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TENTATIVE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Jan. 2	Rose Parade Floats	Pasadena
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Feb. 23	Living Desert	Palm Desert
March 9	Movie Night	Church
March 15	Senior Potluck	Church

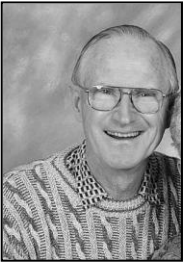
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LEADER'S CORNER

By Tom Miller



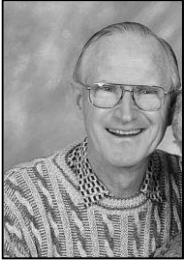
HIS WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN OUR WAYS

You'd need the right person. I'd be no good. You see I have an English accent, which to many Americans is "cute". Not so to the Irish. An English accent carries with it too many negative connotations. A reminder of 1000 years of oppression and the notorious Black and Tans, so called because of their black and tan uniforms and their cruelty to the Irish. But let me explain. We need to contact Ireland with the three angels' messages. The most promising approach is through the health message. I'd choose an Irishman or an American to lead out. The Americans are very popular in Ireland, which is not the attitude of many countries to the USA. Most Irish people have friends or relatives in America. This was the land they came to in order to get away from the English and they haven't forgotten that.

It would be no advantage to be an African. No. Either a Yank or a Paddy would be the man for the job. Did I say "man"? That could indicate a male, chauvinistic attitude. Could it not? Fortunately the Lord is not a chauvinist. Read Isaiah 55:8/9. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, "says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts".

Meet Edith Samambwa from Zimbabwe, Africa. She is the Health Sponsor for the Irish Mission and she is effective. Such is her intelligence and expertise that the Irish Government Health Service Executive hired her and she works with people who have health and emotional difficulties. Such is her intelligence that she undertook a Master's in Public Health at the University College Dublin graduating with first class honors in 2007. The Irish Mission invited her to help them. She accepted. Praise the Lord. In addition to working for the Irish government she helps the Irish Mission by **preaching two or three times a month Sabbath morning and conducts health seminars in the afternoon.** She plans and co-ordinates Health Expos, CHIP programs, health seminars, health food festivals and aided in the planning and organizing of an all Ireland Men's Health Weekend. I wish you could meet Edith. Someday, dear reader, you will. You and I may not be as talented as Edith, but the Lord has given each one of us talents. Are we using them in His service? If not, today would be a good time to re-dedicate yourself to the Lord. This is the Christmas season. Let us not be politically correct and have a "Happy Holiday". Let us be joyously correct and have "Happy Christ Centered Christmas".

EVENTS REMEMBERED



CULTURE AND ADVENTURE

By Tom Miller

The Seniors of the Yucaipa Church are ever alert for the chance to become more cultured and to indulge in adventure - so long as it's not too physically demanding. That being the case it was decided that our next project would be a mixture of the two and they elected to visit the Cabot Desert Museum and risk the demands of the Desert Hot Springs Spa. They sallied forth under the gentle guidance of Linda Hill, who plans and organizes these things so very well. The first port of call was the Cabot Desert Museum, founded in memory of a very adventurous, talented and courageous individual by the name of Cabot Yerxa. Yes you read correctly Yerxa. I am fascinated by names and wondered about the name Yerxa. Sounds vaguely Hispanic doesn't it? Well I found it's not. It's actually Dutch and is an Americanized version of the Dutch name Jurckse, meaning George's son. Cabot was a visionary or eccentric, depending on your perspective, but he was no ordinary man and his life was full of adventure or trouble again depending on your perspective. The tour was enthralling with a very articulate Austrian lady who was our guide. The time passed very rapidly and then it was time to visit the spa.

Some elected to forgo that experience after the delicious vegetarian meals at a very reasonable price. The spa itself was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion which I plan on repeating in the not too distant future. The water was warm to very hot. You had your choice as there were several pools differently heated plus a warm Olympic size swimming pool with delightfully warm water. One of the brethren, who shall remain nameless, was witnessed plunging his foot, his whole foot, into the hottest pool, swiftly retracting it and sitting on nearby chair to recover from the shock. We are busily cudgeling our brains to come up with another good outing.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SABBATH SENIORS' POTLUCK

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15

Seniors' Fellowship is having a potluck after church for seniors ages 55 & up on the third Sabbath of each month. Come to fellowship together. Dessert will be provided. People with birthdays that month will be recognized.

