



...Now Walk With God

Events

Mar. 10
Marriage Seminar at the Fresno Westside Church

Mar. 16-18
Kid University Training at Soquel

Mar. 23-25
Hispanic Youth Retreat at Camp Wawona

Mar. 25
Treasurers Training at CCC.

Apr. 7
Senior Citizen Seminar at the Mtn. View church

Apr. 13-15
Girls Retreat at Soquel

Apr. 13-15
Guys Retreat at Camp Wawona

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am reminded that daily I need to keep priorities straight. In other words, keep the main thing, the main thing. The Lord spoke to Moses saying, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”* (Deut. 6:5-7) My prayer for you and me...*Now Walk With God*

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

The **English and Spanish Women's Retreats** combined hosted almost 1,000 women during the weekends of January 27-29 and February 3-5, 2012. These weekends at Tenaya Lodge are a time of fellowship, edification, encouragement, witnessing (almost 1/5 of the ladies were non-Adventist), and spiritual revival. Pass the word along, next year's events are scheduled—English, January 25-27, and Spanish, February 1-3, 2013.

The **Hispanic Convocation** on February 10-11, 2012 in Bakersfield, culminated a week of revival with Dr. Neftali Miranda and resulted in four baptisms. The hundreds in attendance were blessed!

Bakersfield Central's meetings with Conference Evangelist Taj Pacleb closed February 25, 2012. More than 40 people made decisions for baptism—19 new members were baptized this past Sabbath. Taj will come back on Sabbath, March 2, to assist with baptisms and also to conduct a wedding. On opening night, 300 plus people came—100 were guests, too many for the round table seating for eight in the fellowship hall. All guests and as many members as possible were seated for supper. But the meetings, usually held with people sitting around the tables, had to be moved to the sanctuary. Taj describes the nightly meals as “gourmet food!”

By the way, Taj and his wife Wati begin meetings at **Fresno Central** on March 2, 2012.

The **Visalia English** church family hosted the *Babylon Rising* series with John Bradshaw. (The It Is Written seminar was broadcast around the world from Las Vegas.) Pastor Chad Stuart reports there were 16 baptisms at the meetings' close. And two of those were a couple who are the first members of the ARK, the one-year-old church plant sponsored by the Visalia congregation. The church plant group meets on Sabbath afternoons.

EDUCATION

The annual **Bible Challenge**, sponsored by the CCC Office of Education, took place Sabbath, February 11, 2012, at the Clovis church. Students from 10 schools participated answering detailed questions about the Book of Revelation. Students representing Miramonte Elementary took first place, with Bakersfield Adventist Academy taking a close second. I had the pleasure of judging the event along with Ken Bullington, associate superintendent, and Jeff Zahn from Central Valley Christian Academy. I was extremely impressed with the dedication and commitment of all participants. They fielded a series of very difficult questions some of which I don't think I could have answered. I know the study of the Book of Revelation will be seared in their minds for the rest of their lives.



EDUCATION



A **Choral performance** on Sabbath, February 4, 2012, culminated the three-day choir clinic facilitated by Calvin Knipschild of Christian Edition. Participating in the mass choir were six academies with a total of 253 students. "This was truly an experience to be remembered. All who witnessed the beauty and angelic sounds of our students were elevated to the very throne of God. Praise the Lord for our schools," says president Cano.

GLOW

Late Breaking News from Nelson Ernst, GLOW director... *One of the neatest phone calls we received happened two weeks ago here at the Upper Columbia Office. A business-like tone answered the phone and said immediately, "I have received one of the greatest hand-outs on Nutrition. I work for Montel Williams and know that we will pass out thousands of this flyer. I was in a hotel room in Post Falls, ID and found some of these in the Gideon Bible. I wasn't sure if I would call, since I am not a Christian.*

"What I read was very well done. I then found some handouts in a magazine sitting in front of me in an airplane. I can assure you that I will be calling frequently to be ordering more of these as soon as possible. These will go out very quickly."

With that he ordered a few thousand for himself and the show!

It's exciting that those in the secular world acknowledge not only the power of literature, but the power of truth and hope in the hands of others. However, God wants to use us, and with that I encourage you to continue to pass out GLOW wherever you go!

PERSONNEL

Daphne Knecht, a 22-year old gymnast and warrior for Christ, lost her battle to a rare form of brain cancer on January 28, 2012. She was the daughter of Doug and Vicki Knecht, both teachers at Mountain View Academy. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child, but my God knows and understands that pain. Please continue to pray for Daphne's parents, family and friends as they grieve and for comfort as they begin the healing process.

Jose Agustin Rosario Figueroa passed away in the early morning of February 6, 2012. His son, Pastor Jay Rosario and family thank everyone for their

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prayers in his behalf and for the family during this difficult time. Jay says he and his brothers are at peace now because their father is no longer suffering in pain and that 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 has a totally new meaning for them.

CCC pastors and office staff thanked **Pastor Dennis Seaton**, vice president for Personnel and Human Resources, for his nearly 20 years of service to our conference. He will now serve as the Associate Director for Public Relations and Religious Liberty for the Pacific Union Conference. Dennis' last official day is February 29. Please continue to pray for Dennis and Starla as they relocate to Sacramento.

Dr. Pierre Steenberg, recent pastor of the Hollister church, has accepted the call to serve as the new CCC VP for HR and Personnel. He assumed his new responsibilities on February 1, 2012.

Dr. Samuel Hsiao, pastor of the South Bay Chinese church, was ordained on Saturday, February 18, at the Mountain View Central church. Samuel & Susan are from Taiwan, where they met in academy, their romance developed in college and they married. They enjoy music—he plays the piano and she sings. They have two children Wayne and Victoria.

CAMP WAWONA

The Camp Wawona campfire bowl has been completely redone and it is beautiful. It has a new stage with sound/video access, a new gravel floor with tiered seating. There is also a new enclosed media booth in the back. We are excited at what God is doing at Camp Wawona!



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