

YUCAIPA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

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| Wednesdays | Bible Study 10:30 am |
| October 1 | Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs meetings |
| October 2 | Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm |
| October 3 | Cross Connection & Youth Vespers – Humpal House |
| October 3-5 | SECC Teen Institute |
| October 4 | Communion |
| October 4 | All Church Potluck at Neish's House |
| October 5 | Shield the Vulnerable Speaker – 10 a |
| October 9 | Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm |
| October 11 | Children sponsored Church Service |
| October 15 | Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs Meetings |
| October 16 | Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm |
| October 17 | Vespers – 7pm |
| October 17 | Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs – Desert Hot Springs |
| October 18 | Seniors' Fellowship Potluck |
| October 19 | Adventurer Club - Fire Safety – 11 am |
| October 19 | Seniors' Fellowship Sponsored Movie 3p Youth Center |
| October 21 | Finance Committee – 7 pm |
| October 23 | Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm |
| October 25 | Pathfinder Induction |
| October 25 | Hallelujah Harvest Festival – 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall |

PASTORAL STAFF

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| Pastor Elijah Grekov | 909-795-6965 |
| Pastor Christine Wallington | 951-756-1963 |
| Pastor Jamison Wallington | 714-510-0589 |

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PASTOR'S NOTE *By Pastor Elijah Grekov*

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Rev. 22:17

My heart is full of mixed emotions; I am saddened about so many hurting members that have to go through pain and anguish in dealing with sickness and my prayer list is growing every day. I pray you'll get some relief through medical treatment and through direct intervention of God. While human efforts are limited, God's comforting presence is limitless.

I am happy to welcome the new members into our church fellowship and can't wait to see the results of the blessings that we share with one another. There is encouragement and hope in fellowship. There is hope in relationships. There is hope in Jesus, and we are striving to make our church a Center of Hope and a Haven of Healing.

During the last few months we dedicated significant amount of time to training our church officers, providing opportunities for hands on learning experience in Outreach Ministry. There are a number of events being planned and I hope you'll get as excited as our Pastoral Staff.

Coming up in November, are series of meetings designed to institute change and transformation in both, practical and spiritual areas of life. "Wisdom from Science and the Bible for Life's Challenges" will take place, November 5-8, and 12-15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Various presenters will address issues of the realities of life, addictions, relationships, marriage and family, financial, boundaries, healthy spiritual and physical life style. Each night the dinner and child care will be provided. I strongly recommend for you to take advantage of this event and consider inviting someone you care about. Watch for more information in various publications.

We have been dealing with the flat roof issues for several years and did our best patching it

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Note continued...

using our in house resources. We now came to the point where we need professional solution. After diligent research and collaboration with available contractors, we hired "Ari-Thane Foam Products, Inc." to apply 1.5" of "Quick Shield" foam, and coat it with white Silicone. The decision has been made to address the most vulnerable area which constitutes approximately half of the total size of the flat roof. The cost of the project is \$39,889 plus permit fees. It comes with 10 year NO LEAK renewable warranty. I hope to find your consent of the necessity of this task and generous support of the project through your financial contributions. It is simply a common sense to keep our facility in order to benefit many generations, while we are preparing ourselves for the imminent coming of Christ. I hope that day is coming soon. In the mean time, stay connected with God, with your Church Family, with each other.

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.

TREASURER'S CORNER *By Linda Hill*

We have made our budget each month for July, August and September which means that all departments were funded. But we are still, at the end of September, \$6,287.63 short of the year to date total. Please keep church budget in your prayers along with putting money toward our church budget each. I want to thank each of you.

We have several accounts that are funded only by donations and not the church budget. Sabbath School Expense pays for all the Sabbath School Quarterlies, lesson papers for the younger departments, and teachers' materials. Adult Quarterlies are \$2.35 each. Children's S. S. Quarterlies are \$6.30 each. Lesson papers for the quarter average \$7.25 per child. The bill for all materials ran \$2,018.15 for 4th quarter. Your continuing support for Sabbath School expense is necessary.

I was asked to explain about the books and pamphlets that are at the Missionary Window and in the wall displays. The money to purchase these materials comes from Personal Ministry. It is also an account that is supported by donation. We want you to share these materials with your friends and associates but they do need to be paid for. If you would like to support this ministry, please mark your envelope Personal Ministries.

