



## PASTOR'S NOTES



### IRMA VERRET

Sunnyside's oldest member, Irma Verret who is 102 years old, is very ill. She is suffering from congestive heart failure and her major organs are shutting down. She is currently at Clovis Medical Center, and will soon be moved to Hospice care. Irma is the mother of Mary Riley.

### WRAPPING UP THE JACOB SERMON SERIES

I'll be concluding the sermon series on Jacob this Sabbath. We will look at the final moments of Jacob's life, as he is on his deathbed, and see what life looks like through the lens of God's grace.

### POTLUCK

This is the first Sabbath of the month, which means we're having potluck after church.

### FAA

Fresno Adventist Academy is doing a fundraising campaign to raise \$750,000. If you would like to make a contribution, please pick up a "Widow's Might" booklet in the church lobby. The booklet contains pledge and contribution forms.

### CHILE: AS FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS PLEDGE SUPPORT, ADRA CONTINUES RESPONSE

In response to the devastating earthquake in Chile, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is continuing to provide assistance for survivors, with the distribution of emergency food supplies in the quake-affected region...To read more, please go to:

[http://www.adra.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=10827&news\\_iv\\_ctrl=1141](http://www.adra.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=10827&news_iv_ctrl=1141)

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**March 6, 2010  
11:00 A.M.**

**“O Worship the King”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“Lord I Lift Your Name  
on High”  
“Therefore the  
Redeemed”  
“You Are Holy”**

**Prayer**  
Jim Robison

**Children’s Story**  
Todd Cornwell

**The Grasper Gripped  
by Grace**  
Dennis Ray

**“Change Your Heart”**  
Nancy Isaacs

**Offering**

**Benediction**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**  
Adventurer Club 6:00 p.m.  
Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**  
Church Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**  
Youth Vespers – FAA

**SABBATH, MARCH 13**  
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

#### Sunset

This Friday 5:57p.m.	Next Friday 6:02 p.m.
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### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**March 13** — Pastor Ray  
**March 20** — Pastor Cal  
**March 27** — Pastor Ray

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>February</b> Approved Budget	\$21,400.00
Amount Received	13,155.75
Over (Short)	(8,244.25)
<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$42,800.00
Amount Received	27,607.73
Over (Short)	(15,192.27)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$27,390.32
Church Building Fund	\$346,920.12
Children’s Story Offering	\$1,667.25

This Week’s Offering  
  
 Local Church Budget

## YOUTH EVENTS



### MISSION TRIP MEETING — TONIGHT (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 @ THE VAUGHN’S — THIS FRIDAY (MARCH 5)

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



### PAINTBALL — THIS SUNDAY (MARCH 7)

We’ll leave the church @ 8:30am & return at 4pm. Cost: \$20 which includes transportation, lunch & equipment. If you’re bringing your own paintball gun, you have to bring your own CO<sub>2</sub>. **REMEMBER: YOU MUST HAVE SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP WITH YOU TO GO.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

**First Reading:** Keith & Deb Tetz from Placerville SDA Church.

☪ Joe Soto by baptism on February 20, 2010 ☪



## POTLUCK THIS SABBATH

Our potluck this Sabbath, 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.

## Thank You...

We wish to thank the church family for the flowers, phone calls, cards, emails, and the many acts of kindness during our recent hospitalization. All were deeply appreciated.

- Gene & Irma Carpenter



## 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. We still have a few students who need lodging — please contact Angela (229-5501) at the church office, if you can be a host.

## 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!



For complete details on these programs visit our website at [www.sunnysidesda.org](http://www.sunnysidesda.org) or contact Todd Bristol at [tlbristol@hotmail.com](mailto:tlbristol@hotmail.com) with questions .

## CRADLE ROLL/KINDERGARTEN FUN HIKE



Join us for the 3rd Annual Cradle Roll/Kindergarten Fun Hike; **Sunday, March 28** beginning at 9:30 a.m., & ending with a picnic. Cradle Roll & Kindergarten families are invited on a hike in the Sierra Foothill Conservancy McKenzie Preserve. It is an easy hike for young children, adults carrying a backpack, & grandparents who want to share some time with their family. We'll have a great morning out in God's country – invite a friend! For more details and directions, call Donna Fitzgerald (292-6727). Please let us know if you plan to attend.

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S TEA



Save the date for Sunnyside Women's Ministry Tea & Thee. Our annual tea will be **Sunday, April 25**. We have some plans for a fun and exciting afternoon. Talk to Sherry March(224-9005), if you would like to host a table.

