTLUCK THIS SABBATH

Our potluck will feature soups and salads. Members whose last names begin with **A-M: bring soup and dessert; N-Z: bring soup and salad.** Please bring your soup in a crock-pot. The potluck committee will provide bread and crackers.

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ATTENTION CAMPERS



Sunnyside's annual "Church in the Mountains" will be the weekend of **August 15.**

Sites are available at Camp Edison for those who like to camp out. Most campers head up on Friday and return on Sunday; others prefer to go up on Thursday to make a longer weekend of it. If you don't have an RV, rent one or bring a tent! Shaver has great bathroom and shower facilities close to each site. The campsites go quickly, so get your reservations now! Gary Shimmin will have forms available at church, or you can contact him at 871-0684 or gary@shimmin.us for more information. **Completed forms must be returned to Gary by January 24.**

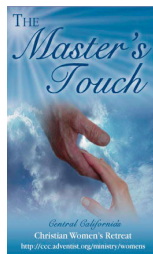
THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in finding me a place to live this semester. God has opened and closed doors for me this week. Please continue to pray for a powerful Deaf Ministry in our Central California Conference. Thank you again. — Sarah Jackson

THANK YOU

My heart-filled thanks to Secret Santa. What a delightful surprise to receive your gifts upon my arrival from visiting family in Anchorage, Alaska. You cannot imagine how warm and fuzzy your act made me feel. The restaurant certificates are very much appreciated since I discovered upon my return home that my refrigerator/freezer defrosted itself and there was a lot of food spoilage. Thanks be to God for your loving generosity and kindness.

Fondly,
Karen E. Blackwell



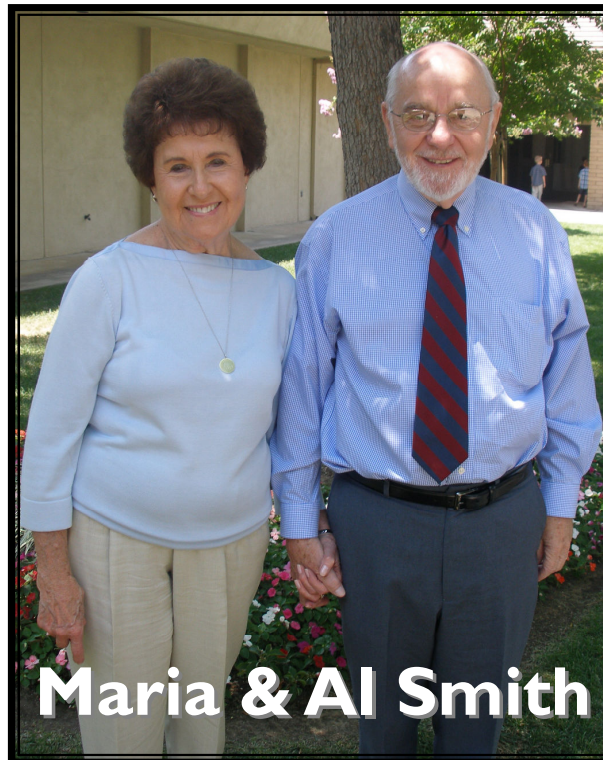
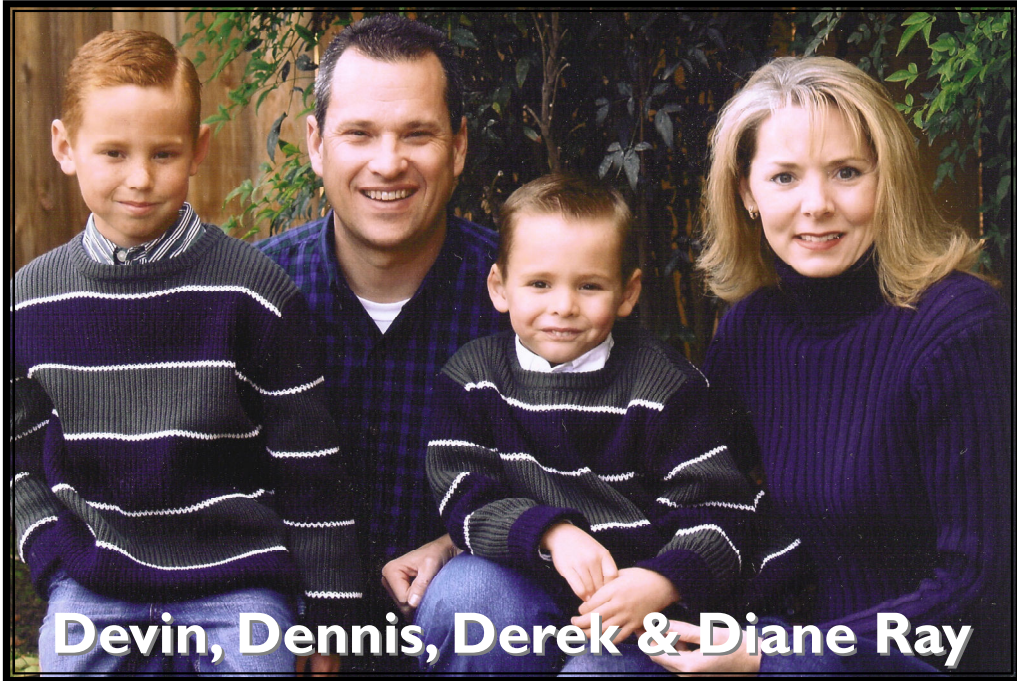
CCC WOMEN'S RETREATS

