

Colton SDA Newsletter

July 2011

Up Coming and On Going Activities

Here Comes the Campout!



One of the favorite annual activities at the Colton church is the combined summer Campout with the Fontana SDA Church. Our Campout will take place on the weekend of Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31. This year we are getting together at Table Mountain Campground, located at an elevation of 7200 ft in the Angeles National Forest, about 10 minutes beyond Wrightwood, very near the Mountain High Ski Area. Perched atop a forested mountain with a commanding view of the Mojave Desert below, this campground is accessible entirely on paved roads, and offers an expanded array of basic amenities. In addition to having reserved what should be more than sufficient camping space, the two churches have also reserved the campground's amphitheater for Saturday, which will allow enough parking space for all those who wish to enjoy the mountain experience for the daylight hours of the Sabbath only.

As in past years, there will sundown vespers services on Friday and Saturday evenings; a complete Sabbath School and Divine Service/Worship Service in the open air on Sabbath, Saturday, July 30; fellowship potluck lunch after church service on Sabbath; crafts for children, and a nature hike for adults, on Sabbath afternoon; and time for conversation and fellowship around the campfire after dark. Meals will be provided by the churches for dinner on Friday and Saturday, and for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Any special dietary needs (vegan, etc) need to be reported to Art Bell well in advance of the Campout weekend. Since

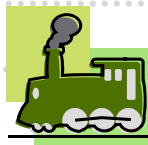
one of the main reasons people go camping is to get away from the bustle and noise of city life, special care will be taken this year to allow for quiet enjoyment of the natural surroundings by all attendees, including a "Very Quiet Zone" for those who are looking for extra peace and quiet.

One thing that Table Mountain does not offer is abundant parking space for those camping overnight, which is why pricing for attendees has been adjusted this year to encourage carpooling by campers. Any overnight campers who come up in a vehicle with at least three other campers (excluding those who come in a towed RV, which takes up two spaces), or who are dropped off at the campout by a driver who is not staying overnight, will be charged only \$13 for the weekend, while all others will be charged \$18. (Children ages 4 and under camp for free.) Those who are just coming up for the day on Sabbath the 30th need to pay only \$5 per vehicle (no per-person charge). This should be a fun weekend for everyone, so you should plan to be there!

If you have any questions, please call Jerry Johnson 909-825-9382, or Tammy Figueroa at 909-528-8555. You can also download the information flyer for the Campout at the Colton church's website at <http://colton.adventistfaith.org>, under the "Announcement Flyers" link. Please sign up in the Colton church lobby to let us know you are coming. See you there!

Jerry Johnson

Community Services Corner



Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for the contributions for the recent fund raisers. They would not have succeeded without all of you. I hope you all enjoyed the food that was prepared. Next year we shall add some new items to keep the interest going.

Our next event will be the "Metrolink Train Trip"

which will be on August 7th. The cost will be \$ 7.25 per ticket each for a round trip to L.A. Union Station (at this point children under 5 still ride free). This notice will give you all time to save up for your family and anyone else you would like to invite. We will give you an update every month until then, so stay tuned to this corner.

Laura Bauchert

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Verse of the Month

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

Pastor's Perspective

Are we being Obedience or being Stubborn?

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20

If you ask yourself a question concerning the evangelism effort of the Colton Seventh-day Adventist Church in the month of October 2011, what question would you ask? Would you say, "Why is Colton Church doing an evangelistic program?" "Haven't our church done an evangelist program before?" "What kind of spiritual success has the Colton SDA Church had in the past?" "Wouldn't it be a wasting of time and resources or would it be another boring program that probably only our church members would attend and at the end of the program only a few children will get baptized?"

How about seeing the evangelism program of the Colton SDA Church this year, 2011, as an opportunity for our members to say, "This is not about us, Colton SDA Church, but it is about being obedient to the last command of our Lord Jesus Christ as it is stating in Matthew 28: 18-20 above."

Jesus said that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him. Could it be that what Jesus is saying that when we go to evangelize our families, neighborhoods, communities, and our cities

we are recognizing his authority in heaven and on earth and also that we are demonstrating obedience to his command? If we consider his words carefully and follow them accordingly, we are actually demonstrating to the world that Jesus is the Lord and Savior of your life and mine. John 14: 15-17 says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

Therefore I would like to say this: Our evangelistic effort to evangelize our families, neighborhood, communities, and our cities; is not about us, it is about being obedient to the final words of the Savior just before He ascended to be with the Father. Paul was so determined to become a faithful evangelist as he concluded his service of making disciples for the kingdom of God. He said in 2 Timothy 4:6-8, "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

It is not I but Christ.

