

YUCAIPA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Bible Study 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 6 pm
March 24	Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
March 26-29	Pathfinder Teen River Trip
March 29	Senior's Outing to San Juan Capistrano by Train
April 1	Pathfinder Meeting – 6:25 pm
April 1	Adventurer Meeting – 6:30 pm
April 2	Open the Word – 6:30 pm
April 3 – 5	Adventurer Club Campout
April 3	Good Friday community Service
April 4	Communion
April 9	Open the Word – 6:30 pm
April 11	Drive – In Movie – 7:30 pm
April 13	Meatless Monday – 6:30 pm
April 15	Pathfinder/ Meeting – 6:25 pm
April 15	Adventurer Meeting – 6:30 pm
April 16	Open the Word – 6:30 pm
April 17-19	Pathfinder Campout
April 18	Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
April 19	Adventurer's Fun Day
April 21	Finance Committee Meeting – 7 pm
April 23	Open the Word – 6:30 pm
April 25	Fam. Coordinator's Mentorship Lunch
April 26	Seniors' Outing
April 28	Church Board Meeting – 7 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Elijah Grekov	909-795-6965
Pastor Christine Wallington	951-756-1963
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 for updated calendar events, announcements and news.

PASTOR'S NOTE *By Pastor Elijah Grekov*

As the Christian Community around the World celebrates the event that reminds us about Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection, I would like to focus on another event that happened around the Passover time.

Remember the story from Acts 12: upset with the expansion of the Christian Movement, King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, put to death James the brother of John and now seized Peter, and put him in prison. Sixteen of Rome's finest were assigned to keep an eye on an aging disciple. Luke tells us that "the church was earnestly praying to God for him."

In the middle of the night a brilliantly illuminated angel wakes up Peter, while the prison guards are sound asleep. The loud clang, the sound of the heavy chains and strong Roman handcuffs hitting the stone floor and the commotion that followed, didn't wake up comfortably sleeping guards. Peter follows the angel down the long hall, through the series of swinging open, steel gates.

As he finds himself outside, breathing the fresh night air, Peter is trying to decide, where to go. He heads for John Mark's home, where he is certain the church will be praying for him. And it is as he expected. Not everyone of us might experience similar conditions. Although, as an old Russian proverb says, "Being imprisoned and homeless, are the two things in life that should never be regarded as impossible."

The early church discovered that as personal prayer is the lifeblood of the Christians, corporate prayer is the lifeblood of the church. Someone likened individual prayer to a light, and corporate prayer to a laser. A single light illuminates a large place, but laser can drill a hole through steel. A Christian prayer takes hold of the arm of God. A group of Christians interceding together keeps the evil forces at a distance.

Jesus said, "If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you...." In times of need, will you have a place where you would know for sure your friends are praying for you? Find a person you can trust, someone you can open your heart to, who can be your prayer partner or a group that care to pray for each other. Be blessed as well as being a blessing to others!

CHURCH NEWS

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY 2015

- Wednesdays Bible Study – 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting – 6 pm
- 2 Music Party – 7:15 pm
6 Pathfinder/Adventurer Clubs
7 Open the Word – 6:30 pm
9 Children's Sponsored Church
9 Pathfinder Sponsored Picnic in the Park
10 Mother's Day
11 Meatless Monday
14 Open the Bible – 6:30 pm

Gear Up for VBS!

It's time to climb!
Rise to the occasion of helping
reach out to the children in our
community this year as we climb:



July 27-August 1

If you are ready to start
your training for Vacation
Bible School this summer
please contact
Pastor Christine at
951-756-1963 or
wallington@outlook.com



TREASURER'S CORNER *By Linda Hill*

Financial Report for 1st Quarter 2015

I HAVE GREAT NEWS. The roof debt has been paid off. Thank you to all of you who have participated in making the children's Sabbath School room roof a reality. Our children are important and to have classrooms that are safe and dry is wonderful. We raised \$40,000 in just 5 months.