Please be sure to bring plenty of hot & cold foods so we can include visitors at our church.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

SEE THE ROSE PARADE FLOATS

Leaving the church at 9 am in carpools to shuttle area where we will ride the bus to the float display area. Cost is \$13.00 per person.

After about 2 hours seeing the floats we will go to the Souplantation for a late lunch or early supper. You will need to pay for your own food.

Come and have a great time fellowshiping and seeing one of California's wonders. Sign up in foyer or church office by Dec. 31. All money needs to be in by **noon** on **Dec. 31**.



Following the Rose Parade, the floral masterpieces are parked along Sierra Madre and Washington boulevards in Pasadena, allowing visitors to further appreciate the

design and workmanship that goes into their creation. Visitors are able to walk within a few feet of the floats and see for themselves the creativity and detail of the floral displays. Tournament volunteer members – “white suiters” – are on hand to answer questions

Wear comfortable walking shoes as there are no trams and seating is limited. Viewing all the floats will require walking a distance of approximately 2.5 miles and will take at least two hours. The venue is often crowded and you will be walking and viewing at a leisurely pace.

Remember to stay hydrated, particularly if the day is hot. Water is available free-of-charge at three locations within the venue.

There are a limited number of food vendors at the venue. Visitors are welcome to bring small quantities of food and non-alcoholic drinks into the venue.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23



The best time to see your favorite animals:

Visitors who come to The Living Desert in the early morning are in for some delightful surprises! In the cool of the morning, most of the animals on exhibit are at their peak activity. Playing, some eating breakfast, catching the wind for the scent of other nearby animals, stretching and prowling. As the day warms up, so do the birds of prey, fanning out their huge marvelous wings to the sun. The tortoises and lizards come out of their hiding places to feel the gentle warmth. Warthogs and javelinas rout and romp in the morning hours, contentedly grunting during nap time in the midday sun. Meerkats seem to play all afternoon, each taking a turn being the lookout, while the others scamper about. Late afternoon is the wake up call to nocturnal creatures. The cheetahs often climb to the top of their ridge and majestically watch the sun set.

Clothing:

Make sure you wear comfortable walking shoes, preferably closed toe. Dress accordingly to the season. Summer days can reach well above 100 degrees F / 37 degrees C. Even though most visitors think less clothing means cooler body temperatures, this is not true. Long sleeve 100% cotton shirts are the best to keep you cool. Allowing sweat to completely evaporate from your skin will make you hotter and dehydrate quicker. Hats, sunscreen, even an umbrella is recommended for all seasons. Winter day temperatures sometimes warrant a jacket or sweater.

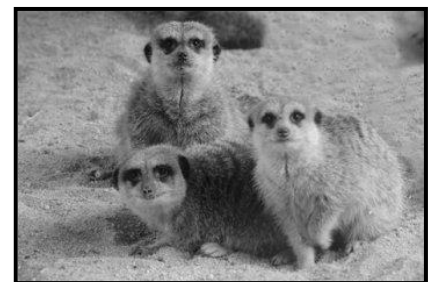


The Living Desert features animals and plants that thrive in deserts

from all around the world, including all four deserts of North America. bats, scorpions, screech owls, mice, lizards and snakes are along the pathways in North America, and you will also encounter many birds of prey such as hawks, falcons, eagles and vultures. Mammals such as coyotes, badgers, wolves, mountain lions and bobcats which may be seen as you approach Eagle Canyon. Also located in North America is Bighorn Mountain with the rare desert bighorn, and nearby are the endangered Peninsular pronghorn. The botanical gardens in this area represent the great diversity of flora found

throughout the North American deserts.

