

# Fishwrap

*Staying connected as a Church Family!*

Weekly Newsletter: [www.sunnyvalechurch.org](http://www.sunnyvalechurch.org)Mar 24<sup>th</sup> - Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**Pastors Corner****Scripture meditation**

Monthly Scripture  
Meditation:  
*Romans 8:38-39*

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## Pastors Corner

### TELL ME ABOUT YOUR RELIGION

Many of you have heard about my next-door neighbor who fell 25 feet from a zip-line and had to undergo 14 hours of facial reconstructive surgery. He's at home recovering now. His family is Jewish; our family is Christian. They are from Israel and we are from America. But our families have grown closer than ever.

One day in the cafeteria at Stanford Hospital my friend's mother bought me lunch and she said, "Sam, you have been like an angel to our family. Why don't you tell me about your religion?"

So I said,

'Michal, I'll just tell you a few important things that are unique about us. Some Christians throughout history have forgotten their spiritual roots. Some look at the Torah as being down here and the Christian Scriptures as being way up here. We look at all of the Bible as being equally inspired, and we look at the Hebrew Bible as the very foundation of our faith. In fact, much of the Christian Scriptures are simply rephrasing and talking about the fulfillment and the application of everything Moses and David and the Prophets talked about. Jesus quoted from 24 of the books in the Hebrew Bible.

Some Christians say that Jews need to convert and enter into the church. The Apostle Paul said it's actually quite the opposite. People from non-Jewish races need to be grafted into the spiritual root of Israel. (And secular Jews need to find their spiritual root again in God.) I'm joining your spiritual family, you're not joining mine.

Romans 11:22-24 *"<sup>22</sup>Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. <sup>23</sup>And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup>After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches (Israel), be grafted into their own olive tree!"*

So Christians actually become a part of spiritual Israel. They are spiritual Jews that believe the promised Messiah has come.

Since Adventists believe all this, we end up being very similar to Jews in how we live, how we eat and even the day we worship on.

As you can see, we have incredible respect for your people and your religion. Our greatest heroes come from your family history: Moses, David, Daniel... And I know that you've thanked me a lot for what my family and my church have done, but I have to tell you it's a special privilege, because you, as a part of Israel, are the "apple of God's eye." You have a special place in His heart, so it's my privilege to serve you.'

### A SPECIAL SEAT FOR A SPECIAL FRIEND

Many Jews are told as children to never go into a church, because some so-called "Christians" have hurt Jews throughout history or they fear their children will learn false doctrine. Some children are told that if they ever become a Christian, they will be considered dead to their Jewish family. You can see how great these barriers are.

My friend's father felt so grateful for what we've done for his son that he asked about my duties as a pastor. When he heard about our Saturday services, he came to Open Door last week. He was going to sit in the back row, but then he heard that my mom used to sit in the second row to support me. So, that is where he decided to sit. I stood by his son, so he would stand by me. Doug Sumaraga, who taught my neighbor how to golf at an Adventure Group outing, sat next to his father to make him feel at home.

So Benny, who lives in Israel, was in our church for the first time. And that is why my sermon became much more Jewish-flavored in the second service. I talked about generosity as demonstrated by the Jews leaving the edges of their field always open to the poor and needy. I talked about the Hebrew concept of "Mitzvah" which is the kind of generous good deeds that inspired 1 Timothy 6. My friend's father loved his first church service and went home to tell his family all about it.

This is one of the walls that Jesus came to break down. It is the dream that Martin Luther King preached about in our nation's capital: "I have a dream that one day all of God's children, Jews and Gentiles" will come together before God. It is the dream of the entire Bible: Matthew 8:11 "I can guarantee that many will come from all over the world. They will eat with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." (God's Word translation)

May they find Him here among us and in us,

Sam

### "The Millionaire Next Door: Living Simply and Generously."

Financial stress is the number one cause of marital conflict in our country. In a recent poll, 73% of Americans said the number one source of stress is money. There isn't much margin in our finances: 41% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck. Fifty percent have less than \$2500 in savings. God knew that we'd need help managing our money, so He mentions it again and again in His word. One expert highlighted 2,350 verses in Scripture that relate to our finances. Many of us think that the road out of debt and into wealth is paved by a higher paying job. But the truth is that the more money people get, the more they seem to spend. Did you know that 19% of Americans who make more than \$100,000/year still live paycheck to paycheck? This week we'll explore the tried and tested biblical way of managing money and you'll see some surprising parallels to the findings of the best-selling authors who wrote the book *The Millionaire Next Door*.