2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us that "A person should give as decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



http://www.glow.com/how_2013668_host-harvest-party.html

HEALTHY LIFE:
WISDOM FROM THE BIBLE
AND SCIENCE FOR LIFE'S CHALLENGES

November 5-8 and 12-15
6:30-8:00pm

Yucaipa Adventist Church
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Yucaipa, CA 92399
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| Wed., 11/5 | "Life's True Reality Show" <i>by Dr. Gary McLarty, MD</i> | "What is Humanity Really Made of?" <i>by Pastor Elijah Grekov</i> |
| Thurs., 11/6 | "Living for the Health of It" <i>by Gary Strunk, MPH</i> | "How True is God's Word?" <i>by Dr. Gary McLarty, MD</i> |
| Fri., 11/7 | "I Just Can't Help it" <i>by Lonnie & Linda Shattuck</i> | "What is the Purpose of Christ?" <i>by Charles Richards, OTR/L</i> |
| Sat., 11/8 at 10:50am at 6:30pm | "What is Salvation?" by Pastor Jamison Wallington <i>Concert and Panel on Health & Other Related Questions</i> | |
| Wed., 11/12 | "Building Lasting Relationships" <i>by Dr. Barbara Hernandez, PhD</i> | "What's the Big Deal?" <i>by Pastor Christine Wallington</i> |
| Thurs., 11/13 | "Money Matters" <i>by Jerry Bartram, CPA</i> | "What To Do With Money?" <i>by Gary Strunk, MPH</i> |
| Fri., 11/14 | "Healthy Boundaries" <i>by Ardyce Fowler</i> | "It's Time to Grow" <i>by Dr. Christine Neish, PhD</i> |
| Sat., 11/15 at 11:00am at 6:30pm | "Citizens of the Kingdom of God NOW" by Pastor Elijah Grekov <i>Concert and Panel on Relationships & Other Boundaries</i> | |

Dinner and Childcare Provided

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VBS 2014 *By Pastor Christine Wallington*

Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind

"God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus" (www.group.com). Those who attended our Vacation Bible School 2014 learned that Jesus loves them, no matter what. In the games, snacks, crafts, and interactive stories we all discovered just how powerful Jesus' love is.

In the story time Kara, better known as "The Woman at the Well," shared stories of Jesus loving those who were different. Everyone from the Ten Lepers to the Samaritan Woman. We also learned humility in Jesus washing the disciple's feet, the consequences of sin as we solemnly discussed Christ's death on the cross, and how to reach out to others even when we're afraid like Ananias sharing the gospel with Saul, better known as Paul.

This year we broke some records for Yucaipa history. We had a total of 114 children who joined us throughout the week. We had 70 children from surrounding Seventh-day Adventist churches, 47 of which were from the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church. 7 children came from the St. Francis Catholic Church, 1 child from the Immanuel Baptist Church, 6 children from other various churches such as Oak Valley Church, Revile Life and Wildwood, and 30 children from no stated churches.

The Lord truly blessed this year's Vacation Bible School as it was a fun-filled and life transforming week for many who attended. Please pray for those who visited us from the community as we seek effective ways of following-up with them. To God be all the glory!

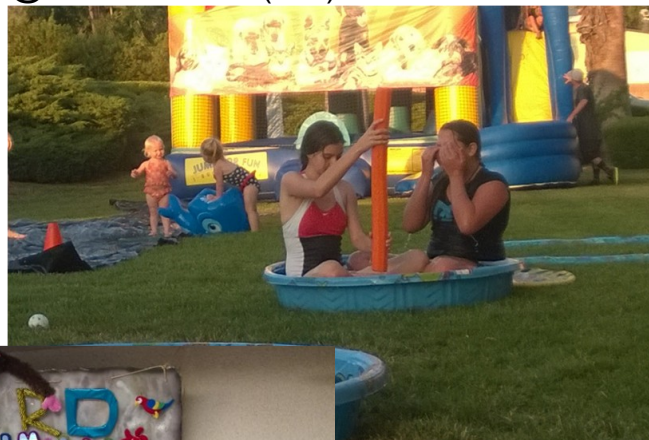


Family Fun Night

By Pastor Christine Wallington

Thursday nights for the month of June and July families from the community and church enjoyed some fun in the sun and fellowship as we shared burritos, pizza and watermelon together. Children of all ages enjoyed the waterslide, jump house, kiddie pools and other water filled fun as we tried to beat the heat and meet new friends. Every night we had good attendance and great fellowship.

