



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2, 2010

PASTOR'S NOTES

GERHARD VAN WYK

Our speaker on Sabbath will be Gerhard Van Wyk. Gerhard is a retired pastor who served in South Africa, North Carolina, and Central California. He has the heart of a pastor -- he cares deeply about people and helping them; and the mind of a theologian -- he has a Ph.D. from the University of South Africa.

ANTONIO BELL

7-year old Antonio had surgery yesterday to determine whether he has cancer. The doctors removed several swollen lymph nodes. Antonio is the son of Raquel Velsaco and Walter Bell, and the great-nephew of Sugar Knizevski.

OUR WISH LIST

Since it is the time of year when we think about our Christmas "wish list", Sunnyside decided to get in the spirit and put together a "wish list" of gifts we'd like to receive. These are items that we need to complete our new facility. If you'd like more information about these, please contact Rod Turley (647-7784).

Pastor's Notes 1

Sanctuary Speakers - \$30,000

The permanent speakers will be mounted to the ceiling, distribute the sound better and will make for more room on the stage.

Worship Celebration 2

Video for Sanctuary - \$32,000

Includes 2 projectors for both sides of the stage, computer, DVD player

Announcements 3

Kitchen - \$80,000

Permits, completion of construction, kitchen equipment, class one hood system

Getting to Know Our Family & Friends 4

Sound System - \$35,000

Digital mix system, microphones, wiring

The Last Word 5

Sanctuary Art - \$4,000

Illuminated glass panels on North and East walls

Benches and Trash Containers – \$3,000

Cement benches and trash containers for entrance area

2 Monument Signs (1 illuminated) – \$8,000

North side and East side of church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**December 4, 2010
11:00 A.M.**

**“Angels from the Realms
of Glory”
“You are My All in All”**

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

Baby Dedication
Esabelle Palafox

Offering
Michael van Putten

Advent Candle
The Shimmin Family
**“O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel”**

**“There’s a Song
in the Air”**

Prayer
Desrie van Putten

Vocal Solo
Bob Gilbert

“Who Knows?”
Gerhard van Wyk

Benediction
Michael van Putten

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
The GROUP Leaders Meeting 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Youth Hang Out – Youth Room 4p.m.
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Church Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

Sunset

This Friday *Next Friday*
4:43.m. 4:42p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 11 — Pastor Ray
December 18 — Pastor Ray
December 25 — Pastor Cal

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

November Church Needs	\$28,000.00
Donations Received	28,380.82
Over (<i>Short</i>)	380.82
Year to Date	255,200.00
Amount Received	214,165.85
Over (<i>Short</i>)	(41,034.15)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$16,283.97

This Week’s Offering
Local Church Budget

YOUTH EVENTS

COMIN’ UP...

December 03: Jam Night in sanctuary
December 17: Vespers
December 19: Ice Skating and Christmas Party
February 17-21: Annual Ski Trip - *start saving your money now!!*

Check out more youth stuff at www.sunnysideyouth.com

HEALTHY BYTES



BROCCOLI

Broccoli contains significant amounts of antioxidants called flavonoids, as well as nonsoluble fiber and nutrients such as calcium, potassium, vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E, manganese, selenium and copper. Try it freshly chopped on your salad or lightly steamed. Too much cooking decreases its nutritional value.

For more info on healthy solutions and recipes, contact
Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or email at gale4health@comcast.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROCK POTS & SANDWICHES POTLUCK — THIS SABBATH

We want to kick off our first potluck in our new home with warm soups, stews or chili and sandwiches. Members whose last names begin with **A-M: bring crock pots; N-Z: bring sandwiches and dessert.** The potluck committee will provide bread and crackers.



THANK YOU SUNNYSIDE GRACE!

Thank you to Sunnyside Grace for a nice toe-tapping gospel concert last week. We enjoyed the music and the fellowship that followed. We are blessed to have you part of congregational family.

