

Colton Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

March 2012

Up Coming and On Going Activities

Mark Your Calendars



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

Mar 10 (Sat) Following Potluck, Gary Smalley video.	Mar 28 (Wed) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Mar 11 (Sun) 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Yard Sale	Apr 4 (Wed) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Mar 14 (Wed) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting	Apr 7 (Sab) 11:00 AM Easter Cantata
Mar 18 (Sun) 8:00 - 11:00 AM Work Bee	Apr 11 (Wed) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Mar 18 (Sun) 11:00 AM Board Meeting	Apr 15 (Sun) 8:00 - 11:00 AM Work Bee
Mar 21 (Wed) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting	Apr 15 (Sun) 9:00 AM CORE Pancake Breakfast
Mar 24 (Sab) CORE Youth Sabbath	Apr 15 (Sun) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Board Meeting
Mar 24 (Sat) 7:00 PM Talent Night	

Prayer Ministry – Back To Prayer Meeting

Colton SDA Church prayer ministry committee met on Sabbath afternoon March 3, 2012 to discuss ways to encourage every member to come to prayer meetings on Wednesday night.



The committee would like to challenge everyone to bring your prayer requests Wednesday. You will hear stories of answered prayers and with faith you can have your prayer answered too, you will be blessed by attending.

We look forward to seeing you in prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

May the Spirit help each of us to attend.

Pastor Moura

Yes, that's right! We are calling all church members and friends to join us for a prayer filled hour on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Our format is changing, our group is growing and we don't want you to miss out on the blessings! We meet together to edify one another by an interchange of thoughts and feelings, to gather strength, and light, and courage by becoming acquainted with one another's hopes and aspirations; and by our earnest, heartfelt prayers, offered up in faith, we receive refreshment and vigor from the Source of our strength. Soon you will be hearing weekly testimonies of our answered prayers during our church service. A sign-up prayer testimony schedule will be forthcoming in the foyer. Let's get excited about prayer meeting!

Tammy Figueroa

Core Fundraisers

Our CORE Sabbath School Class has two fundraisers coming up. First is the Talent Show. This is not to be missed. Last year the talent show had some presentations that were funny, some where inspiring but all were definitely entertaining. Look for more information and the weeks to come and be sure to sign up to show off your talent.



Our youth do not just entertain but cook too! On April 15 starting at 9 a.m. there will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser. Those of you who like to attend Work Bees and Board Meetings just bring some money and you can work and meet with a full happy stomach. Or come for the pancakes and stick around to work them off at Work Bee; that way everyone wins!

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Verse of the Month

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 4:6-7

Inspiration Section

God as Our Example of Parenthood

Genesis 1-2:3

God nested in a most spectacular way. He made the whole world in preparation for the "birth" of His children. Every parent, especially mothers go through a period of nesting or preparation when they are expecting a new baby. A space must be made for the new arrival. There is so much to prepare, such as a comfortable bed, a car seat, clothes, special toys and stuffed animals.

God created the whole world, but He also created a nursery, a special place, just for His newborns- the Garden of Eden. Within this space was everything His children would need, lush velvety grass to sooth their feet and cradle them close when it was time to rest. Food of every kind was provided to satisfy their stomachs and taste buds. Our Father even provided fuzzy fun animals for Adam and Eve to pet and play with. God even encouraged Adam to give his pets names!

God created one day each week to have a date with His children. For 24 hours God would set aside all His activities to spend time with His children and He asked that they would do the same in return. He knew we needed to rest in Him, but He also wanted to spend special parent time with us, without distraction.

God did not create people and then create all the things they would need, no, it was all planned and prepared. However, God knew what the result of His creation would be. He knew Adam and Eve would sin in quick succession. He knew that in one generation murder would occur between brothers. He knew Jesus would have to be sacrificed for our sins. He knew there would be a Hitler, a

Stalin, and an Osama Bin Laden. He had full knowledge of the pain He would face and what His children would endure. But He chose to create us, to love us and ultimately to redeem us.

