

Mark Your Calendars

Come join us for **Study & Worship Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.**, **Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 7 p.m.** and for the following activities.

May 28 Sat 11 a.m./2 p.m. Training Seminar
 May 29 Sun 1:00 p.m. Sewing Class
 Jun 4 Sat 2:30 p.m. Helping Hands Project

Jun 9 Thu 6:00 p.m. VBS Preparation Evening
 Jun 11 Sat NO POTLUCK
 Jun 12 Sun 8:00 a.m. Church Work Bee
 Jun 16 Thu 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting
 Jun 18 Sat 1:00 p.m. Father's Day Potluck
 Jun 23 Thu 6:00 p.m. VBS Preparation Evening
 Jun 30 Thu 6:00 p.m. VBS Preparation Evening
 Jul 2 Sat 2:30 p.m. Helping Hands
 Jul 7 Thu 6:00 p.m. VBS Preparation Evening

Jul 10 Sat 4:00 p.m. Hike: Big Bear Lake
 Jul 14 Thu 6:00 p.m. VBS Preparation Evening
 Jul 18-22 Sun-Fri 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
 Jul 23 Sat 11:00 a.m. VBS Sabbath
 Jul 24 Sun 8:00 a.m. Church Work Bee
 Jul 28 Thu 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting
 Jul 30 Sat 11:00 a.m. Communion Sabbath
 Jul 30 Sat 1:00 p.m. Sab. Sch. Council-Mini Potluck
 Aug 5-7 Fri-Sun Young Adults Retreat

Aug 6 Sat 2:30 p.m. Helping Hands Project
 Aug 13 Sat 7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers
 Aug 13 Sat 8:00 p.m. Talent Show
 Aug 18 Sat 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting
 Aug 20 Sat 2:00 p.m. Big Bear Picnic and Vespers
 Aug 21 Sun 8:00 a.m. Church Work Bee
 Aug 27 Sat 11:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. Training Seminar
 Aug 27 Sat 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Vespers
 Aug 27 Sat 8:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Movie

May 2016

COLTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

Coming Up!



Today there is a special **Training Seminar** at 2:00 p.m. by our own Pastor Mataafa. Plan to stay by for this event regarding ministry opportunities in a changing culture. What does



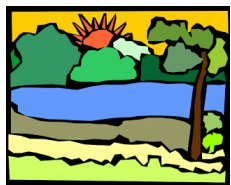
Our church as volunteers visiting the **Helping Hands Pantry** warehouse on the first Sabbath of every month. June 4 is the next opportunity to do (not jus



Bring your hard hat and a willing heart to the next **Work Bee** on Sunday, June 12.



Invite the Fathers in your life for our annual **Father's Day Potluck** June 18th. Good food and fun is sure to be found!



July 10 at 4:00 p.m. join your church family for a **Picnic and Vespers at Big Bear Lake**. Bring food, a friend and a jacket, even if it is hot down in the valley the mountains drop the temperature sharply in the evening.



Vacation Bible School is coming our way! **Preparation Days begin June 9 at 6:00 p.m.** If you have already agreed to help great! If you still want to help join the team for set up and design as well as team leaders. Especially needed is a Snack Leader. See Leanne!
 Vacation Bible School **this year will be July 18-25 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** sharp. Begin to spread the word and invite, invite, invite!

Friends Next Door

What I learned at Friends Next Door this year:

- ⇒ Don't Stand too close to your friend when doing hand motions for song service. (Bonk, Ouch!)
- ⇒ During skits make sure you have a friend behind the curtain to feed you your lines. (psst what's my line?)
- ⇒ Snacks aren't just food they are story illustrations! (Yum! This is the tastiest lion I've ever had!)
- ⇒ Inside every person is a little child who still loves a puppet show! (The biggest laughs often came from the adults. I heard you Nestor!)

Yes, there were a lot of laughs at FND this year, but I learned some serious stuff too. Such as never underestimate young people, these teens' commitment and follow-through month after month was amazing. Even though the stories they told were familiar they found a way to make them new. Mostly though I learned that God honors prayers when they will bring honor to His Name.

Last year I was afraid that Friends Next Door wouldn't survive. Only a few of the members were not graduating. So I began praying and I asked you to pray as well. Last year 22 students were in the club, they ended up with 36 students this year, that's 14 more! Again we have come to the end of the school year and a large group are graduating, but I believe in the power of prayer. This time we need to pray for more students for the club and pray that God will raise up leaders from the members to lead the group to more than they have imaged. Also we must pray that God brings more children to attend their presentations! I don't care about the reasons why children don't come, I want to focus on my God's ability to inspire parents and children to come. Will you join me in this prayer?

