



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

May your enjoyment of family, food, and football be superseded only by your gratitude for God's many blessings.

"Gratitude changes the way we start the day, spend the day, and look back at the day. It defines us as people who value our relationship with God and those He's placed around us."  
– **Nancy Leigh Demoss**, *Choosing Gratitude* (Moody, 2009)

### ADVENT

We have entered the season of Advent, which begins on the fourth Sabbath before Christmas and concludes on Christmas Day. The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. The prayer of Advent is: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel! The spirit of Advent is expressed well in the parable of the bridesmaids who are anxiously awaiting the coming of the Bridegroom (Matt 25:1-13). There is profound joy at the Bridegroom's expected coming, and yet a warning of the need for preparation echoes through the parable.

The Advent wreath, located on the platform, symbolizes the new and everlasting life brought through Jesus Christ. The **circle of the wreath** reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The **green of the wreath** speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. The **candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The **four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sabbaths of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. The purple candles represent hope, love and peace. The pink candle represents joy. The white candle in the middle, called the Christ Candle, is lit on Christmas Day.

Each Sabbath during Advent, there will be a short devotional reading followed by the lighting of the Advent Candle, a prayer, and congregational singing of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

### SUNNYSIDE GRACE CONCERT

Sunnyside Grace is giving a concert on Sabbath afternoon at 5:00, in the sanctuary. Come out for an hour of good music followed by refreshments and fellowship.

### NEW CCC PRESIDENT

Pastor Ramiro Cano was elected president of Central California Conference on November 21, 2010. Cano served as executive secretary from 2004 to present. He succeeds Jerry Page, president of Central for 15 years.

To read more, please go to [http://pauc.adventistfaith.org/news\\_entries/12560](http://pauc.adventistfaith.org/news_entries/12560)

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**November 27, 2010  
11:00 A.M.**

**“Great is Thy  
Faithfulness”  
“Come, Now Is the Time  
to Worship”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Children’s Story**  
Bob Gilbert

**Offering**  
Daryl Slusher

**Advent Candle**  
Turley Family  
**“O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel”**

**“Sanctuary”**

**Prayer**  
Cheryl Crouch

**“Sweet, Sweet Sound”**  
Hannah Patch

**Message**  
Pastor Ray

**Benediction**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
Facilities Committee Meeting – Youth  
Room

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-  
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
Youth Jam Night in the sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

**SABBATH, DECEMBER 4**  
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Potluck in the Maroa Room immediately  
following service

#### Sunset

<i>This Friday</i>	<i>Next Friday</i>
4:45.m.	4:43p.m.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**December 4** — Gerhard van Wyk  
**December 11** — Pastor Ray  
**December 18** — Pastor Ray

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>November Church Needs</b>	\$28,000.00
Donations Received	19,915.73
Over (Short)	(8,084.27)
<b>Year to Date</b>	255,200.00
Amount Received	204,700.76
Over (Short)	(50,499.24)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$16,193.97

This Week’s Offering  
**Conference Faith Advance**

## YOUTH EVENTS

### COMIN’ UP...

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](http://www.sunnysideyouth.com)**

## HEALTHY BYTES

### Oh So Yummy Cranberry Sauce

Makes 3½ cups - serving size: ½ cup  
Fiber 4g, Cals 116, Fat 6g, Carb 17g, Pro 1g, Sodium 3mg

12 oz bag fresh cranberries	½ t vanilla extract
1 cup fresh blueberries	2 T Honey
¾ cup Pomegranate seeds (1/2 of a pomegranate)	1 cup pecan pieces
1 cup water	



Heat all ingredients, except the pecan pieces, in a pot over medium heat. The mixture will come to a boil and the berries will open. Stir regularly and even press the berries that don’t pop open against the side of the pot. Keep stirring until mixture is thickened. Pour mixture in a dish, top with pecans, and refrigerator.

This is a great dish to do the day before too to allow ample cooling and one less thing you have to do on Thanksgiving Day.

