

Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform member and subscribers of our current news and events.

CHURCH LIFE

PASSING OF ARLAND FINNNEY'S FATHER

Arland shared with us that his father, Conrad G. Finney, died April 28 from complications of old age - he was 82 years old. Arland stated that his father worked for the Standard Oil Corporation and spent 10 years singing professionally. Conrad was a singing evangelist for the SDA denomination and later became a pastor and served in the ministry for 19 years. Over the years, Conrad visited Sunnyside and preached several times. His is survived by his wife, Lorna, and she is doing well.

UPDATE ON BILL SACKETT

Jennifer, Bill and Sharon's daughter, has been posting updates on Bill's Facebook page regarding his progress. The doctors are currently treating him with antibiotics for pneumonia. Jennifer notes that she is not quite sure when to tell him about the death of Sharon as he is not able to speak and does not know how much he is comprehending. She is waiting to hear from the doctors on the best time to tell him. Jennifer states that visitors are welcome but should avoid discussing Sharon. Please log onto Bill's Facebook page for more details.

SHUMATE MEMORIAL SERVICE POSTPONED

Due to the tragic accident that took the life of Sharon Sackett, the Shumate and Sackett families have decided to postpone the memorial service intended for Gordon and Ruth Shumate. The families will have a combined service for the Shumates and their daughter Sharon at a later date when Bill is able to attend.

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 5, 2012
11:00 A.M.

"I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing"
**"Lord, I Lift
Your Name on High"**

Welcome
Marla Hartman

"Because He Lives"

Children's Story
Kurt Logan

Offering
Rick Bullion

"As the Deer"
"I Love You Lord"

Prayer
Patricia Ford

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10
Mike Ford

**"From Graveyard to
Glory"**
Jim Robison

Benediction
"Be Glorified"
Deanna Donaghy
& Garry Clark

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, May 8

Junior Baptismal Class – Pastor's Office
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

Community Services Distribution Hours
10:00 a.m.

Deadline for Bulletin info:
bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.
Small Group Bible Study: Gospel of Mark –
Youth Room 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 10

Church Board Meeting – Junior Room
6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11

Connections Bible Study – Youth Room
6:30 p.m.

Sabbath, May 12

Sabbath School 9:30 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 p.m.
Oasis Group – Youth Room 5:30 p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 12 - Pastor Ray
May 19 - James Reynaert
(youth pastor candidate)
May 19 - Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

April Church Needs	\$29,000.00
Church Needs Donations	21,873.98
Over (Short)	(7,126.02)
Year to Date	\$116,000.00
Donations Received	88,832.98
Over (Short)	(27,167.02)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$15,854.98

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING
Local Church Budget

SUNSET

This Friday	Next Friday
7:50 p.m.	7:56 p.m.

HEALTHY BYTES

Tortilla Soup

2 tomatoes, chopped
1 (4 oz.) can diced green chili peppers
2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce
3 cloves of garlic, minced
2 (16 oz.) cans pinto beans, undrained
4 cups water
2 T sugar
1 T chili powder
2 t salt
½ t oregano
1 t cumin

Mix all together and bring to a boil, then simmer for 30 minutes. To serve, layer broken tortilla chips in the bottom of your bowl, a bit of cheese and pour the soup on top. Then add avocados and garnishes of your choice.

A note from Gale: I have made this Tortilla Soup before, but used my Vita Mix so there is no need to "cook" it. If you have a Vita Mix, using it warms the soup without cooking it too much. Delicious!

For more information on healthy solutions and recipes,
contact Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or at gale4health@comcast.net

CONNECTIONS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Connections Bible Study Group is meeting each Friday evening at 6:30p.m. thru May 25 in the youth room. You are welcome to join as we continue a study and discussion on God's desire to connect with us and how this works in our relationship with others.

**YOUTH EVENTS****Meet a Candidate for Youth Pastor**

Friday, May 18 - *Parents and Youth*: Join us at the Vaughn's for vespers and to meet one of the Youth Pastor candidates.

Skywalk

Saturday, May 19 - The youth are going to Skywalk from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Get more details from Alexa Burkhardt (765-5084).

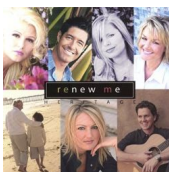
SAVE THE DATE!

VBS is Coming! July 30 – August 3

Join us this summer for a week of praise, discovery, and creative fun!

**LIVE IN CONCERT**

The Heritage Singers is a group of professional Christian musicians who have dedicated themselves to using their talents in service for Christ. Known and loved the world over, these singers will thrill your hearts with their powerful testimony and unique vocal sound. Take this opportunity to invite your friends and family to join you in an unforgettable time of inspiration and praise! Join us **this Saturday - May 5 at 7:00 p.m.** at Fresno Adventist Academy. *Admission is free.*

**FAA IS LOOKING FOR...****K-12 Music Coordinator**

Fresno Adventist Academy is seeking a qualified individual to lead a K-12 music program at the school. The ideal candidate would be one who has experience in coordinating a school-wide music program. We are seeking a committed Seventh-day Adventist individual who loves music and has a passion for sharing that love of music to children.

Office Manager

Fresno Adventist Academy is seeking a qualified individual to serve as our office manager. This individual needs to have a high degree of computer skills as well as the ability to multitask and be proficient at typing. The ideal candidate also would enjoy talking with people both in person and on the phone.

