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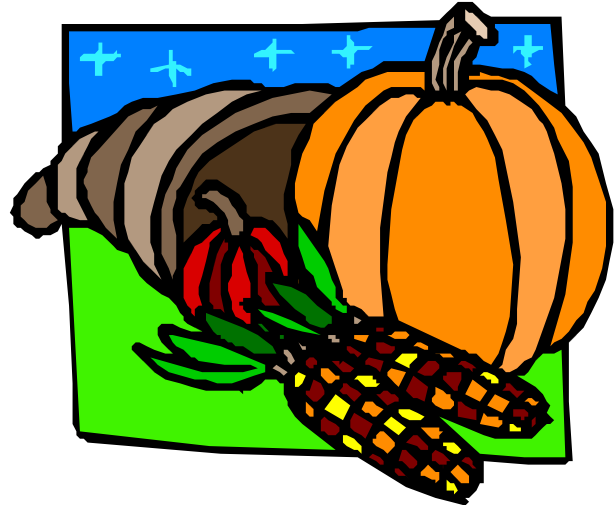
NEWSLETTER

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GIVE THANKS

When the summer's drought was broken,
Did you thank God for the rain?
When the crops were safely garnered,
Did you thank Him for the grain?
When you watched Fall's flaming beauty
Clothing all the forest land,
Did you thank God for the picture
From the Master Painter's hand?
When you read of ragged children
Begging for a crust of bread,
Did you thank the Heavenly Father
That your own were clothed and fed?
When death dealing bombs were bursting
And the war planes zoomed afar,
Did you whisper, "Lord, I'm thankful
That our land is free from war"?
Have you counted all your blessings,
Tried to name them, one by one,
Friends and health and work and shelter?
See! You've only just begun.
Blessings! Yes, we have so many,
We could never name them all;
Let's lift our hearts in glad thanksgiving
For all blessings, great and small.

—Bina T. Sarver

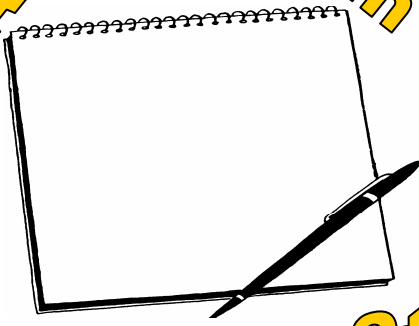


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Dates to put on your calendar—
Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 10 Bible Study Training Program
Nov. 19 Family Council
Nov. 24 Sabbath School Program

A note from



Pastor Steve

Hello church...

What is the difference between a simple truth and a profound or deep truth? Is it a matter of understanding the original language of the text? Or do you only understand deep truths when you have been in the church long enough? Or know enough testing truths for a sufficient context of understanding?

I wonder what truths God likes the best, simple or deep? Because if He has favorites shouldn't we start with them?

Which leads us to another question, which truths are the most important? I submit that it is the level at which we accept it. Is it something we just nod our heads at and accept intellectually or do we let it sink deep into our hearts?

I was talking to a young man this week, and he said something that caught my attention. He said, "I'm learning simple things in my life. Things that seem simple when you say them, but learning them is a whole different story." And then he listed a couple of these simple things. Like putting aside self—simple to say, difficult to live, or putting others first—sounds nice but it's rarely done. He said, "I thought I knew these things, but now I'm *really* learning them."

I was shocked by his insight. And I predict that it has altered my concept of

truth, that it isn't a matter of simple or deep, but a rather a matter of the heart.

May we learn truth, and as that youth said, *really* learn. Could it be this is the difference between simple and deep?

May God bless you.

—Pastor Steve

Your Attention, Please!

Daylight Savings Ends. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Nov. 4.

Reminder. For all activities or functions involving the church or church-related events, a Church Calendar Request Form must be completed and approved prior to announcing the function. This includes church activities that are held off-campus as well as those on the church grounds.

Get in the Game. A Bible Study Training Program begins Sabbath afternoon Nov. 10 at 2:30 and continues through December. This is an exciting and intense training program where you will learn how to be a more effective soul winner for Jesus.

Food and Baskets are needed for our annual Thanksgiving drive. All goods are distributed to needy families. Bring your donations to the Community Services storage room or contact Mary Bowman 683-3067 for pickup.

Community Services Yard Sale is being postponed until better weather. Storage place is limited. Please save your donations until we get the yard sale underway. Watch for future announcements.

