

# YUCAIPA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Bible Study 10:30a	Youth Center
	Mid-Week Service 7p	Sanctuary
First Sabbaths	Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall
Mar. 28-Apr. 1	Pacific Union Pathfinder Camporee	
Apr. 4	Pathfinder/Adventurer Meetings	
Apr. 7	Young Adults – Social	TBA
Apr. 7	Children's Church	Youth Center
Apr. 7	SACH Clinic Outreach	TBA
Apr. 14	Family Ministry Hike	
Apr. 15	Pathfinder/Adventurer Fun Day	
Apr. 18	Pathfinder/Adventurer Meetings	
Apr. 22	Youth – Scandia Theme Park Trip	
Apr. 28	Pathfinder/Adventurer Investiture	
May 2 / 16	Pathfinder/Adventurer Meetings	
May 5 / June 2	Children's Church	
May 18-20	Adventurer Campout	
May 20	Pathfinder Fair	
June 6	Pathfinder/Adventurer Meetings	
June 10	Pathfinder End of Year Party	
June 14-24	Arizona Mission Trip	
July 28-28	VBS	
Second Fridays	Youth – Revive Amped Vespers 6p	
Fourth Fridays	Youth – Revive Small Group Bible Study	

### PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Heinrich Strydom	909-954-7512
Pastor Elijah Grekov	909-795-6965

Pictures are from the church directory, Google or as submitted. See the current church bulletin and inserts or visit the church website at [www.yucaipasda.org](http://www.yucaipasda.org) for updated calendar events, announcements and news.

### PASTOR'S NOTE

*By Heinrich Strydom*

Wow, what an exciting start to the year 2012 this church has had! On Saturday evening, February 18, Evangelist Kenneth Cox started a ten-day seminar, entitled "**Revelation Pure and Simple**", here at the Yucaipa church. When the meeting started at 6:30 pm. the sanctuary was jam-packed to capacity with an excited crowd of people. Every single spot on our parking lot was occupied and the parking attendants had to refer people to park in the

street. Then it happened again on Sunday night, and again on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Church members commented that they could not remember when last, if ever, they had seen the church and parking lot so full during the middle of the week, or even on a Sabbath.

In addition to the clear and excellent preaching by the Evangelist, we were treated to a variety of music by guest musicians and by Dona Klein at the organ. Our own Zlata Grekov had the crowd on their feet in a standing ovation, after her concert.

Jennifer Lidar and her helpers ran a separate children's program every evening and Hilda Al-Hakim and her team did a good job at providing a complimentary supper every night before the meeting.

At the end of the last meeting, the screen was quickly lowered and the audience witnessed the baptism of Bobbie Stevens.

Helping our visitors and new members to get into the habit of attending Sabbath School, Pastor Bill Hunt, who has just recently moved here from Texas, gave a three-part Sabbath School presentation in a combined class setting in the sanctuary.

Indeed, we can say: "To God be the glory, great things He has done".

Since then, retired pastor Gary Strunk has started a follow-up series, covering the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation and the main Biblical teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are grateful to see the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in people's lives. *(Continued on next page)*

**CHECK OUT ONLINE GIVING ON THE CHURCH**

**WEBSITE – [WWW.YUCAIPASDA.ORG](http://WWW.YUCAIPASDA.ORG)**

You are welcome to give your donations online by debit card or transfer from your checking account. Sign in on our website to give your tithe and offerings this way.

Contact Linda Hill with any questions.

**Membership:** Since our last newsletter, 26 new members have been added to the church. These comprised of 12 baptisms, 5 on profession of their faith and 9 transfers to our church. In addition, we have also seen 5 members dedicating their lives anew to God through re-baptism.

Take a pen and circle or check the names of our newest members, whom you are able to identify. See how many of them you know and how many you do not know? Why not take a moment at church every Sabbath to get acquainted with someone whom you don't know? Here is the list of names:

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|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
|                   |                         |                       | (last names in alphabetical order) |
| 1) Hilda Al-Hakim | 10) Lenette Drake       | 19) Grethel Martin    |                                    |
| 2) Sami Al-Hakim  | 11) Eddie Glassford     | 20) Victoria Martin   |                                    |
| 3) Brandon Beames | 12) Kalyapi Humpal      | 21) Anna Miller       |                                    |
| 4) Pat Beames     | 13) Audrey Hunt         | 22) Debbie Salveson   |                                    |
| 5) Ann Burke      | 14) Bill Hunt           | 23) Ron Salveson      |                                    |
| 6) Ken Burke      | 15) Pam Knittle         | 24) Bobbie Stevens    |                                    |
| 7) Starla Coyl    | 16) Noah Pierce         | 25) Marlene Thelander |                                    |
| 8) Helene Doering | 17) Elizabeth Kolozvari | 26) Lamar Wilkinson   |                                    |
| 9) Sarah Doering  | 18) Maria Kurpuis       |                       |                                    |

**A Real Face-Lift to the Church Office Area:** Next time you are at church, take a moment to have a peak at the church office area. You will be pleasantly surprised at the new carpet, curtains and office entrance furniture and decorations. This was made possible through an anonymous donation and did not cost the church anything. We are indeed grateful for this wonderful gift to the pastors and office staff.



