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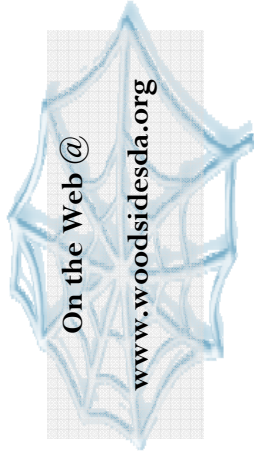
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Pastoring is full of blessings. That's one of the reasons I love my job. Most blessings come wrapped inside the many wonderful people at Woodside and Davis with whom I have the opportunity to share ministry.

Most of the blessings I enjoy were never intended for me. Blessings come in the shape of initiative taken in response to perceived need. Blessings can be an encouraging word or card shared with another member, the ride offered, the meal enjoyed together.

Blessings can appear as constructive criticism, as commitment and dedication to a job. Blessings can be the life of contentment that spills out from a faithful personal relationship with Jesus.

At our most recent church business meeting our church supported an effort to be more intentional in how Woodside lives out being a church. We will take greater care to educate new members on the values and mission of Woodside and to be more faithful in communicating those values on a regular basis within our church community.

One way to express these values is through a mission statement. Another way might be through the five purposes of the church that we have been discussing: Worship, Ministry, Outreach, Fellowship and Discipleship. Another list familiar with some would be the eight characteristics of a healthy church described through Natural Church Development.

If you are unfamiliar with these, then there's good news for you. Part of the sermon series for 2012 will develop a Biblically clear and personally applicable description of these various ideas. It is my hope, that by the end of this calendar year - and perhaps much sooner - that we can, through energetic, thoughtful and prayerful discussion, raise the level of understanding and commitment to the ideals God has designed for us.

My wish for you is this coming year is best shared through the Apostle John's words in his third letter. "Dear friend, I am praying that all is well with you and that your body is as healthy as I know your soul is."
Pastor Steve Mehan



AMAZING FACTS COLLEGE OF EVANGELISM

Imagine walking into church and seeing most of the pews filled, Sabbath School Bible discussions full of energized discussion and our courtyard alive with lively fellowship. Imagine having the privilege to meet neighbors who have expressed an interest in knowing God and the Bible. Imagine you could learn from new friends how to talk with strangers about spiritual things.

Come August of this year, you will no longer have to just imagine these things. They can be a reality for Woodside as we host a session for the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. For almost three months a group of 40-50 mostly young people will assist our congregation in reaching into our neighborhood to look for individuals and families who want a closer relationship with God.

This project has a \$16,000 budget of which the Conference will help with \$7,000. This project is intended to help transform our congregation into a more effective soul-winning congregation. This project cannot meet these expectations without your commitment to prayer for it's success, without your involvement in the planning session on February 4, and without your participation in some facet of this project.

Don't know what to do? Just ask, and we'll help you find the answer.

2012 WOODSIDE BUDGET APPROVED AT BUSINESS MEETING

2012 Budget	Month	Annual	Other items voted at the December 14 meeting:
Donations	\$7,036	\$ 84,432	>2010 minutes
Administration	\$1,217	\$14,604	>2011 actions/membership report YTD
Operation	\$3,050	\$36,600	>YTD Financial Status
Ministries	\$556	\$6,672	>SA use agreement renewed
Sabbath School	\$275	\$3,300	>Purpose of the Church program concept
School Subsidy	\$1,920	\$23,040	
Pastor Discretionary	\$50	\$600	
Trust Funds	\$168	\$2,016	

We thank the finance committee for their hard work putting together the 2012 budget under last years numbers. Any questions concerning budget, see Alan Anzai, Finance Chair.

Over the years a multitude of Adventists grew up on Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories. Today, many of those stories seem dated (or is it out-dated?). To appeal to today's children, Brenda Walsh, producer and host of a the daily children's program on 3ABN, "Kid's Time", has authored five volumes of bedtime stories. Each one is based on true, character-building stories. These stories written for especially for Miss Brenda by beloved and best-selling authors as well as by Brenda herself are sure to be loved by children and treasured by parents and grandparents.

Each book contains more than 25 delightful stories. Children will learn about important things like forgiveness, answered prayer, and the value of honesty and obedience. These are hard bound books designed to last for years. Some of you will want to purchase your personal copies.

