



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

### ADRA IS ON THE GROUND IN HAITI

"Our country is devastated. Haiti needs everything now, (food, medicines, medical personnel, clean water) nevertheless your prayers are very important. Please pray for us now," writes Ketteline Israel, ADRA Haiti.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is launching an immediate response following a devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake on January 12 that leveled much of Haiti's capital, affecting an estimated 3 million people, and raising fears that up to 500,000 have died, according to preliminary news reports.

We (ADRA) know from our long experience in relief and development that in a disaster of this magnitude, ADRA will need to spend millions of dollars in the long term; however, we urgently need \$1,000,000 in the next seven days. We have already procured millions of water purification tablets, and four mobile medical units; however, we are still procuring food, generators, tents, and medicines that are desperately needed.

To read more about the relief effort in Haiti and to make a donation to ADRA's efforts, please go to [http://www.adra.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=10729&news\\_iv\\_ctrl=1141](http://www.adra.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=10729&news_iv_ctrl=1141)

### CONDEMNING OTHERS, BY DAVID WOLPE

Hugh Walpole writes in *Old Ladies*: "To one fear of the dark, to another of physical pain, to a third of public ridicule, to a fourth of poverty, to a fifth of loneliness - for all of us our own particular creature lurks in ambush." Each belittles the fear that does not touch him. The man who cannot stand heights will ridicule the one who is afraid of snakes.

As with fear, so with sin. Each has a sin to which he is predisposed, and another that leaves him cold. Why judge so harshly? To see faults in others is to elevate oneself. Public scandals reassure us. The politician or the sports figure is diminished and we are exalted. In the private recesses of the soul a fear is soothed. I am not so bad - look at what he did.

Finding a sin in someone else is an infallible indication of its seed inside you. Condemnations are more forceful by the giddiness of having escaped. We permit ourselves the pleasure of indignation to compensate for the pleasure denied us by not committing the sin we denounce.

Society cannot exist without judgment. Religions judge good and bad. But there is an unseemly glee in our world that says less about the actions of those rebuked than it does about the insecurities of the ones who condemn.

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**WORSHIP  
CELEBRATION**  
**January 16, 2010  
11:00 A.M.**

*“Just a Closer Walk with  
Thee”*

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

*“Glory, Glory”  
“Soon and Very Soon”  
“Precious Lord”*

**Garden of Prayer**  
Patricia Ford

**Children’s Story**  
Connie Carpenter

**The Stolen Blessing**  
Pastor Ray

**“He Knows My Name”**  
Jordan Reijnders

**Offering**

**Benediction**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**  
Church office closed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**  
Adventurer Club 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20**  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

**SABBATH, JANUARY 23**  
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**Sunset**

*Tonight*                      *Next Friday*  
*5:04p.m.*                      *5:12p.m.*

**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

**January 23** — Pastor Ray  
**January 30** — Pastor Cal  
**February 6** — Pastor Ray

**MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY**

<b>January</b> Approved Budget	\$21,400.00
Amount Received	3,112.85
Over (Short)	(18,287.15)
<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$21,400.00
Amount Received	3,112.85
Over (Short)	(18,287.15)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$34,606.88
Church Building Fund	\$408,920.36
Children’s Story Offering	\$480.24

This Week’s Offering  
  
Local Church Budget

**YOUTH EVENTS**

**FRESNO MONSTERS’ GAME THIS SATURDAY NIGHT**



Everyone will meet at the ticket office at the Selland Arena at 7:00pm — tickets are \$12. For more info contact Pastor Cal (367-7026).

**WHAT’S COMIN’ UP?**

**...IN JANUARY**

January 29 - Vespers at FAA  
January 30 - Youth Sabbath

**...IN FEBRUARY**

February 5 - Vespers at Pastor Cal’s  
February 7 - Super Bowl Party at the Fords’  
February 11-15 - Annual Ski Trip  
February 20 - Youth Social  
February 26 - Vespers at FAA

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE SKI TRIP!**



We have space for about 20 youth — so the first to register will get to go. Sunnyside youth get first priority. The cost is \$175 (plus \$25 for rentals & \$25 for lessons, if needed)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

**Second Reading:** Betty Warkentin from Dinuba. Jordan Williams from Fresno Westside. Sylvia Flores to Fresno Hispanic.

**First Reading:** Vickie Beam from Donnelly, ID; Becky and Gabriel Wiest from Madera.

### CHURCH RENOVATION FUND

Sunnyside Church is happy to be a part of the Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. program. In case you did not get your free card after Church last Sabbath, please see Todd Bristol after church next Sabbath. Use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card anytime you shop at Save Mart, FoodMaxx and Lucky stores and you will earn a 3% donation for our church. An easy way to earn money for our church!

### FINANCIAL WORKSHOP



Fresno Adventist Academy is hosting a financial workshop on Wednesday, **January 27** to inform, educate, and enlighten parents of the available financial aid and scholarships from the Federal Government, La Sierra University, and Pacific Union College. Discussions will include Federal Loans, FAFSA, Pell Grant, California Grant options, institutional aid, institutional scholarships, and the qualifications needed. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room at FAA.

### SAVE THE DATE

The Social Committee is planning a church Valentine dinner social for Saturday night, **February 6 at 7:00**. A sign-up sheet and more details will be available next week.



### FAA CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Fresno Adventist Academy Constituency Meeting that will be held on Sunday, **January 24** at 9:00 a.m. Doors will open and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Those serving as delegates should check in no later than 8:45 a.m. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

### FAA LIBRARY AUXILIARY

Fresno Adventist Academy announces the formation of a Library Auxiliary. We need volunteers to shelve, checkout, repair, and catalog books; monitor circulation; read stories; identify, pull and label leveled readers; and assist with book fairs. Skills needed: knowledge of library and computer systems, enjoy children, ability to create and manage a positive learning environment. Contact Mrs. Hoover at (425) 275-6156 or [khoover@faa.org](mailto:khoover@faa.org).

### SHAVER WEEKEND

Church in Shaver will be **August 21**. The email address for those wanting to reserve a campground is [camped@sce.com](mailto:camped@sce.com) and the web site for Camp Edison is [www.sce.com/campedison](http://www.sce.com/campedison). Sign up early; spaces fill up quickly!



### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The Church Office will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** Are you interested in assisting with bulk mailings or other areas of general office help? We have various needs, and will provide training for each area of service. Come join us on Thursday, January 28, 10:30–Noon for orientation and a chance to explore ministry opportunities at Pregnancy Care Center. Registration is required. Call Carol or Janice at 237-0683 with questions, or to sign up for the orientation.

### PEACE IN THE STORM

CCC 2010 Christian Women's Retreat **January 29–31** at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite and **February 5–7** at the Soquel Conference Center. The weekend includes two nights lodging and vegetarian meals. For rates and details, or to register go online to [ccc.adventist.org](http://ccc.adventist.org) or call Pat Curtis at 642-2396.

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



**Bob & LaRae  
Kellos**

**Cory Colombini  
& Pam Espinosa**



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Zachary Marsh (1/16)  
Rollie Mitchell (1/16)  
John Self (1/16)  
Gary Barron (1/18)  
Alex Soloniuk (1/18)  
Claudia America Arias  
(1/20)  
Isaiah Carapinha (1/21)  
Phyllis Birmingham (1/22)  
Emeron Montgomery  
(1/22))

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Jason & Adriana Castillo  
(1/16)  
Albert & Maria Smith  
(1/21)

## THE COWBOY BOOTS

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots?

He asked for help and she could see why.

Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her 'cool' as together they worked to get the boots back on — this time on the right feet.

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his little feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'