

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

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### EASTER WEEKEND

On Sabbath, we will celebrate the resurrection during our worship service. Because we're expecting a full house, we request that all who are able please park in the Mormon Church parking lot.

On Sunday morning at 9:30, we will celebrate the resurrection at Fresno Adventist Academy. There will be a time of worship followed by a brunch and egg hunt.

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new directories are here. If you had a picture taken, a free copy of the directory is available in the church foyer. If you did not have a picture taken and would like a directory, there are a limited number of directories available in the foyer and we request that you make a \$5 donation to help offset the cost.

### OPEN HOUSE AND BBQ

On May 7, we will have an open house immediately following the church service. Everyone is invited to stick around for a free BBQ. We are inviting the local community to eat with us, see our new church facility, and get to know us. Feel free to invite your friends and family members.

### FAA CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Fresno Adventist Academy's annual constituency meeting is on Sunday, May 1. We need church members to represent Sunnyside at the meeting. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact the church office (229-5501) or Bud Dickerson (250-7569).

### ANXIETY

"Anxiety is nothing but repeatedly re-experiencing failure in advance. What a waste." -- Seth Godin

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**April 23, 2011  
11:00 A.M.**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

**Children’s Story**

**Offering**  
*Offertory — “You Raise Me Up”*  
Stanley Barr

**“Christ’s Sufferings  
& Death”**  
Responsive Reading  
Jim Robison

**“He Knows My Name”**  
Jordan Reijnders

**“Above All”**  
**“The Wondrous Cross”**

**Prayer**  
Cheryl Crouch

**“Via Dolorosa”**  
Lori Lucas & Kurt Logan

**“Watch the Lamb”**  
Garry Clark

**“The Sense of an Ending”**  
Pastor Ray

**“Christ the Lord  
Is Risen Today”**

**Benediction**  
Cheryl Crouch

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
Easter Morning Sunrise Service – FAA  
Mansion Gardens 9:30 a.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
Full Plate Diet – Maroa Room 6:30 p.m.  
The GROUP Leaders Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**  
Facilities Committee Meeting – Youth  
Room 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**  
Youth Hang Out – Youth Room 4:00 p.m.  
Women’s Bible Study – Marsh home 6:30  
p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**  
Youth Jam Session – Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

**SABBATH, APRIL 30**  
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Single Women’s Friendship Circle – Fellow-  
ship Hall 4:00 p.m.  
The GROUP – Sanctuary & Maroa Room  
5:30 p.m.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**April 30 — Pastor Ray**  
**May 7 — Pastor Cal**  
**May 14 — Pastor Ray**

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>April Church Needs</b>	\$28,000.00
Donations Received	9,268.36
Over (Short)	(18,831.64)
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$112,000.00
Donations Received	89,947.79
Over (Short)	(22,052.21)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$20,152.42

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

#### Sunset

<i>This Friday</i>	<i>Next Friday</i>
7:38 p.m.	7:45 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

Go to the youth website at <http://sunnysideyouth.com>  
and take a look at the things the youth are up to...

## HEALTHY BYTES

The USDA now recommends 7-13 fruit and vegetable servings a day for both adults and children.

“The push to step up produce consumption is fueled by a growing body of evidence that fruits and vegetables offer even more health benefits than previously understood.”

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

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Second Reading: Patrick & Sherrie Coffee from Clovis.

### EASTER MORNING SERVICE



Come and celebrate the Lord's resurrection with your church family at Sunnyside's 7th Annual Easter Service at the FAA Mansion picnic grounds. Join us for breakfast starting at **9:30am, this Sunday** followed by a celebration in music and a short sermon. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets. Kids, don't forget your baskets for the Easter egg hunt!

### ATTENTION: QUARTERLY CLASS

We are hosting the refreshment table this Sabbath. Please bring a snack to share during our fellowship time after worship service.

### BE PART OF THE GROUP

Come join "The Group" for our very first young adult service at 5:30 p.m. next Sabbath. It will be a very relaxed atmosphere with some familiar elements but with a different spin. The program will include praise and plenty of time just to hang out and get to know each other. Come dressed in jeans, shorts or your favorite T-shirt and get ready to praise God. Everyone is welcome; we encourage you to bring a friend. Spread the word!

### JUNIOR BAPTISMAL CLASS

Pastor Dennis will teach a baptismal class for young people ages 10-13. It will meet at the church each Tuesday night, from 6:30-7:30, May 17-June 7. There is no cost to attend. To register your child or grandchild, please contact Pastor Dennis at 647-9485 or [dennis@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:dennis@sunnysidesda.org).

### WE NEED MORE EGGS!



The Easter Egg Hunt is this Sunday. If you would like to donate, we could use more plastic Easter eggs, tiny Easter toys and stickers for Sunday. When these items go on sale right after Easter, it's a good time to buy ahead and plan for next year's Easter Egg Hunt. The donation box will be in the church foyer the next couple of weeks for this purpose. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Come join the "60+ Single Women's Friendship Circle" on Sabbath afternoon, **April 30 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have refreshments and take some time to get acquainted with one another while we share some of the activities we'd like to organize. If you're interested in going on some local outings such as plays, bowling, or spending an evening playing games, come out and join us. Call Lola Arteaga (323-6682) or Lena White (434-0772), if you have any questions.

