

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



CHURCH LIFE

ONE OF EACH

If you missed our church family potluck on March 1, you might not have heard that the Kerrs are expecting a boy and a girl. It was revealed in an exciting and dramatic cake cutting moment at the beginning of potluck. All those present clapped and "awwwed" over the news.

Today, Tim and Taneshia are asking for the prayers of their church family. Yesterday, Taneshia was admitted to the hospital in pre-term labor and two centimeters dilated. The good news, she says, her water did not break, the babies are not in distress and there are no signs of infection. The medication they have given her has slowed the contractions and she will be in the hospital at least until tomorrow. We will continue to pray for Taneshia and the twins as we wait to hear more.

PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE AT McLANE OPEN HOUSE

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Scott Lamm, Principal at McLane High School:

"Our partnership with Sunnyside Seventh Day Adventist Church started last year quite innocently as we were looking to support a student who was facing some interesting challenges due to changes in living conditions. Because of my friendship with the Mitchell family from Sunnyside Church, this partnership which began to support one student grew into a whole school approach.

One classroom (M-10) has been dedicated to the church in order to supply it with clothing, undergarments, socks, hygiene products, blankets, sheets, shoes, towels, food...just about everything needed to get ready for school each day. A dedicated team of volunteers under the direction of Printess Schlist and her husband, Larry, consists of Barbara and Rollie Mitchell, Jodi Liu, David and Maxine Smith, and Dianne and Bud Dickerson. Our partners come weekly with more supplies to sort, organize, and display...this is a wonderful place for students and families in need. We are proud of the Highlander Outfitters and appreciate what they do to support the students at McLane. The purpose of Wednesday's Open House is to spread our good fortune to our 10 elementary and 2 middle schools within the McLane Region. All students in our Region will now have the opportunity to benefit from this resource. Students and families in need are referred to one or two key people on each campus who verify the need and set a private appointment for each person.

We know without a doubt that students who have missed school due to the lack of clothing may now be able to come to school each day to learn. We are proud Highlanders!" (pictures on page 4)



Yesterday, 58 Fresno Adventist Academy students, teachers and parents flew from LAX for a 10-day mission trip to Urcos, Peru with the Quiet Hour Ministries. Urcos is a poor, remote village which is at 10,330 ft above sea level and is located about 45 minutes southeast of the city of Cusco. It is about a two-hour drive from the famous ruins of Machu Picchu.

This mission trip will include the construction of a church, evening evangelism meetings, medical/dental/eye clinics, and Vacation Bible School programs for the children. In addition, health and family talks will be included with the evening evangelism meetings. Eight students from FAA have been selected to preach at four separate locations while they are there.

Some of those on the trip are our own Cathie Jo Jones, Bronti Turley, the Kidwell family, the Recalde family, and the Fernandez family. Please keep them in prayer and follow the progress of this mission trip at www.FAAPeru.org.



FAA English teacher Cathie Jones, Bronti Turley, Adam & Art Fernandez

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Worship

Learn

Connect

Serve

SABBATH CELEBRATION

March 15, 2014

Sunnyside Light

9:00 – 9:50 A.M.

**“Blessed Be Your Name”
“I Love You, Lord”**

Prayer

Kenneth Vestal

Scripture: Psalm 150

Taylor Johnson

Message

Pastor Dennis Ray

Worship Service

11:15 A.M.

**“Open the Eyes
of My Heart, Lord”**

“You Are Worthy of My Praise”

Welcome

Pastor Dennis Ray

Why I Give Thanks

Stanley Barr

**“Blessed Be Your Name”
“I Love You, Lord”**

Prayer

Kenneth Vestal

Why Music Ministry

Cory Colombini

Scripture: Psalm 150

Taylor Johnson

Why I Sing

Jessica Walker

Message

Pastor Ray

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 17

Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Breaking Free" - Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office 1:00 p.m.

Women's Ministry Workshop Meeting - Youth Room 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19

Hour of Prayer - Pastor Taneshia's Office 4:00 p.m.

Bulletin Info Deadline: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

Men's Ministry Meeting - Junior Room 6:30 p.m.

