

Colton Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

November 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.

Nov 17 (Sab) 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Potluck
 Nov 18 (Sun) 8:00 AM - Work Bee here at the church
 Nov 18 (Sun) 11:00 AM - Board Meeting
 Nov 25 (Sun) 2:00 PM - Cooking School
 Dec 1 (Sat) 6:00 PM - Riverside Concert Band
 Christmas Concert

Dec 8 (Sat) evening - CORE Youth Christmas Caroling
 Fundraiser
 Dec 15 (Sab) 11:00 AM - Christmas Cantata
 Dec 15 (Sat) 5:00 PM - Christmas Party
 Dec 16 (Sun) 8:00 AM - Work Bee
 Dec 16 (Sun) 11:00 AM - Board Meeting

Can You Guess The Up Coming Events? Hint see above. :)

1.  X 2

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask Carlos.

2.  X 2

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask Mary L.

3. 

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask James B.

4. 

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask Donnie C.

5. 

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask Sandra.

6. 

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask Laura.

7. 

Answer: _____
 If you don't know, ask Cathy.

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Verse of the Month

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

Pastor's Perspective

Count Your Many Blessings

The Thanksgiving season comes with its tradition. A traditional meal that historically traced its practice to the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag (the Native America tribes) of the Plymouth Colony in 1621 the Thanksgiving feast which contained baked turkey, water-fowl, meat, fish, berries, fruits, pumpkins and squash. Imagine the good spirit of the Thanksgiving meal where the Pilgrims started to make friends with the Native Indians while exchanging modern goods from England with the fresh fruits, seeds, and vegetables for gardening. In spite of the challenge of the language barrier, they communicated in the common language of love and caring and of being a good neighbor according to Hakim, Joy (2005). *Making Thirteen Colonies: 1600-1740. A History of US. 2 (3rd ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.*

The Thanksgiving celebration falls in the autumn seasons where the tree leaves change color. Imagine the beautiful scenery when the trees change colors from the summer growth to autumn's colors. Autumn trees give out a golden glaze where the sun glimmers over the horizon of the mountain ridge in dewy light. It is the time of the year that many families with children take a drive out in the countryside just to catch the beauty that God's creation paints over and across every vegetated area. No one escapes the powerful portrayal of God's creative power painted everywhere that nature presents for us to enjoy. Unfortunately, most often we are so far removed from admiring and paying attention to God's waving hands; He says hello to us through the color changes of the Thanksgiving season. However, we find ourselves fully engage in a rat race of earning a living and paying bills.

We cannot escape the Thanksgiving message that God's waves at us from every turn we make this season. The abundance of God's love that the colorful fruits and vegetables we bought from the store or harvested from your vegetable garden speaks a loud message for

us to give thanks to the Lord for the abundance of His mercy and to share His love to others. Therefore, the vegetarian meal that you have planned to cook with traditional fruits and vegetable must be shared not only with your family and friends but also with your neighbor. Moreover, I am so thankful and rejoice for the leadership of the Community Service ministry of Colton church for undertaking the task of making Thanksgiving baskets to share with the community. What a spirit of the Thanksgiving that is. I know for a fact, that it is not typical for you to give and share with others and to celebrate the spirit of the Thanksgiving, however, it is an expression of your faith and love in appreciation for God Almighty's abundant love for you and your family.



As the Psalmist says in Psalms 107:1-10:

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say this— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, 3 those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. 4 Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. 5 They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. 6 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 7 He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his un-failing love and his wonderful deeds for men, 9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things (NIV).

Happy Thanksgiving: Pastor Mataafa

Health Expo Thanks



Once again another October has passed and so has our 4th health-expo. As always we had very good participation by our church family. I will miss someone if I start name people~ so " A BIG THANK-YOU " to all who helped. At one count we had 62 volunteers making things happen. Once again the Kohl's volunteers were appreciated. There were new booths; Inst. for the Blind,

WIC, an Optometrist and one that was a new hit; the Detox . We did miss the LLU Dental van; they hope to see us next year. The people I spoke to had good comments and recollections from last year. Once again a relaxed and helpful atmosphere let the love of Jesus come thru.

Shirley Purucker

Activities Report

Women's Ministry Luncheon



Women of Colton Church converged on the India Clay Oven on November 4 for the Women's Ministries Luncheon. Some of the women are bound by familial ties but all of us share the bound of faith. Carmi lead in a devotional and prayer before the main dishes were served.



The Women's Ministry Committee selected six women to honor for their service and commitment to our church. The women honored this year were: Laura, Mary Lou, Robbie, Ellie, Kristi, and Shirley.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Mary and Teresa thanked each other for helping with the Women's Ministries Committee.



It is a joy to spend time with women of faith and full of spirit. Thank-you to the committee that made this and many other events special this year!

Kristi Cruise



Women's Ministry Tamale Fundraiser



Men's Ministry Brunch



Men's Ministry Brunch.

The men of Colton went to The Big Apple. Well, not New York, but the restaurant located in Fontana. There was a good turn-out this year, with 19 men of all ages coming to join in good food and good conversation.

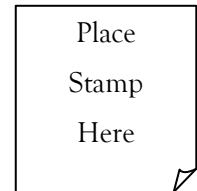
How can you go wrong with all-you-can-eat waffles, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, salad, OJ, and cream cheese crepes? Come on! How can you go wrong?

Abner led out in reading a devotional from the book, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff." Participants were able to discuss healthy, Christian ways to handle stress. Many men voiced experiences from their lives and how they handled it (or didn't) and what they learned from the event.

It was good to look around the table and see the diversity of the Colton SDA Church men. We had people from various locations in Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and various areas from around North America.

The long table where we were seated made me think of the long banquet table that will be set for us when we get to Heaven where we will all sit down with our Savior and enjoy fellowship with Him and our loved ones. *Rob Cruise*





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communication**



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 jrkljrcruise@sbcglobal.net, home phone (909) 872-0394 or cell (909) 936-0005.

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August 6	August 10
September 10	September 14
October 8	October 12
November 5	November 9
December 10	December 14

An Animal Word Search

The Bible is full of animals. They were ridden, slaughtered, talked to, and even listened to. In Psalm 80 Asaph wrote about an animal who ravaged the "vine out of Egypt." What was it? Hint: It's hidden in the word search twice.

C A M R G A B A T S E	
O B O A R W E A S E L	Behemoth Weasel
R O R O E L H I L Y E	Greyhound Swine
A A E Z Y K E O N E V	Mole Boar
L R B C H A M O I S I	Satyr Coney
H O O P O E O R A E A	Coral Leviathan
I A P N U L T H A R T	Zeboim Roe
N S W I N E H P Z M H	Chamois Asp
D P L C D S A T Y R A	Hart Hind
C B I P Y G A R G E N	Pygarg Bats
Z E B O I M C O N E Y	

Answers to Last Month's Trivia

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| True/False | this is still amazing. Matthew 15:29-39 |
| 1. False. Abram was from Ur, not Uz. Genesis 11:31 | 7. False. Moses and Elijah appeared to him Matthew 17:3 |
| 2. True. Genesis 9:6 | 8. True. Judges 16:31 |
| 3. False. Paul baptized Lydia. Acts 16:15 | 9. Get real. They were made of camel's hair. Matthew 3:4 |
| 4. True. So did his father Abraham. Genesis 26:7 | 10. False. He was in his tomb for four days. Remember Martha was afraid he would smell. John 11:39 |
| 5. False. He was 17. Genesis 37:2 | |
| 6. True. Even though most people only talk about the 5000 people, | |