



*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

### PHASE II OF NEW FACILITY

God has led us safely through the first phase of moving into our new church home - the purchase. We are thankful for all the doors God opened and the obstacles He removed in order to make it possible for us to finally own our own facility. When the Israelites escaped Pharaoh's army by crossing the Red Sea on dry land it was their first major victory, but they still had a long way to go to reach the Promised Land. In the same way, we have experienced our first major victory by completing the purchase, but we're not home yet. What still lie in front of us are fundraising and renovation.

This building project belongs to God. Just as He led us through the first phase, we need Him to lead us through the fundraising and renovation. For this reason, we are going to begin the fundraising phase by asking you to pray prior to asking you to give. On the Sabbaths of August 22, 29, and September 5, our emphasis will be on prayer. We will provide times for corporate prayer, in which we join together in asking God to lead the fundraising. We will also be encouraging each person to devote this time to personal prayer and asking God to impress upon them the amount He is calling them to give. On Sabbath, September 12, we will ask each person/family to present a pledge for how much they will give over the next six months. On Sunday night, September 20, we will announce the total amount of pledges at a celebration dinner. This is a general overview of where we are headed. I will explain this plan in more detail at church this Sabbath.

While this is the direction that the fundraising committee is pursuing, it is not set in stone. Over the next two weeks, we would like to receive any additional ideas you have for fundraising. Please e-mail your ideas to me ([dennis@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:dennis@sunnysidesda.org)) or to the chair of the Fundraising Committee, Todd Bristol ([tlbristol@hotmail.com](mailto:tlbristol@hotmail.com)).

### RUMMAGE SALE

Part of our fundraising will be a rummage sale held at the new church on Sunday, August 23. We are in need of anything that you want to get rid of as long as it isn't broken or dirty. There is a lot of work involved with pricing and placing the items for a rummage sale, so we'd prefer to receive your donations sooner than later. People will be at the new church this coming Sunday to accept deliveries.

### YOUTH PASTOR UPDATE

We've received a lot of positive feedback about Calvin Redman from those of you who were at church last Sabbath. Please continue to pray about whether he is to be our next Youth Pastor. If he is the one we hire, he will have to first be approved by Sunnyside's YP Search Committee and Church Board as well as the Central California Conference President, Personnel and Executive Committees.

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**August 8, 2009  
11:00 A.M.**

*“Joyful, Joyful,  
We Adore Thee”*

**Welcome &  
Announcements**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

*“You Shine”  
“Great is the Lord”  
“Knowing You, Jesus”*

**Garden of Prayer**  
Cheryl Crouch

**Children’s Story**  
Elisa Messing

**“The Unforced  
Rhythms of Grace”**  
Pastor Ray

**Trumpet Solo**  
Dan Lichti

**Offering**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Church Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

#### SABBATH, AUGUST 15

Church in Shaver 11:00 a.m.  
Preaching Schedule

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**August 15** — Pastor Ray

**August 22** — Pastor Ray

**August 29** — Pastor Ray

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>August</b> Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	905.89
Over (Short)	(17,394.11)
<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$146,400.00
Amount Received	111,168.51
Over (Short)	(35,231.49)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$38,341.95
Church Building Fund	\$478,496.54

#### This Week’s Offering:

Universities Combined

## HEALTHY BYTES

### What’s for Dinner?

Cooking healthier for those you love.

Learn how to prepare meals from scratch without taking all day to do it.

Featuring

Gale Bolinger, Educator and Local “Mom on a Mission”  
for family health and wellness.

Join us for a healthy eating workshop and learn to add the missing ingredient of “HEALTH” to many of your family favorites! Don’t miss this 1 ½ hour workshop that will equip you to incorporate more nutrient-dense and colorful foods, without changing your basic menu. We’ll be focusing on healthy meals that take 20 minutes or less to make. Foods will be prepared and eaten.

If you have certain food issues, let Gale know and she will adjust the menu to your needs.

**Monday, August 10 @ 6:30 pm**

1638 N. Brawley Ave.

Fresno, CA

\$10 - kids free

For more information and registration call: Gale @  
974-2459 or email gale4health@comcast.net  
Cooking classes held the 2nd Monday of each month.  
Mark your calendar!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUNDRAISER YARD SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 8:00AM — 3:00PM

We need everything you don't!  
Bring all your items, clean and  
in good working condition by  
Thursday, August 20.

If you need items picked up,  
contact Printess Schlist at  
232-1194 • 674-9546 • schlist@msn.com

Pricing all your items except clothes  
would be helpful but not necessary.  
Antiques and collectables should be pre-priced.

#### Drop-off times:

- **Sunday, August 9 & 16 8:00–Noon**
- Call Angela (994-5502) to arrange a time between 8:00 — Noon, Monday–Friday.
- For evening drops, call Printess to arrange time.

Anyone willing to help  
between now and  
Sunday, August 23, con-  
tact Printess We need  
to borrow: tables and  
clothes racks. We need  
donations of: hangers,  
bags, newspapers.



### FAA REGISTRATION

Adventist-Christian Education at Fresno Adventist Academy starts Wednesday, 19. New and returning students' applications can be returned anytime during the summer hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Or you can stop by for Registration Day on Sunday, August 9 between 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the Library. High school students can drop off your sports physicals, check eligibility, pick out your lockers, get new P.E. uniforms. You can even meet with your parent and Principal Kittle for your class listing.

If you have a financial need, FAST can help! Start your application at [www.faa.org](http://www.faa.org), then meet with our Business Manager, Mr. Tetz, on how Christian education can be affordable. Want to be involved on campus? Stop by to find out the new and exciting things starting this school year. Call for additional information at 251-5548 ext. 0!

