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# YUCAIPA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



By Elijah Grekov

*"...Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
...A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11*

There is no doubt that we live in a significant time of our human history. Events on a global scale and those in local communities equally concern us, creating feelings of fear and uncertainty. Regardless of where we stand financially or socially we are all in search of peace and meaning in these troubled times. Many look for a special kind of spiritual support and guidance. As a Spiritual Community we strive to provide spiritual and professional food in as many forms and levels as possible, both for our members as well as for those around us. By sharing your personal blessings you support our God-given mission in making a difference in people's lives.

Joy overwhelms my heart as I think of almost 40 new members that have joined our church this year through baptisms, transfers, and by profession of faith. As we embrace them with our love and kindness, let us use every opportunity to get to know each other better by looking for partnerships in different areas of church ministry as well as ways of mutual edification.

With Christmas Spirit in the air our **December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas program** will share the story of Jesus' birth and ministry through songs and music. We enter into the New Year 2015 with the focus on the sacrificial act of Jesus Christ on our behalf that grants us salvation. **January 2, 2015, Friday night "Agape Feast" Communion Service** provides us with another chance to reconcile with God. We start the year with emphasis on the significance of prayer, immersing ourselves into prayer experience individually and corporately during the **"Ten Days of Prayer", January 7-17, 2015**. For most of the year our focus will be on *"Adventism at its Core,"* as we dedicate our preaching to the teachings of the church, followed by the Early Church experience described in the book of Acts.

We are planning to offer multiple *"Healthy Life"* programs throughout the year as an outreach to our Community. Special two weeks sessions, with various speakers skilled in certain areas of science and the Bible, will expose several life challenging issues, with reference to available and possible solutions. The dates to remember are: **March 11-14, 18-21. June 17-20, 24-27. September 9-12, 16-19. November 11-14, 18-21.**

For years I carried a burden of guilt every time I indulged myself in a piece of chocolate. Now they tell us that a certain type of chocolate is actually good for you. That news made my life much easier. Those of you who relate to my experience will be happy to know that Saturday night, **February 7, 2015**, we'll have a **"Chocolate Fest."** Elizabeth DeLaOssa will have an exposition of beautiful, unique, handmade crafts of chocolate that we'll be able to purchase right in time for Valentine's Day, with the proceeds going toward our *"Roof Repair Fund,"* (unless the special Christmas Offering will bring enough to pay it off.)

It was quite a relief during the last two rain storms not to worry about the leaks in our classrooms. The roof repair project was completed successfully and in time. We are pleased with the response and your contributions toward the fund. While almost 1/3 has been collected, we still have about \$28,000 to pay back and the Christmas Offering will be applied toward the roof fund. The next two Sabbaths, **December 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, you will have an opportunity to make your 2014 donations to our Church Ministry including the roof repair project.

I am thinking of the things in life we often take for granted. Things that have limited life span. Things that will appear as missed blessings when we will look back from the future, with a sense of regret for not recognizing their value today. May the Lord give us a sense of discernment as we manage our God-given time, talents, resources and opportunities of being in partnership with Him.

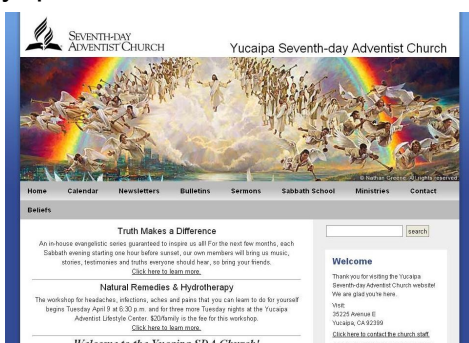
*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family!*

# CHURCH NEWS

**CHURCH WEBSITE** Now is the time to visit the church website at [www.yucaipasda.com](http://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 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 [djoseph400@yahoo.com](mailto:djoseph400@yahoo.com). Note that all requests are handled confidentially. On all requests, please keep Deanne updated on any progress, and answers to prayer.

## PASTORAL STAFF

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Pastor Jamison Wallington 714-510-0589

*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](http://www.yucaipasda.com) for updated calendar events, announcements and news.*

## TREASURER'S CORNER *By Linda Hill*

The year of 2014 has been an outstanding year in the Treasurer's Office. There were only 4 months that we did not make our monthly budget of \$14,000. However, by the end of November we are only short \$1,831.38, plus the \$14,000 for December's monthly budget, of making our yearly budget goal. This is a goal that I believe that we can make by the end of December.

Along with this, we needed to completely reroof over the Children's Sabbath School classrooms and the Overflow Room. This was a cost of just over \$40,000 which we borrowed from ourselves. So far we have raised \$12,649.07 toward paying this back. Can we raise the rest, \$27,350.93 before the end of the year?

We have a total of 26 children that we are helping go to our Adventist Schools. Many of them would not be able to go if the church did not help finance their tuition costs. Your dependable giving for their education makes it possible for us to continue to help them the rest of this school year. God bless our children and all those who help them.