For more info on healthy solutions and recipes, contact  
Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or email at [gale4health@comcast.net](mailto:gale4health@comcast.net)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNNYSIDE GRACE IN CONCERT

This Saturday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m.  
at Sunnyside church. Refreshments will follow.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
NOVEMBER 25 & 26  
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

### THANK YOU LADIES!

Thank you to everyone to who participated in the Women's Ministry "Christmas in November" Brunch.

**Your donations totaled \$300  
for Hope Lutheran's Food Pantry!**



They will convert that into \$2,400 in Food Bank Dollars to assist with filling the cupboards of some of those in need in our community.

A very special thank you to everyone who prepared and brought food for our delicious Brunch Buffet and to Gwen Saenz for opening her home.

### CROCK POTS & SANDWICHES POTLUCK — DECEMBER 4



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.

### FINDING A PLACE TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Community Food Bank**  
237-3663 • communityfoodbank.net

**Marjaree Mason Center**  
237-4706 • mmcenter.org

**Fresno Rescue Mission**  
fresnorescuemission.org

#### WestCare

Quincy Marshall  
250-7810 • laquinshia.marshall@westcare.com

These are a few of the organizations that Sherry Marsh shared at the Women's Ministry Brunch. However, anyone can volunteer their time or donate clothing, toiletries and household goods to these agencies. Take the time to see how you can help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ...*words not necessary.*

### 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.

### ANGEL TREE

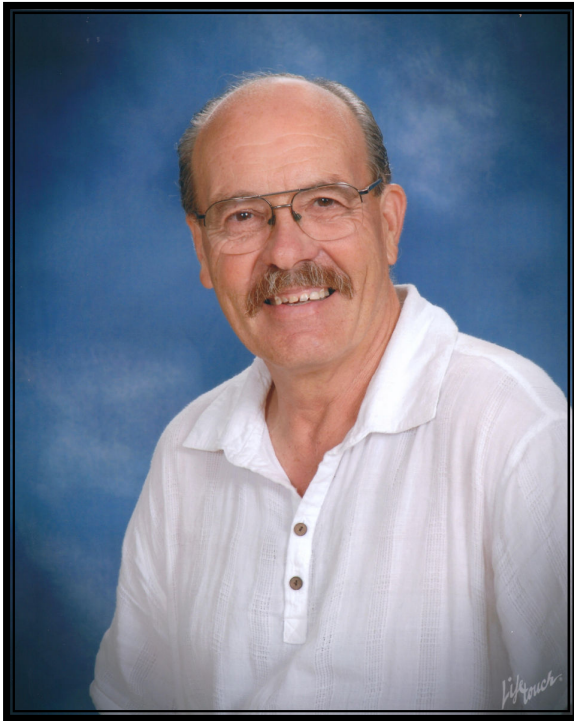
We have the pleasure and opportunity to give a little joy to some of the children here in the central valley through Angel Tree. This program works in connection with Prison Fellowship and churches to give Christmas gifts to local children of prisoners. For the next few Sabbaths we will have a Christmas tree in the foyer filled with paper angels. Each angel has the name of a child and the gift requested for that child. Please take an angel or two and return the gifts wrapped and with the angel attached by December 11. Gifts should not exceed \$25. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



### FAA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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...*



**Larry Barber**



**James, Erica, River & Rain Reed**



## THE LAST WORD

### What's the Name of the Cleaning Lady?

by Joann C. Jones  
(submitted by Ken Swanson)

During my second year of nursing school our professor gave us a quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade. "Absolutely," the professor said. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello." I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Sharron White-Banks (11/28)  
Chris Hickman (11/28)  
Angela Reijnders (11/28)  
Linda Messing (11/30)  
Lindy Patterson (11/30)  
Joyce Reimer (11/30)  
Tiffany Barron (12/1)  
Esabelle Palafox (12/3)

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Leland & Rhonda Goertz  
(11/29)

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