Africa has some of the most dramatic deserts in the world. The



names Sahara, Sahel, Namib, Kalahari, and the Horn of Africa conjure a vision of Africa's arid lands. There are many African animals at The Living Desert such as hornbills, weaver finches, meerkats, rock hyrax, warthog, sand

cat, fennec fox, giraffe and ostrich, the endangered cheetah and Cuvier's gazelle, and the rare Grevy's Zebra. You can see some of the most endangered animals in the world. There are only a handful of slender-horned gazelles left in the Sahara, but The Living Desert has one of the best zoo-based breeding colonies in the world. Recently, addax born at the Living Desert were reintroduced to an area of Tunisia's Grand Erg at the edge of the Sahara, adding to the numbers and populations of this nearly extinct African antelope. Exotic African plants are also part of our arid African landscapes, from 30 species of acacia to bizarre kokerbooms.

COST FOR SENIORS 62+ will be \$20.00. This will include the entrance fee and a shuttle ride. See bulletin for possible reduction of price. Other prices contact Linda Hill at the church office.

LEAVE CHURCH: at 9:00 am and return about 6 pm. Bring a lunch or you are welcome to buy your lunch there. We will be carpooling so if you need a ride be sure to mark it on the sign-up sheet.

All sign-ups and money must be done by Feb. 11. Turn money into office.

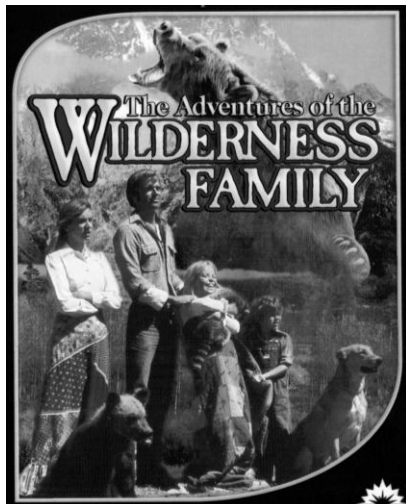
MOVIE AFTERNOON SUNDAY, MARCH 9

3:00 P.M. in the Youth Center

"The Adventures of the Wilderness Family"

This is the story of a modern day family who became bored with the hassles of the city life in Los Angeles and moved to the Rocky Mountains, never to return. Skip

Robinson and his wife Pat, along with their two



children, Jenny and Toby, begin an incredible encounter with nature. After building a log cabin in a peaceful mountainous area, the family befriends a pair of bear cubs and is menaced by a ferocious grizzly.

SENIOR NEWS



Would you appreciate a telephone buddy? We want to revive the telephone ministry Christa Petrov developed here in our Yucaipa Church a few years ago before she and Frank moved to the desert.

We have found a leader who has spent hours visiting home bound members. Now she-(Jane Injety), is willing to re-start the telephone ministry. As Jane receives names, a partner will be found and then she will help you & your partner decide how often and what each would appreciate with their telephone time.

1. Prayer only
2. Prayer and a morning devotion reading.
3. One read a book to another when one has problems with sight
4. A friend to share a prayer or praise request with and prayer
5. Just a friend to visit with to be uplifted when lonely.
6. Someone to read/study the Sabbath School lesson with
7. A home visit instead of the telephone

Maybe you have other ideas in the development of a FRIENDSHIP PHONE CALL MINISTRY. You can register your interest with Jane Injety 909-878-7576 or Dorothy Womack 909-794-4570.



WED. MORNING PRAYER MEETING

10:30 am – 12:00 pm
In the Overflow Room

We are a new book, "Mind, Character, and Personality" by E. G. White. Come and join us in study and prayer.

