# FRESNO SUNNYSIDE SDA CHURCH



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 19, 2009

# **PASTOR'S NOTES**

# **SERMON THIS WEEK**

This week I'm preaching about the three Hebrews whose names you'll never find in the "Most Popular Baby Names" book: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. It is a sermon about how God meets us in the middle of our trials.

# FREE TAX PREP ASSISTANCE

The Asian Business Institute and Resource Center (ABIRC) is offering free classes in tax preparation at the Sunnyside Library. However, the classes are held on Saturday. As a courtesy to those who cannot attend on Saturday, they are open various times during the week to help those in need of assistance. If you or someone you know would like assistance with tax preparation, contact Mayblia Ly at 559-476-3969. She will set up a time to come to the ABIRC office at 7035 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno CA 93711. This service is provided free of charge.

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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 21, 2009 11:00 A.M.

"You are My All in All"
"How Great is Our God"

# Welcome

Pastor Dennis Ray

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#### **Garden of Prayer**

Marla Hartman

#### **Children's Story**

Bernadette Randall

Offering

"Lay It Down"

Yvette Kerbs

"Finding God in the Furnace"

Pastor Ray

#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

Adventurer & Pathfinder Clubs – Church 6:00 p.m.

"Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home" Class 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Marsh home 6:30 p.m.

# SABBATH, MARCH 28

Meditative Service 8:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

#### PREACHING SCHEDULE

March 28 — J. Murdock April 4 — Pastor Ray April I I — Pastor Ray

#### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

March Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	6,457.86
Over (Short)	(11,842.14)
YTD Approved Budget	\$54,900.00

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Amount Received	36,723.34
Over (Short)	(18,176.66)

Youth Pastor Fund: \$32,397.15 Children's Offering YTD: \$1,175.68

# This Week's Offering:

Local Church Budget

Sunset
Tonight Next Friday
7:10 p.m. 7:16 p.m.

# YOUTH EVENTS

Vespers at the Fritz home (274 Heritage Ave — Clovis) call 299-9958 for more info. John Armstrong speaking.

# **HEALTHY BYTES**



**DARK ORANGE FOODS** like pumpkin, sweet potatoes, apricots, peaches, carrots, cantaloupes, mangoes, and butternut squash contain beta-carotene, a powerful antioxidant that can help keep your immune system healthy as well as maintain good vision and can even aid

in reducing heart attacks and cancer.

For more info on healthy solutions contact Gale at 974-2459 or email at <a href="mailto:gale4health@comcast.net">gale4health@comcast.net</a>

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# ATTENTION SINGERS!



Please meet at 10:15 a.m. this Sabbath to rehearse and prepare with the choristers for the morning's service.

# A Heartfelt Thank You...

Thank you so much to our church family for your loving thoughts and prayers and support in the loss of David's mom. Your encouragement means a great deal and we appreciate you all.

— The Crouch Family

# **HOSTESSES NEEDED**

S u n n y s i d e Women's Ministry Annual Tea and Thee is looking for 12 women to volunteer to hostess



tables for the tea on **April 26** in the community center. Tables will be set using the caterer's dishes and silverware, with your choice of pastel tablecloths and matching napkins provided by Women's Ministry. Each hostess is responsible only for decorating her table and providing a small gift for the seven ladies at her table. The gift could be as small as a decorated cookie or a chocolate. Please call Angela (229-5501) or Sherry (224-9005).

# **BIBLE 101**

Join the Discussion Sabbath School as we embark on an 8-week "Bible Basics" series. We meet in the conference room. All are welcome.

# **BREAKFAST & BIKE-A-THON**

Please join the Adventurer Club Families for a "deluxe" pancake breakfast, served from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 29, at Fresno Adventist Academy. Then pull out your lawn chairs, grab a spot in the shade to cheer on





the Adventurers in their 2nd Annual Bike-A-Thon fundraiser. (The littlest ones ride tricycles and push cars! It's too cute!). **Breakfast is only \$2.00 per person.** Tickets are available from any Adventurer Family, or you can pay when you come. Since this is a fund-raiser for the Adventurer Club, please sponsor a child who is riding or,

a donation in your tithe envelope will be equally appreciated. If you need any information, please contact Jody Liu, 325-8688.

# PLASTIC EGGS & TREATS NEEDED

Donations are being accepted for Sunnyside's annual Easter egg hunt: plastic Easter eggs, small individually wrapped candy, jelly beans or small nov-

elty toy items (like those found at "dollar stores"). A box will be available in back of the church foyer this Sabbath and for the next few weeks.



### **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Fresno Adventist Academy's Annual Golf Tournament to raise money for the Student Sponsorship Program, will be held on **Friday, April 24** at the scenic Sherwood Forest Golf Club in Sanger. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Join alumni and friends in fun fellowship and supporting your local church school! Call Richelle Rickard 251-5548 ext. 145, to

get your team of four registered. Individual players welcomed also!

# The Full of Light Regional GLOW Rally

Join us **April 5**, **10:00–3:00**. This rally is for anyone who wants to share their faith. You'll be inspired to see how literature is helping to bring Jesus' second coming closer to reality. This event will take place in two locations:

Bakersfield: Pastor Ivor Myers, Speaker Bakersfield Hillcrest SDA Church San Jose: Dr. Eric Walsh, Speaker Milpitas SDA Church

There is no charge to attend; bring money for lunch. Please register online ASAP at www.goglow.org.

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

Dan, Renee & Gavin Nozaki





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Emma &
Mackenzie
Mendez

# THE LAST WORD

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You have no doubt heard that there is a "God-shaped hole" in every human heart. It's true. He alone can satisfy our deepest desires. We need Him, or we perish. But have you ever considered that there might be a "human-shaped hole" in God's heart? I think there is.

Does that mean God needs us like we need Him? Well, not exactly. If we were to say God needs us, we could only mean something deeper than need--namely that He who is "all in all" and therefore has no need, has chosen to need us, which is really more like want than need. God wants us. He desires us, while not needing us as we need Him for actual meaning and survival. But why does He want us? There is only one answer to every questions about God: "God is love." His desire for us is love in the form of grace.

excerpt from the book entitled, **An Endless Falling in Love**, by Ty Gibson. (submitted by Diane Ray)

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marcus Barreto (3/21) Robert Barrón (3/21) **Ildefonso Campomanes** (3/21)Ron Estep (3/21) Henry Watts (3/21) Bill McEowen (3/22) Jannine Fitzgerald (3/22) Julie Gomez (3/22) Shawntee Haldeman (3/22)Jill Fulkes (3/23) Randy Risner (3/23) Katelyn Lee-Smith (3/23) Dana Recalde (3/24) Jim Robison (3/24) Ernie Cantu (3/25) Karissa Eckhart (3/25) Lanette Espinoza (3/25) Ron Soloniuk (3/25) Bill Brown III (3/26) Isela Reza-Rogers (3/27)

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Ildefonso & Jean Campomanes (3/21) Peter & Karen Mayne (3/23) Will & Joyce Reimer (3/25)