I want to thank all the leaders in every department for watching over their budgets and keeping the costs down. Reusing the supplies that we have already makes the dollars stretch just that much further. Also thank you for looking at the number of lesson papers and quarterlies that are needed. You can get the lessons online at [gracelink.net](http://gracelink.net) and the teachers' programs. If you are planning to do this, please let the leaders know so they do not order papers for you. Remember, our lesson papers and quarterlies, teachers programs and helps are not financed from the Church Budget but your offerings into Sabbath School Expense. Thank you for your giving so that all can study the Word of God.

A special thank you goes to my staff who help each month count God's money. Take time to say a thank you to Robert Usery, Lucille Ziegenfuss, Ron Neish, Attarah Jaffery, Gloria Pohren, Sheila Klein, and Bill Clegg.

## OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Sandy Bradford

Our Community Service Outreach is planning for a new beginning. I believe that most people think of Community Service as a department of the church for the older generation who has nothing else to do. May I assure you that as we begin retirement, many of us wonder how we ever had time to hold down a full time job. There is much to do to finish the Lord's work so He can come and take us home.

How can we make friends in the community if we don't work in the community? It is my prayer that we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in the work there is to do. Please join me Tuesday morning, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. for our first planning meeting. Plan to stay for a soup and salad luncheon. I have some ideas to share with you, but I also want to hear your ideas and your past experience here in Yucaipa. This is our church and there are many "seeds of kindness to sow."



### SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

A Chocolate Lover's Festival will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A complimentary light

supper will be served, followed by an opportunity to purchase a variety of chocolate confections to help raise funds to pay for the new roof recently installed on the church. If interested in participating by donating and featuring your specialty chocolate confections for the event please contact Christine Neish at 797-2300.

## JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his  
shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
*Isaiah 9:6*



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2015

Wednesday Mornings – 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday evenings – 6 pm  
2 Agape Feast  
7 Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs Meeting  
7-17 "10 Days of Prayer"  
10 Elders' Convocation  
11 Family Ministry Outreach – 9 am  
17 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck  
17 S. S. Council Meeting after Potluck  
17 Family Coordinators' Mentorship Lunch  
20 Finance Committee – 7 pm  
21 Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs Meeting  
22 Open the Word – 6:30 pm  
24 Pathfinder Sabbath  
25 Pathfinder Teen Swim Check Off  
27 Church Board Meeting – 7 pm  
29 Open the Word – 6:30 pm

### FEBRUARY 2015

Wednesday Mornings – 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday evenings – 6 pm  
4 Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs  
5 Open the Word – 6:30 pm  
7 Chocolate Lovers' Fest  
12 Open the Word – 6:30 pm  
14 Children's Church in Sanctuary  
14 Path/Fam. Picnic @ Wildwood Park  
15 Adventurer Club Zoo Day  
17 Finance Committee  
18 Adventurer Club to Yucaipa Rock Society  
18 Pathfinder Club Meeting  
19 Open the Word – 6:30 pm  
20 Vespers – 7 pm  
21 Pathfinder Meeting  
24 Church Board Meeting – 7 pm  
26 Open the Word – 6:30 pm

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES

They just came in and are beautiful. If you had your picture taken you can pick up a directory this Sabbath in the foyer or during the week at the church office. New members are also welcome to come get a directory. We did get a few extra copies and after those who got their pictures taken get their directories, we will pass these extras out to those who would like them.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## FIRST QUARTERLY MAIN SERVICE CHILDREN'S CHURCH: "Creation through the Eyes of a Child"

*By Pastor Christine Wallington*

October 11, 2014 the church service was run primarily by children and geared for children. Complete with goodie bags that included crayons, an activity packet and two stuffed animals for each child in the congregation. Our children brought us to our feet with interactive worship songs such as "Who's the King of the Jungle" and "If I Were a Butterfly" allowing all of us to learn lessons from God's creation through song. Our children and youth even recreated Genesis 1 during the Children's Story led by Jennifer Lidar with visual pieces as the real story of creation was narrated by Head Elder Dallas Bobst, the voice of God read by Vince Di Girolamo, and our very own Adam and Eve acted out by Linda and Lonny Shattuck. The sermon recapped the creation week as select volunteers raced to put puzzles together illustrating our lives in God and reminded us to take time to be present with one another on the Sabbath, as God took time to be present with Adam and Eve that first Sabbath day. During the juice fellowship each day of creation was represented in bite-sized pieces as children, young and not-so-young, shared various snacks prepared by Vera Miller and Bonnie Di Girolamo.

I would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to all of those who helped with making this first quarterly main service Children's Church a wonderful experience for the entire church. Each quarter we will have a church service geared for children of all ages as we progress through salvation history. Our next Children's sponsored Church Service will be Valentine's Day, February 14, where we will experience "Noah's Ark through the Eyes of a Child."



