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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Bible Study 10:30 am Mid-Week Service 7 pm Youth: Revive Small Group Bible Study
First Sabbaths	Church Potluck/Children's Church
March 29 – 31	Adventurer's Joshua Tree Campout
March 29	Good Friday Services 12pm
March 30	Communion
March 30	Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
April 2	Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy
April 3	Adventurer Club – 6 pm
April 3	Pathfinder Meetings – 6:30 pm
April 6	Children's Church
April 6	Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
April 6	Serving Hand - 5:30 pm
April 6	Vespers: "Hell" – 6:14 pm
April 8	Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
April 9	Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy
April 13	Stewardship/Financial Seminar
April 13	Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
April 13	7 Steps to Financial Freedom 5:45 pm
April 16	Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy
April 17	Adventurer Club – 6 pm
April 17	Pathfinder Meetings – 6:30 pm
April 19-21	Pathfinder Campout
April 20	Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
April 20	Serving Hands—5:30pm
Second Fridays	Youth: Revive Amped Vespers 6pm

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A PRECIOUS COMMODITY

By Heinrich Strydom

Come-on, get lost. I was alone in my office, but I spoke out audibly. I was talking to this annoying little pop-up on my computer screen. I am busy right now. No, I don't want to join, sign up or contribute to anything right now. Yes, I have a wife, a car and a house; and I don't want to refinance any of them.

Just as I was about to press the delete button, my eye caught the words: "Did you know?" I have always been interested in those "Did you know" facts and trivia. So, I clicked where it says "click here". That is exactly how these pop-ups are supposed to work. Well another one bites the dust. I have fallen prey to this "commercial".

It turned out to be an announcement from the World Health Organization, calling attention to the fact that Friday, March 22, is The United Nation's international "World Water Day".

Water is a very precious commodity. Save it, and you live. Share it, and others live. Did you know, that:

- 783 million people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water.
- In sub-Saharan Africa 39% of all people do not have access to clean water.
- 1.8 million people die every year from diarrheal diseases (mostly from unclean water) – 90% of these are children under the age of 5 years.
- Over the last century, drought has been responsible for more deaths than any other natural disaster.
- The statistics go on and on.....

Do you see a parallel here with the Gospel? It, too, is a very precious commodity. Millions of people die without it. Millions are suffering from polluted and contaminated truth. Drink the Gospel, and you live. Share it, and others live.

In the Bible God invites us to "Come to the waters, all you who are thirsty" (Is. 55:1) and in John 4 Jesus invites the woman at the well (and all of us) to drink of the "Living Water", which will become in us "...a spring of water, welling up

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A PRECIOUS COMMODITY (CONT'D)

to eternal life”.

I want to encourage you to guard against spiritual dehydration. Refresh yourself daily with the pure Living Water. Then, look around for some thirsty souls and share it with them. Then “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord; as the waters cover the sea”.

CHURCH WEBSITE UPDATES

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

The church website is constantly updated with activities, news and bulletins. Soon, sermons will also be available for viewing. 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.

CHECK OUT ONLINE GIVING

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.



Every month the pastors from Yucaipa Valley Ministerial Association come together for a luncheon and discussion on community items of mutual interest. This month it was at our church with the luncheon prepared by Barbara and Dick Roth. The picture above shows some of the ministers attending.

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Linda Hill

The month of February we were again short in donations to fund all our departments. We were able to pay our bills but not able to fund our ministries, such as Sabbath School supplies, Pathfinders, Adventurer Club, Women's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries, VBS, for example. We need each and every member to put something into Church Budget each month, no matter the amount.

Fortunately we got a good donation toward our tuition aid so that we are able to still help all 26 students at our schools. Our young people are so important and I want to say thank you very much to each giver to Tuition Aid so that our young people can have a Christian Education.

Finance Report

Church Budget needed monthly	\$14,000
Received in February	\$10,849
Total short so far in 2013	\$(7,251)

<u>Tuition Aid</u> needed monthly	\$2,600
Received in February	\$3,226
Total over so far in school year	\$424
<i>We are helping 26 students at \$100 per month</i>	

Because there are members who give through the summer to tuition aid (thank you), we had a little surplus. However, that surplus is almost gone so we need members to step forward and continue to make it possible for us to help these students go to an Adventist School. Your faithful support to this church is greatly appreciated.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

By Vera Miller

What answers to prayer have you experienced recently? We would love to hear about them. The Prayer team are always thrilled to hear of answers to their prayers for you.