Applicants are invited to email their resumes to ejohnson@faa.org. Please submit resumes no later than May 7, 2012.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

First Reading: Carolyn Nichols from Clovis.

SABBATH LUNCH EXPERIENCE

If you're still thinking about joining the one-time, in-home potluck "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" experience to meet new people and get to know others better - GOOD NEWS, there's still time! You can either host and have people come to your home, or be a guest and bring some of the food. Call or email Deb Tetz at (530) 558-5748, debratetz@yahoo.com or Marla Hartman at (559) 259-0241, marla.hartman1@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUPS

If you've ever thought about leading or assisting in leading/facilitating a group, or if you're currently leading a group and would like professional support, save the dates of **Friday, May 11 and Friday, June 8** for training with Dr. Don Simmons! Space is limited; please RSVP to Becky Crouch, Shelly Clement, or Marla Hartman.

HOST THE REFRESHMENT TABLE

Thank you to those who have volunteered and hosted the refreshment table. Other dates available: **May 19 & 26, and June 9, 16 & 23**. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Make it simple or go with a theme. Reimbursement is available.

OASIS

Everyone is invited to join the Oasis Group this Sabbath at 5:30. We will present the documentary "I AM". Two practical and provocative questions are made here: what's wrong with our world, and what can we do to make it better? The filmmaker behind the inquiry is Tom Shadyac, one of Hollywood's leading comedy practitioners and the creative force behind such blockbusters as "Ace Ventura," "Liar Liar," "The Nutty Professor," and "Bruce Almighty." However, in "I AM", Shadyac steps in front of the camera to recount what happened to him after a cycling accident left him incapacitated, possibly for good. Though he ultimately recovered, he emerged with a new sense of purpose, determined to share his own awakening to his prior life of excess and greed, and to investigate how he as an individual, and we as a race, could improve the way we live and walk in the world. The official trailer can be seen at <http://www.iamthedoc.com/>.

Please submit your bulletin and eNews announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org. All info is due by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

WORSHIP

LEARN

CONNECT

SERVE



Dorian, Eleen and Kylee



**Gerhard and Emilie
van Wyk**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Gale Bolinger (5/5)
Richard Marsh (5/5)
Calvin Redman (5/6)
Mack Fulkes (5/7)
Christian Straw (5/7)
Melva O. Delgado (5/9)
Justin Reijnders (5/9)
Patricia Barreto (5/11)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Bob & Nancy Isaacs (5/5)
Armando & Sherilynne Blanchet (5/7)

THE LAST WORD**A Note in My Mailbox**

by Ron Wenn and Nancy J. Cavanaugh

The note I picked up from my mailbox at school read, "Call Margaret at 555-6167." Both the name and number were unfamiliar to me, but as a high-school automotive instructor, I got calls all the time from people who were looking for someone to fix their cars. During my lunchtime at school that day, I dialed the number.

"I'm calling for a Margaret," I said. "Yes, this is Margaret," a voice answered. "This is Ron Wenn. I have a message here that says to call you," I continued, all the while wondering what kind of car trouble this woman had. "Oh, I'm glad you called. If you'll just give me a few minutes of your time, I have something to tell you that I think you'll be interested in hearing." "All right," I answered looking at the clock. I only had a few minutes before I needed to be back in class.

"I'm a nurse at St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital, and yesterday on my way home from work I was driving down 290 when my car started acting up." "Uh huh," I said looking at the clock again. "It was late at night, and I was alone. I was so afraid to pull over, but finally my car just quit, so I coasted to the shoulder. I sat there for a few minutes wondering what to do."

I didn't want to sound impatient, but I really needed to get back to class. "Would you like me to take a look at your car, ma'am?" I asked. "Just let me finish," the woman answered.

I tapped my pencil on the stack of papers in front of me as Margaret continued her story. "Suddenly, two young guys, about twenty years old, pulled up behind me and got out. I didn't know what these guys were going to do. I was so scared. "They asked me what happened, and they said that from the sound of things that they might be able to get the car running again, so I popped the hood.

"I sat in the car praying that these guys weren't up to no good. A few minutes later, they yelled at me to try to start the car. I couldn't believe it! It started right up! The guys slammed the hood and told me the car would be fine but that I should take it somewhere soon and get it checked out." "And you'd like me to take a look at it and make sure everything's okay, right?" I asked. "No, not at all, just listen," the woman went on. "I was so grateful. I thanked them over and over and offered them money, but they wouldn't take it. That's when they told me they were former students of yours."

"What?" I asked in surprise. "Students of mine? Who were they?" "They wouldn't tell me. They just gave me your name and the school's number and made me promise to call to thank you."

I couldn't believe it. I didn't know what to say. Besides teaching my students about fixing cars, I always tried to teach them things about life - about going the extra mile, being honest and using what you know to help other people. The thing is I never really knew if the students learned any of this.

"Mr. Wenn, are you still there?" Margaret asked. "I'm still here," I answered. "Well, I hope you know how grateful I am," Margaret said. "I hope you know how grateful I am to you, Margaret. Thanks for calling," I said and hung up the phone.

I walked back to class feeling inspired with the knowledge that my students had helped someone because of what I taught them in my classroom. I had just gotten the greatest reward a teacher could ever get.