

# YUCAIPA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

# CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR

Wednesdays	Bible Study 10:30 am
April 2	Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs—6:25 pm
April 3	Pathfinder Teen River Trip
April 4-6	Adventurer Campout – Joshua Tree
April 5	Children's Church
April 5	All Church Potluck
April 5	Elder Care Music Ministry
April 5	L.L. Symphony
April 7	Great Bible Themes – 7 pm
April 14	Meatless Monday – 6:30 pm
April 15	Finance Committee – 7 pm
April 16	Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs—6:25 pm
April 17	School Board – 6 pm
April 19	Seniors' Fellowship Potluck
April 20	Easter
April 21	Great Bible Truths – 7 pm
April 25-26	Pathfinder Campout
April 27	Adventurer Club Fun Day – SECC
April 28	Great Bible Themes – 7 pm
April 29	Board Meeting – 7 pm

## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Elijah Grekov	909-795-6965
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](http://www.yucaipasda.com) for updated calendar events, announcements and news.*

## PASTOR'S NOTE *By Pastor Elijah Grekov*

**“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”**

*Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)*

The “Day Light Saving” initiative was supposed to give us longer days to get things done in our busy life schedule and save us “energy” but instead I feel like it affected the “to do” list, making it longer too. Wonder if any of you feel the same way? Thankfully I still have some energy left, and hope that you do to.

There are things that I would like to share with you and ask to save your energy for. Saturday, April 5, at 5 p.m. we will have a wonderful musical program with “Lyric Chamber Orchestra” and “Moreno Valley Master Chorale” under the direction of Viorel Gheorghe performing beautiful classical pieces of sacred music by Vivaldi, Mozart and Schubert. Zlata will be performing the Bach Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. This event is worth to bring your friends and family to, and of course you would not want to miss it. We expect a full house.

The Interfaith, Good Friday Community Service this year will take place at the X. Cabrini Catholic Church on California Street, April 18, at 12 p.m.. It is a rare event where so much diverse Christian Constituency finds a common ground. In one hour program sponsored by the Yucaipa Valley Ministerial Association, Ministers and parishioners of different Christian Churches, contemplate on Jesus' suffering on the Cross and what it means to us.

Our “Meatless Mondays” are quite popular in the Community. People come to taste, share and learn about healthy lifestyle and vegetarian cooking, trading their recipes. The spiritual component attached to it provides food for the soul.

Every 3rd Friday of the month, under the banner, “*Let Us Consider How To Encourage One Another To Good Works,*” Gary McLarty leads us in Prayer, Singing, Devotional Talk, Sharing Experiences and Reading the Scripture, as we welcome the Sabbath day.

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(cont'd from page 1) We are starting our Church Officers Election Process which is an opportunity for those who are willing to use their God given knowledge, skills and talents to serve God and people in a meaningful way. It is a life changing experience that works both ways, and I hope you will find a place where you can be a blessing and be blessed in return. In this letter and in Church Bulletins there is a form that you can mark the areas of your interest. You can also take part in this process by praying for the Holy Spirit, the Giver of all good gifts to guide the Church Nominating Committee in selecting the right people, for the right places, for the right reasons, at the right time.

Once a month on the 4th Saturday night, we have a Leadership Development program that is designed to inspire you toward a leadership role, enhance your leadership skills, or simply give you a chance to share your vision for the Yucaipa Church Ministry. Please look for more information about the upcoming event.

I hope that you can find something you would benefit from through the Yucaipa Church Ministry and if you can think of something that we could do to make your experience and others even more meaningful please do not hesitate to share it with us. Every member is an important and valuable part of the Body of Christ and you are one of them, who can make a difference. Throughout our busy daily schedule, here in the Church Office, we think of you in our prayers. Using Paul's words from 1 Thessalonians 5:25, I would like to ask of you, "**Brothers, (and Sisters) pray for us.**"

## 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.

## TREASURER'S CORNER *By Linda Hill*

Thank you so much for your giving. During the months of January and February we actually were ahead in our tithe, just a little, from the year before. That is great. However, we are not in as good shape with our Combined Budget. In January we did not receive enough to even pay all our bills and had to dip into our reserves. In February it was a little bit better and we paid our bills and even had a small amount to put into our ministries. For the months of January and February we are \$7,489.58 short of making our monthly budget of \$14,000 each month.