The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary series has been expanded from ten to twelve volumes. I bought volume 12 which is devoted to the theology of Seventh-day Adventism. Then I learned there is a new volume, #11 for the encyclopedia. I had to acquire this and as Mr. Rogers pulled volume 11 from the shelf at the ABC, I noticed the first page begins with the letter "M".

Then I realized that the original encyclopedia volume 10 had been doubled in size. The encyclopedia includes volumes 10 and 11. The growth of Adventism during the last half of the 20th century required a much larger encyclopedia. The encyclopedia is a compendium of facts about SDA's, their work, beliefs, organization, methods, and philosophy. We look here for information on any SDA institution and also on leaders now deceased.

Drop in the library and look these over. Your library is a rich storehouse.

Students Coming to Woodside!

John Lucero, SAA Rep.

We are looking forward to Sabbath, February 11. Two musical groups from SAA will be with us here at Woodside. The 1st and 2nd Grade Choir will share the program with the Orion Sound during our Worship Service. It is always a rich blessing when we have a visit from our school musical groups.

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Since July of 2011, we have been blessed to have Bill Keresoma as the educational leader of the Northern California Conference education work. He is special to us here in the Sacramento area because he is always present at every SAA Board Meeting. He has already proven to be a wise and spiritual leader as we on the Board continue to address various issues.

Superintendent Keresoma strongly advocates Spirit-led cooperation — between school, church and home — to win young people at NCC schools for the Kingdom of God. "Parents, pastors and educators, we need you more now than ever before!" He has served as a teacher, counselor and vice principal at San Diego Academy, a principal at Monterey Bay Academy, an associate superintendent in the Southeastern California Conference, a dean of men at Pacific Union College, and a pastor. We are blessed to have such an able, spiritual guide for our local school and all the other schools in Northern California.

Monster Truck Pull Coming to Woodside!

Get ready for some great adventure, hilarious laughs, surprise events as our Social committee plan for the events of 2012!

Your Social committee is striving to have events that include all ages, all levels of knowledge and all talents.

We have so enjoyed the 3 weeks of Christmas stories brought to us by the Anderson family. And the soups, salads and breads were not bad either.

Watch for upcoming events, especially as we get close to February for the Monster Truck Pull plus other exciting events the same evening. Dates and times will be announced in the church bulletin.

Happy New Year from the Social Committee!

Lorraine's Prayer Closet

A new year! What will it hold for all of us? Good and bad times most likely, so we need to be spending more time in the presence of our Father.

I just recently read this from Bill Hybel's 'TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY'. It seemed like a good way to start this next year:

"ENJOY HIM FOREVER"

. . . And that brings us to the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What is God's will?

§ That we believe in his love and power.

§ That we come to him in sincerity and trust.

§ That we clear away barriers between us, including preoccupation and excessive busyness.

§ That we listen for his still, small voice and obey it when we hear it.

§ That we live in his presence and enjoy him forever.

When we live in constant communion with God, our needs are met, our faith increases, our love expands."

I have a little plaque that says: When life gets too hard to stand . . . kneel.

Something to think about, huh! Stay in His presence, it makes life easier.

We continue meeting together every Sabbath morning at 8:30. We are blessed by this time of sharing and prayer. We need all of you. What a revival we would have if all of us were committed to prayer. Room D, office complex.

Our next Prayer Breakfast

January 8, at 8:30 Woodside will be hosting a prayer breakfast for pray-ers from around the area. Special guest speaker will be *Naomi Parson, Prayer Coordinator for the Northern California Conference.*

As usual, we will have a special breakfast menu. But most importantly we will meet together in the presence of our Saviour.

YOU are invited to be a part of this special day.

See you there, with praises.

Lorraine



From The Kitchen

You had your fill of Christmas cookies, cakes, and candies – but did you remember your veggies? As you start this New Year, make sure one of your resolutions is to eat healthier! This month's recipe is not only healthy, but something to warm you on those cold evenings.