Southern California Fire Relief. Blankets, clothing, and non-perishable foods may be brought to the Community Services room. Call Mary Bowman for more information

CCC Women's Retreats. Plan to attend one of the CCC Women's Retreats. The Retreat dates are Jan. 25-27, 2008 and Feb. 1-3, 2008 for Tenaya Lodge; and Feb. 8-10, 2008 at Soquel Conference Campground. Limited scholarships are available for first-time attending SDA and non-SDA. See Bulletin Board for brochures or contact Kathleen Franger 658-8705 or Pat Curtis 642-2396 for more information.

Church Christmas Program. We are planning a candlelight Christmas program on Friday evening Dec. 21. If you have some music to share or know someone who could, call Mike O'Neil at 641-5586.

Birthday/Anniversary Dates. If your special day is not in our list of celebrations, please give this information to Rosalind Hansen in order to have it included in the Newsletter.

Jobs and businesses of church members. We are giving thought to making some type of listing of available services by church members. When someone is in need of some type of work, it would be great to look there first. We would appreciate your input on this idea.

Anniversaries
November

- 1 Gary and Bonnie Wilson
- 3 Wilbur and Sonia Brown
- 6 Gene and Irma Carpenter
- 10 Tim and Michele Wisener
- 18 Merel and Barbara Hayen

December
7 Heinz and Maria Betat

Celebrate!

Birthdays
November

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Virgil Shipp | 18 Cecilia Shortt |
| 6 Chandra Shipp | 18 Samantha Shortt |
| 8 Don Ericksen | 19 Nathan Isaac |
| 8 Ed Hardy | 20 Lea Gilbert |
| 8 Ken Kolstad | 22 Luana Brown |
| 8 Jeri Kolstad | 22 David Jeffries |
| 13 Herman Brown | 22 Gary Shipp |
| 15 Merel Hayen | 24 Carrie Bowman |
| 15 Earl Meyer | 25 Kathy Brix |
| 15 Miriam Schooley | 27 Steve Hamilton |
| 17 Henry Pombo | 27 Doug O'Neil |

December
(1st week)

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Kevin Glazener | 3 Jeremy Shipp |
| 2 Lauren Lapham | 4 Raquel Garza |
| 3 Beth Broomfield | 5 Barbara Hayen |
| 3 Esther Mindoro | |



Party for
Mim Schooley

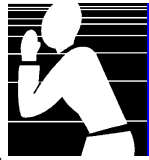
Date: Nov. 11, 2007
Time: 2 p.m.

Place: The home of Vin & Sherry Root at 53643 Taylor Ridge Road, North Fork

Who: All of Mim's friends

Information: No gifts required, but if you must, Mim loves beautiful things (prettily wrapped gifts). So wrap up some useful & disposable things (paper towels, nuts, dried fruits, cleaning supplies, etc.) For more information or directions please call Vin or Sherry Root at 877-7701

PRAYER CORNER



God has given you the extraordinary privilege of prayer. The most important thing you can do for your family is to pray for them. The most important thing you can do for your neighbors and those in your town or city is to pray for them. The greatest thing you can do for your country and the world is to pray for it.

One of the highest uses of prayer (some say the highest) is to intercede for those outside the family of God. The Bible says, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Ps. 2:8

Millie E. Stamm *Prayer..talking with God* p. 46

Hour of Prayer

Wed. 9:15-10-15 a.m. Church Office
Karen Bergh

Prayer Ministries

Contact Persons:

Kathy Fagan: 683-5210 if you have a request for the prayer chain

Karen Bergh: 683-4580 or **Don Bray:** 683-5440 if you have a personal request or interest in a prayer group.

Prayer is a two-way conversation between two people who love each other!

Intercession is asking God, from a burdened heart, for a world on its way to a Christless eternity.

Praise For—

Change of weather
Most California fires are contained
Successful procedure for Kathy Brix

Pray For—

Those with health problems—

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Lisa Menke | Mary Plumlee |
| Glen Bowen | Evelyn Maynard |
| Irene Frederico | Helen Aved |
| Pauline Hunter | Mim Schooley |
| Don Ericksen | Betty Axt |
| Kay Mickel | Eduardo Que |
| Linda Garlick | Rosalie Brown |
| Miriam Bergh | Violet Cree |
| Kathy Brix | Darlene O'Neil |
| Evelyn Davis | Evelyn Young |
| Thomas Sisco | |

Specific requests—

- Those affected by the California fires
- Safety for firefighters
- Prayer life of our church
- Bowen/Finneman families in their loss
- Safety in travel for our families during holiday travel
- Creation Seminar in North Fork and follow up Lindsay, Alexi, & Jasmine at Mission College
- Sabrina at MBA
- Bowman family in their loss
- Mark, Trudy, & Jonah Squires in Nepal
- "Missing" members to return
- Those who God would have you reach
- Ongoing Bible studies
- Children/grandchildren
 - Tristan Smith, Scott Guthrie, Rick, Grant Bray, Greg Bray Merrilee Bray, Karen Wood, Billie Rankin, Tarik Rogers, Toby Peterson, Jon Grabast, Bob Dibble, Charlie Wiseman