**Nominating Committee:** Yes, it is that time again. A big “Thank you” to all of our current officers, who have given leadership and service to God and this church during the past two-year term. Many of our active members will be serving again, either in the same or in a different capacity. Some will be elected for the first time to serve the church.

Consider the Biblical image of the body in 1 Corinthians 12.

**Every member** is necessary and important in order to have a healthy body. Determine now already in your heart that you will be willing to serve the church, when you are asked to do so.

**Summer Student Intern:** As in previous years, our Church Board voted once again to have a summer student intern, to help with our Youth Ministry during the summer months of this year. We have asked Matthew Burton, a Theology Junior from La Sierra University, to serve as a summer intern. Our local and regular members will, of course, know Matt Burton, who is from Yucaipa Church and currently our local youth leader.

**Young Adult Pastor:** Bill and Audrey Hunt recently moved here from the Texas Conference, where Bill was a pastor in San Antonio. Audrey is continuing her medical residency at Loma Linda Medical Center. Bill and Audrey have a passion for ministry, and have been involved in Young Adult Ministry in Texas. Due to a hiring freeze by the Conference, based on the current economy, it was not possible for Bill to be employed by our local (SECC) Conference when they moved to California. With donated and other available funds, however, our Church Board was in a position to extend an invitation to Pastor Hunt to serve as a part time Young Adults pastor for our church. We are excited about the prospects of YA ministry and outreach in our church and community. The young adults met for their first Sabbath School class on March 24. We welcome Bill and Audrey to our pastoral staff.

## CHURCH NEWS

### FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2012 *By Linda Hill*

In February we had the Evangelistic Series with a financial cost of approx. \$20,000. We received in offering \$6,573. This will go a long ways to help pay these bills.

Our new Audio/ Visual systems are now nearing completion. The Church in the Business Meeting approved the expenditures of up to \$40,000 of which approx.. \$31,000 has been spent as of now. With the Christmas Offering and what has been donated there is only \$8,000 left to pay off on the "loan to ourselves". Please remember this need.

With the installation of the video cameras in the sanctuary, we now have both CD and DVD recordings of our programs and services. To help defray the cost of the CDs and DVDs, it is recommended that you place a \$2.00 donation per CD or DVD in a tithe envelope marked recordings. You can pick up your CD or DVD at the Missionary Desk either 15 minutes after the service or put your name on the list and pick it up the next week.



#### *Financial Statement*

<u>Monthly Budget</u>	\$14,000	<u>Tuition Aid</u>	\$ 2,700
Received in January	\$ 8,168	Received in Jan.	\$ 1,198
Received in February	\$14,719	Received in Feb.	\$ 1,532

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have had a lot of questions about when the pictorial directory will be out. Olan Mills has been sold to another company. Many of the things for the directory have been lost. All the pictures that Olan Mills took are still there but pictures that were sent in are not available. Therefore, to get this back on tract, we are asking everyone to fill out the information sheet, whether or not you had a picture taken, so that the most current information will be in the directory. Also, during the month of April on Sabbath, starting April 7, Dallas Bobst will be set up in the overflow room after church to take pictures of everyone that did not get Olan

*By Linda Hill*

Mills pictures. These will be in a separate section in the directory but will be included. We especially want all of our new members to get family pictures taken. If you cannot come to have Dallas take your picture, please send in a picture that we can include. I am sorry if you already did this but it needs to be done again. All information will be sent to the company on May 3. After the company puts it together and we approve the proofs, it takes 6 weeks to print the directories and 1 week to deliver. Therefore, we are planning on having the directories by the end of July. Thank you for your understanding over this delay.