## A HARVEST FESTIVAL FULL OF HALLELUJAH

*By Pastors Jamison & Christine Wallington*

Food. Puppets. Bounce Houses. Petting Zoo. Games. Prizes. Hay Rides. AND MUCH MORE! This was the scene in the fellowship hall and the back parking lot on October 25th as our church held the Hallelujah Harvest Festival for members and the community. The Thursday before this event Pastor Christine, and thankfully others, were listening to KSGN 89.7 on the radio as the co-host announced this event in great detail. This announcement was an answer to prayer and in no way purchased. Because of this announcement, church members like you bringing your friends and family, and more we had over 200 people, with more than half of them from the community. This was an evangelistic social intentionally planned for young families. At each game participants collected ministry business cards with information about the various ministries we have on an ongoing basis here at the Yucaipa SDA Church. Prizes were won, games were played, animals were petted, hayrides provided by Bryce Brown were ridden, haystacks provided by Margart Vanckeleer and friends were eaten, Puppet shows were enjoyed by young and old, and jump houses were filled with laughter. This was an all-around fun and successful event, PRAISE THE LORD!

We cannot thank all the ministries and individuals enough who helped make this event possible and such a success. You are truly amazing! Throughout the night we collected contact information from all the participants. We need your help to contact these guests to let them know that we are a loving and God-led community. If you are interested in being part of this "Follow-up Team" than please contact us. Again, we thank you for making this event possible and ask for your prayers as we seek to bring back those who visited us for the first time.

# PATHFINDERS

## SECC CAMPOREE

*By Lisa Rader*

In November the Pathfinder club attended the SECC camporee at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park. It was a wonderful weekend with good programs. On Friday the Pathfinders were able to earn honors. A couple of Pathfinders earned 4 honors! Of course it wouldn't be a real Yucaipa Eagles camping trip without the rain! After surviving rain at every campground on the road-trip to Oshkosh, and at Oshkosh as well, a little bit of rain didn't scare us away. Although the church program got rained out we were able to conduct our own worship service in one of our tents on our campsite. The camporee was a great weekend of worship, fellowship, fun and honors.



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# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

## REVIVE (WAS) AMPED

By Pastor Jamison Wallington

The anticipation had been built.  
The food had been prepared.  
The music had been practiced.  
The worship thought had been studied.

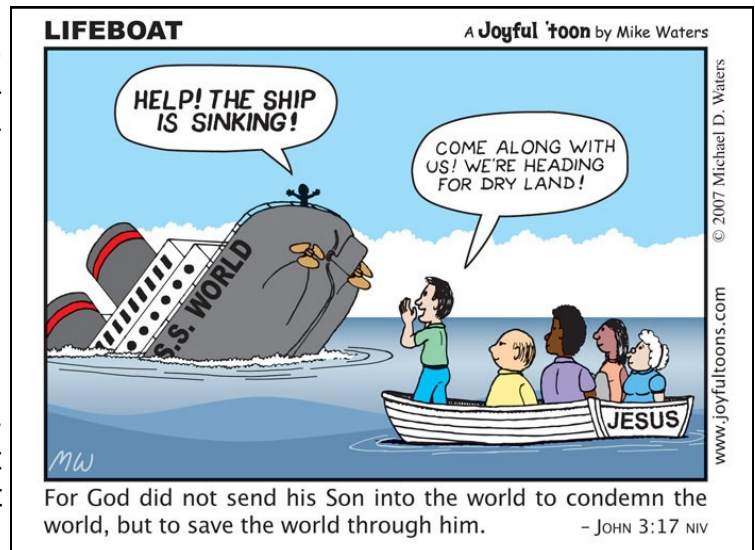
The question was: would the youth turn out? Would there be youth converging at the youth center on December 5th after all this preparation? As the evening and start time of the Revive Amped Youth Vespers drew near, the much anticipated expectation of attendees started to mount. What was the result? By God's grace, over 30 earliteen, youth and young adults had come to worship God that evening. The haystack dinner, graciously prepared by Linda Burton and family, set the mood of physical fulfillment. As the band began leading into the spiritual fulfillment with the theme of the night by playing "God's not Dead," Pastor Jamison then lead in a worship thought based on John 6 showing that even in Jesus' day many stopped following Him because they could not believe in Jesus as being from heaven (John 6:66). After closing the night in prayer, those that attended were invited to the courtyard where a patio fire-pit had been prepared for afterglow, a time of fellowship, discussion and reflection.

The anticipation had been met.  
The food had been eaten.  
The music had been received.  
The worship had been reflected upon.  
The answer was, God, as always, showed up, touched the lives of those involved, and provided hope and challenge for the "young at heart" at the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## A JOINT EFFORT

By Pastor Jamison Wallington

Twice it has been implemented and twice it has been a huge success. The last Sabbath of every month the Earliteen Sabbath School Class and the Revive Youth Bible Study Class hold Sabbath School together. Starting with food and music and then transitioning into worship and conversation, the two age groups are able bond because of the atmosphere of fellowship. The months of October and November saw over 20 attendees each month. The attendees have done activities such as nailing their prayer requests to the cross; used the "drop box" to submit ideas for future events as well as questions for a pastor to answer and, this last month, all 23 attendees had their eyes closed as they held onto a LONG string to try and work together to make shapes to show the need of listening to each other's voice. It is the hope of the Earliteen and Youth Leaders to make this into a tradition at the Yucaipa Church to continue reaching the age group where they are and make church relevant for them.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Romans 15:13*



**WISHING YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND NEW YEAR!!!**