This outreach/in reach event has inspired another season-related event coming October 25 at 5:30pm, the Hallelujah Harvest Festival! We will share food, fellowship and fun for the whole family. This year each ministry involved will be represented at a different game or food booth. Children of all ages will collect "ministry cards" from each booth in order to select great prizes at the end of the night. We hope and pray that this outreach event will bring friends and family from our community to enjoy the evening and connect with our church once again. If you are willing to help in any way with this event please contact Pastor Christine Wallington at wallington@outlook.com or (951) 756-1963.



(Above) Kids beat the heat and have fun at Family Fun Nights

(Left) The entrance to Wild Animals VBS

PATHFINDERS

INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE IN OSHKOSH

By Jennifer Lidar

Our own Yucaipa Pathfinders had the opportunity to attend the 2014 International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This trip was scheduled at least a year in advance to plan for the cost and because of our church families commitment to the Pathfinder ministry it became a reality for five of our young people to be able to attend. As you know the International camporee is only held once every five years.



The purpose of International Camporee is to celebrate the importance of and spiritual influence of Pathfinder ministry. These events have become a leadership and spiritual right of passage for youth and adults. They have also become a gathering place for world leaders who understand the importance of this generation and their value to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Along the way to Oshkosh, the Pathfinders were able to stop and take in the wonders of God through nature, such as seeing the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park. Their trip took a total of 20 days. Much of the trip was travel to and from Wisconsin.

While at the camporee the pathfinders day would consist of waking up, eating breakfast, having worship, learning honors at the camporee, eat dinner, worship, talk to new and old friends and go to bed. Each night before bed, there was a play about Daniel that brought out how to be Forever Faithful even when times are tough. Our Pathfinder club was gracious to sponsor Fijians who live in Australia. New friendships were made and the Fijians were so giving of different items that they brought along to thank Yucaipa for their hospitality. Both groups ate with each other and would do many things together.

Many were tired upon return, but energized to meet the Pathfinder year and to start planning for the next camporee with their new friends!

PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: SEPT. 5-6, 2014

By Lisa Rader

This year several of the leaders of our Pathfinder club attended the SECC Pathfinder Leadership Conference. Each of us attended different "tracks" of training so that we could "share the wealth" of information from different levels of leadership training. North American Division has adopted the Adventist Youth Ministries Training program for leadership within the Pathfinder program. It includes certification courses in Basic Staff Training, Instructor Training, Counselor JumpStart Training, Director Training, Leadership Training and Staff Leadership Training. Each of these "tracks" has many different subjects within them. Some of the subjects covered: Pathfinder Club Ministry: It's purpose, history, and Relationship to Church and Adventurers; Teaching AY/Curriculum; Safety and the Counselor; Intro to Recruiting, Screening and Training Staff; Pathfinding as a Ministry; Seven Principles of Youth Leadership; and many more. We each learned many new concepts/ideas and look forward to sharing and implementing them with our club.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

MAGIC MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

By Michael Magie

It was too early on Sunday morning the 13th of July. Nicholas and I had been up late celebrating his great-grandmother's 90th birthday up at the Lindsey SDA Church. Excitement, and a lot of nervousness on Nick's part, woke us up as he had never been to Magic Mountain and I hadn't been there in over 20 years. We brought along Nick's teenage cousin who came from New Mexico for the birthday party. Met up with the Wallington's just outside the

and the others wanted the lesser. We agreed to meet up in front of Goliath at one and head over to the catered lunch. Once in line, we ran into old and new friends from other Adventist churches and quickly caught upon the days and summers activities.

After filling up on too much food, desert and soda, the kids were all excited about doing all the rides again. By now we were well into the



park. It was already warming up to be a hot day. The kids loaded me down with a couple dozen water bottles and we headed for the gate. We were joined by Paul Gavaza's family and guest from England.

Right off we headed for Colossus to get the grand-daddy of roller coasters out of the way and prepare our stomachs for the more frightening rides. Nick is not a fan of big drops and anything that goes upside down and Paul had never been on large roller coasters, but all seemed very thrilled and satisfied with the first run, so much that we had to do it a second time before moving on.

There was division among the group as half wanted to go on the most adventurous rides

100's, hot, sweaty and with belly's full, a little queasy. I am not young like a used to be and trying to keep up with 12 and 13 year olds is getting harder. Paul and I sat out a couple of rides and visited as the rest of our group launched into round two. Finally feeling better we joined in again as the group once again split into two with one headed for Viper and the other towards Apocalypse. At the end of the day we all ended up at Wonder Woman's Lasso of Truth ride which spins you around and tilts you towards the sky. I was done but they rode that 5 or 6 times before we Paul and I had to drag them away and head for home.