## Prayer Requests:

*Pause for a moment and pray:*

*Pause and pray for our friends and family and for others who are in need:*

- Please pray for safety for the Mexico Mission Group. The trip is March 24-30.
- Pray for Jeff Gutierrez and his family as they mourn the loss of his step-mother.
- Please pray for Debbie Dimmick and her family in the loss of her father this last Saturday.
- Please pray for the Hooper family in their recent loss of David's father.
- Elton Szpaller and family in their loss of Elton's mother.
- Helen Nichols whose father passed away, for her family relationships, her health and job.
- Our church custodian is Arnulfo. Please pray for his father who suffered a recent heart attack.
- Debbie Richmond's mom and her family as she is home recovering from heart surgery.
- Lift up Abbie, Jane, and several others in our church family who have cancer.
- Pray for Abigail Mendoza, age 6 who has been diagnosed with 4 brain tumors.
- Pray for Maria Garcia's health and healing and for spiritual strength and blessing.
- Pray for Kurt Russell and the 1744th Transport Division in your prayers. They are serving in Iraq. Also pray for their families who live each day wondering...
- Pray for Ben Nichols who is also serving in Iraq.
- Pray for the Hagen family, especially little Chloe.
- Pray for those who are hurting around the world.
- For us so that we can be healers and helpers like Jesus.



## FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

*"Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord will  
renew their strength. They will soar  
on wings like eagles; they will run and  
not grow weary, they will walk  
and not be faint"*

Isaiah 40:30-31 NIV

## THIS WEEKENDS EVENTS

### Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 & 11:45 am - Pastor Sam McKee will continue the Money Matters Sermon Series in both services.
- 3:30 pm - Sunshine band will be visiting the Cedar Crest Nursing Home (797 E. Fremont)

### Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am - Breakfast with Friends , Mountain View Central Church
- 10:00 am - Basketball at Mountain View Academy

## STAY CONNECTED

### Sunnyvale Church Website:

- [www.sunnyvalesda.org](http://www.sunnyvalesda.org)

### Business & Spirituality sermons:

available in video and mp3 format at

- [www.sunnyvalesda.org/av](http://www.sunnyvalesda.org/av)

### This Weeks Bulletin & Fishwrap:

- <http://www.sunnyvalesda.org/news/indexnew.html>

### The 2007 Spring Signals is now online!:

- <http://www.sunnyvalesda.org/news/indexnew.html>

*Join one happening near you!*

### Adventure & Small Groups information:

- [www.sunnyvalesda.org/ministry/smallgroups.html](http://www.sunnyvalesda.org/ministry/smallgroups.html)

## Bulletin:

*This week's worship features  
& church announcements.*

### THIS SABBATH:

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- This week we'll explore the tried and tested biblical way of managing money and you'll see some surprising parallels to the findings of the best-selling authors who wrote the book The Millionaire Next Door.
- Sunshine band will be visiting the Cedar Crest Nursing Home (797 E. Fremont) at 3:30 pm.

### NEXT SABBATH:

#### Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

- Pastor Sam McKee will conclude the Money Matters Sermon Series in both services. His sermon will focus on eternal investments.
- Communion service in both services. Footwashing service will be available in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am and at 11:30 am.

## Children's Ministry:

There will be no **Intermediate Sabbath School Class** on Saturday, March 24.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will take place at **9:15 am** on the following dates:

- April 21
- May 12
- June 16

### CHILDCARE DATES

Childcare will be provided during the **11:45 am** service on the following dates:

- April 7 (Easter Program)
- April 21
- May 12
- June 16

## Adventure & Small Group Updates:

*Like a "spiritual carpool lane",  
we all travel faster and further  
when we don't travel alone.*

### CREATION EVOLUTION SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

**Dates:** Saturdays, March 24, 31

**Time:** 10:30-11:30am

**Location:** Modular Class #1

Join us each Sabbath to discuss and study current issues on creation and evolution and how they apply to our everyday activities in school, work and social lives. We will be using DVDs, books, articles and other materials to learn how this important topic is evolving in the 21st Century.

