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Colton SDA Church NEWSLETTER



Christmas Cantata



The Music Ministries committee headed by Fred and Carmi Frias presented *Glorious Impossible* for the Christmas Cantata December 19, 2009. The familiar story of the birth of our Savior was matched with both familiar and exciting new music. Through drama and song we were reminded of the joy the angels and shepherds experienced that first Christmas. We witnessed a father's love for his newborn through the song performed by Jeter Binondo and by the love in Ruben Olveras face during the accompanying drama. The Wisemen entered in new and regal attire this year thanks to Blanca Gonzalez.



The solo by Hazel de la Ponce had us all tapping our feet. By the end of the program the audience had been both entertained and inspired by the first coming of our Lord and it left us all pining for His Second Coming. Thank-you to all who participated your hard work was a blessing to all who attended.

Kristi Cruise

Special Events Coming Up!

Valentines Day Potluck – On Sabbath, **February 13** our social committee is planning a special potluck to honor the married couples of the church. Italian cuisine will be the theme of the potluck. Start thinking of what you can bring and count on being a part of this special potluck.

Welcome Home Celebration for Pastor Mataafa – Our official welcome home Sabbath will be **February 20** here at the Colton Church in conjunction with the Fontana Church. Pastor Mataafa is home *now* enjoying a peaceful and joyful reunion with his family. He will resume his duties next month, please consider his need for rest and refreshment before you call him.

Verse of the Month

“And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love”.

2 John 1:5-6 NIV

Responsibilities of Leadership

The Seventh-day Adventist Handbook 17th edition states, “Deaconesses were included in the official staff of the early Christian churches.” The role of a deaconess is found in Romans 16:1,2 in which Paul mentions Phoebe holding the position of a deaconess of the church at Cenchreae. In our church today, the church body, through the nominating committee, elects a deaconess. The handbook is very clear that a woman is chosen for her own skills and spiritual commitment, not because of her husband's position in the church. Although a deaconess is not ordained, an induction service by a ordained minister is appropriate.

Duties of the deaconesses are:

- ❖ *Assistance at Baptisms* – deaconesses care for female candidates before and after the baptismal service, which includes advice on appropriate attire and the care of any baptismal robes used.
- ❖ *Arrangements for the Communion Service* – Deaconesses are to give special help to the women of the church in the foot washing service, especially visitors and new members. It is the deaconesses that care for the linens and towels used in the ordinances. Deaconesses prepare everything for the ordinance table: including the bread and wine, arranging the table, pouring the wine, placing plates of the unleavened bread and covering the table with a linen.
- ❖ *Care of the Sick and Poor* – Cooperating with the deacons, deaconesses care for the sick, the needy, and the unfortunate.

The head deaconess is in charge of organizing the other deaconesses. In this way organization of the deaconess council is maintained. Thank-you ladies for all of the work you do in our behalf and for our community.

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Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 23 (Sat) 12:45 PM** – Fellowship Potluck
- Jan 23 (Sat) 1:30 PM** – Sabbath School Council
- Feb 3 (Wed) 8:00 PM** – Board of Elders Meeting
- Feb 7 (Sun) 8:00 AM** – Work Bee
- Feb 13 (Sat) 12:45 PM** – Valentine's Day Potluck
- Feb 20 (Sat)** – Celebration of Pastor Mataafa's Return

Christmas Party

The Christmas party began with a potluck and a birthday. In honor of Shirley Purucker's 75th birthday all who attended received a piece of cake.



The annual white elephant Christmas Party thrill of gifts but also the pain of loss. A box of chocolates was "stolen" too many times to count and two Christmas pillows were taken despite

attempts to hide them. Nearly every gift was moved around the room, except the singing fish, it swam and sang its way into our hearts.

The fun was not only for the adults, Robbie Felix was the brave leader for the Children's program down the hall. The children under 10 years of age made a bag full of crafts and received several tasty goodies. Remember to attend this event next year. You won't leave without a gift and a laugh.



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Small Cell Terrorist Groups Discovered in Several Churches

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Osama Bin Lucifer, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, Bin Workin' and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

And guess what, no church is exempt. However, you can spot them if you "bin lookin". Bin Prayin??? No, then you better get busy, cuz our church needs all the prayers you can pack in a day, not just when you are in church.

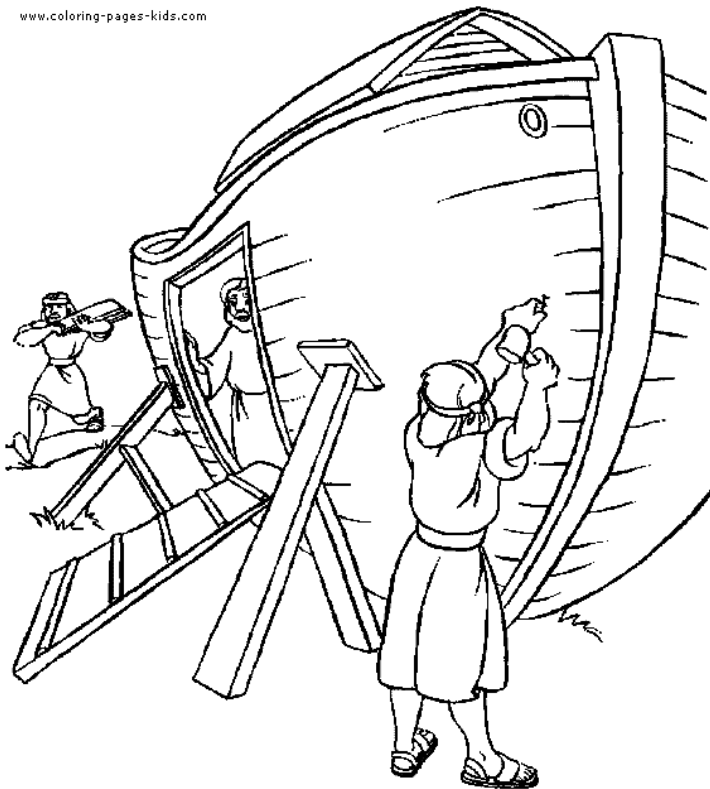
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Editor's Note

The mission of this newsletter is to provide communication and inspiration for our church. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrklijcruise@sbcglobal.net or phone (909) 872-0394.

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