SUNNYSIDE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & OPEN HOUSE

NEXT SABBATH (DECEMBER 11) - 3 TO 6PM

Plan to join us for a holiday get together for the church family to celebrate the Christmas season. Various church members will be sharing their musical talent. Come and enjoy Christmas music and light desserts, **next Sabbath**, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Voth's home: 14476 Silk Oak Lane, Madera 93637. Call 662-1617, if you need directions!



sponsored by the Social Committee

ALL ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 11

We only have a few more angels on the tree! We need to get them all back by December 11 because we have to deliver them to the Porterville SDA church for distribution.



If you have not brought in your wrapped gifts or you'd still like to purchase a gift, this is your last opportunity. Don't forget to attach the angel to the outside of the wrapped gift and each gift should not exceed \$25. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

ABC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



You are invited to a Holiday Open House & Sale, **Sunday, December 12, 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!

CARING FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

We would like to start a network to care for our members and friends who have recently had a difficult time in their lives - be it surgery, some type of illness or loss of a loved one. We would like to offer them meals or just a phone call, if that's all that's needed. If you are interested in being part of this network that will prepare or purchase meals for a member during a family illness or recovery, please contact Diane Ray at 304-4801 or diane_ray@hotmail.com.

EARL MYERS IN CONCERT

Annual "Music for the Holiday Season"
December 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Westside SDA Church (2750 Martin Luther King Blvd.)
Arrive early for a good seat. Admission is free to all!

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you'd like to sponsor the floral arrangement for worship service, a sign-up sheet is available in the church foyer. Your donation of \$60 will cover the cost of the floral arrangement that is purchased each week. Please put your check in the offering plate & write "flowers" in the memo.

**The Fresno Adventist Academy
Christmas Program
has been changed to
Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

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



**Mike & Patricia
Ford**



**Tim & Irma
McGuinn
and her
mother Lola
Arteaga**

THE LAST WORD

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (submitted by Sondra Gradillas)

My husband and I had been happily married (most of the time) for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby. I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if he would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with His word as my guide.

God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son. The next year God blessed us with another son. The following year, He blessed us with yet another son. The year after that we were blessed with a daughter. My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty. We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old.

I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, "If you pray for rain, make sure you carry an umbrella." I began reading a few verses of the Bible to the children each day as they lay in their cribs...I was off to a good start. God had entrusted me with four children and I didn't want to disappoint Him.

I tried to be patient the day the children smashed two dozen eggs on the kitchen floor searching for baby chicks. I tried to be understanding when they started a hotel for homeless frogs in the spare bedroom, although it took me nearly two hours to catch all twenty-three frogs. When my daughter poured ketchup all over herself and rolled up in a blanket to see how it felt to be a hot dog, I tried to see the humor rather than the mess.

In spite of changing over twenty-five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children. While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother - I didn't even come close...I did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God.

I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to "wash up" Jesus, too. Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his "last wife."

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine. My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, "We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes." But he was nervous and said, "The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes."

My four-year-old "Mary" said, "That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes." A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing.

I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, "Mama-mama." Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived.

My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, "We are the three wise men, and we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur." The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation.

"I've never enjoyed a Christmas program as much as this one," laughed the pastor, wiping tears from his eyes. "For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur."

"My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing," I said as I dug through my purse for an aspirin.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Karen Powell (12/4)
Dina Estassi (12/6)
Terri Mosley (12/6)
David Daggs III (12/7)
Donovan Daggs (12/7)
David Hawkins (12/8)
Sabrina Rogers (12/8)
Jeff Smith (12/8)
Aidan Fitzgerald (12/9)
Haley Biko (12/10)
Willie Brown Jr. (12/10)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Zaher & Dina Estassi (12/6)
Steve & Jennifer Cosner
(12/7)
Jack & Teresa Tolmosoff
(12/7)
Larry & Peggy David (12/8)
Gilbert & Lorraine Barr
(12/10)