A couple of weeks ago a few of us attended the Prayer Retreat at Pine Springs Ranch. Sabbath morning we awakened to a blanket of snow – all reveled in the beauty of the mountain scene. It seemed like a heaven sent reminder of Isa. 1 :18 ... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow....

Pavel Goia, and Adventist pastor from Kentucky was the main speaker for the weekend. He was born and raised in Communist Romania. His prayer life was developed, molded and refined by severe tests of faith under the communist regime. His big emphasis that prayer is not about asking but rather about a relationship. If we spend quality time with the Lord, getting to know him then we will forget about us and develop such a trust and faith that we can handle whatever comes our way.

Professional DVDs were made and we are currently showing them at the Prayer Experience on Wednesday evenings, with a repeat viewing on Sabbath afternoons. If you would like a thrilling read you should try: One Miracle After Another –The Pavel Goia Story by Greg Bud.

Don't forget, the Prayer Team is here for you. If you have specific requests, or you need someone to pray with you don't hesitate to contact Deanne Joseph at dgjoseph@yahoo.com or (909) 795-5109 and Vera Miller at (909) 795-0615 or vera1miller@yahoo.com One request we have of you is that you keep us updated on your requests. If we hear nothing after a month we will drop the concern from our prayer list.

Let's remember that "Prayer is the breath of the soul", may we breathe deeply each day so that our lives will flourish in His presence and our trust in Him will never fail.

MY PAST ADVENTURE IN OUTREACH

By Dorothy Womack

What started out as a missionary outreach maybe 10 years ago or more, ended up including many of my church family, It was a Friday evening "Vespers" via email. If you were on my list of approximate 350 and have missed the Vespers for the last 7 months it was due to a computer hard drive freezing that was unrepairable.

I have purchased a new computer and have no way of retrieving the old names and addresses. I have been getting many questions of why I no longer send out the Friday evening Devotion. Since it was mostly an outreach that developed from my adventures in life I have decided to

BROWN GLASS PYREX DISH was lost at the February church potluck. If you know where it is, please get it to the church office. This is a special dish for someone.

share with you two people that have an interesting story behind them that had questions, "Why have you stopped sharing?"

First an adventure on Hwy 38. Somehow my Cadillac stopped and my cell phone at that time would not let me call the Auto Club. After a short while a nice lady stopped. Picked me up, took me to my home and after she stayed until I had reached the Auto club, left, leaving me her e-mail address. (I wonder if the AAA would have a record of how many years ago that was.) It started a wonderful friendship. She lived above me in Forest Falls. She has moved to Kimberly, ID so I had no way to contact her after my computer crashed.

Most of the contacts have no idea why I quit sharing with them. In time she emailed me and shared how much she missed our email visits. After I shared my problem I asked her if she would like a copy of my favorite book: DESIRE OF AGES. The following was her reply:

Kimberly, ID: *Can I send you something to cover its cost? Spring is coming early this year but the man at the nursery told me yesterday he fears it's a bit "too early" as we will almost certainly see some more cold before we settle into the heat of summer (which I dread). My long bed of bulbs - 165- husband and I planted last fall are peeking their little spiky heads up in periscope fashion to check out their new world. I hope they aren't disappointed) I also wanted to tell you that for years I have forwarded your Vespers to a select few women who have appreciated receiving it. Thank you so much for adding all of that interesting wisdom to our lives, collectively. She also shared her spiritual background and requested prayer for an estranged son.*

I almost feel I should try and glean names and address again and start over. If you were on this Vesper list or would like to be on a new VESPER list please let me know; dorothy-womack@dslextreme. I would appreciate your prayers on whether I should try and start this Adventure again.