Each of you need to know that your small or large giving is very important in the running of this church. Thank you for prayerfully considering our needs.

We were able to pay off two big bills in February and March which we did have the money for. Our insurance bill came due which was \$12,043.66 for this coming year. We also had the church fumigated (tented) since termites were found on an inside wall of the church. That cost \$18,850. Praise God for our finance committee and church board who had money put aside in case of emergencies.



## 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 [dgjoseph400@yahoo.com](mailto:dgjoseph400@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.

## CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### MARCH 2014

Wednesday Mornings – Bible Study – 10:30 am  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting – 6 pm  
24 Great Bible Truths – 7 pm  
25 Church Board – 7 pm  
31 Great Bible Truths – 7 pm

### APRIL 2014

Wednesday Mornings – Bible Study – 10:30 am  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting – 6 pm  
2 Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs – 6:25 pm  
3 Teen River Trip  
4-6 Adventurer Campout – Joshua Tree  
5 Children's Church  
5 All Church Potluck  
5 Elder Care Music Ministry  
5 L.L. Symphony  
7 Great Bible Themes – 7 pm  
14 Meatless Monday – 6:30 pm  
15 Finance Committee – 7 pm  
16 Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs – 6:25 pm  
17 School Board – 6 pm  
19 Seniors' Fellowship Potluck  
20 Easter  
21 Great Bible Truths – 7 pm  
25-26 Pathfinder Campout  
27 Adventurer Club Fun Day – SECC – 9-4  
28 Great Bible Themes – 7 pm  
29 Board Meeting – 7 pm

### MAY 2014

Wednesday Mornings – Bible Study – 10:30 am  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting – 6 pm  
3 Children's Church  
3 All Church Potluck  
3 Investiture – 2 pm  
3 Elder Care Music Ministry – 3 pm  
7 Adventurer/Pathfinder Meetings  
11 Seniors' Fellowship – Palm Springs  
Tramway – 9 am

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

### —A CHALLENGE

*By Vera Miller, Prayer Ministry Coordinator*

How we love to receive direct answers to our prayers —“ it's a miracle, it's a miracle” we exclaim we feeling that tingle of excitement! Unfortunately this isn't the norm. However little by little our faith grows as we learn to trust that God is answering our prayers, but in HIS time and in HIS way and not ours.

Praying for others is one of the most challenging types of prayer; to keep praying week in and week out, more often, year in and year out, without seeing results takes patience and great faith. Ellen White wrote a story of a man who was lost in a snowstorm while travelling. He struggled through great drifts, cold and exhausted he was about to give up all hope when he heard the moans of a fellow traveler who, also caught in the storm, had given up and was about to die. Immediately the first traveller roused himself and struggled toward the moans. Finding the other man, he massaged his frozen limbs and helped him to his feet. When he found that he was unable to walk he carried him through the snow drifts that a short time before he could not manage by himself. Finally they made it to shelter. Sitting by a fire, the man realized that in saving this man he had saved himself. ( See Testimonies 4:319)

This story illustrates the role of an intercessor. Carol Shewmake in her book *When we Pray for Others* says: “Intercessors are not those who have it all together. Rather, those who are struggling themselves yet, hearing the cries of humanity around them , carry the dying ones to shelter through their prayers. And in the kingdom the intercessors will find that in praying for others they saved their own lives.”

What thrills and delights we will enjoy in heaven, when we finally see the results of those seemingly unanswered prayers. Why not take up this challenge of praying for relatives, friends and those around us with renewed vigor anticipating the joy of one day seeing how God worked in their lives in answer to our persevering prayers. Courage in your journey.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/revive.yucaipa.sda)], Twitter and YouTube.