### *Sunnyside's* *Annual Women's Tea* **Sunday — May 1** **1 to 4pm**

at Hope Lutheran Community Center

This year our theme is  
**"Women Changing Lives  
in their Community & Around the World"**

Invite your friends to our annual Women's Tea. \$20 for ladies — \$10 for girls. Scholarships are available for anyone who needs them. Contact Sherry Marsh (224-9005) or Angela Reijnders (994-5504), if you have any questions.

The sign-up board will be in the church lobby; please print your name at the table you wish to sit and give your payment to your table hostess. (Please write "VEG" next to your name, if you are vegetarian).

This year we are collecting toiletries for the Rescue Mission. Please bring toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo & soap to be donated.



### KITTY NEEDS A HOME

"Pearl" is 2 1/2 yrs old & spayed; very independent & quiet. She doesn't require much attention/touching; however, she does love for you to play with her. Not recommended for children; she will scratch. Email: [msslgirl78@gmail.com](mailto:msslgirl78@gmail.com)

### HOUSE FOR RENT

SDA family is moving out of the area and is looking to rent their home in NW Fresno: 3B/2.5BA 1700sf; Bullard/Brawley area; large corner lot; \$1300 per month. If you're interested, please call 559-275-9325.

# GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

*Building Lives Through Relationships...*



## Early Youth Class serving lunch to homeless at Poverello House



On April 16th, the Early Youth Class joined the Meals on Wheels Ministry of Grace Community Missionary Baptist Church and served lunch to the homeless in front of Poverello House. The kids did a remarkable job. Mirra Priest said the prayer to bless the food and our kids worked without complaint to serve this community of people. They served over 250 people! What a wonderful experience it was for all of us!!

## THE LAST WORD

**At the age of 33, Jesus was condemned to the death penalty.** At the time crucifixion was the "worst" death. Only the worst criminals condemned to be crucified. Yet, it was even more dreadful for Jesus, for unlike other criminals condemned to death by crucifixion Jesus was nailed to the cross by His hands and feet, rather than tied...each nail was 6 to 8 inches long.

The nails were driven into His wrist. Not into His palms as is commonly portrayed. There's a tendon in the wrist that extends to the shoulder. The Roman guards knew that when the nails were being hammered into the wrist, that tendon would tear and break, forcing Jesus to use His back muscles to support himself, so that He could breathe.

Both of His feet were nailed together. Thus He was forced to support Himself on the single nail that impaled His feet to the cross. Jesus could not support himself with His legs for long because of the pain, so He was forced to alternate between arching His back and using his legs just to continue to breathe. Imagine the struggle, the pain, the suffering, the courage.

Jesus endured this reality for over three hours. Yes, over three hours! Can you imagine this kind of suffering? A few minutes before He died, Jesus stopped bleeding. He was simply pouring water from his wounds.

From common images we see wounds to His hands and feet and even the spear wound to His side...but do we remember the many wounds made to his body. A hammer driving large nails through the wrists, the feet overlapped and a nail hammered through the arches, then a Roman guard piercing His side with a spear. And...before the nails and the spear, Jesus was whipped and beaten. The whipping was so severe that it tore the flesh from His body. The beating so horrific that His face was torn and his beard ripped from His face. The Crown of thorns (two to three inch thorns) cut deeply into His scalp. Most men would not have survived this torture.

He had no more blood to bleed out, only water poured from His wounds. The human adult body contains about five liters (just over a gallon) of blood.

Jesus poured all five liters of his blood; He had three nails hammered into His body; a crown of thorns on His head and, beyond that, a Roman soldier who stabbed a spear into His chest...

All these without mentioning the humiliation He passed after carrying His own cross for almost 2 kilometers, while the crowd spat in His face and threw stones (the cross beam was almost 30 kg of weight, to which His hands were nailed).

Jesus endured this experience, so that you may have free access to God. So that your sins can be "washed" away. All of them, with no exception!

*(submitted by Bob Fritz)*

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Stan Wagenleitner (4/23)  
Marilyn Mitchell (4/23)  
Clara Ovando (4/23)  
Claude Evans (4/23)  
Richard Voth (4/24)  
Stephanie Robles (4/24)  
Danielle Espinoza (4/25)  
Dollie Ragsdale (4/25)  
Brandon Hartman (4/25)  
Johan Reijnders (4/26)  
Bud Shimmin (4/27)  
Devin Ray (4/27)  
Jordan Williams (4/28)  
Corbin Priest (4/28)  
Christopher Mitchell (4/30)  
Tiffany Chandler (4/30)

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Stan & MaryLou Kolstad (4/25)  
Martin & Lorrie McCann (4/27)  
Stan & Carol Wagenleitner  
(4/28)  
Phill & Janet Rhoads (4/28)  
Diane & Tom Hall (4/30)