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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

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October 2 Pathfinder Club 6:30 pm

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October 5 All Church Potluck Children's Church

Sanctuary Speaker: Elder Ken Cox Cross Connection: Pastor Bill Hunt Elder Care Music Ministries 3 pm

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October 9 Pathfinder & Adventurer Club

Meetings 6:25 pm

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Cross Connection: Guest Speaker

October 13 Seniors to Long Beach Aquarium

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Finance Committee 7 pm

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Meetings 6:25 pm

October 17 School Board

October 18 Pathfinder Hot Springs Trip

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Darold Retzer 909-855-8116 Pastor Elijah Grekov 909-795-6965 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.

PASTOR'S NOTE

By Darold Retzer

While pastoring some years ago my wife and I, along with our head elder and his wife, were invited to have dinner in the home of a Korean pastor. I knew we were in for a treat as his wife was an excellent cook and I enjoy Asian food. When we arrived the pastor invited us to visit in the living room while his wife finished preparing the meal.

Soon his wife came in and invited us to be seated in the dining room. We noticed that there were only five chairs at the table. As the five of us sat down we asked, "Aren't you going to eat with us?" We urged her to sit down and eat with us because there was plenty of room.

Her kind, gentle, but firm response still rings in my ears. She said, "No, I just want to serve."

It's nice to be served. There's something about human nature that prefers being served rather than serving. Being served is refreshing. But serving can also be refreshing when we do it in the right spirit. Serving means giving. Serving is focusing on others. Pastor Elijah asked in his recent sermon, "What epitaph would we have on our Tombstone?" A life of service would leave a great epitaph!

Jesus modeled humble service for His disciples. He said, that He "did not come to be served, but to serve." (Matt. 20:28) An example of service He gave was washing the disciples' feet in the upper room. He took the part of a servant since there was no servant present. Taking a towel and a basin of water, He went around the room and washed His disciples feet. What service! What humility! What great love!

In the same passage Jesus encouraged His disciples, "whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant." (Matt.20:26) We have an opportunity this weekend to serve each other as we celebrate the ordinance of humility, as part of our communion service, and follow Jesus example as we wash each other's feet. This can be a very meaningful experience as we serve one another in humility and love.

PASTOR'S NOTE (CONT'D)

As I am getting to know many of you in this church, I am thankful to see this spirit of service in so many. I see people willing to work hard to make each aspect of our church function as the "body of Christ."

May God bless each of us as we willingly serve to reflect His love and grace to those around us.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Now is the time to visit the church website at www.yucaipasda.com

The church website is constantly updated with activities, news and bulletins. Now, audio of the sermons are available. Check out the Ministries tab as well to get a peek at the various areas our church is meeting the needs of members and the community.

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.



INTERNET PRAYER TEAM

The Yucaipa SDA Church Internet prayer team is willing to pray for both short and long term requests. If you ever have a request or a praise, please place it in the prayer request box in the church foyer, or e-mail it directly to Deanne Joseph dgjoseph400@yahoo.com. Note that that all requests are handled confidentially. On all requests, please keep Deanne updated on any progress, changes, and answers to prayer.

ONE YEAR AND COUNTING

By Bill & Audrey Hunt

One year ago this month were we asked to help launch new а project at the Yucaipa SDA Church called Cross Connection. With no financial costs to the church.



no mail out, no brochures, no burdens, we launched the new service for those seeking a bit of a different service style yet with timely "present truth" messages we have come to love. And today, we can say without a doubt that we have been blessed to have been a part of such an effort. Together with our young adult ministry we have witnessed a revival and reformation through our Friday night systematic Bible studies at the "Upper Room", our various outings (Joshua Tree, the beach, mountain retreats, tubing the Kern river etc), our dynamic Sabbath School "Encounter" Class and of course the Cross Connection music service.

Many have told us how they have seen the Lord at work. Stories have been shared how the Lord brought their families back to church, back to a family unit and back to God. We've enjoyed what we've seen but we know it is still not enough. Therefore, recently another venue was launched to reach the youth with a more direct evangelism. On Thursday nights, we are studying timely messages that explain our fundamental beliefs as Adventists and their importance to God's people. Questions are answered, prophecies explained and doubts removed as we journey through God's Word.

