



PASTOR'S NOTES

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

I stopped by our new church this morning and had a hard time finding a place to park because there are so many work trucks in the parking lot. A lot of progress has been made in the past week on the interior of the building. The shell of the platform of the sanctuary is now in place and quite a bit of sheet-rock has been hung. A city building inspector was on-site when I dropped by, which is another sign that we're making good progress.

If you were at church last week, you heard Bud Dickerson's announcement that the money in our building fund will run out by the end of May. When that happens, we will have to stop construction until we raise more funds. We can prevent that by replenishing the building fund over the next three weeks. We need everyone to participate in giving to this project ASAP. Please indicate what you will pledge by signing your pledge card and mailing it to the church office, or simply put a donation check in the offering plate at church. Thank you for your help at this critical phase of the project.

DALE LUCAS

Dale Lucas suffered a stroke last week and remains hospitalized at the VA. This week they did an MRI on his brain and found a clot. He will remain at the VA while they attempt to dissolve it. If that doesn't work, he will be taken to the VA in Palo Alto for surgery. According to his wife, Geri, Dale is in good spirits and appreciates having visitors.

PASSING OF CHARLES LARSEN

Charles Larsen passed away last Friday, April 30. He and his wife, Donna, were long-time members of Sunnyside. Below is information, provided by Karen Blackwell, about Charles.

"Charles L. Larsen was born September 16, 1942 and spent his younger years in the Wasco area. He attended Monterey Bay Academy graduating in 1960. He then attended La Sierra College receiving an "AS" degree and later received a "BS" degree from Fresno State. He worked as a mill-wright engineer. He is survived by his wife Donna Doolin-Larsen, two children Trenda and Delene of Southern California and two step children Keith & Shana Doolin of Northern California. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 15 at 2:00 PM in the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2672 E. Aluvial Ave, in Clovis. A dessert reception will follow the service."

MONO RETURNS BRIEFLY

Over the past month, I've been getting increasingly tired and last week it finally got the best of me. It feels like I'm having a relapse of the mono I had a year ago. However, I'm happy to say that I'm beginning to feel a little better and hope to be back to full speed next week. Pastor Calvin, who is a fellow mono sufferer, tells me that this kind of thing is normal. Whew!!!

LAURA WILLIAMS

Many of you know Don and Peggy Williams, and their daughter Laura. Gale Bolinger found this posted on Peggy's Facebook page:

"Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Laura is in critical condition in the Neuro ICU in Chico. She was injured severely in a freak accident with her car today. Please continue to lift her up in prayer. Thank you so much."

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**May 8, 2010
11:00 A.M.**

**“All Hail the Power of
Jesus’ Name”**

**Welcome
Pastor Cal**

**“Forever”
“Change My Heart,
O God”**

**Mother’s Day
Presentation
M-O-T-H-E-R
Patricia Ford**

“Above All”

Prayer

**Message
Ivan Morford**

**“Temporary Home”
Alexa Burkhart**

Offering

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

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

SABBATH, MAY 15

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunset

<i>This Friday</i>	<i>Next Friday</i>
7:53 p.m.	7:58 p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 15 — Pastor Ray
May 22 — Pastor Cal
May 29 — Gerhard van Wyk

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

May Approved Budget	\$21,400.00
Amount Received	5,737.68
Over (Short)	(15,662.32)

YTD Approved Budget	\$107,000.00
Amount Received	61,259.46
Over (Short)	(45,740.54)

Youth Pastor Fund	\$31,481.05
Church Building Fund	\$160,436.93
Children’s Story Offering	\$2,979.44

This Week’s Offering


Disaster Relief/World

YOUTH EVENTS

WHAT’S COMIN’ UP...

May 7 — Jam Session @ the Studio
May 7 — Vespers - 7:30 @ the Burkharts’
May 14 — Jam Session @ the Studio
May 21 — Jam Session @ the Studio
May 22 — Youth Sabbath

June 4-6 — FAA Graduation Weekend
June 11 — Vespers @ the Fritzes’
June 13 — Fundraising Car Wash
Jun 21 - Jul 11 — Teen Bible Academy
June 26 — SDA PGA (Mini Golf)



NEW YOUTH WEBSITE

Checkout the NEW youth website: <http://sunnysideyouth.com>

HEALTHY BYTES

For every extra pound of body weight you carry, you put over **three times** as much load on your hips and knees. So, if you’re carrying an extra twenty pounds, your knees have to bear an extra sixty pounds every time you take a step. - Prime-Time Health by William Sears, MD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORK BEE: CANCELLED

The work bee scheduled for this Sunday has been cancelled.



RENOVATION FUNDRAISER

Craft/Collector's Faire & Kids' Carnival

DATE: Sunday, May 30th, 2010

TIME: 9am-4pm

WHERE: Rhoads' Residence

PRICE: \$1 Adults/ .50 cents Kids

We still need donations of crafts, collectibles and volunteers. Invite your family & friends! Call: 439-5035 for more info.

THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

is in need of New Believer Partners.

Join us on Mon. May 24th
from 6:30pm-8:30pm
at 169 N. Clark Street

to get the details about studying God's Word one-on-one with a New Believer and becoming a missionary in your own community.

Also Needed: Community Outreach Volunteers for health fairs and volunteer drivers for our Mobile Medical Unit. (Training always provided!!) For more info call Ruby Anne @ 237-0789.



