



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 23, 2009

PASTOR'S NOTES

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD ELDER

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING RESCHEDULED: Due to the increased information available and the expectation that there will be more "business" discussed than the Sabbath permits, the business meeting has been moved from immediately after church to the evening. The meeting will be held in the Hope Community Center. We will get started at 8 p.m. with sundown worship and dessert, followed by some seriously important church business. Hope to see you all there. If you can not make it, the choices are still the same with an added scheme #3 (no picture) which is: necessary maintenance, clean, paint and move in. If you want to vote by email, send your vote to bdickers@fresno.edu or to the church and it will be forwarded. -- Bud Dickerson

WORSHIP SERVICE FORMAT

If you were at church last Sabbath, you probably noticed that the order of service was different than usual. I have been under conviction that the heart of our worship service needs to have an uninterrupted flow of praise and worship songs, prayer, Scripture reading, and sermon. The new format is our first attempt at creating that without eliminating any of the other elements of our worship service.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

On July 17, 2009, the Pacific Union College Board of Trustees announced that Dr. Heather J. Knight has been named the new president of Pacific Union College. She will begin her role as president in mid-September, in time for the new academic year.

Dr. Knight is currently the provost at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where she has served since 2006. During her three years at Andrews, Dr. Knight successfully developed and implemented a strategic plan and brought financial stability to the campus. Prior to serving at Andrews, Dr. Knight was the associate provost at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, for faculty development, diversity, and special programs. She was also a tenured professor in the department of English at the University of the Pacific. In 1995, Dr. Knight became the youngest faculty member to receive the University's distinguished Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award.

Dr. Knight is married to Dr. Norman Knight, senior pastor of the Berean South Bend and Dowagiac Faith Fellowship Adventist Churches. Norman is also an adjunct professor of homiletics at Andrews University. The Knights have eight children and a grandchild on the way.

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**July 25, 2009
11:00 A.M.**

“It is Well With My Soul”

Children’s Story
Connie Carpenter

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

“Worthy of My Praise”
“Sanctuary”
“We Have Come Into This Place”

Garden of Prayer
Jim Robison

“God’s Will and My Thoughts”
Pastor Ray

“O, Magnify the Lord”
Jennifer Proctor

Offering

Announcements

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 26

VBS preparations in the gym — 2:00pm.
Lunch will be provided by Cheryl Colombini

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

Vespers with Youth Pastor candidate

SABBATH, AUGUST 1

Meditative Service 8:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Youth Social — tba

PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 1— Calvin Redman

August 8— Pastor Ray

August 15— Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

July Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	10,199.20
Over (Short)	(8,100.80)

YTD Approved Budget	\$128,100.00
Amount Received	106,962.43
Over (Short)	(21,137.57)

Youth Pastor Fund	\$39,362.15
Church Building Fund	\$476,909.71

This Week’s Offering:

Conference Faith Advance

YOUTH NEWS



LISTEN UP!

We have invited a potential **Youth Pastor candidate** to come and visit us on **July 31st and August 1st**. We will be starting off the weekend with Friday night vespers, followed by Sabbath school, Church service and then a game night so everyone has a chance to meet Pastor Calvin Redman and his wife Jessica. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar as you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet this remarkable Australian Pastor. More to come!

Please make it a point to join us for:

Sabbath School & Worship Service

Friday Night Vespers

A Social Event (TBA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDRAISER YARD SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

We are planning a yard sale to raise funds for our Extreme Church Make-over.

We need your help!

If you are interested in helping or have great items to donate, please contact Printess Schlist at 674-9546 or 232-1194.

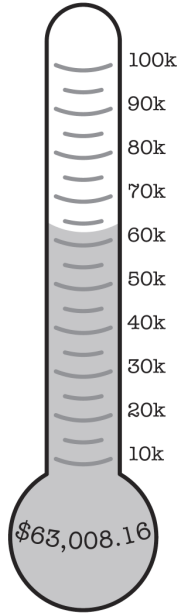


BABY BOTTLES CAMPAIGN



The Pregnancy Care Center's baby bottles fundraiser is coming to a close. This Sabbath will be your last opportunity to bring back the bottles filled with coins and dollar bills that will assist this organization with its ministries.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND



The total given has risen to **\$63,008.16**. Thank you for your generous giving.

Continue your generous giving by writing a check and marking your tithe envelope "Church Renovation Fund". Don't forget to "Leverage Your Giving" 20-to-1 by giving a \$20 bill instead of a \$1 to the children's offering. Let's push the thermometer all the way up to the \$100,000 mark by the time we start our renovation project.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 3-7

8:30 — 11:45AM
For ages 4 yrs. thru 6th grade

Register your kids TODAY!!

Join us this Sunday around 2pm for lunch provided by Cheryl Colombini and then get ready to do a little work with construction and decorating.

Contact Angela (994-5502) or Leo(994-5588) or talk with them at church.