### CHURCH MEMBER'S NAVAL GRADUATION

*By Jennifer Lidar*

Harold N. Hansen, III (Neal Hansen) graduated from naval boot camp on March 16, 2012 at Great Lakes, IL. It was an experience he said that he will never forget and would like to thank all of you who kept him in prayer. He is now stationed at Goose Creek, South Carolina for two years to study his career of nuclear engineering. If you would like to send your well wishes or to let him know what is going on back here in Yucaipa, please feel free to write him at the following address:

FN Hansen, H., Class: Indoctrination; 101 NNPTC Circle, Goose Creek, SC 29445



## REVELATION "RETREAT" CONTINUES

By Gary Strunk

We began with Ken Cox's "Revelation Pure & Simple." Now we continue with Revelation "Retreat," as if we were in the mountains studying the prophecies and important basics. We have already covered the heart of Revelation. Now we step back to build for the final events. Every night everyone receives a lesson prepared by Pastor Gary Strunk. Come and enjoy the following topics:

Wed. Mar. 28, 6:30 pm:	Forever Yours, God's Gift to the human race.
Fri. Mar. 30, 6:30 pm:	Growing up Good in a Bad World, and how Jesus did it.
Sab. Mar. 31 5 pm:	"He is Risen"
Wed. Apr. 4, 6:30 pm:	Fallen Angel
Fri. Apr. 6, 6:30 pm:	The Plan of Salvation
Sab. Apr. 7, 5 pm:	When a Man Dies
Wed. Apr. 11, 6:30 pm:	Does God Have a Dungeon in the Basement?
Fri. Apr. 13, 6:30 pm:	"I Will Come Again"
Sab. Apr. 14, 5 pm:	The Church in the Wilderness
Wed. Apr. 18, 6:30 pm:	The Testimony of Jesus
Fri. Apr. 20, 6:30 pm:	How to Be Saved
Sab. Apr. 21, 5 pm:	The Last Millennium
Wed. Apr. 25, 6:30 pm:	Three Angels Calling
Fri. Apr. 27, 6:30 pm:	Judgment Day
Sab. Apr. 28, 5 pm:	The Sanctuary
Wed. May 2, 6:30 pm:	Day of Atonement
Fri. May 4, 6:30 pm:	Preparing for Heaven



## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT GARY STRUNK'S BOOK, 'JUDGE ME PLEASE'

"It's a fresh view of the judgment increases confidence and joy in the Christian walk without detracting from views Adventist pioneers first mined from Scripture. In fact rather than diminishing appreciation for the Scripture, the Spirit of Prophecy or the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine this book's scholarship helps the reader see the beauty of those gifts of God. In my opinion this book is a must read.

"Strunk makes three powerful points, any one of which is priceless in helping Adventists move on toward Christian Maturity: A) The investigative phase of the judgment is far more than a grand jury exploring facts. The thoughtful reader will see the relevance of the sanctuary in his own home church. B) Prophetic parallels authenticate both Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. C) The chapters, 'The Character of Christ' and 'When You Don't Feel Righteous' are like springs of living water in a parched desert. This is not only a 'must read' but a 'must study' again." - *Elder Glenn Aufderhar, Pastor, Evangelist, Conference President in Washington/Michigan Conferences, President*

*Adventist Media Center, Assistant to the NAD President for Special Projects*

"I just finished reading your book and I want to be amongst the first to express my gratitude for such a blessing. You (with the Lord's leading) have written clearly, concisely and convincingly one of the most understandable and encouraging works on the Judgment I have ever read. My next task is to re-read it with a highlighter in hand! I am moved to say that this book should be regarded and promoted as one of the most important and vital books for Seventh-day Adventists to read. Truly present Truth! I, for one, will tout its merits to everyone I can! Thank you so much for allowing the Lord to use you as He has! Blessings and thanks from my heart." - *Tim Chapman, Adventist Church Historian*

Order from Barnes and Noble or from your local Adventist Book Center, or order on line from [www.TSIBooks.com/judge](http://www.TSIBooks.com/judge) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Search "Judge Me Please" Strunk. Be sure to put it the quotation marks.

## FAMILY MINISTRY & COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

### SERVING HANDS MINISTRY

*By Jennifer Lidar*

Times have been hard for many and money is tight. To help those stretch their dollar, so that they may continue to stay in their homes or to keep their car to look for work, Community Services Outreach has launched a new community outreach program. The service reaches out to families and others who could benefit from a hot and nutritional meal. Every 1st and 3rd Sabbaths from 5:30-6:30 our church fellowship doors open to invite those to fellowship and eat a meal at no charge. We have been averaging around 10 guests each month. Our guests are very appreciative of the meal and they have even commented that it is the best meal in town.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

*By Jennifer Lidar*

Family Ministries is going to have an exciting year! Starting in April, each month will be special outings for families and anyone else that would like to attend. Some events that are going to be planned are: Angels baseball game, Beach vespers, Roller-skating, Swim party, etc. Look for announcements in the church bulletin for the "Outing of the Month with Family Ministries." Here are some below. To sign up for any of these events, contact Jennifer Lidar at 909-528-9866.