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

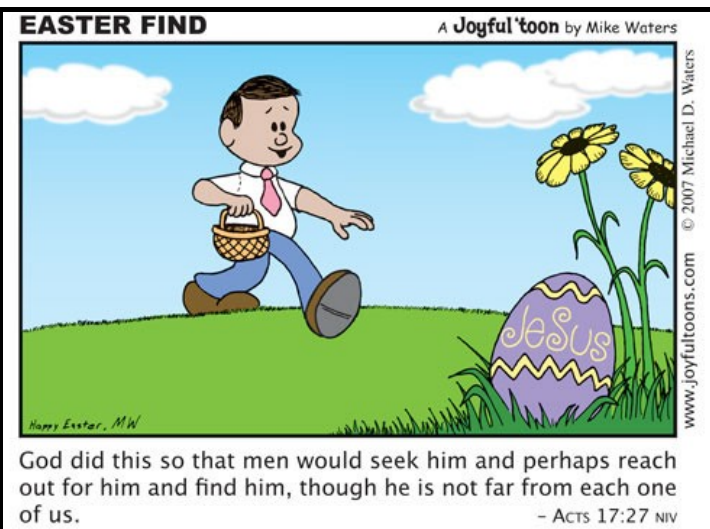
STAY IN THE LOOP

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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! *Why God Made*

Moms: Answers from 2nd Graders

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of ?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My Mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What's the difference between moms & dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

CHURCH FAMILY CORNER

There are several members of our church in the military. Some are deployed out of the United States. Ned Coyl is one of these men. He has been deployed for 8 months. This is his 4th time being deployed. He is in charge of one of the hospitals there. His wife, Joy told us that he has been sick for 3 weeks. This last week he got worse and was put into the hospital, the one he is in charge of. She asks for your prayers. If you would like to write him and send him encouragement his email address is ncoyl@hotmail.com. He may not be able to write back but notes from our church would be appreciated.

WILL YOU GIVE THIS TO MY DADDY?

A tale that is floating around online

Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving thru the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camo's, as they began heading to their gate everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering. When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal. Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said "hi," the little girl then she asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her. The young soldier, he didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughters name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter,

Courtney, missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up. When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it.

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, "I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you" He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying "your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon."

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event unfolded. As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

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.

CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

APRIL

20 Vespers: "Death" – 6:25 pm
21 Adventurer's Fun Day
23 Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy
27 Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
27 Vespers: "Giving Back" – 6:30 pm
28 Seniors' Fellowship - Ramona – 1 pm
29 Cooking School—6:30 pm
30 Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy

MAY

1 Adventurer Club - 6 pm
1 Pathfinder Meetings – 6:30 pm
4 Children's Church
4 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
4 Investiture – Adventurer/Pathfinder – 2pm
4 Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
4 Vespers: "Adoption"— 6:35 pm
6 Cooking School—6:30 pm
7 Stress Solutions
11 Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
11 Vespers: "Law & Grace" – 6:41 pm
13 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
14 Stress Solutions
15 Adventurer Club – 6 pm
15 Pathfinder Meetings – 6:30 pm
18 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
18 Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
19 Adventurer's Bike Safety
19 Seniors' Fellowship LA Arboretum – 9 am
19 Pathfinder Fair
21 Stress Solutions
25 Serving Hands - 5:30 pm
30 Stress Solutions

JUNE

1 Children's Church
1 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
9 Seniors' Fellowship Movie "Almost Angels"
10 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
15 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! *What Is A*

Dad? A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again. A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt. A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail...

JULY

6 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
8 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
20 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck

AUGUST

3 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
12 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
17 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
17–18 Camp Morning Star—Church Campout

SEPTEMBER

7 Children's Church
7 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
9 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
21 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck

OCTOBER

5 Children's Church
5 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
14 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
19 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck

NOVEMBER

1 Children's Church
1 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
11 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
16 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck

DECEMBER

7 Children's Church
7 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 pm
9 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 pm
21 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck

"WITH YOU IN MIND" CLINICAL MASSAGE THERAPY Elder Strunk can now give discounts for therapy to Yucaipa SDA church members. Whether you want a full-body massage or work on a specific part for relief of pain or tightness, he will do whatever it takes; massage, hydrotherapy, muscle balancing, relief from strained muscles and tendons. When correctly done, massage of muscle tissue and fascia improves the immune system, opens the circulatory system, relieves tension of mind and body. If you've never had a therapeutic massage, make an appointment. Regular charge is \$70/hour. His discounted price is \$55/hour. Call 909 838-3579. The clinic, "With You in Mind Clinical Massage Therapy" is located at 34247 Yucaipa Blvd. Suite 1, behind Tam's and beside Trilogy.