

YUCAIPA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Bible Study 10:30am Mid-Week Service 7pm
First Sabbaths	Church Potluck
December 3, 4	Adventist Philosophy of Health
December 8	MGA Choir Church Performance
December 8	Elder Care Ministry 3pm
December 9	Seniors Trip - Cleopatra/Space Shuttle
December 15	Senior Potluck
December 16	Pathfinder Christmas Party
December 16	Family Ministries 11:30am Skating
December 16	Young Adults—Zoo outing
December 16	Senior Movie 3pm in the Youth Center
December 28	Agape Feast Communion
December 28	Pathfinder Bible Reading at Vespers
Second Fridays	Youth: Revive Amped Vespers 6pm
Fourth Fridays	Youth: Revive Small Group Bible Study

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Heinrich Strydom	909-954-7512
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Pastor William Hunt	210-778-6502

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.com for updated calendar events, announcements and news.

CHECK OUT ONLINE GIVING 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.

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PASTOR'S NOTE

By Heinrich Strydom

On the next page you will find my annual pastor's Christmas letter. That letter will give you an opportunity to participate in our annual Christmas offering for 2012. So, let me tell you some more about this year's special project, which has been approved and voted by the Finance Committee and Church Board.

As a church, we have so many blessings, for which to thank God. One of our greatest blessings is the gift of our children. While they are special to our church, we also want to make sure that church is special to them. We have done a lot recently to improve our overall church life and experience for our youth, young adults and adults (see the Treasurer's article by Linda Hill elsewhere in this newsletter) , but we want to make sure that our children are not left behind (no pun intended).

With this year's Christmas offering we want to expand our Audio Visual facilities to include the children's departments and Sabbath School rooms. We want to offer our children the opportunity to learn their important Bible lessons through modern media, which they are exposed to on a daily basis at home and at school. Our children are very much part of the modern technological society. They learn through, work with, and communicate by way of modern technology all the time. More and more Sabbath School materials are made available on line and we even have on-line giving. If our church fails to "speak the language" which they understand so well, we may soon be a church that is "left behind".

Join me this year as we upgrade our children's Sabbath School rooms, to create a learning environment which will make church an exciting place for them.

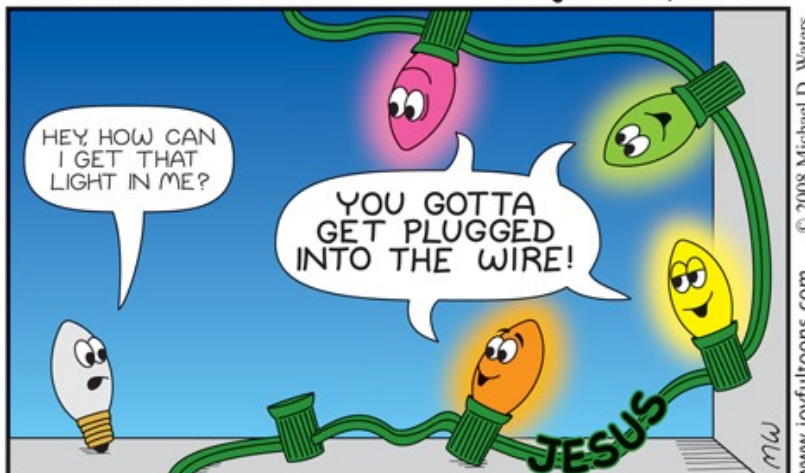
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Jennifer Lidar

Community Outreach continues to serve those who are in need in Yucaipa. Whether it is a box of food to get through the rest of the week to weekly dinners. Community Outreach is reaching out. Every Sabbath evening from 5:30-6:30 pm, a hot meal is served to an average of 15 guests. A variety of church members help from Pathfinders to families, they stop by to support this ministry by helping to serve the guests or bringing a dish. The church sponsored a barn party one Sabbath evening and 10 guests from the community dinner carpooled with church members to enjoy fellowship, good food, fun games, and hay ride. They commented on how much fun it was. At Thanksgiving, there were 26 guests and each family received a food basket. Those that attended were blessed with a traditional vegetarian meal. The Holy Spirit was present moving some guests to tears with the revelation that they had come home.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- JOHN 8:12 NIV

A few guests have attended Sabbath morning worship services, attended the monthly potluck luncheon, and the Wednesday morning Bible studies.