Plan to attend one of these Women's Retreats: **January 30 – February 1** at Tenaya Lodge, featuring Dr. Richard Neal, MD and Marti Jones; or **February 6–8**, at Soquel Conference Camp-ground, featuring Carol Zarska and Cathy Montague. You will be glad you came to hear their inspirational and spiritual messages designed for women. We believe your Heavenly Father has a blessing in store for you! Please ask Him if you should go. Contact your local Women's Ministry Leader or Pat Curtis at 642-2396 for more information. There are a limited number of full scholarships specifically for non-SDAs, if you would like to invite someone to attend. Some restrictions apply.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Ministries has started a new Bible study at our Wednesday night small group. We will be going through Exodus and also looking at some "last days" events and prophecies as seen in the book of Ezekiel. Come join us for this study each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sherry Marsh. For more information or, if you have questions, please contact Sherry, 224-9005.

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



THE LAST WORD

FORTY WEEKS...

I walk into my teenage daughter's room to find -- once again -- her bed, floor, desk, and most other surfaces covered with papers, books, projects, or clothes. I offer to help clean her room and reorganize her closets and drawers.

With a sly grin, Tara replies, "No need to, Mom. I'll be leaving soon."

"Oh, where are you going?" I ask, trying to remember if she has soccer or piano that evening.

"You know, Mom, to college. I'll be leaving in about ten months. Only forty more weeks. It's not worth reorganizing my room since I'll be going so soon."

I blink, startled. She's serious.

An hour later, I walk into her twin brother's room to check his progress with college applications. My effort is far from appreciated.

"Mom, you need to stop nagging me," Jake says. "I'll be leaving for college soon. In only forty more weeks, you won't know what I'll be doing or where I'll be."

My heart skips a beat. Can it be true they'll both be off to college so soon? I suddenly remember countless mothers peering into my twins' stroller commenting on how fast the years would go. They were right. But it feels surreal.

Who could have known our inquisitive daughter would grow into a beautiful young woman with plans to study psychology and neuroscience? Likewise our toddler son, who beat table tops and toy drums with an array of silverware and sticks, will soon enter a conservatory to pursue his passion for composing and performing classical percussion music.

Only forty more weeks. Although I have spent their lifetimes teaching, loving and encouraging them, somehow -- at this moment -- it doesn't seem enough. So much left to be said and done. Myriad bits of advice dance and tumble in my head like loose buttons in a spinning dryer.

I feel an urgent need to ensure that Tara and Jake will have the skills necessary to manage the multiple demands placed on them. Practicalities like opening checking accounts and the art of monthly balancing must still be taught. I want to emphasize the importance of relishing each day while setting limits in an unbounded environment. I feel the need to talk more about dating, relationships, marriage. And what about daily exercise and sleep? I want to reinforce how important it is to follow their dreams and passions, work hard and play hard, and do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.

Further, we need more time together. Time for picnic breakfasts by meandering streams. Time for more bike rides encircled by beautiful mountains.

I find it difficult to acknowledge that our daily interactions over these past eighteen years will come to an abrupt end. Although I'm elated that their departure will open new doors for all of us, I also feel my heart breaking. I picture myself peeking into their silent bedrooms before I leave for work only to see dust particles floating in rays of early morning sunlight. But I vow to follow my own advice and relish all the surprises and opportunities that await us in this next phase of family life.

Recently, Tara argued about her curfew. "Give me one good reason I should be home that early!"

Without a moment's hesitation, her dad grinned and replied, "Because you'll be leaving soon. In less than forty weeks. And we want to see a lot of you before you go."

She returned his grin, hugged him and headed quickly out the door.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...**

Gary Barron (1/18)
Alex Soloniuk (1/18)
Isaiah Carapinha (1/21)
Isaiah Cisneros (1/21)
Phyllis Birmingham (1/22)
Emeron Montgomery (1/22)
Brooke-Lynn Crew (1/23)
Janet Cotton (1/23)
Becky Crouch (1/23)
Porter Smith (1/23)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

Henry & Jackie Watts (1/19)
Al & Maria Smith (1/21)