Pastor Mataafa

Ten Commandments Series: Part Four

Having covered in the first four commandments our duties toward God. We now take the second tablet of the law. Dealing with the duties toward our fellow men. (Matt. 22:34-40)

This fifth commandment is written in Exodus 20:12: "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Parents stand to their children as the representatives of God. It is logical and fitting that our first man-ward duty should be toward parents. (Eph. 6:1-3)

Another purpose of this commandment is to engender respect for all rightful authority. Such respect begins with the attitude of children toward their parents. In the mind of the child this becomes the basis for respect and obedience owed to those who are legitimately placed in authority over him throughout life.

There is included in the spirit of this commandment the thought that those who are in authority in the home and outside of it should so conduct themselves that they are ever worthy of the respect and obedience of those under them.

Throughout scripture, disobedience to parents is treated as one of the greatest evil. (Rom. 1:30) Obedience on the part of children is reasonable and just.



Of all creatures that are born, a human babe is the most helpless, and for years it is entirely dependent on the kindness and love of parents.

But even more important, a child who is disobedient to parents will surely be disobedient to God, for he will know nothing of those disciplines and restraints that are absolutely essential to Christian growth.

The awakening conscience of the child must be respected by the parents: Remember that every training must be "In the Lord."

In the fifth commandment, it is clearly shown both the responsibilities of the child and the parents.

Children are to obey in the Lord, and the parents are to mold or train up a child. (Prov. 22:6) It is our most important duty to train them up right, remembering that this is the only thing that we as parents can take with us to that heavenly home that God is preparing for us.

What a wonderful day will it be. Because of our right training we all can be there. May this be our daily prayer for our whole family to be saved in Christ's kingdom.

Oliod S. Moura

Activities Report

Vacation Bible School

On June 20 the 2011 VBS was launched! After weeks of planning, decorating and anticipation the event was upon us. Each child was greeted with a smile and a name tag at the registration tables by the registration team.

From there, the kids entered the church and enjoyed music and Chadder Chip-movies. Each night a Bible Point was presented which tied into the Bible story of the evening with crafts, games and snacks to match.

Day one was "God Made You" and the Bible story was creation. The craft was coloring key chain people for the buddies to be kept on through out the week. The Treetop Treats team passed out Maker Mix, which was a tasty symbolism of all the things God made on our earth. "Thank-You God!"

"God Listens to You" was day two's Bible point. The Bible story that inspired this point was Elijah and his stand-off with the prophets of Baal. Everyone enjoyed "making fire" for Elijah's alter. Panda bear dizzy drums were cute and of course noisy, which was fun for all ages. Elijah's alter never tasted so good as the ones the Treetop

Treats crew delivered that evening - who doesn't like cupcakes?

Jonah's harrowing experience in a big storm in a big sea with a big fish, was the Bible story for day three. The Bible point was "God Watches Over You!" "Thank-you God!" Every Bible point was followed by the kids shouting Thank-you God! Everyone got to experience the dark and smelling belly of the big fish. Rainbow

glasses, decorated during craft time, made the world look beautiful just like after a big rain storm. And to finish off the night we had carefully constructed fish with grape bubbles, from Treetop Treats.

On day four we learned the "God Loves You, No Matter What." No other Bible story teaches us that better than Jesus's death and resurrection.

The pre-school, Panda Pals, decorated a cross for craft time and the big kids made door hangers. Treetop Treats dish up pretzel and white chocolate crosses to enforce the story.

Day five the Bible Point was "God Gives Good Gifts." The story was Hannah's prayers for a baby and the gift of baby Samuel. Everyone decorated gift boxes and

received all the buddies for the week. The snack for the day was a cup full of cake, yogurt, cool whip and blue berries, it was definitely a sweet gift from the hard working team of Treetop Treats.

This year graduation was held on Sabbath with a open invitation to all the families represented at VBS. A potluck followed the celebration.

Every year our church pulls together as a well oiled volunteer machine and produces a well organized and fun Vacation Bible School. Thank-you to each of those who made this outreach program a success this year. May the Lord bless your for your work!

Kristi Cruise

God Loves You, No Matter What.

God Listens To You.

God Watches Over You.

God Gives Good Gifts.



Getting Ready



Many of the young people helped to make the signs for the different crews.



All the little details have to be done to make a successful VBS.



The welcoming crew at registration were kept busy the first night.

Mary Lou was a co-leader and was crucial in its planning and execution.



Singing



Panda Pals singing and dancing to learn that God is watching over them.



Singing on graduation Sabbath.



All the kids tried to keep up with energetic Marissa's sign language



Bible Stories



Pastor Bell portraying Elijah with his altar and sacrifice.



Here is Nestor, telling the story of Jonah in the belly of the big fish.



