

Colton Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

January 2013

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendars



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

Jan 12 (Sabbath) Ordination and Dedication of 2013 Officers and Potluck
 Jan 13 (Sunday) 11:00 AM Scheduling Summit
 Jan 16 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 Jan 20 (Sunday) 8:00 AM Work Bee

Jan 20 (Sunday) 11:00 AM Church Board Meeting
 Jan 23 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 Jan 26 (Sabbath) 1:30 PM Health Screening Follow-up
 Jan 30 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

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Scheduling Summit

2013 has arrived! It is time to start planning the church activities for the year! If you have been nominated for any position within the church you are encouraged to attend the Scheduling Summit on Sunday, January 13 beginning at 11 a.m. Please come with your ministry's list of activities and the date you hope to have them occur. Do you want to know what to expect in 2013 or do you want to plan family outings around church activities? Then come and observe how Colton church arranges and plans the events you enjoy every year!



Verse of the Month

But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalm 33:11

Kristi Cruise

INSPIRATION SECTION

Pastor's Perspective

The Secret Blessings!

Have you ever wondered in your heart about what challenges and opportunities of the New Year, 2013, that may bring you blessings personally or even unforeseen troubles for your family, career, health, and spiritual wellbeing? I have no doubt that you already set in motions some of your New Year resolutions that will hopefully create new opportunities for yourself and your family. Some of the areas in life that most people consider very critical to pay a little more attention to at the beginning of every New Year are the areas of finance, health, marriage relationship, parenting, career advancement, education and most importantly, their spiritual wellbeing. Whatever aspect of life you have already charted out a detailed plan to improve its current status or to have a difficult situation reversed to a promising outcome; I would like to submit to you the most proven principle that will promise you a great success. That is the promise Jesus offers to the multitude of people who came to seek healing blessings and deliverance from their daily challenges of life.

Matthew 6:31-34 says, ³¹“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

The context of the teaching of Jesus concerning seeking earthly wealth as the priority of life causes insurmountable unnecessary stress with serious troubles ahead. Jesus points out earlier in verse 21 saying “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” The reality of what Jesus has taught in Scripture about the consequence of having earthly treasure as the ultimate priority in life is proven to be the cause of the economic collapse of our nation and the increase of crime and violence in our society. There is so much

greed that elite groups rob and steal from each other which leaves the unfortunate mass of the middle and the low class of people suffering and even breaking the law in order to survive. Verses 19 and 20 tells us so. ¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal”.

I would like to remind you of counsel of Jesus to all of us. The Father, the Creator God, has worked out all possible opportunities to bless us amazingly. He guarantees that whatever plans you lay out for yourself and your family, God promises that He will bless it. However, the only requirement for us is to seek God's dominion over our lives. How can it be so? It is to have an intentional strategy for a personal spiritual walk with God daily. There are two biblical strategies I can point out to you to help you establish a personal relationship of seeking God's dominion or kingdom in your life.

First is Psalm 51:10-13 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.”

Second is Galatians 2: 20, 21. “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

May God richly bless your 2013 journey!

Pastor Mataafa

"The U in JesUs"

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand,
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's true,
That I love them all - Just like I love U."
So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know, But it all starts with U.

~ Author Unknown

Contributed by Nestor Domingo

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Friday Prayer Vespers



Friday, January 4 the prayer committee hosted a prayer vespers. What is the purpose of fasting and prayer? Gordon provided the Biblical reasons: humility and chastening our souls and for unity within the body of Christ. Fasting and prayer allows us to evaluate ourselves and our relationship with God and opens us to His leading. Fasting is not just about abstaining from food; fasting can be the giving up of any thing, such as cell phone use, T.V. viewing or computer usage. Pastor Ollie reminded us that prayer is the vital connection we have to God, without this connection we have no power. Pastor Ollie also reminded us that now is the time to get right with God and it is our duty to inform others that the time is short for them to find forgiveness in Christ.

Following these reminders of our need for prayer there was time of testimony and prayer requests. Many shared both praises and requests for prayer, for themselves and for others.

Then the group divided into small groups to pray for specific needs of the church body, for example my group was given; family unity, health and employment. We were to pray that each member of the church would be provided with these things in a real and personal way in 2013.

Shirley also prepared slips of paper, which were passed out by Tommy and Missy, for each group to pray for specific locations within the building itself. As I looked over the sanctuary there were groups huddled near different items, such as the baptistry, the piano, the pulpit, and the PA booth. Other groups spread out to other areas of the church to provide prayer and blessing on the house of God and for those who serve within.



The sight that I found most powerful were the seven young people in the Core room bowed in prayer. What joy it must bring the Lord to see our church filled with praying members of *all* ages!

Each of 27 members that entered the church that night had personal burdens and trials, but through prayer, fellowship and the power of the Holy Spirit we left lighter in spirit and filled with the knowledge of God's abiding love and power.

Kristi Cruise

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Here are the dates for the next prayer vespers:
Feb. 1st-7pm
Mar. 1st-7pm

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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.

Submission Deadline Date by 5 PM	Distribution Date
February 5	February 9
March 5	March 9
April 9	April 13
May 7	May 11
June 4	June 8
July 2	July 6
August 6	August 10
September 10	September 14
October 8	October 12
November 5	November 9
December 10	December 14

Disciple Match-Up

Match them with their a.k.a.'s, relations, or otherwise brief descriptions.

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| 1. Simon Peter | A. Alphaeus' son |
| 2. Andrew | B. Also called Thaddaeus |
| 3. James | C. Andrew's brother |
| 4. John | D. A friend of Bartholomew's |
| 5. Philip | E. Also called Levi |
| 6. Bartholomew | F. James' brother |
| 7. Matthew | G. Also called Didymus |
| 8. Thomas | H. Son of a Simon |
| 9. James the less | I. Also called the Cananaen |
| 10. Simon (Zealot) | J. Simon Peter's brother |
| 11. Judas | K. John's brother |
| 12. Judas Iscariot | L. Also called Nathanael |

Answers to Last Month's Trivia

Exodus 4:4, Exodus 4:17, Exodus 7:10, Exodus 14:16, Exodus 17:6, Numbers 17:8, Numbers 25:11, and Psalm 23:4 discuss different things about a STAFF.

Jonah 3:4, Matthew 4:2, Acts 1:3, Acts 7:23, Acts 7:30, Deuteronomy 34:7, 1 Samuel 17:16, Judges 5:31, and Judges 8:38 these verses all have the number 40 in them.