

YUCAIPA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Bible Study 10:30 am Prayer Meeting – 6 pm
June 21	Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
June 21	Potluck in the Park – Sponsored by Cross Connection – Wildwood Park
June 21	Adult Sabbath School Council – 1:15p
June 22	Afternoon Movie – Elevator Girl – 3 pm
June 24	Church Board – 7pm
June 26	Family Fun Night
July 3	Family Fun Night
July 5	All Church Potluck
July 6	Afternoon Movie – Ice Castles – 3 pm
July 6-9	Pictures taken for Pictorial Directory
July 10	Family Fun Night
July 17	Family Fun Night
July 18	Vespers – 7 pm
July 19	NO Seniors' Potluck this month
July 19	Potluck in the Park – Sponsored by Cross Connection – Wildwood Park
July 28 – Aug. 2	VBS - 6-8:30 pm
August 2	All Church Potluck
August 16	Potluck in the Park – Sponsored by Cross Connection – Wildwood Park
August 16	Seniors' Potluck & Vespers at Flag Hill Park - 5 pm
August 15	Vespers
August 22–24	Camp Morning Star

PASTORAL STAFF

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.com for updated calendar events, announcements and news.

PASTOR'S NOTE *By Pastor Elijah Grekov*

At the beginning of the year some of you have expressed your concerns of how the church will be able to function effectively with some changes in Pastoral Staff. Here we are 6 months later and we are doing well because of the involvement of the dedicated members like you. By God's Grace and diligent effort of the Nominating Committee, we were able to put our church officers into the fields of church ministry in a timely manner. Sabbath, July 5, we will be welcoming our new Assistant Pastors Jamison and Christine Wallington and their little daughter Hadassah. Hope you will be able to be here to express our warm welcome to them. We are excited about a number of new members joining our church and I would like to encourage you to make an extra effort to embrace them with love and friendship this church had been know for, so that they feel at home here. Please take advantage of our new pictorial directory, July 6-9, without your beautiful face there, it is not going to be complete. Watch for the events we offer to our church and Community; The Family Fun Night, Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 p.m., June 26-July 17, VBS, July 28-August 2, and our popular Church Family Retreat at the "Camp Morning Star" August 22-24. This year we will be sharing the event with the Beaumont Church. Some of our dear friends and loved ones are going through tough times and we thank our church family for being there for them in many different ways; visiting, sharing a meal and keeping each other in our prayers. Hope you and your family will have a safe, restful and blessed summer.

OUR NEW ASSISTANT PASTORS

In Testimonies for the Church Volume 1, page 75, Ellen G. White explains that,

At first I moved out timidly in the work of public speaking. If I had any confidence, it was given me by the Holy Spirit. If I spoke with freedom and power, it was given me of God. Our meetings were usually conducted in such a manner that both of us took part. My husband would give a doctrinal discourse, then I would follow with an exhortation of considerable length, melting my way into the feelings of the congregation.

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Thus my husband sowed and I watered the seed of truth, and God did give the increase.

This has been the model of Jamison and Christine's ministry. When the Lord called Christine to ministry she was almost immediately led to meet Jamison at Pine Springs Ranch at SEC-C's first Annual Children's Ministries Convention. After four years of working out the kinks of dating and doing ministry together Jamison proposed to Christine at White Rock in Pine Springs Ranch. A year later, December 13, 2009, they committed their lives to each other in marriage. Three years later, October 20, 2012, they held their beautiful little girl, Hadasah Kay, for the first time and made a commitment to care for and love her as ultimately God's daughter. July 5, 2014, they will start a new kind of commitment that once again flows out of the largest and greatest commitment, to follow God's call wherever He may lead them. They anticipate this day with much joy and excitement as they become a part of the Yucaipa SDA family. They cannot thank you enough for the warmth and joy you have shared with them already. They know that the Lord has called them "for such a time as this" and they know that they can move forward with His continued work in them, equipping and teaching them to be ministers of the gospel in their new church family and the community of Yucaipa.



TUITION AID FORMS: These are located on the back table in the foyer at the church for the school year of 2014 – 2015. Members of the Yucaipa SDA Church, if you need help with tuition for grades Kindergarten – 12th grade, be sure to pick up an application, fill it out and turn it in by Sabbath, July 14 to be eligible for next school year.

TREASURER'S CORNER *By Linda Hill*

April and May were real good months for Combined Budget. In April we made our monthly budget of \$14,000 with \$2.00 left over. In May we had 5 weeks and not only did we make our budget but went over \$4,888. That really helped bring down our year to date shortfall to -\$3,014. Thank you all who have made this possible. Your support for our ongoing bills and our ministries is heartwarming.

The donations to tuition aid for 21 students has been wonderful. We were able to pay all our commitments. The school house offering during the months of June and July will go to VBS but please remember tuition aid throughout the summer on your tithe envelopes. It really helps to have a small "nest egg" already in the account when school starts.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Schedule your session for Yucaipa SDA Church's new Pictorial Directory! Appointments are available from July 6 to July 9, 2014.