MACARONI MINISTRONE SOUP

4 medium carrots, chopped

1 medium zucchini, sliced

¼ cup chopped onion

1 garlic clove, minced

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 cans (14 ½ ounces each) vegetable broth

3 cups V8 juice

1 can (15 ounces) kidney beans

1 can (14 ½ ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 cup frozen cut green beans

cup uncooked elbow macaroni

1 teaspoon dried basil

1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley

In a Dutch oven, cook the carrots, zucchini, onion, and garlic in the olive oil for 7 minutes or until onion is tender. Add the broth, V8 juice, kidney beans, tomatoes, green beans, macaroni, and basil. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Stir in parsley. Cook 5 minutes longer or until macaroni is tender.

This soup is so easy that you may want to make it your New Year's resolution never to buy canned soup again. We'll see you at the next Woodside potluck!

The Harrington Family

Just Older Youth Senior Fellowship

Thursday, January 19, 2012, the JOY group will host a meal for our Shut-ins in the Woodside Center. Menu will be Soups & Yams. Transportation will be provided for all shut-ins who would like to attend.

Sunday, February 19, 2012, JOY will make a trip to Davis where lunch will be in the Campus Cafeteria and also a visit to the Raptor Center. This trip will leave the church before 10:30am.

If you have suggestions for the JOY group, see Karen Owen.

January 7
World Wide
Day of Prayer

Joy of Living— 2nd Year of Vegetarian Cuisine Cooking Class

Woodside Church is launching its' second season of cooking classes demonstrating various recipes emphasizing the Full Plate Diet.

On January 21 at 6:00 pm we will be featuring a Mediterranean Meal prepared by our very own Pastor Steve McHan and his lovely wife Kelly. This is the first of ten fun filled classes held on the third Saturday of each month.

When the McHans were asked what they were looking forward to most, Kelly said, "just to be with all the wonderful people who are coming to learn about a more healthful lifestyle."

Steve responded by saying he loves being in the kitchen, so if he could take some of the fear out of trying new things and encourage others to experiment with recipes and perhaps make their new lifestyle choices more fun.

Here is a call for a ministry opportunity to the Body of Christ to feed the Bread of Life to your friends and neighbors by inviting them to next months cooking class. So don't come alone!



Depression Recovery:

Good mental and emotion health doesn't happen automatically. Although, like with physical health, we can easily take it for granted until something happens to it. God has designed us to thrive when we give care and attention to His health principles.

Each winter, Woodside is proud to host Dr. Neal Nedley's 8-week DVD depression recovery series. It isn't just for those struggling with depression. If you would like to be a better support to a loved one or friend, attend. If you would like to better understand current research on the interconnectedness between mind and body, attend. If you would like to encourage someone else who is committed to improving his or her life, attend.

Our free introductory class and registration will be Sunday evening, January 15 at 7 PM in the Woodside Center. Cost for the full seminar is \$120/person and \$150/couple. Scholarships for members are available. Apply through the church office.

Pie Auction & Talent Show

\$30, \$40, \$50...going, going, **gone!**



YOUR favorite pie/pastry will be at the Pie Auction January 28 just waiting for your bid to take it home or share with friends. All proceeds will support the activities of our Woodside Pathfinders.

But this is just part of the great time had by all as many different talents are displayed as individuals and groups entertain the audience. Which will be your favorite this year.

Have some talent you want to share, the theme is musicals/movies so choose your favorite song or act and brush it up to be a part of the entertainment. See a Pathfinder leader to sign up.

Don't forget to bring your family and friends to this fun filled evening at the Woodside Center.

Super-Bowl Sunday

February 5, 2012 is the BIG day for football fans and the Woodside Center is the place to be.

Our pre-game fun time gets everyone in the mood to support their favorite team. Rick Johnston sets up the game on a more than life-size screen so every play may be seen clearly.

Bring your favorite snacks. Bring your friends to enjoy this special game. A spaghetti meal will be provided at half-time for those enjoying the game.

Times will be posted in an up-coming church bulletin.



SABBATH AT WOODSIDE

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Each Sabbath Morning:

8:30, Prayer Room open

9:30, Bible Study for all ages

11:00, Worship Hour—

Pastor begins a new series, “WHY CHURCH?”

