



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

"I have often wondered, perhaps in part simply because the term is so rarely used today, what it might mean to 'glorify' God forever. It will undoubtedly mean a great many things, but one of them surely must be that we will continually thank Him. We will thank Him for his graciousness and goodness to us, and for inviting us into conversation. Along this line, I would think that we anticipate our 'chief and highest end' every time we behold something beautiful and find that after we have exclaimed, 'Ah, how wonderful!' we are almost compelled to say 'Thank you!'

"Our destiny is to say these small words forever and so experience the gratitude that is the perfection of happiness." -- Craig M. Gay

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**November 21, 2009  
11:00 A.M.**

**“We Gather Together”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“Shout to the Lord”**  
**“The Wonderful Cross”**  
**“Give Thanks”**

**“How Can I Keep from Singing”**  
Sunnyside Choir

**Garden of Prayer**  
Jim Robison

**“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”**  
John Relph

**I’ll Be Grateful When**  
Pastor Ray

**Offering**

**Benediction**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, November 22**  
“Christmas in November” Brunch –  
Frazer home - Noon

**Wednesday, November 25**  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org - 6:00 p.m.

**Sabbath, November 28**  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**November 28** — Pastor Ray  
**December 5** — Pastor Cal  
**December 12** — Pastor Ray

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>November</b> Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	4,660.54
Over (Short)	(13,639.46)

<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$201,300.00
Amount Received	172,849.34
Over (Short)	(28,450.66)

Youth Pastor Fund	\$38,118.73
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This Week’s Offering ~~vs~~ Local Church Budget

### CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Cost to Complete Renovation:	\$1,200,000.00
Raised to date:	\$373,584.00

## YOUTH EVENTS



### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

November 28 — HLC — 3pm  
December 5 — HLC — 3pm



### GAMES FOOD & FUN

November 28 — Turley’s Daycare — 6pm



### VESPERS

December 4 — location TBA — 6:30pm



### PAINTBALL

December 13 — location & time TBA



### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19 — location TBA — 6pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REVIVING CHOIR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Attention: singers — please meet for rehearsal this Sabbath at **9:00a.m.** in the choir room in preparation for our special Thanksgiving service.



### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

**Second Reading:** Lisa Montgomery from Madera.

Dear Church Family,

To say this has been a challenging year is putting it mildly...at least for me. I know we could not have survived such character building without such a wonderful, caring church family. I can not thank you enough for the cards, food, gifts, words of encouragement and most importantly, prayer for the last 6 or 7 months. The recent show of love and support for Pastor's Appreciation month was just overwhelming. We really do feel honored to be here and grateful for such gracious people. So, thank you, for caring and supporting us and, most importantly, living the example that Jesus taught.

Love, Diane (aka the Pastor's Wife)

### "CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER" BRUNCH

Women's Ministries invites you to "Christmas in November" **this Sunday 12:00–3:00 p.m.** at the home of Kayce Frazer [283 El Paso Avenue - Clovis, 93611] 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).

### SAVE THE DATE

**December 12**  
Sunnyside's Christmas Party & Open House.

sponsored by  
the Social Committee



### 200 BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who donated gift items and or their time at the "Wrap-it-Up" party. We filled 200 boxes, **but we still need your help.** Each box cost \$7 to ship to needy children around the world. Won't you please make a donation to help with the cost of shipping these boxes. If you have any questions please call Gary Shimmin (871-0684) or Jody Liu (325-8688).

### CONSTRUCTION WALK-THROUGH

Have you been wondering what is happening with the church renovation project? Have you been wanting to see the progress that has been made? Well...**this Sabbath at 3:00 p.m.** is your chance to walk through the new church property and see all the progress that has been made. You will be amazed at how things have changed since our first walk-through in June. Join us!

### ATTENTION BUILDING SUBCONTRACTORS ATTENDING SUNNYSIDE!

Our church renovation drawings are now complete and we are ready to accept subcontractor bids. As much as possible we would like for Sunnyside attendees to do the work. Contact Bill Clark, (828) 507-5128, to receive drawings. You must meet Bill at the Barstow and Maroa church for your bidding instructions and job-walk. **Bids are due on or before Monday, November 30.**

### 10TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA



Join us at Fresno Adventist Academy, **December 6 at 5:00 p.m.** to support the Student Sponsorship Program. For more information on attending or sponsoring this event, please contact Richelle Rickard 251-5548 x145 or email rrickard@faa.org.

**ABC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** You are invited to a Holiday Open House & Sale, **Sunday, December 13, 10:00–4:00** at the Adventist Book Center, 2820 Willow Ave., Clovis. We'll have our Truckload Food Sale and great deals on a whole lot more

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



**Carolyn Page**



**Grant & Marilyn  
Mitchell**

## THE LAST WORD

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO...**

Cristine Barreto (11/22)  
David Jeffries (11/22)  
Bob Anderson (11/23)  
Vern Biloff (11/25)  
Susan Bobbitt-Voth (11/25)  
Tim Hawkins Jr. (11/25)  
Carlton Hogan (11/25)  
Owen McCann (11/25)  
Stan Kolstad (11/26)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO...**

Bud & Dianne Dickerson  
(11/24)  
Joe & Donna Montgomery  
(11/25)

### WHAT HE COULD WITH WHAT HE HAD

by Maria Fontaine

This is one of those amazing, convicting, and highly motivating true stories. When I read things like this, it reminds me of how good I have it, and immediately washes away any little nagging excuses in the back of my mind for not being able to do what the Lord is asking of me, or to try something new, or to give a little bit more. Seeing what some people can do with so little, and the depth of their dedication to their causes or careers, and their perseverance despite the obstacles, makes me want to continue to give my all to Jesus and to manifest those same qualities in my service to Him and others.

Jean-Dominique Bauby, 43, a French journalist who had been editor-in-chief of the fashion magazine Elle, suffered a stroke in December of 1995. It left him unable to either speak or move, although his mind was unaffected. The only part of his body still left under voluntary control was his left eyelid.

Bauby learned to communicate with that eyelid. First, he learned a signal for “yes” and another for “no.” Then when a therapist recited or pointed to the letters in the French alphabet, he would blink when she reached the letter he wanted. In this way, he formed words, then sentences. Difficult though it was, he composed an entire book, *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*, prior to his death on March 9, 1997. In its first week of publication, it sold 146,000 copies.

Bauby did what he could with what he had.

*To each of us the Lord has given some ability and some opportunity for service.—Harry Adams*