We invite you to continue to pray for our efforts as we minister to the needs in Yucaipa. And if you have been away from church for a while, we invite you to come and be a part of this ongoing effort. Audrey and I have truly been blessed and can only look forward to what the Lord has in store for those that love Him. May God's favor continue to rest on Yucaipa for being willing to try innovative ways of reaching God's people with His last day message of salvation.

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Church Members and Friends.

From the Treasurer's Office I would like to express a great big thank you to George Tudose for his long hours repairing our roof over the Sabbath School rooms. If we had an outside company do this work, it would have cost between \$30,000 to \$35,000. With the help of some volunteers, George donated his time in the hot sun and brought the project to completion for under \$6,000 in supplies. HE SAVED THE CHURCH OVER \$29,000.

Another thank you goes to George Tudose, Dan Buckendahl, Dave Rodman, John Decker, and Dallas Bobst who located our covered up drains on the roof. These <u>covered drains</u> are what caused our problems in the first place keeping rain water on a flat roof. When they uncovered the drains, unbeknownst to anyone, the drain pipes were cracked and in places had actually come apart so when an unexpected rainstorm came, once again we had water in the Sabbath School rooms and closets. George, John, and Dallas got right on it and repaired the drain pipes and fixed the walls and ceiling where damage was done again.

As a church, and especially as the one who pays the bills, I want to say THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK THEIR TIME AND ENERGY, during these hot summer days, to repair not only our roof but the drains and pipes so we can have many years without problems on this section of the roof.

- Linda Hill

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

We made our budget for July and August. Thank you to all. At present we are \$2,500 short of our September budget with this coming Sabbath the last of the quarter.

- Linda Hill

NEW ADDRESS

Larry & Bette Husted: 5059 Chowchilla Mtn. Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338 Also, we would love to have anyone from our Yucaipa church family come and stay with us, we have a guest room! We are one hour from the gates of Yosemite and can take a day trip there if anyone would like.

TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME

Imagine the flight path of a rocket as it blasts into space. Now imagine taking a ride in a trolley car. That rocket represents the growing complexity of personal finance and estate-planning in particular. The trolley reflects the financial knowledge and urgency of most Americans in making estate-planning preparations. Houston, we have a problem.

Fortunately, the Southeastern California Conference brings their many years of experience to assist you in making these often perplexing decisions; if neglected, may negatively impact your health, your finances and your family. Preparing for the end of life is not on the priority list for most people; in fact, it is often overlooked until it is too late, which can be as simple as procrastination or as tragic as a sudden accident. Formulating decisions now, can relieve unnecessary stress and confusion for family in the future.

Estate planning serves decide the care of minor children, plan for the care and management of your assets if you become incompetent, avoid probate, help provide for a person with special needs, and designate beneficiaries of your estate. Every adult should have at minimum: a durable power of attorney, an advanced health care directive, and a Will. A durable power of attorney empowers another person to make financial decisions for you if you become incompetent, while an advanced health care directive allows you to make healthcare decisions in advance and name person(s) to make decisions if you are not able. A Will transfers property at death to beneficiaries, but depending on the assets and the size of your estate, a trust may be a viable resource to help avoid a costly probate proceeding.

Making these preparations can be daunting, and the cost can be also. The Southeastern California Conference (SECC) is pleased to help guide you step-by-step in the process, as well as shoulder the cost of the preparing the documents. By choosing to create an estate plan with SECC, you can rest assured knowing that your affairs are in order and that the good gifts God has given you

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TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME (CONT'D)

will be used to further His work. Your estate plan can have the ability to leave a legacy of influence for the next generation of believers. SECC shoulders the expense to those who have a charitable intent and would like to use those God given gifts to remember an entity within this Conference. The gift is typically ten percent of the estate and distributed at the end of your life.

The gift of giving can be used to serve many needs in various ministries. It can be used for Pine Springs Ranch, Educational Endowments, Missions. Evangelism. World Literature Evangelism, Ethnic Ministries (e.g., Black, Hispanic, and Asian), Local Academies, or your home church of Yucaipa. There are various ministries within the Yucaipa church that can be specified such as your building fund to help erect a multipurpose room, or to assist with tuition aide. Other donors have been generous to remember these aspects of the church need and you can also take part in fulfilling this need. The choice of giving is left up to you to decide how your charitable gift is used.

