

YUCAIPA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

3RD QUARTER 2013 VOLUME 10 ISSUE 3

CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Mid-Week Service 7 pm 5th Gr–Youth Baptismal Class 6:30pm Youth: Revive Small Group Bible Study
June 25	Community Services – 9 am
June 25	Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
June 29	Communion
June 29	Social – Strawberry Shortcake/Games
June 30	Workbee – 7:00 am
June 30	Pathfinder Yard Sale
July 6	Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
July 8	Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
July 11	Family Fun Night
July 18	Family Fun Night
July 25	Family Fun Night
July 20	Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
July 29– Aug. 3	VBS
August 3	Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
August 12	Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
August 15	School Board
August 17	Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
August 17 – 18	Camp Morning Star– Church Campout
August 20	Finance Committee – 7 pm
August 27	Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
Second Fridays	Youth: Revive Amped Vespers 6pm
SERVING HANDS:	closed June –August.
COMMUNITY SERVICES:	closed July & August.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Heinrich Strydom	909-954-7512
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Pastor William Hunt	210-778-6502

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 Heinrich Strydom

Some time ago I lost my wallet. I was angry, upset, sad, disappointed and frustrated, all at the same time. It was a sickening feeling to suddenly be without my driver's license, credit cards, bank and ATM cards, AAA membership card, some cash and a \$50.00 gift card, which someone had given me. I was not sure if I had actually lost it or if someone had stolen it from me. I felt violated and betrayed by all the bad and dishonest people who live in my town.

Then the unthinkable happened. Two days later I received a registered letter in the mail. There in the bubble-wrap envelope was my wallet. It was exactly as I had it two days earlier. Maybe they took out the cash and gift card before mailing the wallet to me, I thought. I quickly checked. No, I was wrong. Everything was still there, including all the cash.

I looked at the envelope. The postage was approximately \$3.00. They did not even use my money for the postage. Wow. My confidence in humanity was restored. There are still some very honest people left in this world. I decided to reward the person by sending him/her the \$50.00 gift card, which they did not take out of my wallet. (I had already written it off as "lost" in my own mind in any case) I looked at the envelope again. The "Return Address" section was empty.

Who was this person? Why did they do it? I may never find out in this life. I hope to meet that person in heaven one day and thank them for returning my wallet. Somehow I would like to think that a person like that would be in heaven one day. If they had kept the wallet and the money, no one (on earth) may ever have known. Maybe they knew that God is aware of our every action.

I closed my eyes and thanked the Lord that I got my wallet back. I also prayed that God would send a very special blessing to that individual – one that would really make a meaningful difference in their life. I can't wait to hear that that part of this incident, in heaven one day.

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PASTOR'S NOTE (CONT'D)

It is so important to do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do. I reminded myself and I want to encourage each person who reads this, to do the right thing, even when no one would know whether we did it, or even if no one ever says "thank you".

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. 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Linda Hill

Combined Budget

Needed Monthly	\$14,000
Received in May 2013	\$ 8,809
Short to date for 2013	-\$11,158

Tuition Aid

Needed Monthly	\$ 2,600
Received in May 2013	\$ 2,505
Short for School Year	-\$ 461

To pay the bills each month we must have \$11,373. This pays for our utilities, contracts (such as janitorial contract, lawn care contract, copier lease), kitchen supplies, salaries. The rest goes toward our ministries such as Evangelism, Health, Women's Ministries, Family Ministries, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries, Sabbath School operating expenses, and Library, Office Expenses, and Maintenance. When we do not receive enough donations in a month, then our ministries do not get funded. We need each of you to prayerfully decide how you can support our church.

There are 3 main departments that are funded solely by donations. They are not included in the combined budget funds. First is Tuition Aid. We expect approximately 26 – 30 students requesting tuition aid assistance again this year. Every year we have been able to help each student that applies with \$100 per month for 10 months.