This year has started a little short on donations for our church budget. We have been able to pay all our bills but have not had any funds for our ministries, such as Youth, Pathfinders, Adventurer Club, Sabbath School program materials, Family Ministries, Evangelism, Personal Ministries, VBS, Library, Church Nurture, etc. Our budget is \$14,000 each month. Your continuing support each month is needed.

This year we have a need for \$2,600 a month to help our young people attend our Adventist Schools. I am pleased to report that we have raised this money each month. Thank you for making our children a priority.

May God continue to bless you as you prayerfully support your church and its ministries.



**CALLING ALL
FAMILY MINISTRIES
LEADERS!!!**

Join us Sabbath, April 25 at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Mentorship Lunch and meeting.

Childcare will be provided.
Please RSVP by April 20 at wallington@outlook.com

INSPIRATIONAL VERSE OF THE QUARTER

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

—1 Timothy 3:16

ELDER CARE MUSIC MINISTRY

By Tim Chapman

He changed our lives forever. We never knew his name. We never knew what became of him, but he changed our lives forever.

In 1990/1991, while members of the Mentone Seventh-day Adventist church, Trish and I joined forces with another couple (Mark and Cheryl) to take over the Mentone version of our Elder Care Music Ministry. Each month we would go to Heritage Gardens Assisted Living Center on Barton Road in Loma Linda (across from the V.A. Hospital) and present a 45-minute program of sing-along music and a short homily.

We had been doing this for several months when one day, just as we were preparing to leave, the duty nurse for the Alzheimer's unit came up to us and said "We have a new patient who is completely unresponsive with Alzheimer's, could you please come to his room and play a song for him?" We readily agreed, and as we walked to his room, we chose a song from our songbook that we rarely used because it had 8 or 9 verses and wasn't a well-known song.

As we arrived at his room, we noticed the gentleman curled up on the settee in an almost fetal position, completely unaware of his surroundings. We looked questioningly at the nurse, and she just shrugged her shoulders as if to say "See, I told you so".

Gathering ourselves together, Mark and I started playing our guitars while Trish and Cheryl sang several verses of the song we had chosen. Focused on the song, we were shocked when suddenly, another male voice joined us at the correct verse! We hadn't noticed the gentleman get up off the settee and walk over to where we were singing!

We looked at each other in complete surprise, but kept playing and singing. While never once looking at us or our songbooks, that dear gentleman sang all of the remaining verses with us correctly from memory!

When we finally came to the end of the song, we stopped and nervously waited to see what would happen. Would he get upset? Would he become violent? Then, just as quietly as he had before, he turned around, walked over to the settee and curled up in the fetal position, completely unaware of us! Shocked, we turned to the nurse and she just stood

there, eyes wide and mouth agape, just as stunned as we were.

As we left the room, we all felt as though we were floating.... what a blessing we had just witnessed! God had used us and the music to reach that dear man, bringing him out of the "Alzheimer's darkness", and taking him to a place that was full of joy and the Word of God in song!

When had he learned that song? Why did he learn it? With whom did he sing it? We never did find out. Why had we chosen that particular song? The Holy Spirit chose it for us, just to reach that man!

On our way back to the car, it was abundantly clear that this was an important ministry and one that we must continue.

When Trish and I moved our membership to the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church, we started the Elder Care Music Ministry, visiting the Braswell's Hampton Manor on 4th Street (behind Stater Brother's Market) the first Sabbath of every month.

While we cannot say that you will experience a similar miracle, we can promise, that, if you choose to participate in this ministry, you will be a blessing to the dear residents of Hampton Manor.

Our program starts promptly at 3:00pm the 1st. Sabbath of each month. We have an eclectic mix of musical instruments, and singers and play/sing with the residents for about 30 minutes, after which we have a short homily, focusing on the merits of Jesus and the need to accept Him as their personal Saviour. We close with the song "The Savior is Waiting" and an invitational prayer.