Jan 7 Speaker— Pastor Steve McHan
“The Body”

Jan 14 Speaker- Pastor Steve McHan
“The Herald”

Jan 21 Speaker-Pastor Steve McHan
“The Cord”

Jan 28 Speaker-Pastor Steve McHan
“The Farmer”

Feb 4 Speaker— Erik Flickinger
“The World Begins in Sacramento”

Feb 11 Speaker- Pastor Steve McHan
“The Effective Church”

Feb 18 Speaker- Pastor Steve McHan
“The Empowering Church”

Feb 25 Speaker- Pastor Steve McHan
“The Passionate Church”

Sunsets

January

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February

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WOODSIDE
coming to our
neighborhood in 2012.
Please be in prayer as God
leads us in sharing with our
community!

NEWWOODSIDE FAMILY DIRECTORY

PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES! That is what we will need for our upcoming 2012 Church Directory.

February 26, 27 & 29 will be the photo shoots for the directory. But you do not any longer get the free 8X10... SOMETHING BETTER... each sitting will receive a \$25.00 certificate to put toward their choice of pictures.

You will choose the size, background, and pose you like the best.

Sign ups for sitting times will begin in January. Options will be posted later in the church bulletin. Thank you for making this a great directory.

*WOODSIDE DISCOVER
BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM*

Every Sunday at 4 p.m. the Benfield Home is buzzing with activity. The five members of the team really enjoy working together on Bible lessons. The dining room table is covered with material, usually about 50 lessons to be mailed on Monday

About 50 students have graduated this year and received their diplomas. Thank you Woodside for your prayers and donations.

*WOODSIDE FOOD PANTRY**RESUMES DISTRIBUTION*

This ministry has been reorganized. The team leaders are Wanda Thrower, Denise Miller and Wanda Phillips.

Food will be given out on 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 9:00—10:00 a.m. To request food call Throwers or Benfield's.

Thank you Woodside for bringing canned goods. Please continue to fill the wagon. Watch for info about items most needed.



FAITH IN FILM PRESENTS-

WOODSIDE CENTER—6:30PM

January 14, 2012

A ragtag group of boys rely on their religious faith to win the Little League® World Series.

In 1957, a barefooted, rag-tag team of boys from poverty-stricken Monterrey, Mexico defy extraordinary odds to become the first foreign team to win Little League® World Series – doing so in a perfect game, the only one in championship history. Based on a true story, **THE PERFECT GAME** tells the tale of how their miracle changed not only their lives, but an entire cities destiny.



February 11, 2012

Four men, One calling: To serve and protect.

As law enforcement officers, they face danger every day. Yet when tragedy strikes close to home, these fathers are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, and their faith. From this struggle will come a decision that changes all of their lives.

With action, drama, and humor, the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures embraces God's promise to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers." Souls will be stirred, and hearts will be challenged to be...**COURAGEOUS!**



Dates

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Events

JANUARY

- 1- 8:00am, Work Bee
- 7- 12:30pm, Fellowship luncheon;
1:30pm, Elders' meeting
2:15pm. SON-shine Singers
6:00pm, Woodsmen
6:30pm, W~A~Y F~U~N
- 8- 8:30am, Prayer Breakfast
- 14- 12:30pm. "HOW2"
6:30pm, Faith & Film
- 15- 7:00pm, Depression Recovery
(continues each Sunday thru March 11)
- 19- 11:30am, JOY Senior Lunch
- 21- 12:30pm. "House '2' House"
6:00pm, Joy of Living Cooking
6:00pm, W~A~Y F~U~N
- 28- 3:00pm, RE-Creation Hike
TBD, Pie Auction/Talent Show

FEBRUARY

- 4- 12:30pm, Fellowship luncheon;
1:30pm, Elders' meeting
2:15pm. SON-shine Singers
6:00pm, Woodsmen
6:30pm, W~A~Y F~U~N
- 5- 8:00am, Work Bee
TBD Super-Bowl Party
- 11- 12:30pm. "HOW2"
6:30pm, Faith & Film
- 18- 12:30pm. "House2House"
6:00pm, Joy of Living Cooking
6:00pm, W~A~Y F~U~N
- 19- 10:00am, JOY to Davis University
- 25- 3:00pm RE-Creation Hike
- 26, 27, & 29- Olin Mills pictures