Please consider making the necessary preparations for the unexpected but inevitable part of life. Making such preparations doesn't expedite the event, it merely lightens the burden. I hope that you will take part in the gift of giving and leave behind a legacy.

If you would like more information, please contact Reed Webster in Property & Trust Services in the Southeastern California Conference at (951) 509-2229.

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?

If you are a little bored or are wishing you could spend time with friends, maybe you would be interested in a winter trip to Yellowstone National Park. We are in the early stages of planning a trip from Sunday,

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
- ⇒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



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 at 909-382-1898 or revive.yucaipasda@gmail.com. Help is needed in many areas.

December 29, 2013 through Friday, January 3, 2014. This will be a snowmobile adventure you will not soon forget. We will spend one day snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park viewing buffalo, elk, white trumpeter swans, eagles and possibly wolves. The second and third days will be snowmobiling outside the park which has over 300 miles of groomed trails.

To learn more about this exciting trip please contact Dave Rodman at 909-790-1759. We will be having a short meeting on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 6p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to answer any of your questions.

CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 2013

Wednesday Mornings – Bible Study 10:30 A.M.

- 1 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 2 Pathfinder Club 6:30 pm
- 4 Pathfinders: Campout & Teen Institute
- 5 All Church Potluck
- 5 Children's Church
- 5 Sanctuary Speaker: Elder Ken Cox
- 5 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 5 Elder Care Music Ministries 3 p.m.
- 7 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 8 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 9 Pathfinder & Adventure Club Meeting 6:25 pm
- 12 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Elijah Grekov
- 12 Cross Connection Speaker: Guest Speaker
- 13 Seniors to Long Beach Aquarium
- 14 Meatless Mondays 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 15 Finance Committee 7 pm
- 16 Pathfinder & Adventure Club Meeting-6:25 pm
- 17 School Board
- 18 Pathfinder Hot Springs Trip

YOUNG ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL

Between the ages of 18 and 35-ish? Join us each Sabbath morning at 9:30 am for lesson study and fellowship in the former music room.



Rocks and fossils are ALL evidence for Creation. However, a Christian's life should also show evidence of the work of the Creator.

- 19 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 19 Cross Connection Speaker: Guest Speaker
- 19 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 20 Pathfinder & Adventure Fire Safety
- 21 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 22 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 22 Church Board Meeting 7 pm
- 26 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Darold Retzer
- 26 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 26 Pathfinder Induction
- 27 Constituency Meeting
- 27 MGA Fall Fair
- 28 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 29 Health Meetings 7 pm
- 31 Pathfinder Camporee

NOVEMBER 2013

- Wednesday Mornings Bible Study 10:30 A.M.
- 2 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Darold Retzer
- 2 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 2 All Church Potluck
- 2 Children's Church
- 2 Elder Care Music Ministries 3 p.m.
- 3 Seniors to Desert Hot Springs & Museum
- 6 Pathfinder & Adventure Club Meeting 6:25 pm
- 9 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 9 Cross Connection Speaker: Guest Speaker
- 11 Meatless Mondays 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Elijah Grekov
- 16 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 16 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 17 Pathfinder Pie Auction
- 20 Pathfinder & Adventure Club Meeting-6:25 pm
- 23 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Darold Retzer
- 23 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 30 Sanctuary Speaker: Guest Speaker
- 30 Cross Connection Speaker: Guest Speaker

DECEMBER 2013

Wednesday Mornings – Bible Study 10:30 A.M.

- 7 MGA Choir Program
- 7 Cross Connection: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 4 Pathfinder & Adventure Club Meeting 6:25 pm
- 5 School Board
- 7 All Church Potluck
- 7 Elder Care Music Ministries 3 p.m.
- 8 Senior Movie 2 pm "The Christmas Wish"
- 9 Meatless Mondays 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 14 Cross Connection: Guest Speaker
- 18 Pathfinder & Adventure Club Meeting-6:25 pm
- 21 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 21 Sanctuary Speaker:
- 21 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt
- 27 Agape Feast
- 28 Sanctuary Speaker: Pastor Darold Retzer
- 28 Cross Connection Speaker: Pastor Bill Hunt

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

THE HEALTH COMPONENT, a comprehensive health evangelism program, will run every Monday and Tuesday nights from Sept 16 to Oct. 29, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the fellowship hall (The Yucaipa Adventist Lifestyle Center).