At our June Finance Committee Meeting I had to report that we did not have the reserve funds this coming school year that we had in the past. Without the Lord's intervention, new funding, I did not know how we would be able to help all our students in the same way we always had. However, the Finance Committee committed to helping fund 26 students at \$100 for 10 months this coming school year. As Pastor Hein said,



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.

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 djoseph400@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.

the Lord will have to work a miracle.

The next morning I got a call from Ed Haddad, the Business Manager at MGA. There has been the Gerken/Neish Educational Endowment Fund combined with MGA's funds at the conference office. Each year we were to get the interest on this fund to help our students. For the last 3 or 4 years there has been no interest distributed. It has been a real hardship for our funds not receiving it. Ed Haddad asked if I was sitting down. He said the conference office was distributing to us this year \$18,000 for our worthy student fund. Our miracle happened. We still do not have all the funds for all the students, so please do not stop your giving to the tuition aid. We also would like to rebuild this account.

The second fund that is only funded by donations is our Sabbath School Expense. This pays for the Quarterlies and lesson papers for all the departments. Third quarter of 2013 was the first time that I remember that there was not enough money in the account to pay the bill. I had to take funds from the Sabbath School operating accounts to pay the bill. Please remember to give to Sabbath School Expense. When we average the cost of all the quarterlies and lesson papers, it is about \$7.00 per quarter per person getting these papers. The little blue envelope attached to the larger envelope is for SS Expense. The large envelope is for Mission Offering.

The third account that is funded by donations only is our project, Audio/Visual Improvement. We have received enough money to pay off our "loan" from ourselves for the audio improvement and cameras. Now we are getting our new projector so that all can see the pictures and words on the screen better. We have the last \$12,000 to raise to pay off the "loan" from ourselves that was approved at the last church business meeting. If you enjoy hearing our service better, being able to get a dvd of the service when you missed it or it was just so good you want a copy, and want better pictures and words on the screen, please help us pay off our "loan" quickly. Put your donations in a tithe envelope and mark it A/V Improvement.

May God continue to bless you as you prayerfully consider our church's financial needs.

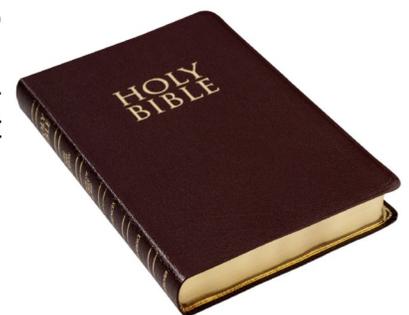
CONGRATULATIONS 2013 GRADUATES

The Yucaipa SDA Church congratulates the members and/or family members of the Yucaipa Church who are graduating this year.

Deborah Bobst	LLU	Dr. Nursing Practice
Marilee Dalton	LSU	Phd in Ed.
Sara Doering		Yucaipa High, 12th Grade
Wyatt Faller	MGA,	12th Grade
Slovyana Grekov	MGA,	12th Grade
Austin Groth	ILCS,	8th Grade
Austin Klein	LLA,	8th Grade
Amanda Larson	U.C.	Santa Barbara
Brittany Lynch	MGA,	12th Grade
Jeremy McLarty	MGA,	12th Grade
Matt Randall	WWU,	BA in Religion
Lunden Spencer	LLA,	8th Grade
Kyle Tagaro	MGA,	8th Grade
Danielle Wren	MGA,	12th Grade
Brandon Yoder	Los Osos HS,	12th Grade

YOUTH BAPTISMAL & BIBLE STUDIES

On June 19, this special class started at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. All youth in 5th grad and older are invited to attend. Classes will be taught by our 3 pastors. If you're interested in being baptized or just want to study the Bible more, join us each Wednesday nights throughout the summer. Bring your Bible, towel, and spare dry clothes.