### AUGUST 15, 2009 CHURCH AT SHAVER LAKE

#### AT THE SHAVER LAKE COMMUNITY CHAPEL

#### 10:00-10:50: Sabbath School classes

Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior divisions will meet at the Picnic Tables behind the church. Cradle Roll will do a nature walk, craft and snack. Kindergarten will do a craft, then a scavenger hunt. Primary will do a nature walk and craft. Juniors will meet for a scavenger hunt/nature walk. Adults will have a class inside the chapel.

#### 11:00-12:00 : Worship Service

The church service will be in the Chapel with Pastor Ray.

#### AT THE CAMP EDISON TOWHEE PICNIC SITE

#### 10:30-12:00: Early Youth & Youth

Youth will meet for a Sabbath school/worship service.

#### (approximately) 1:00 PM: Potluck

Immediately after Church all will meet at the lake for an afternoon of fun. For lunch, beef hot dogs (generously donated by Bar-S Meats), vegetarian Big Franks, buns, condiments, ice water and table service will be provided. Members are asked to bring cold salad or a dessert, chips and drinks (enough for your family and extra for guests) in an ice chest. After lunch, pontoon-boat rides on the lake will be available as will fellowship on land.

#### 2:30 PM: Baptism

Anyone scheduled to be baptized should contact Pastor Dennis Ray at 647-9485 or [dennis@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:dennis@sunnysidesda.org).

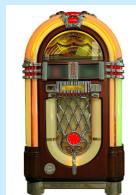
Things are casual this day, so dress comfortably for church and afternoon. Items to bring include folding chairs and /or blankets to sit on, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a sweater or light jacket for evening. Temperatures are about 20° cooler than the valley. You will need money for entrance to picnic area (\$5/car & \$2/person). Due to concerns about liability and the fact that there will be no lifeguard on duty, swimming is strongly discouraged. Many in our church family like to stretch the day into a weekend in the mountains. Information on campsites can be found at [www.campedison.com](http://www.campedison.com). Remember this is a great opportunity to acquaint others with the Love of God and for each other that we share at Sunnyside Church, so invite family and friends!

### DIRECTIONS

Directions will be posted on the church website next week.

### SAVE THE DATE — SEPTEMBER 20

We are planning a very special event for the entire church family. Make plans to attend! More details coming soon!



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

**Silvia Flores &  
Raul Aguilar**



**Christina,  
Willie, Marcus  
& Winona  
Barreto**

## THE LAST WORD

# A TRUE HERO

by Joe Haakenson

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO...**

Matthew Barr (8/10)  
Carolyn Page (8/10)  
Cooper Priest (8/10)  
Patricia Ford (8/11)  
Gilbert Barr (8/12)  
Jan Biloff (8/12)  
E.J. Ignacio (8/12)  
Jackie Watts (8/13)  
David Delgado (8/14)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO...**

Marlin & Christine  
Czajkowski (8/10)  
Tim & Sheri Hawkins (8/10)  
Ken & Karen Swanson  
(8/12)  
Clif & Desrie vanPutten  
(8/12)

The life of a major league baseball player involves more than playing baseball. Especially for those that are popular.

Jim Abbott was one of the most popular players from the moment he first donned a major-league uniform for the California Angels in 1989. Abbott, just twenty-one at the time, was one of the rare few who skips the minor leagues completely and begins his professional career in the big leagues.

But that's not what made Abbott so special to so many. Abbott was born without a right hand. In fact, Abbott's right arm extended from his shoulder to just past the elbow joint.

Abbott, though, didn't make the big leagues because people felt sorry for him. Abbott could pitch. The Angels took a chance on him by drafting him out of the University of Michigan and he proved in spring training that year that he was ready for the big leagues.

Using a skill he developed as a kid, Abbott could pitch with his left hand, then quickly transfer a right-hander's glove from the stub of his right arm onto his left hand, in case he had to field the ball.

If a ball was hit back to him, Abbott would catch it, stick the glove under his right armpit, then pull the ball out with his left hand so he could throw it again. And he did all of this in a second or two.

Abbott became a media magnet. Wherever he went, reporters wanted to hear his story. Abbott was overwhelmed, but never lost his pleasant disposition. Abbott had a smile for everyone, writers and fans alike.

Many times the media relations department of a major-league team gets requests for fans to meet their favorite baseball players. Abbott was no different. What was different about one particular fan was what made him similar to Abbott.

The Angels had set up a meeting between Abbott and a young boy from the Midwest. The boy, about nine or ten years old, had lost an arm in a farming accident.

Before one game during a long and arduous baseball season, the boy was brought onto the field to meet Abbott. The boy was obviously nervous, his body language telling the story. Head down, shoulders slumped forward, he had no idea what he was in for.

Abbott and the boy met on the field during batting practice before a game. But they weren't getting much privacy. The media are allowed to remain on the field up to forty-five minutes before game time, and there were plenty of curious onlookers.

So Abbott had an idea. He took the boy down the left- field line and away from anyone who wanted to get close. The two stood in the outfield, talking, watching batting practice and laughing for about an hour.

When the two returned to the dugout after batting practice, the boy's eyes sparkled. His head was up and his chest was thrust forward. Abbott was asked what he said to the boy, but he wouldn't reveal what was said.

That was about ten years ago, and the boy is now an adult. I often wonder whatever became of him, but after his meeting with Abbott, I have no doubt he is leading a happy and productive life. Abbott, after all, was living proof for the boy that he could do anything he wanted. Even pitch in the big leagues.