BIRTHDAYS January, February, & March

Last Name	First Name	Birth date
Gertz	Emma	1/2
Thomas	Lois	1/3
Cornwell	Terri	1/5
Neish	Christine	1/5
Tieche	Connie	1/5
Wilkinson	Joe	1/6
Gallion	Louis	1/6
Flor	Louis	1/7
Kurpuis	Maria	1/12
York	Edna	1/13
Pawluk	Natalie	1/15
Moses	Calvin	1/15
Jackson	Carmen	1/17
Wilkinson	Cindy	1/19
Roth	Richard	1/22
Mracek	Jack	1/24
Essex	Charles	1/25
Robbins	Alice	1/25
Prehn	Roy	1/26
Moses	Ruth	1/27
Ng	James	1/28
Unruh	Kathryn	1/28
Injety	Jane	1/30
Schwerdt	Barbra	1/30
Fisher	John	1/31
Groth	Linda	2/1
Wallace	David	2/1
May	Manja	2/2
Hamel	Lyle	2/3
Fisher	Virginia	2/3
Ferguson	Darel	2/6
Kuhn	Doreen	2/7
Valkenburg	Jean	2/7
Fowler	Vern	2/10
Roman	Brenda	2/12
Clegg	Bill	2/12
Martin	Anna	2/13
Slater	Laurel	2/14
Heath	Leora	2/14
Hopp	Joyce	2/17
Moore	Mary	2/17
Ng	Ruby	2/18
Wallace	Sharon	2/20
Goodner	Julia	2/21

Last Name	First Name	Birth date
Jaffery	Edison	2/21
Elam	Gail	2/22
Strunk	Gary	2/24
Mosmen	Jack	2/25
Gerken III	Peter	2/25
Saunders	Eunice	2/27
Caldaronello	John	3/1
Leach	Arvin	3/2
Bobst	Dallas	3/2
Dosey	Eleanor	3/6
Hansen	Donna	3/10
Rayner	Ida	3/10
Carlson	Jon	3/10
Lo	Esther	3/10
Williams	Clyde	3/14
Primero	Romy	3/15
Stevens	J. Echo	3/16
Cash	Bob	3/17
Baker	Pat	3/17
Elam	Jamie	3/17
Brown	Marion	3/18
Cash	Jewel	3/20
Mracek	Linda	3/20
Clements	Paul	3/22
Diaz	Donna	3/24
Portner	Jeane	3/26
Womack	Dorothy	3/27
McLarty	Gary	3/28
Decker	Florence	3/31

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Last Name	First Names & Family	Anniversary
Al-Hakim	Sami & Hilda	1 /31/1987
Tomat	Larry & Peggy	1 /21/1995
Mosmen	Jack & Mildred	2 /17/1954
Wallace	David & Sharon	2 /14/2003
Salveson	Ronald & Debbie	2 /23/1000
Portner	Stephen & Jeane	2 /19/1949
Easley Sr	Michael & Cinnia	2 /12/1000
Slater	Laurel & Joe	3 /13/1998
Fowler	Vern* & Ardyce	3 /30/1993
Decker	John & Florence	3 /27/1954

FRIEND WHO HAS PASSED AWAY Ken Burke

100 PLUS CLUB

Alice Robbins turns 100 on January 25!



A LIFE OF SERVICE

By Peggy Tomat

On January 25, 1914, William and Minnie Hodde, of Cincinnati Ohio, and their little two year old William welcomed their little baby girl, Alice Hodde. Two years later in 1916 her sister, Alberta, became a part of the Hodde family with little brother, Erwin, joining them in 1918.

Their mother, Minnie, was determined that her children would know about their friend, Jesus. She was very faithful in teaching them the Bible Truths and every Sunday her father, William, would get them to the streetcar which took them to the closest Evangelical church.

A surprise came into their lives in 1918 when a Literature Evangelist knocked on their door with a case full of books and her mother bought some that were written by Ellen G. White. She was so impressed that over the next few years she managed to buy a book here and there. As she read these books to her children, they were drawn to the truth and she and her children found a Seventh-day Adventist Church nearby.

As Alice walked up the church steps on Sabbath, she looked up and saw a lady who had a very kind face. Mildred Morton enthusiastically greeted Minnie and her little family. Alice remembers how kind and loving she was to the family and she instantly took a liking to this very friendly lady. She found Sabbath School to be a lot more interesting than the Sunday School she had come from. At the age of 12, Alice, her mother and the rest of the children joined the Cincinnati Seventh-day Adventist Church and she was very happy in her new found faith. She loved listening to

and studying the Bible truths that she had come to love and the people were a lot friendlier than the church they had left.

