



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### PASSING OF IRMA POOLE

Irma Poole passed away last Wednesday, February 17. She was 85 years old. Irma is the wife of Steve Poole and aunt of Linda Estep and Jerry Koch. Irma suffered from Alzheimer's disease for the past several years and died of pneumonia. There will be a memorial service for her on Sunday, February 28, at 11 a.m., at the Clovis Seventh-day Adventist Church.

### GUEST SPEAKER ON SABBATH

Our speaker this Sabbath will be Ed Fargusson, who will be speaking about religious liberty. Ed is the Assistant to the President of the Northern California Conference. He is also the Associate Director and Legislative Affairs Director for the Church State Council, which is a religious liberty ministry of the Northern California Conference.

### CREDIT CARDS

Ron Fitzgerald recently procured a credit card processing machine that will allow our members to make credit card donations to Sunnyside for a much lower transaction rate than we have been paying. Instead of the 6% fee we have been paying, it will now be 1.99%. We can accept donations via Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. To make a credit card donation to Sunnyside, please contact Ron Fitzgerald at [fitz4381@hotmail.com](mailto:fitz4381@hotmail.com).

### FRESNO ADVENTIST ACADEMY

All of the constituent churches of Fresno Adventist Academy are currently raising funds to retire FAA's debt. At the January constituency meeting, it was voted to raise funds for the school rather than take on more debt. As an answer to Dr. Glenn Garbutt's Centurion Challenge at last month's constituency meeting, a donor-check was received at FAA for \$16,000.

Thanks to a grant from Fresno County's Measure C, Fresno Adventist Academy has completed the process of retiring their old school bus with a brand new, \$120,000 school bus.

### UPDATE ON JUDY HAWKINS

Judy is continuing to recover from a very serious automobile accident two weeks ago. She is preparing to be transferred to a skilled nursing facility in Napa for long-term therapy.

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**WORSHIP  
CELEBRATION**  
**February 27, 2010  
11:00 A.M.**

**“My Hope Is Built on  
Nothing Less”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“You are My All in All”  
“Shout to the Lord”  
“Knowing You, Jesus”**

**Prayer**  
Angela & Leo Reijnders

**Children’s Story**  
Mike Menes

**Scripture: Daniel 1:8-9**

**How to be Right Even if  
You are Left**  
Ed Fergusson

**“Lord, I Run to You”**  
Marilee Relph

**Offering**

**Benediction**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**  
Adventurer Club 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**  
Youth Vespers – Vaughns’ home

**SABBATH, MARCH 6**  
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Potluck in the Community Center  
immediately following service

**Sunset**

*This Friday*                      *Next Friday*  
5:49p.m.                              5:56 p.m.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

**March 6** — Pastor Ray  
**March 13** — Pastor Ray  
**March 20** — Pastor Cal

**MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY**

<b>February</b> Approved Budget	\$21,400.00
Amount Received	6,135.00
Over (Short)	(15,265.00)
<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$42,800.00
Amount Received	20,586.98
Over (Short)	(22,213.02)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$31,890.32
Church Building Fund	\$398,600.12
Children’s Story Offering	\$1,551.25

This Week’s Offering  
  
Conference Faith Advance

**YOUTH EVENTS**



**MISSION TRIP MEETING — MARCH 4**

The mission trip is scheduled for **August 1-7**. If you’re interested in participating in this year’s mission trip plan to attend the next meeting, **Thursday, March 4 at 6:30pm**. Please call Pastor Cal 367-7026 with questions or to get directions.



**VESPERS AT THE VAUGHN’S — MARCH 5**

Join us for our next vespers at Taylor Vaughn’s house. Call Pastor Cal 367-7026 to get directions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS




### POTLUCK NEXT SABBATH — MARCH 6

Our potluck is next Sabbath, and will feature soups and salads. Members whose last names begin with **A-M: bring soup and salad; N-Z: bring soup and dessert.** Please bring your soup in a crock-pot. The potluck committee will provide bread and crackers.

### EASY WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH RENOVATION

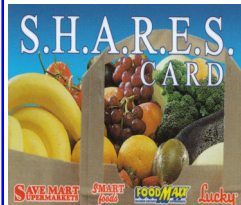
Here are easy ways to earn money for the church renovation project at no cost to you!

 Sign up online with eScrip. It is quick and easy!

1. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Click on "sign-up". **Our I.D. number is 500023634**
3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and your existing credit/debit cards.

 Switch your search engine (from Google) to GoodSearch and we earn \$.01 for each item you do an internet search! Just enter Sunnyside Seventh day Adventist Church as your favorite charity.

Don't forget to use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card each time you shop at Save Mart & Food Maxx Stores. This is an easy, ongoing fund raiser. Every quarter our church will receive 3% back from all purchases. It's that simple. If you don't have a card, you can get one from Todd Bristol.



Contact Todd Bristol at [tlbristol@hotmail.com](mailto:tlbristol@hotmail.com) with questions about any of these programs.



### MICHAEL VAN PUTTEN & WHEATON COLLEGE

Wheaton College Gospel Choir from Chicago, IL, will sing at Sunnyside on **Sabbath, March 13** and our own Michael van Putten is the president of the choir. They will be traveling with about 40 students and will need lodging Friday night — March 12. If you would like to host two or more students please contact Angela (229-5501) at the church office.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

If you have recently moved, changed your phone or email address, gotten married, etc., please notify Donna Fitzgerald, the church clerk, at 292-6727 or [donna559@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donna559@sbcglobal.net).