Register online at www.yucaipasda.com

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you?

Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces. Be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and free directory for participating!



Schedule your photography session today!

Look for details in your bulletin

LifeTouch

Connecting You through Family Photography

www.lifetouch.com

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE LADIES DO FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

By Jeane Portner

Did you know that June Bobst has made over 30 lap top quilts for the veterans at the V.A. Hospital in Loma Linda? They were beautifully handmade each one having a different pattern. We know she has worked hours on these quilts and says she enjoys making them. Cheri Gallop knitted over 20 happy looking slippers that we know will be greatly appreciated.

Gloria Nichols knitted afghans and in a short time she also had contributed to our care package. We included puzzles, magazines, pencils, notebooks and next time we will go to the wards to distribute our care pkg. and include religious tracks hoping we will not be restricted as there are recent changes made.

It all started a few years back when I would take my husband to the Veterans Hospital because of health issues. Waiting for him (which sometimes seemed like all day) I would see young men coming in with artificial limbs or sometimes no limbs at all. Some had recently arrived at the hospital to be treated, and some hospitalized for long term stay.

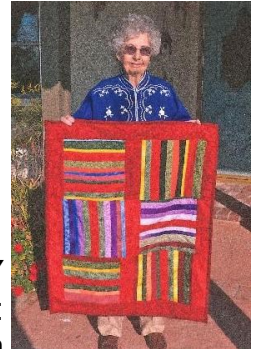
I did a little inquiring from a friend who was a psychologist that worked at the hospital and he said more and more of our service men & women were coming in for medical treatment from Afghanistan, Iraq and other active war areas.

Our son joined the Marines came home without any problems and we truly were thankful. I began to think what could I contribute to these veterans to let them know they had not been forgotten. I knew different organizations donated many items and had to fill out a form as to what organization they represented. We also had to fill out a form each time we came and always signed Yucaipa Seventh-Day Adventist church, Community Service and it was nice to get a letter of recognition and appreciation to our Community Services, Seventh Day Adventist church

in Yucaipa. We tried to deliver our donations every 3 months but because of health issues we had to put it off but now we will start again.

WHAT CAN YOUR DO? We have a few of our own young people that are in the military service from our church who need our prayers and letters to let them know their church family has not forgotten them. If you would like an address, contact Linda Hill in the church office.

Cameron Husted (Air Force)
Neil Hansen (Navy)
James Hill (Navy)
Amanda Larson (Peace Corp)
Adam Matthewson (Army)
Ned Coyle (Army)



REGARDING MILITARY PAGE FOR DIRECTORY:

There will be a military page in our new church directory. If I have missed anyone on the list above that are members of our church, please let Linda Hill know. Also we need pictures, preferably in uniform, of all our military members. Please get pictures and names with service to Linda Hill by July 1 so that they can all be included.

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.

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.

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 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 and YouTube.

PATHFINDERS WIN AWARD AT FAIR

On Sunday, May 18, 2014 the Pathfinder Fair took place at the SECC conference office in Riverside. The Fair is a time for parents and friends to see what the Pathfinders have done throughout the year. The day begins with a parade of all Pathfinders in their class A uniforms. There are many different activities taking place throughout the day: demonstrations, events, food booths and many other exciting activities as the day progresses. This year the Yucaipa Pathfinders made a replica of the Sanctuary as an event. The reason for this was Pathfinders learned about the Sanctuary as an honor during the year. They also presented the Sanctuary for Pathfinder Sabbath, so it seemed logical to show what was learned to all at the fair. Pathfinders met the evening before to assemble two easy ups and to hang curtains from the sides of the easy ups to give the appearance of privacy. Inside the area was sectioned off as the Sanctuary was. The Pathfinders had made informational posters with pictures of each component of the Sanctuary that guided visitors through the experience. Those who came to participate and experience our event were given a "quiz" for them to fill out trying to find the information on the posters. Many Pathfinders from around the SECC came and enjoyed this event. When they were finished they were instructed to memorize a couple of scriptures and then they will have earned the Sanctuary honor as well. The event was judged and the Yucaipa Pathfinders won a 1st place blue ribbon!

Pictured: Yucaipa Pathfinder club wins first place at annual Pathfinder fair held in Riverside.



HELP NEEDED: Caregiver/domestic help needed for in-home care services. A few hours a day. Please call Lisa Rader 909-936-9356 for more information.

PRAYER MINISTRY CORNER

Recently I received an e mail from 'Voice of the Martyrs' telling the story of Meriam in Sudan. She is imprisoned along with her month old baby, and 2 year old daughter. Her sole crime was to convert from Islam to Christianity. She had been sentenced to death on delivery of her baby, however, as a result of many prayers, her death sentence has been deferred for two years!