IT'S TIME TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES

Sunnyside will honor its 2010 graduates of eighth grade, high school, college, and advanced degrees on **Sabbath, May 22**. Please contact the church office(229-5501 or churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org) with the name of the student, parents' names, grade or degree, and any special awards or recognition for the graduate. **We also need a current photo and a baby/toddler picture for a slideshow presentation by May 20.**

REISIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship will be presented this year to one member of our congregation who fulfills the eligibility requirements of the scholarship. For further information about the scholarship & to apply, please contact Bud Dickerson at **250-7569** or bdickers@fresno.edu.



Application deadline is May 20.

BENEFIT CONCERT & AUCTION — JUNE 20

Save **June 20** for a benefit concert featuring Sunnyside Grace. All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Renovation Fund. Make plans to attend this special evening of music, a live auction with lots of appetizers and desserts. We're asking for a donation of \$50 per person or whatever you're able to give. The first 100 to RSVP will receive a free CD of Nancy Isaacs and Sunnyside Grace music. Childcare will be available for children 10 years and under. Please RSVP to 229-5501 or churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org

MOVING HELP NEEDED: The Kerbs Family needs help moving into a condo for rent in Fresno on Sunday, May 16. Please contact Yvette at 559-309-3541 or kerbsyvette@sbcglobal.net if you can help. They need trailers, pick-up trucks, and strong and healthy men and women to get large heavy items to an upstairs unit. Lunch provided.

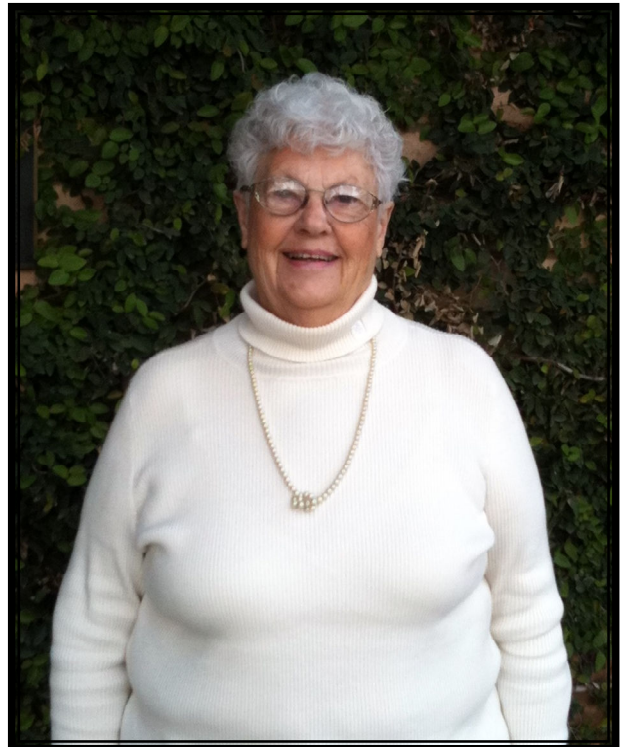
RUMMAGE SALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED indefinitely, due to a conflict in scheduled events.

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



**Joe, Christina &
Josiah Soto**

**Betty Lee
Warkentin**



THE LAST WORD

Invisible Mother. . .

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...**

Melva O. Delgado (5/9)
Justin Reijnders (5/9)
Patricia Barreto (5/11)
Ashley Hill (5/11)
Geri Lucas (5/12)
Benjamin Flores (5/13)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

It all began to make sense, the blank stares, the lack of response, the way one of the kids will walk into the room while I'm on the phone and ask to be taken to the store. Inside I'm thinking, 'Can't you see I'm on the phone?'

Obviously not; no one can see if I'm on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I'm invisible.. The invisible Mom. Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more! Can you fix this? Can you tie this? Can you open this??

Some days I'm not a pair of hands; I'm not even a human being. I'm a clock to ask, 'What time is it?' I'm a satellite guide to answer, 'What number is the Disney Channel?' I'm a car to order, 'Right around 5:30, please.'

Some days I'm a crystal ball; 'Where's my other sock?, Where's my phone?, What's for dinner?' I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history, music and literature -but now, they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She's going, she's going, she's gone!?

One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the return of a friend from England. She had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was sitting there, looking around at the others all put together so well. It was hard not to compare and feel sorry for myself. I was feeling pretty pathetic, when she turned to me with a beautifully wrapped package, and said, 'I brought you this.' It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read her inscription: 'With admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees.'

In the days ahead I would read - no, devoured - the book. And I would discover what would become for me, four life-changing truths, after which I could pattern my work: 1) No one can say who built the great cathedrals - we have no record of their names. 2) These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished. 3) They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. 4) The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

A story of legend in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, 'Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof, No one will ever see it And the workman replied, 'Because God sees.'

I closed the book, feeling the missing piece fall into place. It was almost as if I heard God whispering to me, 'I see you. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does.

No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn on, no cupcake you've baked, no Cub Scout meeting, no last minute errand is too small for me to notice and smile over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become.

I keep the right perspective when I see myself as a great builder. As one of the people who show up at a job that they will never see finished, to work on something that their name will never be on. The writer of the book went so far as to say that no cathedrals could ever be built in our lifetime because there are so few people willing to sacrifice to that degree.

When I really think about it, I don't want my son to tell the friend he's bringing home from college for Thanksgiving, 'My Mom gets up at 4 in the morning and bakes homemade pies, and then she hand bastes a turkey for 3 hours and presses all the linens for the table.' That would mean I'd built a monument to myself. I just want him to want to come home. And then, if there is anything more to say to his friend, he'd say, 'You're gonna love it there...'

As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible mothers.

Great Job, MOM! The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you. To all the wonderful mothers out there!!