Come! Join us! You will BE a blessing, and, in return will RECEIVE a blessing!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

"Noah's Ark Through the Eyes of a Child"

By Pastor Christine Wallington

If you were able to join us March 7 in the sanctuary for our quarterly Children's sponsored Church Service than you could not help but notice the large foam ark on stage. This eye-catching display functioned as more than a simple backdrop. No, our very own children built this ark, with help from Pastor Jamison and others of course. During the children's story time of the service kids flooded the front stage as they hammered and sawed on the ark, filled the ark with animals and subsequently rejoiced in finding "dry land" under a rainbow arch of balloons. There were numerous children who joined us in singing classical children's songs such as "Who Built the Ark?", "Arky, Arky," and "Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord."



With the help of select volunteers we learned that just like pushing down one domino stacked among others causes them to all fall, Adam and Eve disobeying God in the Garden of Eden caused the fall of all humanity to the point of God regretting the very creation He once called "good." We also learned that just like getting dressed for a wedding we are offered a "Robe of Righteousness" that only Christ can give us in preparation for His soon coming, like a bride awaiting her groom. But before we could leave the Sanctuary Pastor Christine challenged us to be "Noahs" (sic) in our world today as we prepare for Christ to return.

After the church service the children enjoyed banana boats filled with animal crackers and rainbows of fruit during our church-wide potluck. It was a fun-filled learning experience that prayerfully inspired all of us to consider just how much we are like that antediluvian world in need of salvation.

ADVENTURER ZOO TRIP

By Pastor Christine Wallington

The Adventurer club enjoyed a sunny Sunday at the Living Desert Zoo in Palm Springs complete with camel rides, giraffe feedings, and goat petting. Thank you to the Uesry family for organizing this event it was a great experience for all the families involved.



Upcoming Family Ministry Events

- April 25: Family Ministries Leaders Lunch
- May 9: The Tower of Babel Through the Eyes of a Child
- June 18-July 23: Family Fun Nights
- July 27-August 1: Vacation Bible School



Church Librarians:

Esther Lo with daughters Deanna and Stacie, Traudy McLarty and Ann Burke

CHURCH LIBRARY

The Yucaipa Church Library is open again to serve you. Come in and choose something to feed your soul and bring you closer to God.

Thanks to all who returned Library materials in the month of January. Our inventory is now complete and there are yet missing items. Please look in your personal Books, DVDs, and VHS to see if any of the following titles may inadvertently be hiding there. Please return them to the Library so they can be placed back in circulation.

DVD

Fly Away Home
Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to Camp
Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors – Greatest Heroes
Cheetah
Operation Dalmatian – Paws and Claws Rescuers
Cry of the Penguins
Gold River: Secrets of the Amazon
Dolphins: Tribes of the Sea
Born Free
Duke and the Great Pie War – Veggie Tales
The Apostles – Greatest Heroes
March of the Penguins
Time of the Wolf
Pilgrim's Progress
Gunther and the Paper Brigade
Skeeter and the Mystery of the Lost Mosquito Treasure
Saint Nicholas – A Story of Joyful Giving
William Tyndale
John Hus
Creation/Evolution Debate : 4 separate DVDs
Creation vs. Evolution
Does Geology Support Evolution or Creation?
Does Anthropology Support Creation or Evolution?
Dr. Hovind at the University
The Gospel of John – Disc 3
The Radicals
God's Outlaw
The Painted Hills

VHS

Crocodiles – Here Be Dragons
Twister and Shout – McGee & Me Episode 5
The Donut Hole
The Donut Man's Favorite Quiet Time Songs
The Donut Man's Favorite Active Time Songs
Bright 'n Beautiful
Josh and the Big Wall – Veggie Tales
Ultimate Silly Songs Countdown – Veggie Tales
King George and the Ducky – Veggie Tales
Breakout
William Tyndale