Kristi Cruise



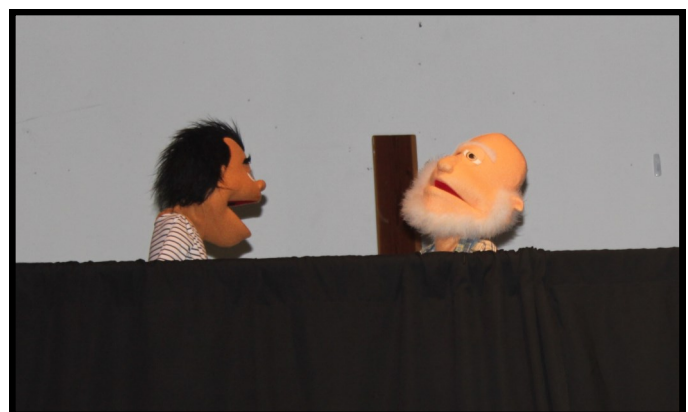
The club members present for May 14.



Capture the stripple.



The voices and faces behind the puppets

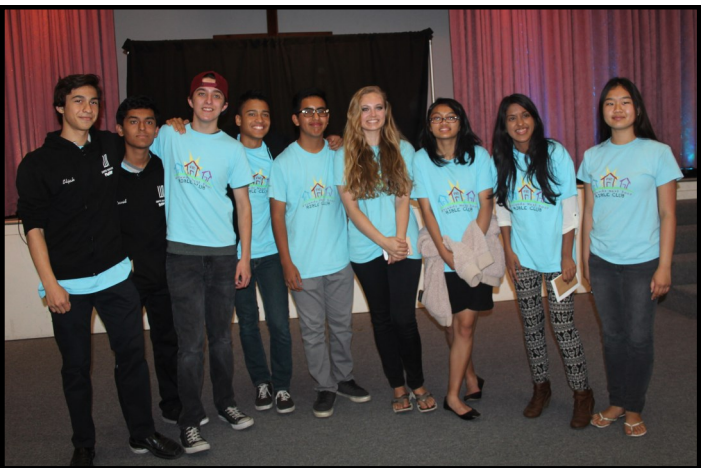




Thank-you Seniors!



Making Gideon's torches



The future of Friends Next Door! See you next year!



May God bless these students both this summer and forever!

Tea and Testimony



Women arrived at the Zelaya home on a warm and sunny Sunday morning May 22, 2016. Approximately 30 ladies enjoyed each others companionship, devotional and testimonies. Thank-you Alma and Abner who generously opened their home to us and provided a beautiful setting as well as ample hospitality. The women's ministries team out did themselves this year, thank-you Lizzy and her many assistants including Carmi, Mary Lou, and Mary. It brought joy to my heart to see the guests our members invited to this event. I pray each attendee left knowing they are God's special daughter and they felt loved by their sisters in Christ.

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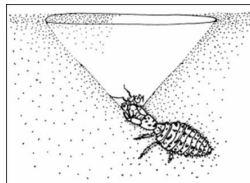
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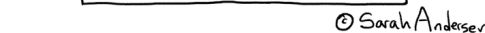
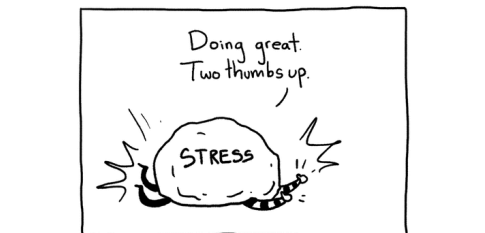
If the name antlion brings to mind the picture at the top left it's no wonder. But actually both the pictures on the right bottom are the real insect. The one by the penny is a larva of the flying insect below. It's the larva that is most famous and gives rise to their name. In the larval form these creatures create funnels, as seen in on the left, that capture ants and other creepy crawls which become food for the antlion. These funnels are perfectly shaped to keep prey in the funnel, every time they try to crawl out the sides give way and down they go. The antlion has been amazing people for a long time as they are mentioned in literature since classical times. Who knew such a tiny animal could be such a ingenious builder and ferocious predator?

Satan is not always a big African lion, easy to spot. Sometimes he is more like this antlion. He puts sin in front of us in such a small way we don't even recognize it until we have fallen in and can't get out. Fortunately, Jesus came down to our world and lifts us up! If you failed this month remember you have never fallen to far for Jesus to rescue you. If you seek forgiveness look to Jesus.



Kristi Cruise

For Laughs



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