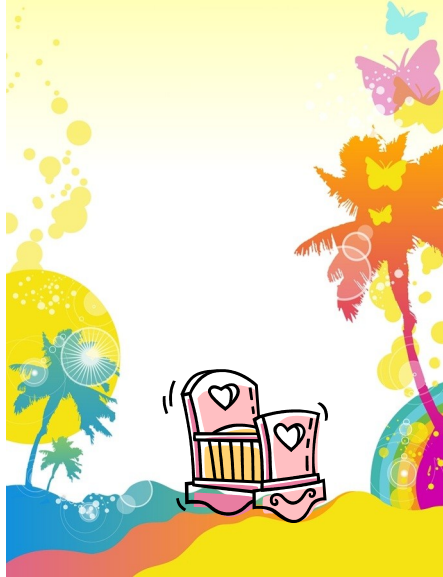
Every woman is aware that having a baby will be painful. But no parent knows if their child will choose to be good and kind like Mother Teresa or evil like Hitler or Bin Laden. If we knew that our child would grow to be evil to others and even to ourselves, would we do it anyway? Would we be able to love them unconditionally at the same time?

God chose to show His love throughout the universe in His dealings with us and ultimately Satan. God had an unknown number of other children watching how He would deal with Satan's rebellion and then Adam and Eve's rebellion and the results. Each of God's children through out the universe needed to know without any doubt if Satan was right in his rebellion. God knew Satan could hurt not only His human children but also His children throughout the universe. God knew if He simply removed Satan it could cause the rebellion to increase in the universe. What would you have done?

God chose to contain the rebellion and to fully display His love for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God knew some of His human children would choose truth and obedience. We have plenty of evidence that doing things our way only leads to pain and ruin. Now we have to choose truth and obedience, just like the rest of the universe already has. And just like we expect from our own children.

Kristi Cruise

A few months ago I started reading the Bible through looking for God's interaction with His children. I am hoping that by reading the Bible in this way I will gain a better understanding of who He is and how much He loves me. Also I want to learn how to better parent my children by learning from the Master Parent.



Activities Report

Valentine Potluck

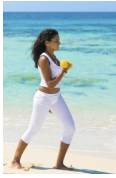


On February 11 the Social Committee sponsored a Valentine Potluck. Everyone enjoyed celebrating love in all it's forms, but most of all by remembering God's unconditional love for us. Thank-you Social Committee and cooks!



Fit For God

Let's March to the Tune!



How much success are we having getting to our health goal? Eating better? Exercising? Getting family and friends to join you?

Sometimes you have to be the leader. One who will encourage others, to share ideas, recipes, and yes, to support everyone (including yourself) to reach our goals!

Most important is to have someone to share the excitement of your success or the success of your "Fit for God" buddy. We all want to hear good news and most want to share new updates.

I want to give you the web site that I know you will like. If you have a computer at home, log onto the internet, type "Calorie Control Council" and click search. This tool is so helpful and if you look all around the page, you will find other sites that you can log into that are also very, very helpful. For men, type in the web site and add "men" to the end of the title.

As for me, I have two goals that go hand in hand with eating better and losing weight. First, losing weight is making me feel a lot better. Secondly, I am eyeing those clothes hanging in my closet that perhaps will fit again real soon.

Third and most importantly (did I say two?) is the fact that I am taking medication that I don't want to be on. My last Doctor visit paid off with the surprise weight loss of 10 pounds (I didn't know....honestly!) and the fact that he took me off of one (1) of my meds. Yay!!!!!!!!!

I'm always looking for advice and encouragement and the last time I told you that at home it comes from my Daughter in Law. I am also fortunate to have a co-worker who is also Adventist and is vegetarian. She always has healthy articles, recipes to share, and tells me of the latest tips on good eating and exercising. Like me she takes advantage of the small gym that is provided for the employees by the company that I work for. Sometimes I come early and sometimes I work out on my lunch time or if I have a chance I will invite another co-worker to walk around the parking lot while we chat.

If you have a weight loss story you want to share, an idea for a good low calorie meal, or if you are just feeling better and want to say just that, please submit it to the newsletter and if you don't want your name added just say so.

Come on.....let's jump on the band wagon.....Who's with me?

Teresa Padilla

Prayer Seminar



Anita Roberts

On February 10 and 11 our church was blessed with presentations by Anita Roberts, Karen Martell—Southeastern California Conference Prayer Coordinator and Jim Martell. This year our global church is calling for revival in prayer. Prayer is central to all we do as individuals and as a church. Through prayer we learn to depend on God and listen to Him more fully. Prayer for others increases our love for people and creates unity in the body of Christ. "All

ministry is birthed by prayer," Karen Martell said. Anita Roberts stated, "God has a prayer plan for our church... We must be flexible because it is not our agenda but God's."