Divorce Care - Youth Room 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Youth Vespers - 6:30 p.m. - Priests' home

Sabbath, March 22

Sunnyside Light - 9:00 a.m.

SunnysideUp Café - 10:00 a.m.

Sabbath School - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.

Music & Praise Ministry - 2:00 p.m. - Bella Vista

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TITHE TO CENTRAL CALIF. CONFERENCE

March Tithe	\$9,492.79
Year to Date	\$45,263.20

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING

Local Church Budget

This Friday	
7:05 p.m.	Next Friday 7:11 p.m.

HEALTHY BYTES

Get outside and move a little bit each day.

Fresh air and deep breathing are far more important than getting a workout.

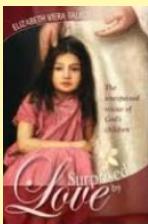
MOVE! BREATHE!

Your body will thank you.



For more information on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at gale4health@yahoo.com or visit my blog at <http://gale4health.blogspot.com.au>. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW CLASS BEGINNING THIS SABBATH

When was the last time you were surprised by love? Maybe you've heard the story before. Maybe this is your first time. Either way, when you behold the unexpected rescue of God's children, you will be amazed at His love – and at His passion for His children! This new class starts in the Café on Sabbath at 10:00 a.m. at the first table. Surprised By Love workbook, by Elizabeth Talbot, is the basis for this class.



YOUTH NEWS

Sabbath School - this week: This Sabbath we will have Obed Zamor as our special guest. Obed was with us back in November and is part of the Youth Evangelism Team (YET). He will take over Sabbath School and has some exciting lessons to share with us.

Vespers - next Friday (March 21): Hey guys - join the group for vespers next Friday at Mirra Priest's home. Pastor Taneshia will have a special program planned and there'll be great food.

PLASTIC EGGS & CANDY NEEDED

Plans are underway for Sunnyside's Annual Easter SonRise Service and Egg Hunt on April 20. For the next few weeks there will be a large basket in the foyer for any donations you would like to make. We can use individually wrapped candy, plastic Easter eggs, tiny toys or trinkets that fit inside plastic eggs, and fun stickers. Your generosity is so much appreciated.



CAMP WAWONA SCHOLARSHIPS

If you would like to send your child to Camp Wawona this summer, a limited amount of financial assistance is available from the Camp. Please contact our treasurer, Ron Fitzgerald, for details: fitz4381@hotmail.com, or drop a note in the treasurer's box outside the church secretary's office. Be sure to include your name, email address, and/or phone number.

ELMSHAVEN TOUR

Fresno Central Church is planning a tour of ElmsHaven, Sunday, March 23. We will be leaving the Fresno Central Church via a very nice, comfortable bus at 5:00 a.m. and returning about 9:00 p.m. Plan to join us as we tour ElmsHaven, PUC Museum, and Gist Mill. \$40/person (meals not included). Please contact Margaret Edwardsen for details, 707-9565.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

Plan to attend these workshops at the Clovis Church Event Hall:

Children in Crisis Workshop - Sabbath, March 15, 2:30–7:00

Learn tips and tools that help leaders; interactive discussions and demonstrations. Dinner and childcare provided. \$10 per person.

Vacation Bible School Workshop - Sunday, March 16, 10:00–3:30

A walk-through of the new bilingual VBS for this year; displaying previous VBS programs available for rent or discounted purchase; child protection review; VBS follow up/discipling. Lunch and childcare provided. \$10 per person.

Find more information at cccchildren.adventistfaith.org; and email Pastor Taneshia at tkerr@sunnysidesda.org to let her know that you will attend.

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. on Wednesdays. The Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.

WITH THANKS

Dear Sunnyside Family, Thank you for the beautiful plant and cards we received after my mother passed away recently. It is times of sadness and grief that personal words and friends are so comforting.

Thank you for caring,
May Bristol

SAVE THE DATE

Special Easter Weekend Services: April 18-20

Friday - "The Last Supper" Experience

Sabbath - Worship Service

Sunday - SonRise Service & Breakfast

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP

"Portrait of a Godly Woman in Today's World"

Join us as Paulette Riddlesprigger explores Proverbs 31 and reveals how we can become a Godly women in today's complex world.