As we continue to make a difference in each one of our guests lives who come to eat, we encourage you to support this ministry with making a dish, coming to help serve, or making a donation to Community Outreach. Please contact Jennifer & Jayson Lidar or Tony & Margaret Venkeleer if you have any questions or comments.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2012

By Linda Hill

I am happy to report that we have been able to do amazing things this year. Our new audio system is working and part of the video system has been bought and put into use. I hope that these improvements have blessed your worship in our Sanctuary.

Other projects for our church funded by your donations:

- We bought a new Refrigerator and new Freezer for our Kitchen.
- Great Evangelistic Meetings held the first of the year.
- Church Offices and back bathrooms were renovated mostly through a special person's donation.
- Pathfinder Trailer was purchased.
- Wonderful Health Ministry Programs are ongoing.
- Mad About Marriage for church and community.
- Summer Intern for our Youth.
- Wonderful VBS this summer.
- Exciting Summer Fun Night for our young people and community.
- New Young Adult Program and Pastor (employee by our church not the conference) through donations from people concerned for our Young Adults in this church.
- 2 new office computers to replace ones bought in 2002 and 2005.

- Safety Glass put in door of Kindergarten Room and Office doors.
- Parking Lot repaired and resurfaced.
- New air conditioners for Pathfinder Room and Community Services Room.

We are thankful that we had the money **saved and donated** to be able to do all these projects. However, our day to day expenses are met by your giving to the combined budget. We have not always made our monthly budget but our leaders have been very careful with their expenditures so that they were mostly able to stay within the funds available.

Combined Budget Goal	\$154,000
(\$14,000 per month x 11 months)	
Combined Budget Received	\$144,803
Combined Budget Shortfall	\$ 9,197
(through November)	

Each month that we do not make the entire budget means that we are only able to support our ministries financially with a % of what is above our basic costs of \$11,433 each month. These ministries include the Adventure Club, Community Service Outreach, Evangelism, Family Ministries, Funeral Fund, Health Ministries, Library, Member care, Music Department, Pathfinders, Personal Ministries, Social Events, VBS, Women’s Ministries, Young Adult Ministries, Youth Ministries, all Sabbath School supplies (lessons and quarterlies come from Sabbath School Expenses offering), Maintenance, and Office Supplies. We are also not able to fund Capital Improvement and equipment replacement.

Project Audio/Visual	
(Cameras and New audio system)	
Approved at Business Meeting	\$40,000
Audio and cameras spent to date	
(Project not complete)	\$29,198
Took out loan of \$29,198 from ourselves	
(left to pay off)	\$ 2,079

Tuition Aid—School year 2012/2013
 We are helping 29 students at \$100 per month each.
 Needed August – November \$11,000
 Received August through November \$ 8,310

Because there are members who give through the summer to tuition aid (thank you), we had a little surplus so that at present we have been able to make the \$11,000 in payments. However, that surplus is almost gone so we need members to step forward and continue to make it possible for us to help these students go to an Adventist School.

Your faithful support to this church is greatly appreciated.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS Wishing you and your family a very merry Christmas and a truly blessed and happy New Year!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

By Jennifer Lidar

Family Ministries will continue to schedule monthly activities for families to enjoy together for the New Year 2013. For the month of December, ice-skating in Riverside near the Mission Inn will be the highlight. Family Ministries is more than monthly activities. Many families are still struggling to survive week-to-week, some even day-to-day. Family Ministries is committed to helping families of the Yucaipa church to the best of its ability. As we enter a new year, please consider reaching out to a family within the church, letting them know that you care and are there for support. Whether through friendship, prayer, or monetary help, the small act of kindness will always be appreciated.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

REVIVE YOUTH GROUP

Jr. High & High School

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.