## BRING YOUR BANK TO CHURCH!

Please, turn in your church bank on the last Sabbath of each month. To receive a donation receipt, a label-maker will be provided to put your name on your bank. Put your bank into one of the large baskets in the foyer. It will be ready to pick up at the end of worship service. Whether it is full or partially filled, turn in your bank on March 27. Thank you for your help. If you want to turn your bank in more frequently, that's great. May God bless us as we work together to build our new church home.

## 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 & 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 & 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- 5397 E. Olive Ave. (Between Peach & Clovis Ave.)

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



**Fred & Becky Weist  
with Zachary,  
Gabriel, Victoria &  
grandma Vickie Beam**

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





## THE LAST WORD

### The Sparrow at Starbucks *(submitted by Sherry Marsh)*



"It was chilly in Manhattan, but warm inside the Starbucks shop on 51st Street and Broadway, just a skip up from Times Square. Early November weather in New York City holds only the slightest hint of the bitter chill of late December and January, but it's enough to send the masses crowding indoors to vie for available space and warmth. For a musician, it's the most lucrative Starbucks location in the world, I'm told, and consequently, the tips can be substantial if you play your tunes right.

Apparently, we were striking all the right chords that night, because our basket was almost overflowing. It was a fun, low-pressure gig - I was playing keyboard and singing backup for my friend who also added rhythm with an arsenal of percussion instruments. We mostly did pop songs from the '40s to the '90s with a few original tunes thrown in. During our emotional rendition of the classic, "If You Don't Know Me by Now," I noticed a lady sitting in one of the lounge chairs across from me. She was swaying to the beat and singing along.

After the tune was over, she approached me. "I apologize for singing along on that song. Did it bother you?" she asked. "No," I replied. "We love it when the audience joins in. Would you like to sing up front on the next selection?" To my delight, she accepted my invitation. "You choose," I said. "What are you in the mood to sing?"

"Well. ... do you know any hymns?" Hymns? This woman didn't know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. Before I was even born, I was going to church. I gave our guest singer a knowing look. "Name one." "Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one." "Okay," I replied. "How about 'His Eye is on the Sparrow?'"

My new friend was silent, her eyes averted. Then she fixed her eyes on mine again and said, "Yeah. Let's do that one." She slowly nodded her head, put down her purse, straightened her jacket and faced the center of the shop. With my two-bar setup, she began to sing, "Why should I be discouraged? Why should the shadows come?"

The audience of coffee drinkers was transfixed. Even the gurgling noises of the cappuccino machine ceased as the employees stopped what they were doing to listen. The song rose to its conclusion. "I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow And I know He watches me."

When the last note was sung, the applause crescendo to a deafening roar that would have rivaled a sold-out crowd at Carnegie Hall. Embarrassed, the woman tried to shout over the din, "Oh, y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come in here to do a concert! I just came in here to get somethin' to drink, just like you!" But the ovation continued.. I embraced my new friend. "You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!"

"Well, it's funny that you picked that particular hymn," she said. "Why is that?" "Well. ..." she hesitated again, "that was my daughter's favorite song." "Really!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," she said, and then grabbed my hands. By this time, the applause had subsided and it was business as usual.. "She was 16. She died of a brain tumor last week." I said the first thing that found its way through my stunned silence. "Are you going to be okay?"

She smiled through tear-filled eyes and squeezed my hands. "I'm gonna be okay. I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing his songs, and everything's gonna be just fine." She picked up her bag, gave me her card, and then she was gone.. Was it just a coincidence that we happened to be singing in that particular coffee shop on that particular November night? Coincidence that this wonderful lady just happened to walk into that particular shop? Coincidence that of all the hymns to choose from, I just happened to pick the very hymn that was the favorite of her daughter, who had died just the week before? I refuse to believe it. God has been arranging encounters in human history since the beginning of time, and it's no stretch for me to imagine that he could reach into a coffee shop in midtown Manhattan and turn an ordinary gig into a revival. It was a great reminder that if we keep trusting him and singing his songs, everything's gonna be okay.

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Sairene Patterson (3/6)  
Branden Wheeler (3/6)  
Mason Liu (3/7)  
Zachary Zegarra (3/7)  
Natalie Cabuto (3/8)  
Dominic Crew (3/9)  
Dawn Haldeman (3/9)  
David Jacobson (3/9)  
Printess Schlist (3/9)  
Katherine Messing (3/10)  
Linda Slusher (3/10)  
Lauri Vaughn (3/12)  
Cheri White (3/12)

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Steve & Lindy Willey (3/6)  
Bill & Marla Hartman (3/10)