CHURCH WORKBEE: June 30, 2013

Early on Sunday morning, June 30, the church needs workers to remove the rock from the roof over the Sabbath School Rooms. Please bring stiff brooms, squared off shovels, and buckets. We will be sending the rock down a chute into a truck. Please arrive at 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and the workbee will begin at 7 am so we can be finished before the heat. Once the rock is removed, George Tudose will be repairing the roof and then the Primary Sabbath School Room. Let's help get this project started.

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?

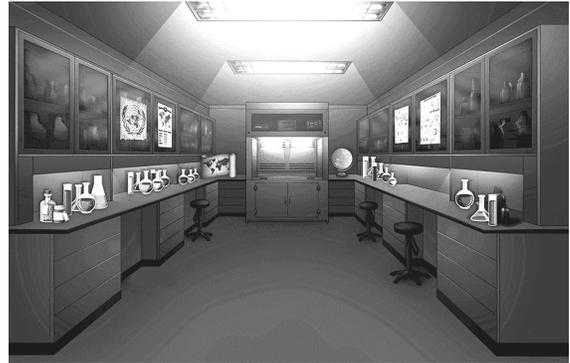
Are you interested in helping with the Youth? Please contact Matthew Burton at 909-382-1898 or revive.yucaipasda@gmail.com. Help is needed in many areas.

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Calling all kids: join us for fun in the water! Enjoy an awesome bounce house with a waterslide. Food will be on sale as well. The fun is happening from 6 pm to 8 pm on Thursday nights, July 11, 18, and 25. Bring a friend (non-church member) and get a prize. Parents of children below the age of 6 need to stay and supervise their children.



VBS: INVESTIGATION STATION

Yucaipa SDA Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School for the church and community children from July 29 to August 3, 2013. The fun starts at 6:00 pm and finishes at 8:30 pm.

The Investigation Station is a place where kids investigate God's Word. Each day the kids will investigate a different Bible truth through Bible stories, scientific facts, and more. Throughout each day's program they will gather evidence in their journals, and at the closing program they will discuss their conclusions. All aspects of this VBS program point kids to God as the Creator with a plan for their lives. Be sure to mark your calendars now and get ready for the Investigation Station!

TUITION AID FOR 2013/2014

Please obtain applications from the church office or the table in foyer if your family is in need of tuition assistance next year. Forms need to be submitted by July 28.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

On Saturday night, June 29, join the social committee on the patio of the church for strawberry shortcake and games. First will be vespers at 7:30 pm followed by the strawberry shortcake, group games, and/or table games.



DEVOTION: SO COSTLY AND YET FREE

By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Romans 5:18

Money cannot buy it, intellect cannot grasp it, power cannot command it; but to all who will accept it, God's glorious grace is freely given. But men may feel their need, and, renouncing all self-dependence, accept salvation as a gift. Those who enter heaven will not scale its walls by their own righteousness, nor will its gates be opened to them for costly offerings of gold or silver, but they will gain an entrance to the many mansions of the Father's house through the merits of the cross of Christ.

For sinful men, the highest consolation, the greatest cause of rejoicing, is that Heaven has given Jesus to be the sinner's Saviour. . . . He

offered to go over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell; to meet the tempter on the field of battle, and conquer him in man's behalf. Behold Him in the wilderness of temptation. Forty days and forty nights He fasted, enduring the fiercest assaults of the powers of darkness. He trod the "winepress alone; and of the people there was none with" Him (Isa. 63:3). It was not for Himself, but that He might break the chain that held the human race in slavery to Satan.

As Christ in His humanity sought strength from His Father, that He might be enabled to endure trial and temptation, so are we to do. We are to follow the example of the sinless Son of God. Daily we need help and grace and power from the Source of all power. We are to cast our helpless souls upon the One who is ready to help us in every time of need. Too often we forget the Lord. Self gives way to impulse, and we lose the victories that we should gain.