JANUARY

- 5 Martha Wright
- 13 Bonnee Caplan
- 17 Balvina Reed
- 18 Andrea Reed
- 20 David Zavas, Sr.
- 21 Erin Trisler
- 22 Oscar Castillo
- 24 Isabella Elazier
- 26 David Benso
- 26 Jacob Benso
- 26 Kari Hill
- 29 Tristin Warouw
- 31 Alan Harrington

February

- 1 Albrooks Albert
- 3 Greg Ceballos
- 5 Dick West
- 6 Ivanna Reed
- 7 Scooter Halley
- 7 Doris Miars
- 8 Michele Schwartzhoff
- 9 Elena Elasier
- 13 Benny Pakpahan
- 13 Relina Sianipar
- 14 David Jr Zavas
- 17 Marilyn Zavas
- 19 Hugh Thrower
- 27 Andrew Dawson
- 27 India Hickman
- 29 Krystle Trisler

ANT

All the ants in the world weigh more than all the humans in the world!

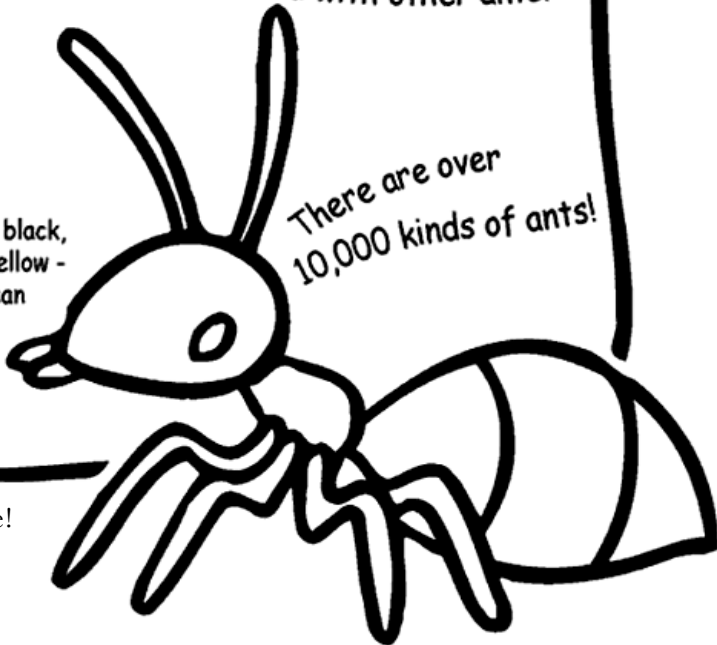
An ant can lift 20 times its weight.

An ant has 2 stomachs: one for itself, and one for sharing food with other ants!

Ants are black, red, or yellow - but you can make up your own colorful ant!

There are over 10,000 kinds of ants!

Color me!



Fair Play and Tolerance

For those few days the big hollow tree was buzzing with activity. It was time for the Scuttleball World Championship. Scuttleball was soccer for ants; and it was definitely their favourite sport. Ants of all shapes and sizes, from every nook and cranny in the world, had arrived. There were teams of red ants, black ants, flying ants, termites... and even some bizarre multicoloured ants. And, of course, every team had its own loyal band of supporters. As the tournament went on the excitement only increased, and the supporters got more and more devoted to their own particular team.

Before long, the inevitable happened. In the stand a black ant shouted "Midgets!" at a group of red ants. The red ants answered with a bit of pushing and shoving, and almost instantly the whole thing turned into a great big ball of legs, jaws, and antennae. In the end, thousands of ants were in hospital, and the tournament had to be suspended.

No one can deny that there's almost always trouble when different kinds of ant get together. But this time things had gone too far, so a meeting of Ant Elders was called. The Elders discussed the matter for days, trying to reach a solution which would end this kind of trouble once and for all. Finally, they came to a decision:

"We believe that ants of all teams are equal. It seems, though, that this tournament is being used to try to prove which kind of ant is the best. We know that all the different types of ant are indeed pretty impressive. Therefore, we say that comparisons should not be made, and that from this day on every Scuttleball team will be made up of different kinds of ant".

That decision caused quite a commotion, but soon the crowds of ants started forming themselves into new teams, mixed teams, and each ant was free to choose which team he would support. The tension on the terraces was reduced, and the ants began to see that they could enjoy the matches without so much arguing.