Register at www.SoulSisters07.com

NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Gideon: Your weakness; God's strength

Mondays, May 5 - June 16

Another study presented by Priscilla Shirer will encourage us to recognize our weakness as the key that the Lord gives us to unlock the full experience of His strength in our lives.

Register at www.SoulSisters07.com

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Are you willing to cook a meal for someone in need? If so, we need you on the care team. Funds are available to purchase the supplies; we just need your willing and able hands. Contact Diane Ray (304-4801, diane_ray@hotmail.com), or complete the bulletin tab with your information and place it in the offering plate.



MUSIC & PRAISE MINISTRY

Come join Sunnyside's Afternoon Music & Praise Ministry each Sabbath afternoon as we share songs and verse with the folks in care homes. You can sing along, share a scripture, or simply chat with the residents. All are welcome!

March Schedule for Care Home Visits:

March 15: Bella Vista, 5425 W. Spruce Ave., 2:00 p.m.

March 22: Carrington Pointe, 1715 E. Alluvial, 3:15–4:00 p.m.“Afternoon Hymns.”

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sunnyside Community Services and McLane High School Open House



Jody Liu, Vice Principal Rick Santos, Barbara Mitchell, Printess and Larry Schlist, and Principal Scott Lamm



the staff with student volunteers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lindsey Shimmin (3/15)
Feliciana Wong (3/15)
Clayton Liu (3/18)
William Lutz (3/18)
Carolyn Mendibles (3/18)
Armand Mora (3/18)
Gary Shimmin (3/18)
Elle Kerbs (3/19)
Kim Daggs (3/20)
Greg Keener (3/20)
Robert Barrón (3/21)
Marcus Barreto (3/21)
Ildefonso Campomanes (3/21)
Ron Estep (3/21)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

Brett & Diane Bertao (3/16)
Todd & May Bristol (3/20)
Ildefonso & Jean Campomanes
(3/21)

THE LAST WORD**Those Who Mind Don't Matter**

By Gloria Yaxiri Plancarte
(from "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Think Positive for Kids")

Never apologize for showing feeling. When you do so, you apologize for the truth. ~ Benjamin Disraeli

It's hard to be the new kid in school, not knowing anyone, not knowing where to go or who to talk to. You feel lonely and lost, like you don't belong. This is just how my friend felt when he moved here to California from Mexico, and into our school, the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center. Trying to fit in but not stand out, learning a new language and making new friends.

"Everyone listen up! I would like you guys to meet Jose. He is new here at Vaughn and to this state, so be nice and show him around," said Mrs. Espinoza.

No one talked; it was silent. They looked; some stared and whispered to each other. He was wearing loose gray pants and a dirty white polo; his shoes squeaked every time he walked. Everyone would giggle at the sound, but no one would talk to him. I wondered how he felt being here having everyone's eyes on him and being laughed at. I wanted to say hi but was too afraid to be made fun of for talking to "the new kid." Every day he would sit by himself and eat his lunch quietly, not saying a word, just focusing on his food, wishing that school would be over soon. Many of the students would pass by and make rude comments about him. He would just frown and look down at the floor. I wanted to say something but again I was too afraid.

When I got home I talked to my sister about Jose. I told her about him being new and about how the students at school treated him. Then I told her that I wanted to talk to him but was too afraid of what my friends' reactions would be. She said, "If they are true friends they will stick by you no matter what, understand and not judge you, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

The next day I knew exactly what I was going to do. I got my lunch and walked towards Jose with everyone's eyes on me wondering what I was about to do. I sat next to him. He didn't say a word, he just kept eating his food. I decided that I was going to have to start the conversation.

"Hola Jose, me llamo Gloria quires ser mi amigo?" He looked up at me with a huge grin on his face. I couldn't help but smile back. While we talked and ate our food together I realized that he was a very nice guy. We talked about sports, and what we like to do in our free time. We also talked about how different it is living here in California than in Mexico.

As days went on I kept talking to Jose. I noticed that I was losing some friends but some actually came to join us. Jose and I became best friends and still to this day we are best friends. From little kids in fourth grade to young adults in tenth grade, Jose has always been there for me since day one and is still there today. That's why you should never judge someone by the way they look or dress — they could end up changing your whole life.