



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## PASTOR'S NOTES

### SUNNYSIDE GRACE

According to Dallas Willard, grace is "God acting in our life to accomplish what we cannot do on our own." When the Children of Israel stood between the Red Sea and the approaching Egyptian army, God poured out his grace on them by parting the water and making a way for them to walk to safety on dry land. When it was time for them to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land, God displayed his grace by once again parting the waters and making a way for them to cross on dry land. Over the past ten days, it has been exciting watch God pour out his grace on Sunnyside by making a way for us to purchase the church at Maroa & Barstow. He has repeatedly removed obstacles and barriers that could not have been overcome on our own strength. The word "amazed" is overused in our day, but it is the best word I can find to express my response to what is happening. A week ago, I didn't have strong feelings either way as to whether we should purchase the property. However, after witnessing what has transpired, I am deeply convinced that God is behind this project and He will carry us all the way. I really don't know why God chose this particular property for us. We have pursued other facilities that were newer, larger, more state-of-the-art, more centrally located to our congregation, and more visible to the public. For reasons that are yet to be revealed, this facility is the best one for His will to be accomplished in and through our congregation. I'm excited to be part of it and to watch it happen. Now that God has parted the water, it is up to us to walk by faith on the path He has laid in front of us.

Oh, by the way, I forgot to mention that the bank accepted our offer and the property is now in escrow. We're looking at a 30-day escrow, so the facility should officially be ours in mid- to late June. We also have an agreement with Hope Lutheran to give them a 6-month notice prior to ending our lease. If everything goes according to schedule, we're looking at moving in late November or early December. The 6-month window will give us time to renovate and remodel the Maroa property so that it is in top condition on the day we move in.

### DELAINE MORFORD

On Monday, Delaine had successful open-heart surgery to perform a single by-pass and replace her aortic valve. She is alert, eating, and generally doing well. The doctor said she can go home on Sunday or Monday. Delaine is in the cardiac unit at St. Agnes.

### MY STATUS

I'm continuing to make slow and steady progress in recovering from mono. The doctor checked me out today and said that the virus still appears to be active, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. I was planning to return to preaching this Sabbath, but decided it is best to wait for two more weeks. I'm back in the office on a part-time basis. Thank you for the many get-well cards and gifts!

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**May 23, 2009  
11:00 A.M.**

**“Tis So Sweet to  
Trust in Jesus”**

**Welcome**  
Bud Dickerson

**“You Are My King”  
“Offering”  
“You Are My All in All”  
“We Exalt Thee”**

**Garden of Prayer**  
Cheryl Crouch

**Children’s Story**  
Mike Menes

**Offering  
Offertory  
“Through It All”**  
Sunnyside Grace

**“If That Don’t Make  
You Want To Go”**  
Sunnyside Grace

**Mission Possible**  
Daryl Crouch

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY, MAY 25**  
Memorial Day - Church office closed

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

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

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**May 30 — Sherry Marsh**  
**June 6 — Pastor Ray**  
**June 13 — Pastor Ray**

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>May</b> Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	11,851.06
Over (Short)	(6,448.94)
<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$91,500.00
Amount Received	71,414.39
Over (Short)	(20,085.61)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$36,462.15
Children’s Offering YTD	\$1,814.38

### This Week’s Offering:

Conference Faith Advance

## HEALTH BYTES



Subsisting on low-calorie foods and skipping meals is no way to lose weight -and no way to live. Instead, we should rid our diets of toxins and inflammatory irritants. As a byproduct of cleaning up our bodies, we'll shed extra pounds.

Many alternative-minded health practitioners view reaching and maintaining a healthy weight as a natural byproduct of shifting one’s focus from calories to nutrients, from denying your body to supporting it. This group wants you to toss out everything you thought you knew about dieting, including the word “diet.”

“I like to call it a ‘new eating plan,’” says Elson Haas, MD, medical director of the Preventive Medical Center of Marin in San Rafael, Calif., and author of *The False Fat Diet* (Ballantine, 2001). “People only start losing weight when they stop thinking about calories and start thinking about nutrition.”

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

Join Gale’s “Healthy Eating” cooking class every 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](mailto:bdickers@fresno.edu).



**Application deadline is May 23.**

### IT'S TIME TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES

On May 30 Sunnyside will honor its 2009 graduates of eighth grade, high school, college, and advanced degrees. Please contact Angela Reijnders at 229-5501 or [churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org) with the name of the student, parents' names, grade or degree, and any special awards or recognition for the graduate. **We also need a current photo and a baby/toddler picture of the graduate by May 26 for a slideshow presentation.**



### REFRESHMENT HOSTS NEEDED

The opportunity is still open to host the refreshment table. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judi Krogstad at [drjudi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drjudi@sbcglobal.net) or 225-3650.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED — MONDAY

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

### ADVENTIST SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES CONVENTION

It's not too late to sign up for the 2009 Adventist Single Adult Ministries "Go Deeper" convention for the early-bird rate of \$149 per person. The convention is scheduled for July 2-4 at the Newport Beach Marriott in Newport Beach, CA. Don't miss out on powerful speakers like Jose Rojas and John McVay, fellowship opportunities, ministry training and more. To register, visit [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org) and click on "events" or call 800.732.7587.



### SUMMER CAMP AT WAWONA

The conference office will pay 2/3 of your child's summer camp expenses for a week at Camp Wawona, June 21-August 2. E-mail [Get-Webb@gmail.com](mailto:Get-Webb@gmail.com) for details (\$107.50 is the parent/child's portion).

### BENEFIT CONCERT

Fresno Adventist Academy is hosting a free musical benefit concert to raise funds for the Student Sponsorship Program. Many local musicians from our churches and community will share their talents. The concert will be held in the FAA Ricchiuti Auditorium on **this Sabbath at 7:00 p.m.** An offering will be taken. Any questions, please contact Richelle Rickard at 251-5548 x145.

### SUMMER CHILDCARE NEEDED

Are you a responsible high school or college student looking for part-time summer work? Leesa & Tim Smith are looking for childcare for Porter & Zadie Rose for June thru August—Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays & will pay \$400 per month. (no childcare needed during campmeeting). Please contact Leesa at 248-6516.



**SAVE THIS DATE FOR VBS — AUGUST 3-7**  
Make plans to attend Vacation Bible School this Summer!

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

**Vonette Finkbeiner**



**Maxine & David  
Smith**



## THE LAST WORD



### TWO HORSES

author - unknown (submitted by Maria Smith)

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing... Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell return to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that t he blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way...

Good friends are like that ... you may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. And remember... be kinder than necessary — everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply,  
Love generously,  
Care deeply,  
Speak kindly....  
Leave the rest to God.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO...**

Irma McGuinn (5/24)  
Felipa Altamirano (5/26)  
Lesley Ford (5/28)  
Sugar Knizevski (5/28)  
Ben Liu (5/28)  
Ken Mitchell (5/28)  
Estelle Webb (5/28)  
Richard Bramham (5/29)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO...**

Alex & Jessica Walker  
(5/23)  
Willie Jr. & Karen White-  
Brown (5/25)  
Rod & Vicky Turley (5/27)  
Lemuel & Dana Recalde  
(5/28)