

Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform members and subscribers of our current news and events.

CHURCH LIFE

PASSING OF DONNA FITZGERALD'S MOTHER

Donna's mother, Leonora Sperling Ray, passed away this morning in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was 90 years old. Leonora spent most of her life in Chowchilla and played the organ for Chowchilla SDA Church for many years. She was also a teacher's aide at Alview-Dairyland Elementary for more than 20 years. Leonora was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Fitzgerald and Ray families.

Sunnyside Light BEGINS FEBRUARY 9

Do you want more from your worship experience?

- More flexibility
- More intimacy
- More conversation
- More options

Sunnyside is happy to announce the roll-out of a new *light* worship service for those who want MORE from their worship experience.

Sunnyside Light features:

- Teaching with Pastor Dennis
- Music with Arland
- Prayer and praise time together
- Study reflection/discussion following the sermon

Is **Sunnyside Light** for you?

- Sunnyside Light is for those who would like a more streamlined worship experience.
- It's also for anyone seeking a more intimate, conversational worship option.
- Parents with young children may find it helpful to start with the "sit still" part of worship before the more active Sabbath school classes.
- Mission-minded groups that head out for community ministry right after Sabbath School class have an option for attending a worship service.



Sunnyside Sabbath Worship Schedule beginning February 9, 2013

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Sunnyside <i>Light</i> Service
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath School
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Worship Service

Tell your friends and join us for a light service that offers more!

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 19, 2013
11:00 A.M.

“Sweet By and By”
“Jacob's Ladder”

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

Offering
Taneshia Kerr

Baby Dedication
Levi David Chandler

“O, Magnify the Lord”
“Here I Am to Worship”

Prayer
Marla Hartman

Special Music

Scripture
Esther 4:12-16
Naomi Loadholt

“If I Perish, I Perish”
Pastor Dennis Ray

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 21
Church Office - CLOSED
Journey Group 6:30 p.m. - Bertao home

Wednesday, January 23
Community Services - Food Pantry Distribution 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Deadline for Bulletin info:
bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.
Men's Journey Group 6:30 p.m. - Youth Room
Women's Journey Group 6:30 p.m. - Mother's Room

Thursday, January 24
Women (ages 30-40) Journey Group 6:30 p.m.
- Becky Crouch's home

Sabbath, January 26
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Early Youth @ Poverello House 11:30 a.m.
Journey Group 5:00 p.m. - van Putten home

SUNSET

This Friday 5:09 p.m. Next Friday 5:16 p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 26 - Pastor Ray
February 2 - Taneshia Kerr
February 9 - Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

January Needs	\$29,300.00
Church Needs Donations	8,687.25
Over (Short)	(20,612.75)
Year to Date	\$29,300.00
Donations Received	8,687.25
Over (Short)	(20,612.75)

Youth Pastor Fund	\$26,685.23
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THIS WEEK'S OFFERING
Local Church Budget

HEALTHY BYTES

MEXICAN CORN AND RED KIDNEY BEAN SALAD

You can use fresh or frozen corn kernels. If using frozen, make sure they are fully thawed and dry before placing in the frying pan to toast.

2 cups cooked quinoa grain, cooled
2 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels
½ large red bell pepper, diced
½ large green bell pepper, diced
1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced
1 - 14 oz. can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
3 oz. chopped cilantro

Mexican Dressing:

¼ tsp dried ground oregano
¼ tsp ground cumin
¼ tsp paprika (optional)
finely chopped fresh chili to taste
juice of 1 lime
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Dry-toast the corn in a non-stick frying pan until it turns golden, then remove from the heat and cool. Place the cooked quinoa, corn, red and green bell peppers, onion, red kidney beans and cilantro in a bowl and mix well. Whisk all the dressing ingredients together and pour over salad. Toss well and serve.

For more information on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at gale4health@yahoo.com.

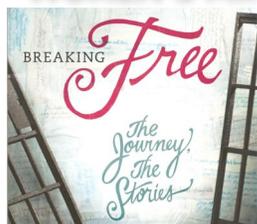
I would like to remind you that these "Healthy Bytes" are my own suggestions and not medical advice.

I get my references from many practical sources. Please read them with this in mind.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The Church office will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY



You heard it right! Soul Sisters will repeat the "Breaking Free" Bible Study by Beth Moore for those who missed it, or did not complete it last year. The study has been so popular and we received so many requests, that we are starting this 11-week Bible Study on **Tuesday, January 29**, here at Sunnyside Church.

Breaking Free will lead participants through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Themes for this study come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God, and the road to freedom. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small. Join us and experience a Bible journey unlike any other.