## Your Church Needs You:

*"Ask not what your Church can do for you,  
but what you can do for your church."*

### HELP WANTED

Teachers and Teacher Assistants are needed in the **Primary** and **Intermediate Divisions**. Please consider giving 1-2 hours a month to this important ministry.

We're also recruiting volunteers for **Vacation Bible School** which will be the first week in August. For info, please contact Vazken Korouyan at [vazken@hotmail.com](mailto:vazken@hotmail.com) or (408) 230-4517.

### INTERPRETIVE DANCERS WANTED

Anna Savino is looking for dancers interested in working on interpretive and artistic dances that express spiritual truth and experiences. So dancers young and old can e-mail her if you are interested in being a part of a creative element of a future worship service. Here e-mail address is:

[Missanna2you@aol.com](mailto:Missanna2you@aol.com).

**2006 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

2006 Income tax receipts have been mailed out this week. **Mailing addresses are urgently needed for the following people:**

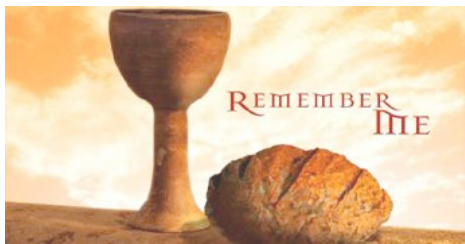
- Nils R. Swanson
- Tricia Perry
- Devin Wilson
- Richard & Martha Purdum
- Bonnie Cohen
- Peggy Cabrere
- Cherie Rodulovich
- Ivy Rose Nieva
- Sharon Munoz
- Sharon Manukyan
- Bilyana Tesic

Please contact the church office at [office@sunnyvalesda.org](mailto:office@sunnyvalesda.org) or call 408-732-4080 with your address information so that we may mail your tax receipt.

**Church Calendar:**

*Update your calendar. Join us for church, conference, and local community events.*

**SUNNYVALE CHURCH EVENTS:**



**COMMUNION**

**Saturday, March 31** in both services. Footwashing service will be available in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 & at 11:30am.

**AGAPE FEAST**

**Date:** Saturday, April 7th  
**Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall & Fireside Room  
*"They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb... He is not here; he is risen from the dead."* Luke 24: 2-6  
 Please join us for a special dinner as we celebrate the risen Christ! RSVP number attending to [agapefeast@mac.com](mailto:agapefeast@mac.com) or via RSVP card in the church bulletin this weekend.  
**The deadline for your RSVP is Saturday March 31st.**



**RESURRECTION CELEBRATION**

**Date:** Saturday, April 7  
**Time:** 11:45 am service  
 Don't miss our **Combined Easter Service** at 11:45 am on Saturday April 7. There will be no 9:15 am service that day. Sabbath School begins at 10:30 am. Our special service will include:

- Miramonte Children's Choir
- Sunnyvale Church Choir
- Compelling Biblical Dramas
- Contemporary Praise Songs by Joe Strock & the OpenDoor Band
- A personal story of a changed life
- A powerful picture of the One who lived, for us, died for us and reigns in us today...
- And a few other surprises and some powerful Easter hymns to fill us with joy and hope.

Remember it's a great day to invite friends, neighbors and others who need to hear and experience God's love and joy.

**If you are able and energetic, please park at Fremont High School or the Day Care Center next door to the church so that we may have plenty of parking for new attenders and senior citizens.**

**BUSINESS & SPIRITUALITY SERIES**

Business & Spirituality sermons are available in video and mp3 format at [www.sunnyvalesda.org/av](http://www.sunnyvalesda.org/av)

- *"Can Business Be a Calling?"* - March 3, 2007, By John Brandon, Long-time Silicon Valley Executive, currently serving as Vice-President of the Americas and Asia Pacific for Apple, Inc.
- *"Walking With God in the Business World"* - February 24, 2007, By Greg Jamison, San Jose Sharks President and CEO.