With stories of adventure and fellowship we walked back to our cars, thanking God for a great day of fun, fellowship and adventure.

INSIGHT INTO THE CROSS CONNECTION SERVICE AT YUCAIPA SDA CHURCH

*By Martin Headley, Tara Pierce and
Pastor Jamison Wallington*

Cross Connection is an alternative approach to worship that brings several different areas of focus together. While music is part of our worship service, the Cross Connection service is not entirely focused on offering only an alternative musical selection. Music in the Cross Connection service includes a very diverse selection each Sabbath; varying from praise music, to traditional hymns, to country gospel hymns, and can include spiritual hymns as well.

The centerpiece of worship at Cross Connection is the sermon, which can more accurately be described as the "Lesson" or the "Talk." The "talk" is approached from more of a classroom teaching experience, allowing interaction and questions throughout the service. These "talks" can also vary in subject matter from beginning Adventist doctrine to more in depth topics, such as the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation; the two books of the Bible that Ellen White recommends Seventh-day Adventists to pay particular attention to in these last days (TM 112, 113 (1896). {LDE 15.3}). Additionally, sermon "talks" have also included current issues in society as well as environmental changes and the degradation of the planet.

Contributing to the uniqueness of the Cross Connection service, as was mentioned above, is the "revolving microphone." This enables the congregation, including children, to be more involved in not only asking questions but also reading the quoted Bible Scriptures from the screen in the front of the sanctuary. Multimedia tools are used so as to engage visual learners and allows everyone to see what is being presented, both in writing and pictorially. Note-taking is encouraged and can be more easily taken with the use of these multimedia tools and notes can also be requested to be printed from the presenter.

It is the hope of the members of Cross Connection that this short description helps provide an overview of the focus, content and intent of the Cross Connection worship service.

OPEN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY

By Pastor Jamison Wallington

Have you ever been curious? When you look at a cloud and wonder what makes water evaporate? When you watch the lightning strike and hear the thunder? When you watch your children grow and learn? Have you ever been curious about how life "works"?

Curiosity seems to be part of my nature – I was the boy that asked "why" and I was the child that wanted the answers. I do not claim to have all the answers after my lifetime of study and adventure, but that makes life worth the living: continuing to look for answers.

The Open the Word Bible Study was birthed out of an appeal to dig deeper into the Word of God and find out what Christians are called to do "in this meantime" between Christ's ascension and His Second Coming.

The Open the Word series is uniquely developed by Pastor Jamison and the group has been exploring the Seven Churches of Revelation. All are invited that seek to gain a deeper understanding of what the Bible teaches and to begin to answer some of the "why" questions that our curiosity begs us to understand.

Come each Thursday Night in the Music/Young Adult Sabbath School Room at 6:30pm as we endeavor to Open God's Word in anticipation of His answers.

HELP NEEDED: Caregiver/domestic help needed for in-home care services for a few morning hours each day. Paid through IHSS. Please contact Lisa Rader at 909-936-9356.

INTERNET PRAYER TEAM

The Yucaipa SDA Church Internet prayer team is willing to pray for both short and long term requests. If you 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 all requests are handled confidentially. On all requests, please keep Deanne updated on any progress, and answers to prayer.

CAMP MORNING STAR

By Jennifer Lidar

Every August for the past few years, Yucaipa church has been meeting as a church family at Camp Morning Star. This event is a highlight for many and a way to connect and reconnect with others and God through nature. This year the Beaumont and Hemet churches joined.

The youth and earliteens went up to camp on Friday night. The theme of vespers was "Being a Healthy Servant." A very timely message given by our own Pastor Jamison in which he brought out that how are we to support others if we keep giving from our "cup" and fail to refill our own "cup." In other words, it is very important to have an active devotional life, so that we can be effective in our ministries.