We all know that prayer and Bible study is important and the Bible says prayer and study is even more powerful when it is done as a group. Karen and Jim presented steps for leading a small group prayer and bible study. After presenting the rules and the steps for small groups those who attended joined



Nataniel Mataafa and Donnie Cristales led song service on Friday Vespers before joining the youth .

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Karen and Jim Martell

groups of 5 or less and practiced the steps together. Each person shared their personal take on the chosen Bible text. It was so interesting to hear what impressed others and how they planned to put those things into real practice. The attendees were so inspired by

this method of study and prayer, the Pastor decided to follow this plan for his assigned Wednesday night meetings. If you are looking for an in-depth, personal Prayer and Bible study time come on Wednesday evenings and you will find it!

Kristi Cruise



Our youth also had a prayer time in their room

International Dinner



International Foods



The Women's Ministry celebrated International Day on March 3. Church members, family, and friends gathered for an evening of fabulous food, fun and laughter, and the best little bit of entertainment this side of Colton.

We started off with a warm welcome and were honored by many guests that were there for the first time. Since we were celebrating International Day we asked those who were in their native costumes to please stand up and be recognized from the countries they were representing.

The aroma of the many different cultural foods that were prepared by the Women's Ministry Committee had you looking over at the table of food and you couldn't wait to get in line for what you knew would be a delicious meal.

Your choices of food included Pancit (Odette), Stir Fry Vegetables (Ruby), Pupusas (Alma), Potato Pie (Delilah), Curry Puffs and Lentils (Laura), Pizza (Carlos), Egg Rolls (Young), Rice (Art, Laura, Ellie, and Marylou), Hawaiian Rolls (Ellie), Tamales (Mary), and Salsa and Chips (Mrs. Ramirez - Mary's Mom).

Our dessert choices consisted of Mexican Bread (Blanca), Peanut Butter Cookies (Bayes), Cake (Anne), Apple Pie (Robbie), and Hawaiian Banana Donuts (Eunite). We also enjoyed the delicious fresh Lemonade and fresh strawberry Lemonade (Maribel).

What can I say except Mmmmmm, Mmmmmmm, Mmmmmmm!

The excitement of the evening also included a raffle of many gifts that were given to winners. One of the prizes even included a jar of homemade, full of flavor, green chili.

The evening was not over until we had those dressed in international attire walk down the imaginary red carpet. We allowed everyone there to vote for the best costume and although it was really, really hard to choose..... we declared (drum roll, please).....Diana the winner!

Just after the "I declare I am from...." pageant and before the evening had ended we were musically serenaded by Nestor and Netanya with a few of their favorite songs.

The evening festivities were completed and we thanked all who had attended with a closing prayer from Pastor Mataafa.

The Women's Ministry would like to give Special Thanks to all of you who helped make this a success....God Bless You!

Teresa Padilla



International Styles



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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.

Contribution Instructions

This newsletter provides communication and inspiration for our church members. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrkljccruise@sbcglobal.net, home phone (909) 872-0394 or cell (909) 936-0005.

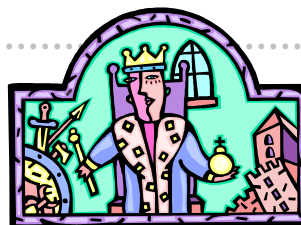
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May 8	May 12
June 5	June 9
July 3	July 7
August 7	August 11
September 4	September 8
October 9	October 13
November 13	November 17
December 18	December 22

Paul Slept Here



- At this house in Philippi.
- On this street when he was blind.
- Where he left his coat with Carpus.
- Where he sang with Silas.
- Where he was stoned and left for dead.
- In Thessalonica where a nasty mob tried to hunt him down.
- Where the disciples lowered him in a basket so he could get out of town.
- On Malta where his ship ran aground.
- Where he and Barnabas "shook the dust from their feet."
- Where he made tents with Aquila and Priscilla.

Royal Roosts



- What country did these people rule?
- Candace
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - Cyrus
 - Shalmaneser
 - Pharoah (pick one)
 - Nero
 - Ben-Hadad
 - Evil-Merodach
 - Sennacherib
 - Og

Answers to Last Month's Trivia

- Follow Me
- Andrew. Matthew 4:18
 - James. Matthew 4:22
 - Peter. Matthew 4:15
 - Matthew. Matthew 9:9
 - Peter. Matthew 14:29
 - Judas Iscariot. Luke 22:47
 - John. John 19:20-27
 - Thomas. John 20:27
 - Nathanael. John 21:2
 - Philip. Acts 8:38