**Sabbath Day Hike** On Sabbath, April 14<sup>th</sup>, all our invited to a gentle hike either in our local mountains or at Joshua Tree National Park. We will leave the church following the worship service, so please bring a change of clothes, hat, water bottle, walking shoes, and a sack lunch. We will eat at the church. Transportation is provided. Space is limited, so act now.

**SECC Youth Leadership Convention: GEAR UP!** October 18-20, 2012 at the Ontario Convention Center, SECC Youth Ministries is sponsoring a leadership convention. This convention is inviting all leaders of Sabbath schools, Pathfinders, Adventurers, Youth, Young Adult, and Children's Ministries to come

and enjoy a variety of workshops to expand your ministry. The cost will be \$119, BUT if you register before May 31, 2012 the cost is only \$99. This convention will be open to several conferences, so space will be limited to the first 900 applicants.

**Vacation Bible School** Calling all kids!! This summer VBS is not going to be anything like you have ever seen before. NO other church will be offering this VBS. You are NOT going to want to miss your opportunity to learn more about Jesus and....well you are just going to have to come and see for yourself. I can tell you it will be in July, but you will have to stay tuned for more information. :)

### HAVING FUN AT RECENT EVENTS

*By Jennifer Lidar*

**Thanksgiving Baskets** Thanksgiving 2011 was a time for giving back to those who needed our help the most. 40 families who were members of the church as well as the community were able to have a box of Thanksgiving food items with a \$10 gift card to Stater Bros. to purchase a protein of their choice. We doubled the amount of families we served from 20 in 2010 to 40 in 2011! Many were grateful and surprised to see a box of food for their families. They were overwhelmed with feelings that they were thought of during this time. I want to thank all you contributed to this and who helped put the baskets together and delivered them.

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**Angel Tree Christmas** Angel Tree is an organization that helps to connect inmates of prisons with church communities to help give their children a Christmas gift. This year 35+ children were served here in the Yucaipa community. A small Christmas party was given where a few “angels” attended to have dinner, decorate cookies, make crafts, and to receive their gift. One grandma had contacted me from last year’s angel tree because her son was unable to register his daughter for the official Angel Tree. I happily told her that it would be no problem for us to get her granddaughter a gift. She was very happy to have received something when otherwise she would have received nothing. I want to thank the congregation for their various generous donations. It could not have happened without all of us coming together to give what we could.

**Pine Springs Ranch** It is that time of the year again to start thinking about attending summer camp at Pine Springs Ranch. This Christian camp allows kids to build relationships and connect with each other as well as connecting with Jesus. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. It would be awesome to be able to have a couple of community kids go who may not otherwise get to go to camp. If you would like to sponsor a young person from the congregation or the community please do so by writing in the memo area of your check PSR.

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### FAMILY MINISTRIES OUTREACH

SACH Clinic – San Bernardino Kids  
Come help us run a table of crafts in the afternoon on April 7, 2012. Times will be announced in the bulletin within the next 2 weeks. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Sheila Klein at 909-446-0209.

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH – EASTER SPECIAL

Calling all kids!! During the church service, between 11am and 12pm, on April 7, 2012, bring yourself and your friends to a special edition of Yucaipa SDA’s Children Church. Join us for games, crafts, snacks and music.

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### PATHFINDERS UPDATE

*By Everett Garnick*



As I write this the Pathfinders are gearing up for the PUC Camporee in Glen Helen, CA, March 28 to April 1, where over 5,200 campers will interact with events and honors. Our Yucaipa Pathfinders are working hard to complete their Friend and Companion classwork before Investiture the end of April. We still have a lot to do before the year ends; Investiture, campout, Sabbath in the woods, fair and end of year party. Not to mention meetings!

At present, we are planning Investiture for the afternoon of April 28. Pathfinders will host a haystack lunch for those who wish to attend. Please consider this for your last weekend in April.

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### ADVENTURERS REPORT

*By Elisabeth de la Ossa*

We have had a blessed year of Adventurers and continue going strong with meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. With a current enrollment of 28 children, the Yucaipa Adventurers are planning their annual Bike Safety day and a campout. See church bulletins for time and dates. Want to become a part of our club and join us for these upcoming events? Call Elisabeth de la Ossa at (909) 553-0394.



## YOUTH NEWS

### REVIVE YOUTH GROUP – JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

By Matthew Burton

*Revive: to bring back into notice, to activate, set in motion, or take up again, to renew*

We have adopted the name Revive because we are revitalizing the youth program at the Yucaipa SDA Church. We are also encouraging the youth members and community at large to renew their spiritual commitment to God.