8:15-8:30 a.m.
Daily
Pray with our school

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Edwin and Gladis Gramajo on the safe arrival of their new daughter Janelle Esther who arrived on September 24 at 11:56 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Nathaniel is a proud big brother. Although there was a heart murmur heard when she was born, at the last checkup none was detected. The Gramajos thank the church family for their prayers. Little Janelle is doing fine.

A note from the Ericksens said their apartment would be available on Nov. 1. They are looking forward to unpacking and storing their suitcases! They will be in the Linda Valley Villa at 11075 Benton Street in Loma Linda.

Hopefully, we will have their apartment number and phone number next month.

One September 29 the church family enjoyed a church service and vespers given by Randy Brehms with his singing group "Reflections".

Jennifer Lyster hosted an enjoyable baby shower for Colin & Stacey (Moore) Krause, Sunday, October 7. There was a good turnout. They received a lot of nice things for their expected baby boy.

On October 20, we were blessed to have Pastor Yves Monnier from the Bakersfield Hillcrest church as our speaker. Pastor Monnier was the senior pastor who contacted Pastor Steve for a position as the youth pastor on the staff at Hillcrest, and then a number of years later, had to reluctantly relinquish him to the Oakhurst church!

Several members attended the Adult Prayer Conference, "Global Rain Continues" Oct. 12-14. at the Ceres Seventh-Day Adventist

For the church service on October 6, Elder Wellesley Muir with Janice Britton and Tyrell McKenzie gave a report of their recent mission trip to Peru.

We are happy to see Thomas Sisco back at church after his hip surgery, and also Evelyn Young after her stroke.

Pastor Steve, Pastor Jacob and thirteen teens from Oakhurst attended the Youth Prayer Conference hosted by the Youth Evangelistic Team in Bakersfield. Several of those who went are non-church members. Those that went said it was a real blessing. Pastor Jacob spent two weeks airbrushing panels that were used for the stage set.

Several men came for a work bee on Oct. 28. They got the old roof torn off Holbrook Hall and covered with a tarp awaiting inspection. They also found the problem with the water leak in the parking lot. Lunch was provided by Peggy Chavez with the help of Mary Bowman, Stacey Vogel and Janet Hardy.

A note from Glenn Bowen and Jerry and Shirley Finneman told of the death of Ed Bowen, Glenn's son, on June 4, and then of June Bowen just four months later on October 4. June's memorial service will be on Nov. 3. To the family we express our sincere sympathy.

SPECIAL SABBATH SCHOOL

Nov. 24 we will have a special Sabbath School program on missions. George Johnson from our conference office will share with us some of his recent mission experiences. There will be no regular lesson study, but a short review of that week's lesson will be included in the program.

Ruby's Ramblings

FROM NOT SO FAR

Looking through some old papers today, I found two Church Newsletters, a June and October, both dated 1996. Fun browsing through them—one article in particular—Jeri Mercer (then) and Jane Steen had committed themselves to help on the Idaho Falls Maranatha Project. Quoting them, “The work is hard, the hours are long. The first job is finished, and we’re on our way to Moab, Utah. It hasn’t been all work. We’ve visited Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone, and the Grand Teton and look forward to some white-water rafting.” So much fun reading what the other members had been doing also.

I was surprised to see many friends when I was able to attend Carmichael Church recently—so special that it was Communion Sabbath. It was fun going to the Sacramento zoo with Brenda and friends. Received a letter from Henry and Pauline Doll. They have sold their home at Exeter, and moved to Yountville Retirement Center; SDA Church just across the street...Brenda and Dick are on Maranatha trips to India and Mozambique in October and November.

“Lord, You are not far from me, and moment by moment, I have reason to acknowledge Your nearness because of Your constant blessings in my life. THANK YOU! Amen.”

R.C.

“A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t.”

—Anonymous

I HAVE BEEN BLESSED

I have been blessed far more than I
deserve,
Each new day brings some cause for giving
thanks,
I never could have made it all alone,
Outnumbered here among life’s crowded
ranks.

Had He not walked beside me all the way,
I might have missed the path obscured by
weeds,
Because of Him my heart has learned to
pray
Not for what it wants—but what it needs.