Every day in North Korea's prison camps, 30,000 Christians rise in the predawn hours, eat a few mouthfuls of corn porridge and cabbage, and trudge to an assigned workplace. They then spend about 15 hours toiling in coal mines, cleaning and maintaining the camp, or doing farm work or construction work. In late evening, they return to housing units or apartments above their workplace to eat the same meager meal before falling to sleep on concrete floors. Other Christians are not so fortunate. Instead of laboring for hours at backbreaking work under the eye of cruel guards, they're locked in torture chambers and underground prisons. Survivors of North Korean prison camps have described being locked in cages like animals, forced to stand for hours in tortuous positions and beaten until they vomited

About 18 months ago, Reuters published a report that over 100,000 Christians in 65 countries were currently suffering persecution. It's easy for us here in the West to think that martyrdom is a thing of the past. But this is just a glimpse into the world of multitudes of Christians who today, at this very moment are choosing torture, and even death, rather than to deny their Lord and Savior.

I must confess that I have not been faithful to Paul's counsel in Hebrews 13:3 where he reminds us to "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." (New International Version)

By Vera Miller, Prayer Coordinator

Maybe you already pray for persecuted Christians, if not, I would challenge you to commit with me to pray for them on a regular basis. You can get information from the website: www.persecution.com 'Voice of the Martyrs' which will help to remind you of the reality of the situation, and provide specifics for which to pray.

My wish is that we all may strengthen and deepen our prayer lives. God bless you.

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JUNE 26 thru
JULY 17 EVERY
THURSDAY NIGHT
6:00-8:00 pm

YUCAIPA SDA CHURCH
35225 AVE E
797-1375

PIZZA
CUCA'S BURRITOS
DRINKS
HOMEMADE GOODIES

Lots of Water Games & Fun
Bring your Bathing Suit
and towel

ATTENTION PLEASE! THESE SIGNS ARE IMPORTANT!

What kind of signs catch your attention? Red stop signs? Speed signs? Big billboard signs? Highway signs that show you which road to take to get to your destination? Actually, signs can help life move along more safely and smoothly. Let me tell you a story about how signs changed one man's life."

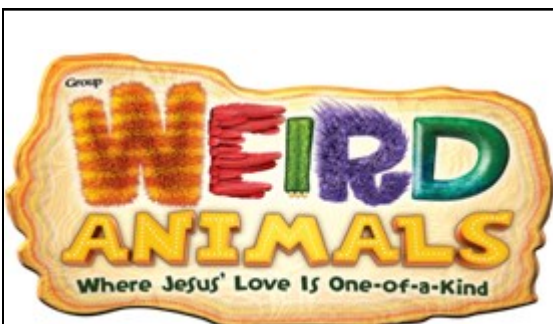
The phone rang. "Pastor, I want to be baptized and join your church". Not the usual kind of call from a stranger. So what was the back story? Five years previously, Harry and his wife were on vacation, having breakfast at the motel coffee shoppe when his wife suddenly became nauseous. Shoppe personnel and one of the customers helped them return to their room. Somewhat later the helpful customer returned to the room and asked if he could pray with them. There was a little cordial visit, a prayer, exchange of names and addresses and the stranger was on his way. When he returned home, he sent a years subscription of Signs of the Times to Harry and his wife, and not only that year but the year following and the year following that. Harry often found articles that caught his interest. His wife not so much. But Harry kept reading. Somewhere along the way he even went to a few evangelistic meetings. The Holy Spirit spoke to his heart as he read and listened but his wife didn't want him to get mixed up with that "cult". Now his wife had passed away and all these years later, the Signs magazine bore fruit. He wanted to fully surrender his life to Jesus. And he did, becoming a very active member and witness for the Lord.

Somebody paid attention to the potential witness of The Signs and shared it over time, not knowing the effect it was having on Harry.

Someday in the kingdom Harry will thank that former stranger. Will someone thank you?

There are many ways to share The Signs. For instance, a woman called the Signs customer service recently and said, "I picked up a copy of your magazine recently at a thrift shop, and I've been so blessed by it that I want to purchase a subscription". Who left that Signs at the thrift shop? Was it you? Some people purchase several subscriptions and give them out regularly each month to people they do business with. Some order several to give to those the Lord randomly brings across their path. I am told that one of our members can hardly wait to get her group of Signs and calls the office to see if they have come in yet. She likes the personal touch of mailing them herself to family and friends,. It takes a bit more time than having them mailed directly but she also gets more response, and ordering them through the church's bulk mail order saves enough (well almost enough) to pay the postage (\$11 per year versus \$16.50 per year). What monthly magazine do you know at that price? And how many friends and loved ones do you have that need to know Jesus? How many of them do you wish had the Adventist understanding of what's coming in the world? The good news is that Signs of the Times can help you reach these people regardless of whether they're your next-door-neighbor or live clear across the country.

NOW is the time to pay attention to the Signs. We see signs all around us. You can make a difference in someone's life. Contact our church secretary, Linda Hill to make your order. Then pick up your Signs each month at the missionary desk and let your "Signs" show someone the way.



VBS featuring "Weird Animals" July 29-August 2, 2014

M-F: 6:00-8:30pm, Sabbath; 9:30-12:15

God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus. We hope to see you there! Please pre-register online at yucaipasda.org or call 909-797-1375.