BOOKS

Pioneer Stories Retold - Review and Herald
It's Who You Know – Morris Venden
Language for the Heart – Steven Mosley
Baby Blessing Bible
Tiny Tots Library – Charles Paddock
Last Day Events – Ellen G. White
High on Adventure I - Stephen Arrington
(Stories of Good, Clean, Spine-tingling Fun)
Secret of the Hidden Room – Jerry D. Thomas
Packy the Runaway Elephant – Ethel M. Neff
On the Edge of the Battlefield – Violet Wentland
Nobody's Boy – Wilson Grover/R. Hegstadt
The Last Train Ride Out – Wellesley Muir
The Crisis Ahead – E.G. White/R. Olson
Corrie ten Boom – Sam Wellman
Stolen Lives – Oufkir/Fitoussi
Sabbath at Sea – Michael L. Roland
A Cry at Midnight – Charles Mills
Battle of the Spirits – Edward G. Reid
Fire in the Gates – Thurman C. Petty Jr.
Tell it to the World – C. Mervyn Maxwell
A Brief History of the Seventh-Day Adventists – George R. Knight
Luther the Leader – Virgil Robinson
History of the Waldenses – J.A. Wylie
Detective Zack and the Secret of Noah's Flood – Jerry D. Thomas
Perilous Paradise – Eric Were
Daniel – Verse by Verse – Henry Feyerabend
50 Years in the "Church" of Rome – Charles Chiniquy
Timechart History of the World – 6000 Years of History
The Jesuits – Malachi Martin
Along a Rocky Shore – Judith R. Rinard
The Timetables of History – Bernard Grun
Born Again! And Other Stories from the NT- Phil A Smouse
My Friend Jesus – Etta B. Degering
Just the Way You Are – Max Lucado
How Big Was Noah's Ark? – Betsy Elliot
Foxe's Book of Martyrs – ed. Marie G. King
The Great Judgment Day – J.L. Shuler
Escape – Sandy Zaugg
My Ponies – K.A. Alistir
Meeting Ellen White – George R. Knight
Practical Spiritual Gifts – James W. Zackrison

The following people we are trying to locate. If you know them, have an address or phone number, please either leave it at the library or church office.

Edgar Alfaro, Brandi Baird, Bernice Corwin,
Gloria Langley, Nikki Mendoza, Josh Rachal

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

THE YOUTH HAS A COUNCIL

By Pastor Jamison Wallington

Drawing the definition from Wikipedia, a web-based, user-edited, encyclopedia, a lighthouse "...is a tower, building, or other type of structure designed to emit light from a system of lamps and lenses and used as a navigational aid for maritime pilots at sea or on inland waterways." What is even perhaps more important about this structure is that it "mark[s] dangerous coastlines, hazardous shoals, reefs, safe entries to harbors, and can also assist in aerial navigation."

Likewise, the youth of the church, must recognize the importance that they have in the direction of growth and life that our church takes. The Youth Council's organization is bring five representatives, a President, Religious VP, Social VP, Financial VP and Secretarial VP, that are youth aged, to work together much like a lighthouse has various mirrors to direct the light. The Youth Council's Purpose Statement states:

The Revive Youth Council serves the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church by provided a voice of the youth in the operations of the church administration and also planning events to maintain and grow the Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church membership.

Ellen White, commenting on the necessity to allow the youth work inside the churches operations, states:

"Youthful talent, well organized and well trained, is needed in our churches. The youth will do something with their overflowing energies. Unless these energies are directed into right channels, they will be used by the youth in a way that will hurt their own spirituality, and prove an injury to those with whom they associate."¹

Therefore it is absolutely necessary that the church continue to support and encourage our Youth Council as they move forward, under the guidance of Elder Dave Larson and myself, Pastor Jamison Wallington, making decisions and planning events to lead to the growth of God's kingdom. If we fail to support the children and youth of our churches, we can be assured that they will fade into non-operational use status, much like what is happening with many lighthouses, while they "Once [were] widely used, the number of operational lighthouses has declined due to the expense of maintenance and replacement by modern electronic navigational systems such as strobes."

¹Ellen G. White, Gospel Workers, p. 211

²<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lighthouse>



Yucaipa Adventist Children's Church
May 9, 2015
9:45am-12:30pm

We invite you, your family and friends to our special church service designed for children to experience the story of...

THE TOWER OF BABEL
Through the Eyes of a Child

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

Note that all requests are handled confidentially. On all requests, please keep Deanne updated on any progress, and answers to prayer.