

YUCAIPA

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

April 1	All Church Potluck
April 4	Sowing Seeds of Kindness – 9 – 12
April 5	Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs
April 15	Communion
April 16	Easter
April 18	Sowing Seeds of Kindness – 9 – 12
April 18	Finance Committee – 7 pm
April 19	Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs
April 20	School Board 7 pm
April 23	Pathfinder Multi Club Sports Day
April 25	Church Board Meeting 7 pm
April 28-30	Adventurer Club Campout
April 28-30	Pathfinder Club Campout
May 2	Sowing Seeds of Kindness – 9-12
May 3	Adventurer/Pathfinder Meetings
May 6	All Church Potluck
May 16	Sowing Seeds of Kindness – 9-12
May 16	Finance Committee – 7 pm
May 18	School Board Meeting
May 20	Adventurer/Pathfinder Investiture
May 21	Adventurer End of Year Party
May 21	Pathfinder Fair
May 23	Church Board Meeting – 7 pm
May 30	Sowing Seeds of Kindness – 9-12

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Elijah Grekov	909-795-6965
Pastor Cliff Lim	909-806-5137

Pictures are from the church directory, Google or as submitted. See the current church bulletin and inserts or visit the church website at www.yucaipasda.com for updated calendar events, announcements and news.

PASTOR'S NOTE *By Pastor Elijah Grekov*

The excitement is still in the air, following our outreach effort with the young team of Bible workers and the speaker David Machado of the "Full Circle" Ministry. We had good attendance with about 60 new people interested in learning Biblical truth. 25 of them expressed their interest in baptism. A number of our members were inspired by the Holy Spirit to recommit their lives to Jesus and His cause. At least 27 people are engaged in private Bible studies with Bible workers and other members of the church. I invite you to use opportunities provided by church activities to welcome our new friends into our fellowship, get to know them better, embracing them with our love and friendship. The experience is of double blessing, new relationships now and new neighbors in the Kingdom of God.

Our follow up program with variety of topics and presenters is extended for at least 10 weeks, through May 10. I hope you find it helpful for refreshing your personal spiritual life as well as a way of sharing an invitation with friends and family.

We welcome Pastor Clifford Lim, his wife Esther and their 4 year old son Caleb, who recently joined our church pastoral staff, and expecting some excitement in the Youth, Young Adults and Family areas of Ministry. Please share your love and support with them.

Our bathrooms renovation committee is making progress in bringing a significant change to our facility and I encourage you to please get acquainted with the process and provide your much appreciated, professional skills and favorable and reasonable financial support.

We appreciate the involvement and honor the wisdom and experience of members of every age, as we learn from one another, through mutual mentorship. I challenge our Youth and Young Adults to engage in church life and ministry, seeking leadership opportunities to serve, and shape our shared future, as a welcoming Christian community.

The council of Paul to Timothy, applies to all of us; "Don't let anyone look down on you because of your age, but set an example for the believers (as well as for non-believers) in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity. ... devote yourself to the reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gifts, ... Be diligent in these, life and spiritual, matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

1 Timothy 4:12-16

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH WEBSITE

Now is the time to visit the NEW church website

www.yucaipaca.adventistchurch.org

The church website is constantly updated with activities, news and bulletins. Also audio of the sermons are available. Check out the Ministries tab as well to get a peek at the various areas our church is meeting the needs of members and the community.

You are welcome to give your donations online by debit card or transfer from your checking account. Find the link on the top of the webpage to give your tithe and offerings this way. Contact Linda Hill with any questions.

INTERNET PRAYER TEAM

The Yucaipa SDA Church Internet prayer team is willing to pray for both short and long term requests. If you ever have a request or a praise, please place it in the prayer request box in the church foyer, or e-mail it directly to Deanne Joseph djoseph400@yahoo.com. Note that that all requests are handled confidentially. On all requests, please keep Deanne updated on any progress, changes, and answers to prayer.

SOWING SEEDS OF KINDNESS

Meet every other Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. We are going to step out in faith and pray that many more of our members will be willing to help those who need someone to shop for them, pick up medications or take them to a doctor's appointment. It is a chance to make a new friend and lead someone to Jesus. Please call us at 951-381-0913 to volunteer.