For more information, or to register, log on to www.breaking-free03.eventbrite.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SURVEY

Ladies, don't forget to take a few minutes to respond to the Women's Ministry Survey. Gloria Ferrer, the new director, would like to get some feedback from you as we step into the next chapter of this ministry. *Please reply by email or print the survey and place it in the offering plate the next time you're at church.*

AREA 7 SDA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Here is another opportunity to be included in this directory. If you own a business, are a doctor, dentist or other professional person, or do carpentry, electrical, plumbing work, or landscaping, and wish to be listed in the Area 7 SDA Yellow Pages, please e-mail your name, the name of your business, address, telephone number, and a brief description of your work (also your business license number if you have one) to Pastor Gary Jensen, pastorgaryjensen@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

First Reading

Bill and Fran Jamison to Clovis
Shayla Burkhart – *joining by Profession of Faith*

NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you've graduated from high school and are under 35 years old, please stick around a minute after church **this Sabbath** to talk with Taneshia Kerr and Marla Hartman. We're rolling out a new Young Adult ministry and would like to give you a heads-up on what's coming! Seriously – we only need seven minutes.



YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION - WEDNESDAY

We will have our monthly food pantry distribution day on Wednesday and we would appreciate any non-perishable food items; even a just few dollars in donation will go a long way in providing food for a family. *Thank you for your continued support.*

HOST THE REFRESHMENT TABLE

Dates available: February 9, 16, 23. You can host it in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or just because...make it simple or go with a theme. Please call the church office (229-5501) to sign-up.

NEW SEWING CLASS AT FAA

Fresno Adventist Academy has started a sewing class this semester. There are several needs that the school has for this project. If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Principal Johnson (ejohnson@faa.org) or Patti Crocker (pariseridesigns@yahoo.com).

Please submit your bulletin and eNews announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org. **All info is due by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.** The Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

WORSHIP

LEARN

CONNECT

SERVE



**Patty Osborne with her sons
Chad, Corey, & Joseph**



**Kimberly,
Haley, & Vance Gilpin**

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THE LAST WORD**A Stranger's Eyes**

By Mary Eileen Oakes

People see God every day; they just don't recognize him. ~ Pearl Bailey

I was twenty-five. I had a rewarding job and a close circle of friends. I was loved by my family. I had a good education, food on the table, and a roof over my head. I was healthy. It looked like I had everything, but I was just going through the motions. I was lonely.

The night that I became aware that there was something missing from my soul was on a cross-country driving adventure with my sister. As we drove across the flat darkness of Kansas, she described a feeling that someone was always with her, guiding her. She felt as if there was a greater force that comforted her. After a long philosophical conversation, she fell asleep as I drove. I secretly cried that night.

My downward spiral of doubt, pain, and sadness continued until one night, as I lay awake, the phone rang. My sister was calling to let me know that my brother and his wife were on their way to the hospital to deliver their first baby three months early. As my sister-in-law was rushed in for emergency surgery, my brother stood alone and scared in the sterile, pale blue hallway. When I arrived, he met me with a quivering chin, fearful eyes, and a request for prayer. Although prayer had become a thing of the past for me, I was struck with the urgency for some sort of faith.

The next couple of days we waited while my nephew, Taylor, lay in the incubator with tubes attached to his feeble body. The rest of the family came daily to the hospital where we all prayed, cried, and even laughed at times.

On the third day after Taylor's birth, I went grocery shopping and someone caught my eye as I was getting out of my car. She was an ordinary-looking little old woman wrapped in a long wool coat. As she walked slowly past, she looked at me, and in her eyes I saw oceans of kindness and warmth. When she smiled, my fear for my nephew's life disappeared. Her eyes and her gentle smile touched me so deeply that in one second I forgot what it was like to feel alone. After she continued out of sight, I continued to look at the people passing by, only this time they were different. Every person carried with them, whether it was obvious or not, innocence and the ability to heal — God. I cried for two weeks from the overwhelming feeling that He was, and had always been, right there with me.

Taylor will be sixteen this year, and my faith has not wavered since. In all those years, I have gone against everything I was taught as a child about avoiding eye contact with strangers. I listen with my eyes to what they have to say. In their eyes, I see laughter, I see tears, I see loneliness. I see a new engagement, a celebration, an anniversary. I see longing for forgiveness, and I see absolution. I see the child within. I see old age. I see sickness, and I see confusion. I see regrets, hope for a new job, fear and victory. I see culture, and I see family. I see love and faith and hope. I see the future, and I see humanity. But, most importantly, I see God. And I know that I can give to others the gift that was given to me in a stranger's eyes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Julie Keener (1/19)
Claudia America Arias (1/20)
Phyllis Birmingham (1/22)
Tammy Faridi (1/22)
Emeron Montgomery (1/22)
Becky Crouch (1/23)
Janet Rhoads (1/23)
Mark Johnson (1/25)
MaryLou Kolstad (1/25)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

Al & Maria Smith (1/21)