### BEACH DAY AT FAA!

Take a Walk on the Beach Boardwalk!  
Sunday, **March 14, 11:00-3:00.**

International food booths provided by local Adventist churches • Game booths hosted by FAA classes • Live arts & crafts auction • Community blood drive • Food drive Call Sue Schramm to schedule 251-5548 Ext. 0. Free T-shirt and game/food tickets to all eligible blood donors! Bring non-perishable food items for the food drive. For every 20 items that you bring (Top Ramen and cup noodles are excluded), you will receive a ticket for your chance to win 50% off next year's tuition at FAA! Tickets will be good for gift card drawings as well. Call Richelle Rickard if you have any questions: 251-5548 Ext. 145. Hope to see you there! Fresno Adventist Academy, Ricchiuti Auditorium, 5397 E. Olive Ave. (Between Peach & Clovis Ave.)



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



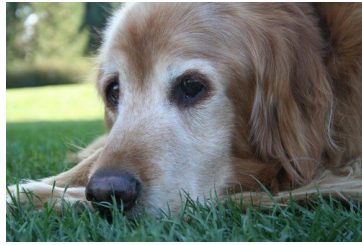
**Lorrie, Lenden & Mitchell  
Webb**

**Darla Valdez  
with her children  
Dennis & Cherokee**



## THE LAST WORD

### Mud-dling Through by Saralee Perel



"I'd like to arrange a photo shoot," a newspaper editor said to me recently. I had written an article on kayaking and he wanted to include pictures of my husband, Bob, and me in our two-person kayak. With cool professionalism, I set a date. Then, in my ever-so-sophisticated fashion, I raced to the bedroom and tore through my closet, flinging shirts, shoes, and shorts over my shoulder. "What are you doing?" Bob asked when a T-shirt landed on his head. "They're taking our pictures Friday!" I screamed. "You have to tell me which outfit doesn't make me look fat!" He left the room. I could hear him muttering down the hallway, "Oooh nooooo...."

Early that Friday we kayaked to a lighthouse near where we live on Cape Cod. We scavenged for mussels. We were covered in black sea mud and caked-on sand. But we had allowed enough time to go back home so I could shower, change, obsess about my hair, and decide on earrings before we had to be back at the boat landing to have our photos taken. So we didn't have to rush as we returned from the lighthouse.

As we slowly paddled back in the dwindling afternoon light, we saw the beautiful silhouettes of a woman and her dog on a distant sand bar. Then we saw the dog lay down. And he didn't get up. He looked to be a very old Golden Retriever.

We watched as the woman coaxed him and then supported his hips so he could stand. They ambled on. "Do you think they need help?" Bob asked. "Would we be too late for the pictures?" "I don't know, but there's no way we'd have time to go home first if we stop."

After a few labored steps, the dog laid down again. I looked down at my muddy clothes. I hesitated, hoping he'd get up. But when I saw that he couldn't, we turned the kayak towards them and began the long paddle to the sand bar. "Can we help?" I asked, as we beached the boat.

"We're fine," the woman said, in a way that showed she was used to caring for her old friend. She extended her hand in a warm greeting. She told us she lived in one of the cottages near the lighthouse. Then she looked at her dog. "This is Dexter." Dexter got up and took a few steps toward me; then he fell. I carefully put my arms under his belly and lifted him. "I went through this with my last dog," I said to the woman. She looked away and shook her head.

The sweet dog stood comfortably in the water for a while, which took some weight off his basically useless hips. When his panting turned into what looked like a big goofy grin, we all laughed. It was a brief moment of bliss in the late day sun. And I knew I was lucky to be there for it, as I watched the shadows cast their lengthening fingers over the dunes behind the lighthouse.

Eventually we headed back in the kayak, arriving at the landing just as the photographer showed up. "How do I look?" I asked Bob. He put his paddle down and assessed me. I stood in front of him, smiling. There was mud on my sunglasses and my left knee. My water shoes were encased with sea muck. My clothes were soaked. My hair had coagulated into several masses of knots held together with glue-like bug spray.

He didn't see any of those grimy remnants of the day on me. He just saw, in his mind, that we tried to help a failing dog on a sand bar. "You look beautiful," he said. And in my heart, I know he meant it.

*You can avoid having ulcers by adapting to the situation: If you fall in the mud puddle, check your pockets for fish.*  
~author unknown

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Wil Barcoma (2/27)  
Elga Boccardo (2/27)  
Stephenie Hawkins  
(2/27)  
Leland Goertz (3/1)  
Robert Kellos (3/1)  
Nick Macias (3/1)  
Jean Robison (3/1)  
Jack Haldeman (3/2)  
Vicky Turley (3/2)  
Shirley Wiser (3/2)  
Carolyn Ball (3/3)  
Bill Barreto Jr. (3/3)  
Kaitlyn Estep (3/4)  
Nathan Mayne (3/4)  
Sean Patterson (3/4)  
Kayce Frazer (3/5)  
Keara Riley (3/5)

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Charles & Pat Lutz (2/27)  
Peter & Vicki Kemp  
(2/28)  
Calvin & Jessica Redman  
(3/5)