



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

THE POWER OF PRESENCE

A growing concern of mine is the way technology is affecting the way we communicate. Please don't get me wrong, I love tech stuff. I'm crazy about my iPhone that I use for texting, e-mailing, and accessing the internet. I worked for a high tech company in Silicon Valley for seven years. Nevertheless, I'm concerned about the way technology is making our communication increasingly less personal. I recently came across this piece, written by a Jewish rabbi, David Wolpe. He shares my concern and expresses it with more eloquence than I am able. Here it is:

Judaism so treasures words one might think you could get a righteous person out of a book. Yet beginning with the Bible Judaism taught that laws come to life in people. Role models speak louder than rules.

Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary Solomon Schechter famously explained to the incoming student and future Chancellor Louis Finkelstein that the purpose of coming to the seminary was not to learn a fact or law; he could learn those elsewhere. The purpose was to study with great men. Speaking of his years as a student my father told me far less about what he learned than about the people with whom he learned. They were not perfect, but they were passionate, learned, marvelously eccentric and they brought the tradition to life.

To the extent that the Internet and the proliferation of long distance learning deprive us of being in the presence of charismatic, kind, scholarly people, it will be a tremendous loss. When a Hasid said that he traveled miles just to see how his master tied his shoes, he was expressing this beautiful idea. What we learn from a great teacher cannot be put into a book, because it is in a look, an inflection, a quirk of personality or a tossed off comment. The greatest human lessons are found in the power of presence.

Beyond the issue of technology and communication, this piece speaks to what Jesus did. He became the "word" who took on flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). He took the words of the Law and lived them. In doing so, He taught us God's greatest lessons through the power of His presence.

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**November 14, 2009
11:00 A.M.**

*“Shall We Gather at
the River”*

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

*“Blessed Assurance”
“Soon and Very Soon”
“Footprints of Jesus”*

Garden of Prayer
Cheryl Crouch

“No One Else Knows”
Cory Colombini & Friends

**Now Thank We All
Our God**
Pastor Ray

*“Now Thank We All
Our God”*

Offering

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Adventurer Club – Church 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

SABBATH, NOVEMBER 21
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 21 — Pastor Ray
November 28 — Pastor Ray
December 5 — Pastor Cal

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

November Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	3,375.54
Over (Short)	(14,924.46)
YTD Approved Budget	\$201,300.00
Amount Received	171,564.34
Over (Short)	(29,735.66)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$38,118.73

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Cost to Complete Renovation: \$1,200,000.00
Raised to date: \$372,644.93

YOUTH EVENTS

VESPER FRIDAY EVENING AT PASTOR CAL'S

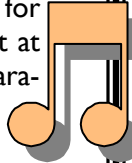
All youth — meet at Cal & Jess's place for vespers, haystacks & root beer floats. Plan to hang around from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Their address is 5468 N. West #103 (opposite Northwest Church). Parking is tight so you might have to park on Barstow. Call Pastor Cal at 367-7206 for more info.

**WATCH FOR
UPCOMING
YOUTH EVENTS!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIVING CHOIR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Attention: singers—please meet for rehearsal this Sabbath and the next at 9:30am in the choir room in preparation for special Thanksgiving service.



WORK BEE — THIS SUNDAY

We're having a work bee at our new church this Sunday, 8:30am — 2:00pm. Please call Joe Montgomery for details: 706-9018.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

First Reading: Lisa Montgomery from Madera.



SAVE THE DATE

December 12

Sunnyside's Christmas Party
and Open House.

sponsored by the Social Committee

10TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA

Come to Fresno Adventist Academy,
December 6 at 5:00 p.m.

to support the Student Sponsorship Program. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of festive decor, delicious catered meal, live entertainment, Giving Tree, silent, live and dessert auctions. For more information on attending or sponsoring this event, please contact Richelle Rickard 251-5548 x145 or email rrickard@faa.org.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD & OUR WRAP-IT-UP PARTY— THIS SATURDAY - 5:30PM

Please bring gift items to the church Sabbath morning or to the party in the evening. Suggested gifts include: school supplies: markers, crayons, paper, notepad, coloring book, picture book; toys: small car, ball, doll, stuffed animal, kazoo, harmonica, yo-yo, jump rope, small Etch A Sketch, slinky, small toys that light up, small games, cards. Hygiene items: tooth brush, tooth paste, comb, brush, soap, washcloth, etc. Other: hard candy, lollipops, gum, mints, T-shirts, socks, caps, sunglasses, hair accessories, toy jewelry, watch, flashlight with batteries.

Please remember...NO war-related items: knives or military figures no chocolate or food, no liquids or lotions, no glass items (like snow globes).

If you would like to make a donation, put it in the offering marked "Operation Christmas Child." Donations will be used toward the purchase of additional items and/or shipping costs. If you have any questions please call Gary Shimmin (871-0684) or Debbie Fritz (860-9747).

"CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER" BRUNCH

Women's Ministries invites you to "Christmas in November" **Sunday, November 22, 12:00–3:00 p.m.** at the home of Kayce Frazer [283 El Paso Avenue - Clovis, 93619] to enjoy a festive afternoon with friends and smiling faces, while we take time to enjoy some holiday fun - just a little bit early.

We'll be giving away special holiday gifts throughout the afternoon.



This year, all proceeds from our "Gift Card Wreath" fundraiser raffle will go to Fresno Community Food Bank.



Bring a friend and a wrapped Christmas ornament for our popular ornament exchange game!



Brunch will be served at 12:15p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Marsh (224-9005) or Angela Reijnders (229-5501).

Earl Meyers in Concert

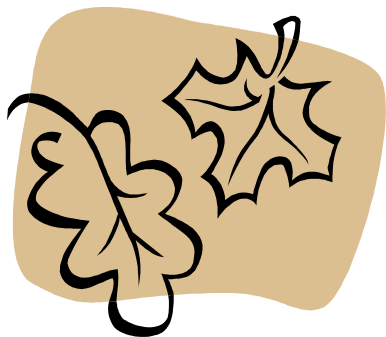
"Music for the Holiday Season" Join us at **4:00p.m on Saturday, December 5** at Fresno Westside SDA Church (2750 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd) Admission is free and open to all!

PEACE IN THE STORM CCC 2010 Women's Retreat January 29-31 at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite and February 5-7 at the Soquel Conference Center. Guest Speakers for the Tenaya Retreat are Shelley & Quinn Cathy Montague. Speakers for the Soquel Retreat are Karen Lewis & Alvy Quispe. Each weekend includes 2 nights lodging and vegetarian meals. For rates or to register go online to ccc.adventist.org or call Pat Curtis at 642-2396.

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



**Barbara Bohlman
& her grandson Rowan**



**Nichola & Isa
with Samha & Malik
Ribadu**



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...**

Debbie Anlauf (11/14)
Elijah Carapinha (11/14)
Garret Morgan (11/14)
Makenna Morgan (11/14)
Wendy Barreto (11/15)
Matthew Novielli (11/16)
Ken Swanson (11/16)
Linda Estep (11/17)
Ross Patterson (11/17)
Olivia Shimmin (11/17)
Josiah Burkhardt (11/18)
Mary Lou DeVries (11/18)
Patrick Anlauf (11/19)
Catherine Carpenter
(11/19)
Debra Pritchard (11/19)
Joe Montgomery (11/20)
Stephanie Peterson (11/20)
Esther Marie Shumate
(11/20)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

Kenny & Patty Lay (11/14)

“A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.”
Proverbs 12:16 (NLT)

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.” James 1:19-21 (NLT)