## 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.

## PATHFINDER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Bring your recyclables, only glass, plastic, aluminum cans & bottles, to support Pathfinder's trip to the Center for Youth Evangelism Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI happening August 11-15, 2014.

*The theme for 2014 is based on the outstanding historical Old Testament character Daniel. A prophet and leader he lived in the world, right in the epicenter of civilization at that time and yet was not conformed by it. We believe that it was his relationship with Jesus that made him forever faithful. We also believe that Jesus is the true forever faithful One to us.*

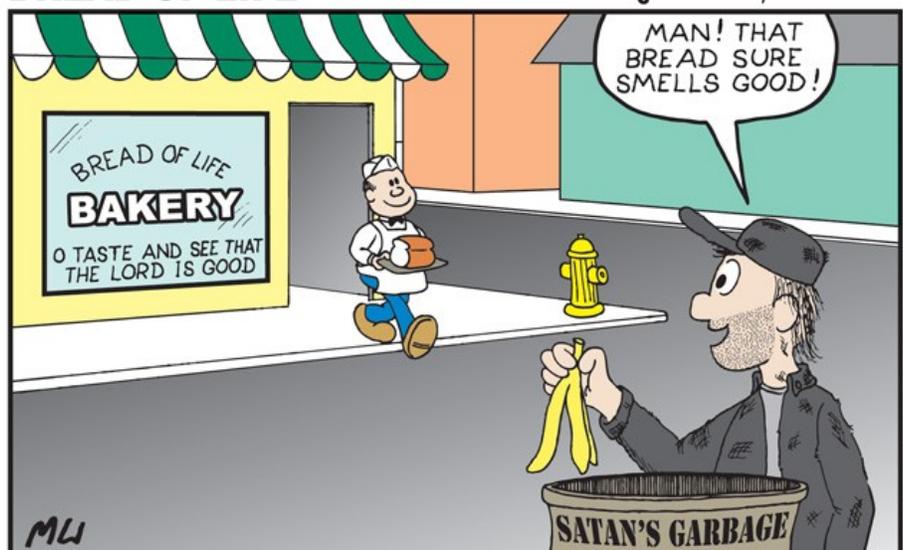
Please place items in blue bin by side gate off patio. Thank you!

## WE NEED YOU!

To continue to have Sabbath Schools for our young people and to take off some pressure on our current leaders, we are in need of people who would be willing to do a program 1 time each month. PLEASE contact the church office if you can help us.

Kindergarten – 1 leader      Primary – 1 leader  
Juniors – 2 leaders              Youth – 2 leaders

## BREAD OF LIFE



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. - 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 NIV

## WELCOME TO OUR LIBRARY

*Donated by Joan Fuller in February 2014 from Tigard, Oregon*

“Jason of Jerusalem” written by W. Armour Potter, the associate pastor of Joan Fuller’s son’s church

A little about the story- he took the one mention of Paul’s nephew and gave him a sweet story, historically and geographically authentic. He brings out the Sabbath in a creative manner. The reader is caught up in the day to day circumstances of the early church and the struggles of the new followers of the way. A must read book, it is available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

*The donations of this book and funds collected will help finance Pathfinders from our church to go to Center for Youth Evangelism Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI happening August 11-15, 2014. Please check this book out of our library and be blessed. Thanks for all your prayers. Love while writing this book so the pathfinders could be blessed this year at camp.*

*Sincerely, Popa Potter (Survivor of pancreatic tumor and radiation; God is good!)*



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Contact Marianne Carty of the church office for discounted group pricing!

## LYRIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA MORENO VALLEY MASTER CHORALE



Works by Bach, Vivaldi,  
Mozart, and Schubert

**Saturday, April 5  
at 5 pm**

**Viorel Gheorghe, Music Director**



Camelia Voin, Soprano



Zlata Grekov, Violin

**Other Soloists:**

**Maribel Ruiz-Velasco, Soprano**

**Steven Hinde, Bass**

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