On graduation Sabbath the kids proudly showed what they learned.



The littlest group got to be in the belly of the fish too, it even smelled fishy.



The pledges led the service for VBS graduation on Sabbath.



Building Elijah's altar in the Panda Pal's room.

Patty Panda and Other Panda Sightings



Leanne with Patty Panda (Netanya) teaching us that God loves us just the way he made us.



Any body know the identity of this Panda?



Patty was well loved!

Crafts



A lot of creativity happened in Crazy Crafts. Coloring, designing and fun happened there.



Door hand, key chains , rainbow glasses and more were made and enjoyed.



Pony Rides and Games



The promise of a pony ride was reward enough to make even these wiggle worms hold still.



Sitting tall and smiling! Good job Bill.



The games reinforced the Bible teaching for the evening and released energy.



Playing "Rise Again" tag. Teaching we can teach others about Jesus.



Patty got to touch Sunshine's mane.



Treetop Treats



Blanca, and part of her Treats Crew making "maker mix" which contained symbols of everything God Made.

God gives good gifts and so does Treetop Treats crew.



Cracker fish with grape bubbles reminded us of the story of Jonah.



Pretzel and white chocolate crosses symbolized Christ's abundant sacrifice for us.

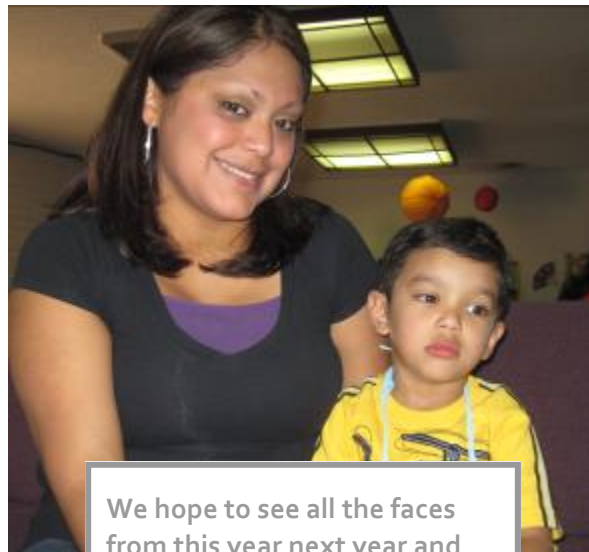
VBS Faces



Some brought friends, everyone made new friends and families were strengthened by learning about God.



VBS is all about faith building in a fun and exciting way. Job well done good and faithful servants of God!



We hope to see all the faces from this year next year and new ones too.



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Mark Your Calendars



Come join us for Study & Worship Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and for the following activities.

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| Jul 10 (Sun) 5:00 PM - Men's Ministry Night at the Ballpark: 66'ers game | Jul 24 (Sun) 11:00 AM - Church Board meeting |
| Jul 16 (Sat) 2:30 AM - Leadership Training/Literature Distribution | Jul 29-31 (Fri-Sun) - Annual Campout: Table Mtn, Angeles NF |
| Jul 20 (Wed) 7:00 PM - Home Bible Study | Aug 6 (Sun) 1:00 PM - Deacons/Deaconesses Council Meeting & Potluck |
| Jul 24 (Sun) 8:00 AM - Work Bee | Aug 7 (Sun) - Train Trip |

Church Mission Statement

To provide a grace-filled environment where a diversity of worshipers may experience the healing love of Jesus through the ministry of the Word, the community of prayer, the fellowship of God's family, and the opportunity to serve.

A Trivial Wordsearch

It isn't much fun playing with familiar names and places. Where's the challenge in finding a word like Judah or Bethlehem? So, here is a true challenge ~ 20 cities mentioned here and there in the Old Testament. If you can find them all, give yourself a bowl of raspberry sherbet. If you can find them on a map, give yourself a round-trip ticket to Ziklag.



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Contribution Instructions

The mission of this newsletter is to provide communication and inspiration for our church members. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrkljrcruise@sbcglobal.net or home phone (909) 872-0394. The next Newsletter will be distributed May 28. Please turn in your articles or photos by Tuesday, May 24 before 5:00 pm.

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| Abez | Gaba | Bamoth | Ibleam | Jebus |
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Answers to last month's quiz:

Quiz Time

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| 1. He took some devoted things from Jericho. | 5. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. |
| 2. It marked the end of a vow he had taken. | 6. The Book of Isaiah |
| 3. Philip. | 7. Honey from a lion's carcass. |
| 4. Salome. | 8. The lack of faith of his followers, or Lazarus' death. |
| | 9. The bite of a venomous snakes. |
| | 10. Jared, Methuselah's grandfather. |