The simple practices that prevent the vast majority of diseases afflicting Americans will be taught, diseases like heart disease, cancers, diabetes, autoimmune diseases, and even the common cold and flu. Participants will find they have more energy and a new view of health from God's standpoint.

There will be two lectures per night by Elder Gary Strunk with refreshments and small group discussions in between. That's 22 lectures in fourteen nights for only \$45/person or \$75/family. "Participants who attend and join the Adventist Church will know more about our health message than many current members. It is exciting to watch the changes people make during this program" said Pastor Strunk. Those members who attended the last program seven years ago, attend free.

This program has been translated into Spanish, Russian, French, Indonesian, Filipino, parts into German and possibly more, and is being used by pastors and doctors to win souls for Christ. The times and topics are listed below.

- Mon. Sept. 16 **How to Live 12 Extra Years**, if you start now. And those are good years; not in a nursing home.
 - **Forbidden Fat** and why you should NOT chase omega 3s.
- Tue. Sept. 17 Inflammation! The trigger for heart attacks, cancer, diabetes, and many auto -immune diseases. In my practice I see many bodies that are toxic, on their way to disease.

Diet for All Diseases Providing needed antioxidants as the best defense against inflammation.

- Mon. Sept. 23 Why Christians Get Sick, and the Diseasing of America. It is scandalous! This thing should never have happened. And the problem is it's a problem that won't go away.
- Tue. Sept. 24 Fueling the Body Don't leave home without it.

Fueling the Soul Repeat: Don't leave home without it.

Mon. Sept. 30 Heaven's Desire for Us, The Adventist Philosophy of Health Beginning with CBS News brief on the "The Blue Zones," and the only one in America, Loma Linda, California.

Heaven's Gift to Help Us Tonight you learn the real reason why Seventh-day Adventists live longer than all other people in every country studied. It's more than diet and exercise. It's . . . come and see!

Tue. Oct. 1 The Pause that "Refleshes" Tonight we fix bad breath, indigestion, some ulcers, Diabetes II, and obesity.

"Tracing Your Roots" DVDs will be available to share with your friends.

Mon. Oct. 7

"Prizing Your Body" You will think differently about your body, and will take better care of your body after tonight.

What do The Grand Canyon and the Rocky Mountains and the Alps Tell Us About Our Bodies? Come and see!

Tue. Oct. 8 **Every Body Needs Exercise** Tonight we test your cardiovascular fitness, and develop your own cardio program. Wear sneakers. Don't eat for two hours nor smoke for one hour before testing.

- Mon. Oct. 14

 Be our guest for MEATLESS MONDAY
 6:30 p.m. Dinner and talk, "Making
 Sense Of Human Suffering" This talk
 explains 90% of human suffering. The
 other 10% comes later.
- Tue. Oct. 15

 Five Steps to Weight Control Simple, but Oh, so effective!

 When Habits are Strong and the Will is Weak Understanding how the brain works helps no matter what the habit. This is how you become a new you.
- Mon. Oct. 21 The Creation/Evolution Debate, and How it Affects Your Health As of 2012, 46% of Americans believe in a literal creation, 32% think God used evolution to produce man, which means 32% of Americans don't know either evolutionism OR creationism, and 15% believe God has no part in the evolution of man. Let's sort it out tonight!
- Tues Oct. 22 Learning to Sleep Shift workers and night workers don't live as long as day workers, but they make more money.
 What are they missing? After tonight you will prize sleep.

The Seven Rests of God Burnout is impossible when these are observed.

- Mon. Oct. 28 The Wholistic View of Man Tonight we correct one of the greatest errors that exists in all of the world's great religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Catholicism & Protestantism; the dividing of soul and body which undermines our love for God and our health.
- Tue. Oct. 29 Coping with the six-o-clock news and end-time movies Hollywood is making money with its fear-mongering movies of the end of the world. The news doesn't help; the Middle East, Russia, China or some mad-man who will nuke us all, or an asteroid will collide and, and, and, . . . the end. Nope! That's not how it ends. Youth probably suffer the most from misinformation about the future. Bring your kids.

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