THANK YOU SUNNYSIDE!

Thank you so much for honoring me during the church service! Also, thank you so much for the Target gift card! I guarantee it went to good use!

Thanks again,
Heather Moseley



OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open **8:00am to Noon** throughout the month of July.

CALLING ALL WOMEN who are interested in seeing this Sunnyside Women's Ministry expand, grow and develop. We are looking for women who would like to join committee's that would help run your women's ministry more effectively and also be of greater service to both the community at large and to the women of Sunnyside.

We need women who would volunteer to be available for:

Social Events Planners ❖ church, city & worldwide Service Outreach ❖ Spiritual Events planners.

If you are not interested, but you know a friend who would like to be involved, please talk with her or pass along this email. The more of us who are working together, increases the ability we have of reaching out and touching women's lives who need to be reached.

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

**Matt & Monica
Katelynn,
Johnathan &
Holley Estep**



**Ron, Loanne &
Alex Soloniuk**

THE LAST WORD

Bike Ride by Esther Young

(from Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Growing Up)

"If you don't understand how a woman could both love her sister [or brother] dearly and want to wring her neck at the same time, then you were probably an only child." ~ Linda Sunshine



One of my teachers once asked my class what our favorite memory was. I vaguely remember that we were studying self-esteem, and as a discussion prompt, my teacher asked for the moment in which "you felt the best, you felt that you had the world in the palm of your hand." Some described prestigious awards; others described winning a tournament. My answer, however, invited giggles and hesitant smiles. Why? Because I felt the best when I first learned how to ride my bike--at thirteen. I didn't mind my classmate's stares and snickering, because I knew there was more to the story.

My sister and I shared a typical sisterly relationship: we couldn't stand each other. Or, to be honest, she couldn't stand me. I hero-worshipped her. Her taste was the epitome of glamour, her personality the definition of cool. My clothes were mysteriously inclined to look like hers, and even my words tended to mimic those I heard from home. Many times, I even wanted to literally follow my sister, whimpering every time I was barred from attending movies with her. Needless to say, I was a brat and an annoyance to her. Any sort of conversation we had usually degraded to fighting, and try as I might, my sister had an extra six years worth of insulting vocabulary (which meant she usually won). After a while, I stopped trying to impress her and learned to be totally indifferent; perhaps the silent treatment would get more approval. I was wrong. We soon fell into a sad pattern--I avoided her, she ignored me, and deep inside, it hurt. So that's how it was between us. Indifferent or hostile, she was only a sister in name. I truly believed that we would forever be apart, two housemates without conversation, two strangers without warmth. And nothing more.

I still remember the day I learned to ride a bike. I had received the bike that Christmas, which was great, until I realized I had no idea how to ride it. My mom had long since abandoned any attempt to teach me; I had proved to be a panicky, frustrating student. I took it upon myself to learn, a little bit each day, but to no avail; I couldn't ride my bike, and on that fateful day, it was no different. I was coming to the end of my daily one-hour torture, and I was so frustrated that I threw my bike aside and began to cry. I guess that was what caused my sister to come outside. At first I was skeptical and tense, as I thought she would begin to tease me or at least burst out laughing. She did neither. I hunched my shoulders forward and turned my face away, but she gently picked my bike up and motioned me over. That was the beginning. She fearlessly held my hand while the tears dried on my cheeks; she steadily held my bike when my feet faltered. She never once let me fall. And for three hours--three wonderful, blissful hours--we learned to ride my bike. No shouting. No fighting. No arguing.

That day I learned that my sister was human--how else could she have been my teacher? I've seen those TV shows with doting siblings, and I've always longed for that perfect harmony. That was the day, however, I had a taste of what real sisterly intimacy could be like. She saw through my weakness; I saw her compassion. I got off my bike that day empowered, and instead of blind admiration, I now had a newfound respect for my sister and for myself. She was both humbled and exalted before my eyes. My sister walked away quietly that day while I showed off my new skills for my mom, and I did not see her the rest of the day. Perhaps she felt something, too.

The day I learned to ride my bike proved to be my bridge from a snotty, naive little brat to a wiser younger sister. It was a life-changing experience, not a miracle. We still occasionally have our random spats and bitter rivalries, but since that day, it's been easier to get along because we have an unspoken respect for each other. The day she taught me how to ride my bike, she ceased to be a bully and became my sister.

And nothing more.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...

Bonnie Moseley (7/25)
Mark Messing (7/26)
Melissa Gillaspay (7/28)
Trent Jaeckel (7/28)
Jason Birmingham (7/29)
Kiana Recalde (7/29)
Cheryl Colombini (7/31)
John Pak (7/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...

Caleb & Calista Foss
(7/25)
Elden & Jenny Ramirez
(7/27)
Ben & Jody Liu (7/28)
Bud & Harriet Shimmin
(7/29)
Mike & Kayce Frazer
(7/31)