- ⇒ Revive on Sabbath morning every week at 9:45am in the Youth Center
- ⇒ We have recently finished our series by Rob Bell called Nooma, Our next series is on the Gospel of John
- ⇒ Cross Connection Service every Saturday morning @ 11:00
- ⇒ Youth Group Bible Study- Wednesday nights @ 6:30 in the Youth Center
- ⇒ Movie/Game Night at various times during the month in the Youth Center

Recent Youth Events



Movie Night



Paint Balling

Upcoming Events - Ice Skating, Christmas Party, Snow Boarding

STAY IN THE LOOP

Add Revive Youth Group on Facebook [www.facebook.com/revive.yucaipa.sda], Twitter, YouTube, or contact Matthew Burton to be added to our text message list to receive information about upcoming events and programs.

WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

Are you interested in helping with the Youth? Please contact Matthew Burton revive.yucaipasda@gmail.com or 909-382-1898. Help is needed in many areas.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

By Bill Hunt

Since answering the call to serve as Yucaipa's Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Audrey and I have been very blessed with the warm response and growth that we have witnessed.

Incidentally, our first Sabbath at Yucaipa was when the chapel was being

YOUNG ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL

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 music room.

this about the small groups because my home is now too small to host our Friday night study. However, this is a good problem and the best news is that we still



rededicated. I looked over to Audrey and said, "This would be a nice building for another service." She agreed. However, we kept our thoughts to ourselves and wouldn't you know it, the Lord read our hearts and used Matt, the Pastoral Team and our Church Board to help initiate the Cross Connection Service we enjoy each week.

Since coming on board, we have done a number of things together which some of them include: hiking, biking, miniature golfing, camping, rafting the Kern River, eating at restaurants as a group and continuing to have some awesome Bible studies in "relatively" small groups. I say

have a couple of events before the year is done to do yet!

Our young adult group as well as Cross Connection has scratched an itch here at Yucaipa and we can only look forward to what the Lord has in store. If 2013 can be anything like 2012 was, then we are in for a great time.

We have truly been blessed here and are grateful to be a part of the Yucaipa staff. We solicit your prayers as we continue to strive to lead in a manner worthy of the calling we have received and after the manner of Jesus (MH 143).

PSALM 118:24 "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

PRAYER MINISTRIES

By Vera Miller

Time, with its seemingly increasing frenzied pace, will soon hurtle us past the end of 2012 on into 2013. Amid the busyness of the holiday season I hope that each of us will find time for pause to pose ourselves the question – has my personal prayer life and the prayer life of the church changed since 2011? It has been said “nothing is constant but change”, in which case we either progress or regress. What has been your experience?

Before we know it we will be on the threshold of a brand new year. Who knows what 2013 holds for us? One thing we do know is that time is short and as Peter says “the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

Just imagine what could happen if each of us would devote time at the beginning of the year to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our own lives and that of our Church, locally, nationally and globally. Our Yucaipa church has plans for outreach in the coming year, but plans alone are lifeless. Unless they are infused by the Holy Spirit they are dead. Are we on our knees pleading that the Spirit take over and totally use us, and our plans to spread the good news of the Gospel and our Message in our community? There are certainly a multiplicity of hurting people surrounding us and those who are seeking for a better way of life, and a peace and joy that only Jesus can bring to their lives. How long do we have before it is forever too late?

We have many wonderful and precious promises that whatever we ask in His name

He will do. If these promises are true then why don't we see more results? James tells us “You have not, because you ask not” James 4:2

Here's the challenge! Who will join me in 40 days of prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit. It would entail a weekly meeting with a daily home study guide. We are all busy! But let's start this year led by His Spirit – the results are certain, and what could be more exciting than to see the hand of God at work both in our own lives and in the lives of others. Any, young, old or in between, who wish to join me in this challenge please call or e mail me at 909 795 0615 or vera1miller@yahoo.com

May the peace, joy, and love which are a result of the coming of Jesus in that manger so long ago, flood your hearts and homes this Christmas season and empower your lives in the year ahead.

PROJECT ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS

By Jennifer Lidar

Christmas is once again upon us and it is time for the Angel Tree Christmas project. Angel Tree is a national organization that brings together parents who may be in prison and churches to purchase gifts for the children on behalf of the prisoners. This year, the Yucaipa church will serve 36 children in the Yucaipa area. Angel Tree has also made it possible that local Christian bookstores will donate a Bible for each child. The children are not only receiving a gift from their parent, but also the gift of the Christmas story. I would like to thank all who helped purchase gifts to help a child know that even though their parent is unable to be with them during this Christmas season, they still love and care for them.