I have been blessed in countless little ways,
One of which is recognizing when,
And if He places milestones in my way,
Why ‘tis to teach me how to say “Amen”.

No night so dark there does not fall a ray
Of hope that shines far brighter than a star,
No grief so great we cannot bear its weight,
Upheld by Him, poor creatures that we are.

He promised us that “those who seek shall
find”,
He said “who knocks will be admitted in”,
Time and again we’ve all had cause to
know
How true this is, and even now as then.

The songs of birds, the sunlight through the
trees,
And simple faith that is its own reward,
Oh, what a consolation just to know...
I have been blessed a hundred-fold, my
Lord.

—Grace E. Easley

**“Money can’t buy character; character
is what we are when we are alone in the
dark.”**

—Anonymous



Great News! Our Quilts for Tots program, led by Gladys Petersen (Oakhurst church) and Jan Kissig (North Fork church), is finally finished! For the past eight months, the team of over 20 women has worked diligently quilting, knitting and crocheting blankets for the children in the Honduras Pan American Health Services orphanage. Filled with color and made with love, over 80 blankets have been made to help keep “our” kids warm this winter. We would like to extend our thanks to all of you who contributed your time, talent and treasures to help make this program possible.

It’s almost time to announce who our Secret Sisters have been this past year. Please watch the bulletin for more information on this event.

Each year, the Women’s Ministry conferences get better and better! “Experience God’s Joy” is the theme for the upcoming conferences to be held on three spirit filled weekends, January 25-27 (speakers are Ginny Allen, Brenda Walsh) and February 1-3 (speakers are Hyveth Williams and Joy Swift) at Tenaya Lodge and February 8-10 at the Soquel Camp meeting ground (speaker is Esmie Branner)... Some scholarships are available for first time attendees if you get your registration in FAST as the scholarships go quickly. More information and brochures are available from the church bulletin boards or by

calling Kathleen Franger 658-8705.
We’d like to see all of our women there
—Kathleen Franger



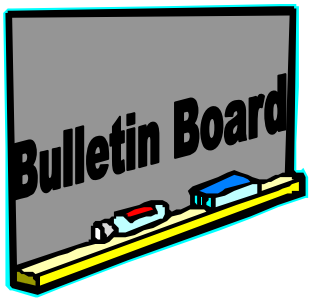
“Do yourself a favor and learn all you can. . .” Proverbs 19:8 (Good News Bible)

We have done a heap of learning this first quarter. Yes, we are already a fourth of the way through the school year! Report cards have gone out and the end-of-the-quarter Scholar-Dollar Auction has been held. We have established a routine and are pressing ahead.

The students are looking forward to helping Pastor Jacob with the church service on November 17. Ideas have been flying and interest has been mounting as they are working together to help illustrate the message. Sorry, no sneak previews—you’ll have to come and see!

We started work on the Presidential Physical Fitness Award during P.E. this month. Looks like we have some work to do in some areas, but we should be ready by spring. We were happy to have Rochelle Isaac join us for P.E. and Art.

—Gayla Rumble



Paintings Displayed. Art Dalglish has 8 paintings on display at United Security Bank. They have been there since Oct. 1 and will be there through December. Art makes his own frames. These paintings are available for sale with the money going to charity. The paintings are displayed behind the counter. The tellers can help with prices that are listed or you may call the Dalglishes at 658-8464



September 17, 2007

- Recommended to church body transfers of membership.
Outgoing: Tom & Lin Madsen to Honolulu Japanese; Steve, Kim & Pheobe Maciel to Sacramento Central
- Church Door Locks: Voted that Charlie Chavez will obtain bids and proceed with phase 1
Phase 1: 3 outside doors of the church and school building.
Phase 2: Obtain bid for work on Holbrook Hall door locks and bring to board.
Phase 3: Obtain bid for outside SS rooms, side sanctuary door, and prophecy room door and bring to board

- Natural Church Development (NCD) Survey Results: A slide show highlighting the Eight Characteristics of a Healthy church was presented showing the differing results of the “church board” survey and the “young adults” survey. At the December leadership summit, plans will be developed to improve the “minimum factor” (weakest characteristic) by utilizing the strongest characteristic. The plans will be presented at the January Board.
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- Subscription to Mission Sonlight (formerly Mission Spotlight) will be renewed. DVD will be shown on selected Sabbaths and at the school.
- PUC will be providing orientation and testing for High School seniors. The date has not been settled, but will be before year-end will be held in Holbrook Hall. This is sponsored by Pine Heights School and open to our community.
- Next Board Meeting, November 19, 2007, 7:00 p.m., will be a combined Family Council (Church Business meeting) and Church Board meeting.