**BAY AREA CHURCH EVENTS:**

**IN CONCERT...  
A FEW GOOD MEN**

Saturday, March 24 at 6:30 pm  
 San Jose Central Church  
 2345 Alum Rock  
 San Jose, CA, 95116



**MOUNTAIN VIEW ADVENTIST CHURCH LECTURE SERIES**

**Date:** Friday evening  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall, Mountain View Central Adventist Church  
 1425 Springer Rd.  
 Mountain View, CA 94043

It has been said that Christians answer tough questions with simple answers. In reality many questions do not have simple answers and sometimes the answer is not the same in every circumstance. At the Mountain View Central Adventist Church we welcome tough questions. We invite you to join us for a series of lectures that are focused on answering some of life's toughest questions.

- How can I do a better job of raising my children?
- How do I deal with grief after a loved one dies?
- ~ **March 23:** Dr. Lance Lee, PhD, EdD, *"How to lead you kids to greatness without losing your mind"*
- ~ **April 6:** K. Lance Tyer, MA, *"Integrating Loss: Process and Identity in Mourning"*

All lectures will begin at 7 pm and last approximately 45 minutes with a 30 minute Q & A period to follow. All lectures will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served following each lecture. No reservations required. **All lectures are free of charge.** For further information contact Pastor Curtis Church at 650-967-2189 or Roshelle Brenneise at 269-277-1545 or 408-371-4168.

## 5th ANNUAL A.C.T.S. HOME-SCHOOL MEETING

### Dates / Times:

- **Friday, April 20, 2007, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
(Free with Sunday registration)
- **Saturday, April 21, 2007, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** (Free)
- **Sunday, April 22, 2007, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.** (Fee includes lunch)

**Location:** Mountain View Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church  
195 N. Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043

- **“Home-schooling for Heaven”**  
Seminars by Kathie Moore  
Kordenbrock, International Speaker, Consultant, Editor, & Author  
Daughter of Dr. Raymond Moore, grandfather of the Modern Home-school Movement, Home-schooled 3 Sons K-12
- **“In the Successful Home-school Bag”**  
Workshop by Lynda Morita Chan, MBA, Veteran home-schooler of 2 daughters, small business owner
- **“Education for Eternity”** by Aiko Reichard, CCC Bible Worker, College Graduate, Home-schooled K-12
- **“Child’s Behavior, Learning & Thinking”** by Susan Schwarz, CCC Director of Children’s Ministries
- **“Ask the Experienced”** – Panel of Home-schoolers, Home-school Children’s Choir

Children’s Programs will be concurrent with adults’ meetings. All children attending need to register. Mothers’ Room available. Registration includes admission, handouts & Sunday lunch. Hotel discount conference rates available. For more information, please call Myrian at (408) 720-8927 or email [mvjsdac@yahoo.com](mailto:mvjsdac@yahoo.com)

**ACTS** is the Adventist Christian Teacher Support providing resources, training, & inspiration for home-school educators.

## CENTRAL CA CONFERENCE EVENTS:

### CCC - TEEN GIRLS RETREAT

April 20-22, 2007  
Soquel Conference Center (1931 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel CA 95073)  
Cost \$55 per person  
Guest Speaker: Nicole Parker  
Plan to attend the CCC Girls Retreat for ages 13-19.  
Contact Pat Curtis 559-642-2396 for more information.

### URGENT NEED OF SUPPORT FOR CAMP WAWONA

**Date:** March 30

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** Tenaya Lodge in Fishcamp, CA (41 North at Fish Camp - pass through Oakhurst - turn right at the Tenaya Lodge entrance)

This critical meeting is the second of three public meetings in the permitting process to rebuild the camp. Adventist attendance goal: 150-200 supporters. For more information and to let the Conference know you are coming, email Caron Oswald at [coswald@cccsda.org](mailto:coswald@cccsda.org) or call her at 559.347.3181. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CERTIFICATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Presented by Phyllis Washington, NAD Children's Ministries Director  
Friday & Saturday, March 24 & 25  
Central California Conference Office  
Cost: \$5.00 Friday only; \$35.00 Friday & Saturday sessions and meals.  
Call or email Susan Schwarz at [sschwarz@cccsda.org](mailto:sschwarz@cccsda.org) or 559.347.3183 to sign up or for more information.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

### MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Monterey Bay Academy will be having an open house event, Academy Days, April 8-9, 2007. This is the best time for parents and students to see all that Monterey Bay Academy has to offer. Visitors will learn about MBA's campus ministries, academics, athletics and music programs, as well as our student work program, dormitory life and financial aid opportunities. Visitors will also have the chance to visit classrooms, meet MBA students and faculty and win prizes. Please reserve your spot at this event today by calling Jason Mustard at (831) 728-1481 ext. 1221 or by email at [info@montereybayacademy.org](mailto:info@montereybayacademy.org).



## This & That:

### IN THE NEWS

**From:** "George Johnson"

**Date:** March 15, 2007 9:04:12 AM PDT

**Subject:** NEWS - PBS sits with NAD leader and local pastor

#### High Priority

On Wednesday, March 14, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America had the opportunity to participate in the taping of a new weekly PBS series entitled I Believe. According to producers, I Believe will travel across America and through host Dennis Wholey, will interview different religious leaders to present a basic education in what various religions and faiths believe and practice.

Wholey interviewed Roscoe J. Howard III, secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America on the history and basic beliefs of the Church. The crew also traveled to Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Md., to do a tour and talk to its pastor, Ron Halvorsen about weekly services at the church.

Wholey is a veteran television host. He is also nationally known as the New York Times best-selling author of The Courage to Change and four additional books on personal growth. Wholey's latest book is The Miracle of Change. His new book, Why Do I Keep Doing That?, will be published in Spring 2007.

The I Believe series is scheduled to air nationally in mid-April. The Seventh-day Adventist Church's show segment is one of the first four programs. Check local listings at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) to see when I Believe will air in your area.

*George Johnson Jr. is the associate director in the Office of Communication for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.*

### JIM HARRIS PASSES

**From:** Pastor Jim McMurry

Dear Church Family,

Jim Harris died last evening just before 11:00 at his home. He was 83. His dear wife, Dorothy, and her sister were at his side. "Uncle Jim" had been a World War II prisoner of war when his plane was shot down over Europe. He remained active with local veterans organizations. He served as the Youth Director for Central California Conference from 1973-1976 where he also served as Director for Camp Wawona. He hired me as a counselor, then Boys' Director and Program Director there. He was a church leader in the South Pacific and worked in the General Conference before retiring in Sonora in 1990. Many of us know him for telling stories of faith and God's providence. He was a magnet for young people. When children would go visit him in his home he would light up and begin sharing stories, even near the end of his life when he had a difficult time getting his breath. Jim Harris was the most instrumental person in my coming to Sonora. In 1988 I had called him from Hawaii asking his counsel on a personal matter and he urged me to put my name in for the Associate Pastor position in Sonora. I rented his home in Jamestown when I first moved to the area. Many times he and I conducted anointing services together and saw God work in wonderful ways. Watching "Uncle Jim" lose his health and strength and been very difficult. God promises that *"those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* Isaiah 40:31 These promises are more precious to us today than ever before.

**Condolences may be expressed to:**

Dorothy Harris at  
301 N Forest Rd  
Sonora, CA 95370  
209-533-1994

We will contact you when services are planned. Jim was living in the Community Estates parish in Sonora.

### KFAX INVITES YOU TO "SPEAKER SERIES 2007"

**Date:** May 3 at 7:30 pm

**Location:** Harbor Light  
4760 Thornton Ave., Fremont, CA

**Cost:** Tickets: \$11:00 each

~ May 3, 2007: Philip Yancey  
*"Prayer-Does It Make any Difference?"*

With more than 13 million books in print, Philip Yancey has researched, pondered, and explored deep questions about faith-taking millions of readers with him as he passionately crafted best-selling books, such as *Disappointment with God* and *Where is God When it Hurts?*, *The Jesus I Never Knew* and *What's So Amazing About Grace*.

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or email [www.kfax.com](http://www.kfax.com).