On January 13-14, 2012 the former Youth Chapel, now the Youth Center, was rededicated to the work of the Lord after a 4-month remodel where the room was refreshed with drywall, new paint, and many other improvements. The rededication was spread out between two days, Friday and Sabbath, starting with a vespers on Friday night, now a monthly event known as Revive Amped, and a formal dedication by the pastoral staff on Sabbath morning, with an evening fellowship meal and game night.



Since then the youth group has been very active:

- Revive each Sabbath morning every week at 9:30 am in the Youth Center with worship and our Cornerstone Connection Lesson
- Revive Amped every 2nd Friday night of the month with food, music, and special speaker
- Revive Small Groups every 4th Friday night of the month at 6 pm in a church member's home where we study the Word of God in greater detail
- Movie/Game Night at various times during the month in the Youth Center
- Snow Board/Ski Trip: This last December the youth went on a Ski trip to Snow Summit in Big Bear. The youth had so much fun the first time we did a second trip in January. The trip was open to the whole church. We not only had youth but also kids from younger divisions and other adults: Ron Sullivan, Pastor Raewyn Hankins, Eddie and Ethelyn Glassford. Everyone had a blast and is looking forward to next year's trip.

Recent events include snowboarding, bowling, ice skating and a Christmas party. In the coming months, we will have a Scandia theme park trip, photo scavenger hunt, and many other fun events.



*Our Revive Amped vespers is pictured on the left and our first snowboarding trip is on the right*



### STAY IN THE LOOP!

Add us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, or contact Matthew Burton to be added to our text message list to receive information about upcoming events and programs.



### WANT A JOB?

Are you interested in helping with the Youth? Please contact Matthew Burton at 909-382-1898. Help is needed in areas such as A/V, Game & Movie Night Coordinator, etc.

**FACEBOOK:** For current information about Revive, add us at [www.facebook.com/revive.yucaipa.sda](http://www.facebook.com/revive.yucaipa.sda)

### INTRODUCING THE YUCAIPA SDA YOUNG ADULTS

We are excited to announce the official formation of the Yucaipa SDA Young Adults. Over the final weekend of March, we held our first Sabbath School class and we are gearing up for a fantastic second quarter.

Between the ages of 18 and 35-ish? Join us each Sabbath morning at 9:30 am for worship music in the Youth Center. The lesson study begins at 9:45 am with light snacks in the former Earliteens room. Also, our first event will be a BBQ on April 7 at 6:30 pm. See the bulletin for location.

Future plans for this year include beach volleyball, a weekend retreat, rafting, bowling, camping and more. Look for these monthly activities in the bulletin and join our Facebook group (search for 'Yucaipa SDA Young Adults').

## DEVOTIONAL

### So Costly—and Yet Free

*"By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Rom. 5:18.*  
Money cannot buy it, intellect cannot grasp it, power cannot command it; but to all who will accept it, God's glorious grace is freely given. But men may feel their need, and, renouncing all self-dependence, accept salvation as a gift. Those who enter heaven will not scale its walls by their own righteousness, nor will its gates be opened to them for costly offerings of gold or silver, but they will gain an entrance to the many mansions of the Father's house through the merits of the cross of Christ.

For sinful men, the highest consolation, the greatest cause of rejoicing, is that Heaven has given Jesus to be the sinner's Saviour. He offered to go over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell; to meet the tempter on the field of battle, and conquer him in man's behalf. Behold Him in the wilderness of temptation. Forty days and forty nights He fasted, enduring the fiercest assaults of the powers of darkness. He trod the "winepress alone; and of the people there was none with" Him (Isa. 63:3). It was not for



*By Ellen G. White*

Himself, but that He might break the chain that held the human race in slavery to Satan.

As Christ in His humanity sought strength from His Father, that He might be enabled to endure trial and temptation, so are we to do. We are to follow the example of the sinless Son of God. Daily we need help and grace and power from the Source of all power. We are to cast our helpless souls upon the One who is ready to help us in every time of need. Too often we forget the Lord. Self gives way to impulse, and we lose the victories that we should gain.

If we are overcome let us not delay to repent, and to accept the pardon that will place us on vantage ground. If we repent and believe, the cleansing power from God will be ours. His saving grace is freely offered. His pardon is given to all who will receive it. . . . Over every sinner that repents the angels of God rejoice with songs of joy. Not one sinner need be lost. Full and free is the gift of saving grace.

*(From Devotional: Our Father Cares, pp. 209, 210.)*