The rest of the church families came up on Sabbath afternoon to enjoy an evening supper that the Burton family and crew furnished. As always it was very good and plentiful for all to enjoy. A men's singing group sang while we ate and after supper s medical/health evangelism missionary, Scott Barlow, president of the ministry Here 4 Them, gave his testimonies of sharing the love and concern of Christ through healing of others in Ethiopia. It was sad to hear that because people are so poor that they are unable to get the needed medicine for their ailments. Sunday was clean up and off to Jenks lake for a few hours of canoeing. All in all it was another weekend to remember.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesdays at 10:30am–Development of the Mind

OCTOBER

28 Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
30 Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm
30 – Nov. 2 SECC Camporee

NOVEMBER

2 Daylight Savings Time
2 Seniors to Olive Factory
5-8 & 12 – 15 Evangelistic Series
5 Adventurer/Pathfinder Club Meetings
8 Family/Youth Sponsored Church
8 Family/Pathfinder Picnic in Park
9 Adventurer Club to Olive Factory
12 Adventurer Club Meeting
13 Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm
15 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
15 Family/Pathfinder Movie Night – 4 pm
16 Family Ministry Outreach – Cleaning event
18 Finance Committee – 7 pm
19 Pathfinder Meeting – 6:30 pm
20 Open the Word Bible Study – 6:30 pm
22 Pathfinder Meeting/ Pie Auction
23 Pathfinder Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
25 Church Board Meeting – 7 pm



Yucaipa SDA
Adventurer Club

Every other Wednesday night at 6:30pm
In the Earliteen Room

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Little Lambs: Pre-School (ages 2-4)
Eager Beavers: Kindergarten
Adventurers: Grade 1-4

October:
15: Adventurer Meeting at Yucaipa
Valley Gem & Mineral Society at 6:30pm
17: Desert Hot Springs Trip at 3:00pm
19: Fire Safety at 11:00am

November:
5: Adventurer Meeting at Church
9: Olive Factory Tour at 10:00am
19: Adventurer Meeting at Church

December:
3: Adventurer Meeting at Church,
"Happy Birthday Jesus"
17: Adventurer Meeting at Church

ADVENTURER CLUB
LITTLE LAMBS
EAGER BEAVERS

PRAYER MINISTRY CORNER

By Vera Miller

“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober (vigilant), and watch unto prayer.” (1 Peter 4:7) How do we apply this counsel to our everyday lives? I believe that all of us as Christians start each day by praying for God’s leading and guidance. When particular difficulties or problems face us we pause and lift up our hearts to heaven praying for God’s special direction and guidance. I now am beginning to better understand Peter’s counsel to “ watch unto prayer”, Paul’s advice to “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and, as Ellen White puts it, “live in an atmosphere of prayer”

Car rental companies seem to make a major portion of their profits on insurance. Consequently they will do anything to get one to use their insurance coverage. This past summer we had several occasions to rent cars from various agencies . Unhappily, one day we had a minor accident. When reversing on private property, we failed to see an old metal fence post that was projecting up at about a 20 degree angle from the ground which the right rear wheel hit causing the car to shoot forward to hit a rock on the other side doing considerable damage to the car. It wasn’t until we arrived home and re-examined the documents that we realized that the insurance had not been put on our Visa card as we had intended which would have covered us with zero deductible. Not only that, we had in fact had paid excessively for the company’s insurance- folly! Why do I relate this rather foolish incident?

As I reflected on it, although I’m sure we started the day asking for God’s guidance, I don’t recall asking God to guide when we walked up to the rental car desk. I am certain that had we done so God would have shown us the error, which would have saved considerable expense. ‘ye have not because you ask not.’(James 4:2) As followers of Christ we should be connected moment by moment leaning on Him for wisdom and direction. How easy it is to just go ahead and do what seems reasonable to us without running it by the God of the universe who sees the big overall picture.

If car rental companies are out to catch who they can, what about Satan who seeking our souls has far more at stake. How we need to live in an atmosphere of prayer. The cost of insurance pales into insignificance beside the eternal implications of not submitting all our actions, even those we feel so comfortable with, to the guidance and direction of the One who freely offers to be our guide and counselor. This constant prayer is not something that comes naturally. I think of the expression “practicing the presence of Christ”, which someone once told me was merely a platitude. In reality it is a growing experience and I pray that this incident will stay fresh in my mind as I learn to ‘practice the presence of Christ’ growing daily in my dependence upon Him. May God’s presence be with you on the journey.

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.

The screenshot shows the website for the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church. At the top, there is a header with the church's name and logo. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Calendar, Newsletters, Bulletins, Sermons, Sabbath School, Ministries, and Contact. The main content area is divided into several sections. The first section is titled "Beliefs" and contains a link to "Truth Makes a Difference". The second section is titled "Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy" and contains a link to "Click here to learn more". The third section is titled "Welcome" and contains a message from the church and a search bar. The website is designed with a blue and white color scheme and features a large image of a rainbow and a group of people in the background.