TREASURER'S CORNER *By Linda Hill*

Just a short report from your Treasurer and Finance Committee. I am pleased to report that our tithe donations for 2017 are not only keeping pace with last year but are slightly above. That is wonderful because the number of pastors our church has is based partially on our tithe base. However, when we look at our Combined Budget donations, they are falling behind each month. That means that we can pay our bills but are not able to put money toward our ministries, such as, Evangelism, Pathfinders, Adventurers, Youth Ministries, VBS, Library, Church Nurture, Special Programs etc. Our church budget is \$15,000 per month. We need your faithful support.

SABBATH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN

As of January 7, Sabbath School leaders will register their students. The completed forms will help the church to provide a safer and healthier place for your children. We will ask that parents and guardians identify food allergies and preferred ways to address health issues. Please take a few minutes to complete a registration for each child the first Sabbath of the New Year. Thank you so much!!

GREETINGS

By Pastor Cliff Lim

My family and I are grateful to be here ministering alongside you in this area. It has been a joy to get to know each of you this month in your various capacities. I am grateful that this church is filled with a group of faithful and committed members. As time goes on we look forward to getting to know each of you better and figure out how to best serve this church as well as this community.

So far I have had the privilege to visit the Pathfinder club and see their meetings and I am grateful for the Rader's and their staff's strong leadership in helping shape these young people to be tomorrow's leaders. I have dropped in to see our youth at work during Sabbath School and their social night. They are a group of fun loving kids that are filled with energy and strong minds. I want to give a shout out to Riane, Sabrina, Sierra and Kodi for their commitment to leading this challenging and fun age group.

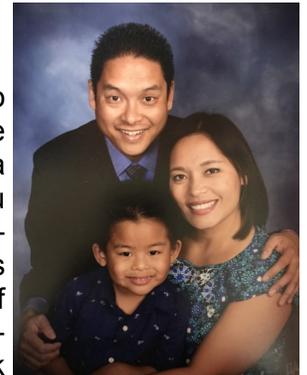
As I look forward there are many areas that I would like to address, but with everyone coming together as a team we can do all things. But there are a couple events that are coming up that I would like to point out that I think would be helpful to families.

April 22, 3-7p: FREE Spiritual Parenting Seminar

at the Loma Linda University Church with Dr. Michelle Anthony. She is the author of several books including *Spiritual Parenting*, *The Big God Story* & her newest book, *7 Family Ministry Essentials*.

July 30-August 5: Vacation Bible School here at Yucaipa SDA. This year we are taking the kids on a journey to Peru. Keep this date in mind to sign your kids up and also we will be looking for volunteers to help out with this special event.

Keep these two dates in mind and I look forward to getting to know and working with each of you.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

By Linda Hill

At the Church Business Meeting on March 26, 2017 there was a discussion of the upstairs bathroom remodel. The Plans are currently at the City Hall. They will be picked up by the contractor. The plan (which has been included) were shared and discussed at length. The women's bathroom will be expanded into the current Personal Ministry area (and the materials there will be relocated) and the men's bathroom will use part of the women's current bathroom and also will enter from the foyer so the current entrance will be closed in and add the space in the men's bathroom.

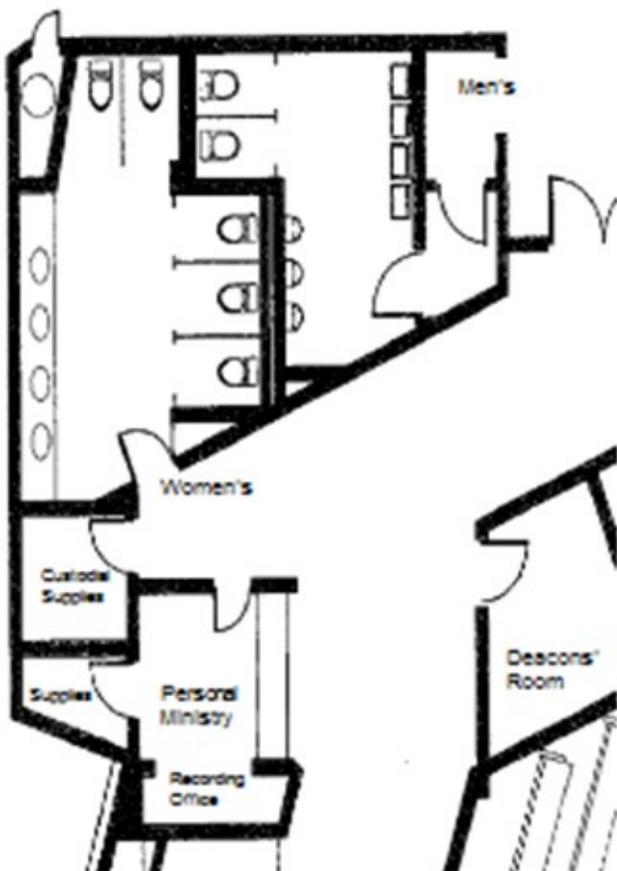
Men's restroom will go from 2 toilets to 3 toilets with larger stalls and 2 urinals. The women's restroom will still have 6 toilets. Both restrooms will have one of the toilet stalls accessible by wheelchair with a small corner sink. In addition the men will have 2 sinks and women will have 3 sinks.