FAITH FUEL

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

- ROMANS 10:17 NIV

If we are overcome let us not delay to repent, and to accept the pardon that will place us on vantage ground. If we repent and believe, the cleansing power from God will be ours. His saving grace is freely offered. His pardon is given to all who will receive it. . . . Over every sinner that repents the angels of God rejoice with songs of joy. Not one sinner need be lost. Full and free is the gift of saving grace.

From Devotional: Our Father Cares, pp. 209, 210.

What if your job title was changed to 'servant?'

By Laura Samano, *Guide* Assistant Editor

<http://news.adventist.org/archive/commentary/2013/06/07/what-if-your-job-title-was-changed-to-servant>

Two years ago I was at the airport in Charlotte, North Carolina, waiting for my plane home to Baltimore, Maryland, when an announcer came over the public address system informing us the airport had experienced a power outage. It was humid and 90 degrees Fahrenheit outside. The sun hit the window behind me as if it had nowhere else to shine.

The jetway that should have led us from the departure gate to the plane was not working. The ground personnel told us the airport was using mobile staircases to help passengers board planes. But the airport didn't have enough staircases for every plane so we had to wait our turn.

I was sitting between two ladies who complained about the weather, how that in that airport things always went wrong, and anything else they could think of. The ground personnel couldn't give us a specific time of departure, which gave my seatmates another reason to complain.

Nearly three hours after the initial power outage announcement, ground personnel told us we could board.

So we exited the gate area by walking down a stairway and headed toward the mobile staircase that would lead us up into the plane.

As I walked toward the plane, I noticed a man walking up and down the stairs. I wondered what was wrong with him. We all wanted to go home and he was just delaying our departure. I walked up the stairs and noticed the sweat on the man's face and shirt. It seemed like every step he took added a wrinkle to his forehead.

The man was carrying passengers' luggage. Then I noticed who he was – our pilot.

This pilot went above and beyond just flying planes. He made passengers more comfortable at the cost of his own comfort. I didn't hear anyone complain because they didn't have to carry their own luggage. Nobody asked him to help, and I'm sure he didn't get paid more for doing it.

Days later I reflected: What would happen if instead of us having the title of captain, co-pilot, editor, administrative assistant, director or president...we had the title of "servant." Would we behave the same way?

The kingdom of God calls us to be servants, not masters. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be great must serve others. Whoever wants to be first must be last."

I hope every person we talk to will perceive our desire to serve him or her, and I pray that when God says to us, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" that each of us will say, "Here I am Lord, send me."

CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Children's Church
- 7 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
- 9 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Community Services – 9 am
- 17 Community Services – 9 am
- 17 Finance Committee – 7 pm
- 19 School Board
- 21 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 24 Community Services – 9 am
- 24 Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
- 28 Communion

OCTOBER

- 1 Community Services – 9 am
- 5 Children's Church
- 5 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
- 8 Community Services – 9 am
- 14 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Community Services – 9 am
- 15 Finance Committee – 7 pm
- 17 School Board
- 19 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 22 Community Services – 9 am
- 22 Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
- 29 Community Services – 9 am

NOVEMBER

- 1 Children's Church
- 1 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
- 11 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 21 School Board

DECEMBER

- 7 Children's Church
- 7 Elder Care Music Ministries – 3 p.m.
- 9 Meatless Mondays – 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
- 27 Agape Feast

PATHFINDER SALE: JUNE 30, 2013

Items needed: If you have any items to donate to our club, for our upcoming sale, please call Lisa Rader 909-936-9356 or John Decker 909-374-1031 to set up a time to drop off your donations at the church, by 6/27/13. (Sorry, no pick up or delivery available)

Sale Date: The sale is on **June 30, 2013**, starting at 7:00 a.m. Again, any donations are appreciated.

Help Needed: If you are willing to help us set up, price items, work the sale or give monetary donations, please call Lisa Rader 909-936-9356 or Everett Garnick 480-720-1438.

Support your Yucaipa Eagles Pathfinders! Come and help support your church Pathfinder Club!!