In all the happiness of joining their new church, there was some sadness in that Alice's father, William, had not joined with his wife and their children. One day when Alice arrived home from school, her mother met her at the door with a big smile on her face and told Alice that her father had decided to be baptized. There was great rejoicing as the family was united in their new faith and their church.

Alice's first eight years were spent in public school. Now that her family was united as Seventh-day Adventists, it was decided that she would spend her high school years attending Mt. Vernon Academy in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Four years later she graduated and that summer she was off to Washington Missionary College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

It was that summer, while washing glasses in the college dining room, that she saw a tall young man come in and ask her roommate to go Harvest Ingathering with the Sligo Church. Her roommate politely replied that she had other plans for the evening and could not go. Alice did not know who this gentleman was but she quickly spoke up and said "I can't sing but I can solicit and I would love to go." His answer was "Oh, that is just what I am looking for." She found out that his name was Leon Robbins and that he was attending the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. From this event they started dating and their relationship started to build gradually until approximately six months later Leon gave her a Christmas gift of a beautiful little clock that had a pendulum swinging back and forth. She still has the little clock in her home.

A couple of years later, on May 20, 1934, Leon graduated from the Seminary with a M.Div. in Theology and the next day, May 21, Leon and Alice were united in marriage at a friend's home. They spent their honeymoon traveling to Dayton, Ohio where Leon had accepted a call to the Far Hills Church. Their starting salary was \$12 a week and \$2 a week for streetcar fare since they didn't own a car. Two years later their daughter, Joanne Robbins, was born. When asked if she had finished her degree Alice replied, "No, I felt it was more important for me to marry a minister than to finish my degree."

Throughout their years of pastoring they spent many of them in Ohio. From Far Hills Church in Dayton, Ohio they pastored churches in Akron and Cleveland before going on to New York City,

Boston, and many more that Alice could not remember. At each church Alice would help Leon with evangelistic meetings drawing many new members into their congregations. The dates of their service is sketchy.

Alice and her husband were missionaries in Brazil where Leon was one of the officers of the South American Division. Leon traveled all over the division, which included multiple South American Countries while Alice stayed home with their young daughter, Joanne. Following Brazil they made their home in Japan. Leon and Alice worked together in building a new church in Kobe of which he then became Pastor.

Japan was their favorite place to live. The people were so polite and wonderful to them. It was in Japan that Alice learned to bow. Something that she still does naturally, and she finds herself bowing from time to time, for example, to the girls who serve them at the table during meal times at the Villa.

After Leon and Alice retired they joined the Yucaipa Church where her husband served for many years as a Sabbath School teacher.

As the years rolled by they made a decision to move to the Linda Valley Villa in Loma Linda. She starts every morning with prayer, and many times during the day, she asks Jesus to help her be more like him and thanking her heavenly Father for giving her Jesus. She always prays before she leaves her little apartment. In reflecting on her life before and after marriage she stated, "Throughout all of my life Jesus has always been there for me."

As I was getting ready to leave her apartment, her last comment was to say that every day she tells Ronnie, an employee of the Villa, "I love this Villa and I love my church and most of all I love my Jesus."

BEING OLD



As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've

become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play, on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep

until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.



I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!



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Cowboy Heaven

Composed by Bob Cash 10-13-2013

I sit and watch the morning sky, to see if there's a change,
That Jesus might be coming today, and take me off the range.
Lots of horses up there, as I have read in the book.
To ride around heaven, meadows, mountains and brooks.
No more saddles for my pillow, no more freezing nights to bear,
Just the glory of heaven, living in Gods tender care.
No more broncos to break, no more cattle drives,
Lots of joy and love, no six gun on my side.
No more fences to mend, no more wire to nail.
No more calves to brand, no more hay to bail.
Riding my horse, in the green of the grass,
I'm riding in heaven, heaven at last.
With all the horses up there, God needs me with him,
To share in his glory, to take care of them.
Watch over my horse Lord, till I get there,
I'll be your partner, in your loving care.