We are awaiting three sealed bids by interested contractors. Currently, the proposed costs are expected to be in the \$60,000 to \$100,000 range provided no unforeseen issues such as church plumbing and electrical.

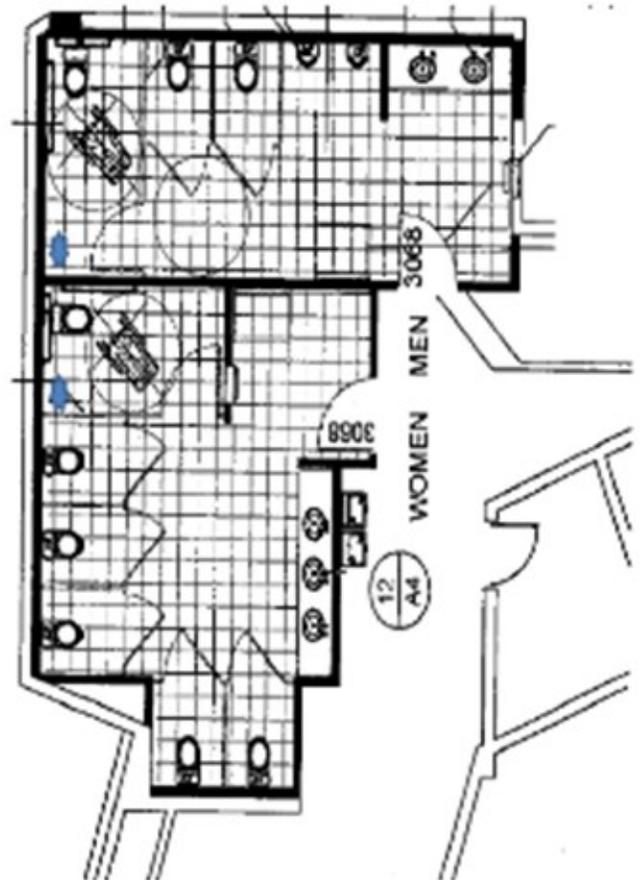
At present we have raised \$32,000. As you can see we will need to raise the rest. The financial commitment will be voted at a later date.

We plan to begin the project in June, after the MGA Commencement program.

Before



After



Note from Amy & Wally Tamayose: No doubt it was the highlight of our trip to the Loma Linda area to be able to visit at our "home" Yucaipa Church. We were happy to be welcomed by Bob Cash and Gloria Pohren and glad to be able to visit with the Cleggs and so many of you. What an extra treat to be able to see Pastor Doug Eisey also doing the baby dedication. Sorry we weren't able to visit with him, however. So good to listen to Pastor Elijah's preaching and meeting your new associate Pastor Lim. As Wally's 60th medical class reunion was immediately following, we didn't have much time to chat, but we will cherish the few moments we had there.



DEVOTIONAL: Christ Himself Comes for Us
By Ellen G. White

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thess. 4:16-18

Jesus is coming, coming with clouds and great glory. A multitude of shining angels will attend Him. He will come to honor those who have loved Him and kept His commandments, and to take them to Himself. He has not forgotten them or His promise.

There appears in the East a small black cloud. . . . The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, . . . until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror. . . .

As the living cloud comes still nearer, every eye beholds the Prince of life. No crown of thorns now mars that sacred head, but a diadem of glory rests on His holy brow. His countenance outshines the dazzling brightness of the noonday sun. "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords." . . . The heavens are rolled together as a scroll, the earth trembles before Him, and every mountain and island is moved out of its place. . . .

Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning, and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints. . . . Throughout the length and breadth of the earth the dead shall hear that voice, and they that hear shall live. . . . All arise with the freshness and vigor of eternal youth.

The living righteous are changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal, and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Oh, what a glorious meeting!

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