### FRESNO SUNNYSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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

# SunnysideNews

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 30, 2011

## **PASTOR'S NOTES**

#### **DANA VALENTE**

Dana has been at Kaiser Hospital the last ten days and is facing two significant health issues. She is battling blood clots in her legs and lung that have affected her heart. She also has a large cancerous tumor in her stomach. She is being discharged today so that she can go home and rest prior to beginning treatment. The plan is to treat the blood clots first and then go after the tumor. She likely faces one or more surgeries. Dana expressed her thanks to Vicky Kemp and Sherry Marsh for visiting her in the hospital.

#### **CCC CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

Every three years the constituents of the Central California Conference gather to elect their administrative leaders and vote on conference policies and procedures. The next constituency session will be on Sunday, November 13, at Fresno Adventist Academy. We are looking for representatives to represent Sunnyside at that session. If you are interested, please contact Bud Dickerson at 250-7569 or <u>buddickers@gmail.com</u>.

#### **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or recommendations regarding our church facility, the person you need to speak with is Rod Turley, chairman of the Facilities Committee. The best way to communicate with Rod regarding facilities issues is to e-mail him at facilities@sunnysidesda.org.

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	THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE	PREACHING	SCHEDULE
WORSHIP CELEBRATION July 2, 2011	MONDAY, JULY 4 Church Office closed TUESDAY, JULY 5 Facilities Committee Meeting – Youth	July 9 — Pastor Ray July 16 — Gilbert Barr July 23 — Gerhard van Wyk Monthly Contribution Summary	
11:00 A.M.	Room 6:30 p.m.	MONTHLY CONTRIP	JUTION SUMMART
II the Way My Savior Leads Me" Lord, I Give You My	<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 6</b> Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 a.m. Youth Hang Out – Youth Room 4:00	June Church Needs Donations Received Over (Short)	\$28,000.0 20,596.0 (7,403.9
Heart"	p.m. Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin- staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.	<b>Year to Date</b> Donations Received Over <i>(Short)</i>	\$168,000.0 138,411.3 (29,588.6
Welcome	GROUP Leader's Meeting – Maroa Room 7:30 p.m.	Youth Pastor Fund	\$22,728.2
Children's Story Bob Gilbert Offering	<b>SABBATH, JULY 9</b> Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. The GROUP – Sanctuary & Maroa Room 5:30 p.m.	This Week's Offering Local Church Budget	
		Su This Friday 8:22p.m.	u <b>nset</b> Next Friday 8:21 p.m.

**YOUTH EVENTS** 

Go to the youth website at http://sunnysideyouth.com to check out more info about these and other upcoming events

## **HEALTHY BYTES**

## The Full Plate Diet (Lifestyle)

The Full Plate Class at the church was such a success that Gale is considering doing another eight-week course in the fall. If you're interested in taking the class, please give her a call or email.

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

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Offering

"Everlasting God" "God Will Make a Way"

> Prayer Desrie van Putten

"God Bless America" Bob Gilbert

> **S**cripture Zaher Estassi

Message Pastor Dennis Ray

**Benediction** Clif van Putten

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Over (Short)	(7,403.95)
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Over (Short)	(29,588.64)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$22,728.28

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY**

The church office will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

#### HOST REFRESHMENT TABLE

Hosting the refreshment table provides a great opportunity to serve and fellowship at the same time. The opportunity is still open to host the refreshment table after church on July 16, 23 or August 6. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judi Krogstad drjudi@sbcglobal.net or 225-3650. at

#### **CRAFT & SNACK ITEMS** NEEDED FOR VBS

Please take cards off the VBS bulletin board posted in the foyer and donate the items requested for our program this year.

#### **REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

The treasurer has asked that requests for checks and reimbursements be made on a request form available in the church office. Instructions are printed on the form. Thanks for your help.

#### **COLLECTING LAUNDRY SUPPLIES**

Women's Ministry is currently collecting laundry supplies for the Family Center at the Rescue Mission. If you'd like to donate detergent, fabric softener, bleach, & stain-removing agents, there will be blue storage



container in the church foyer for collection. If you'd like to make a cash donation, please put it in the offer-ing plate and mark it Women's Ministry Laundry. Contact Sherry Marsh (224-9005), if you have guestions.

## VBS IS AUGUST I – 5 8:30AM — NOON **REGISTER NOW!**

Go to our website at www.sunnysidesda.org and click on this logo to register



Join us this summer for a week of praise, discovery and creative fun!

## **VOLUNTEER FOR VBS**

Go to our website at www.sunnysidesda.org and click on the lifeguard to register as a volunteer!



You can be a crew leader, a teacher, helper or sing with the praise team! Call 229-5501 with questions

#### **VBS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS JULY 17!**

As you know, each year we plan for 200+ kids and we need your help with set construction. We will work all day on Sunday July, 17 — breakfast, lunch & dinner served that day — and every week night 5-9pm thru July 31, with dinner served each day.

If you'd like to help out, contact Leo (994-5588) or Angela (994-5502) or talk with them at church.

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





# **Rick Bullion**

# Ron Estep & Daryl Slusher

# **Patty Kelly**



# THE LAST WORD

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Phone: 559.229.5501 Fax: 559.229.5502 Email: churchoffice@sunnysidesda.org Website: www.sunnysidesda.org

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Kristi Burkhart (7/2) Dairien Finney (7/2) Krystal Haldeman (7/2) Clark Donaghy (7/3) Sheri Hawkins (7/3) Samha Chaye Ribadu (7/3) Verna Barcoma (7/4) Bria Neuenschwander (7/4) Esther Robinson (7/4) Nikole Ignacio (7/5) Harriet Shimmin (7/5) Michael Ford (7/6) Nicole Barrón (7/7) Jaden Burkhart (7/7) Don Fournier (7/7) Elijah Lee (7/7) Azairah Lelaind (7/7) Tonya Priest (7/7) Laurene Ward (7/7) Sadalia Lelaind (7/8) Nicholas Messing (7/8)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

## **WOMAN AND A FORK** (submitted by Mike Ward)

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. 'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly... 'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply. 'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'

The Pastor looking stood at the young woman, not knowing Quite what to say. That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor. The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!' So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork .. the best is yet to come.'

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.