

Colton SDA Church NEWSLETTER

June 2010

VBS 2010

“High Seas Expedition”



Climb Aboard for the Voyage of a Lifetime.
VBS 2010 sets sail beginning June 27 - July 2.

At *High Seas Expedition*, kids explore the mighty love of God. The High Seas is filled with incredible Bible- learning experiences. Bible crafts, bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the *High Seas Expedition* activities that help faith flow into real life. The fun begins June 27 and ends July 2. The hours are 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration will begin June 22. To register your children for this life-changing adventure, pick up a registration form at the church entrance or call Mary Lou Domingo at 909 855-4003 or Mary Lemos at 909 887-5849.

Get Ready for Campout!



July is the month for hot weather, smog, too many days stuck indoors huddled around the air conditioner... and getting away from it all high up in the mountains at the annual Colton & Fontana Church Campout! This year we're going back to Lobo Group

Camp in Barton Flats, on the weekend of July 23-25. There will be a full Sabbath School and Worship Service, a big Sabbath potluck, children's activities, hiking, campfire vespers, and plenty of time for physical and spiritual refreshment surrounded by “God's Second Book”, nature. Camp overnight in the wild, or just come up for the Sabbath, whatever works best for you and your family. Be sure to sign up in the church lobby soon!



Jerry Johnson

Mark Your Calendars

- Jun 15 (Tue) 6:00 PM – VBS Preparation Meeting
- Jun 16 (Wed) 7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting: Pastor Mataafa
- Jun 19 (Sat) 12:45 PM – Father's Day Potluck
- Jun 27 – Jul 2 (Sun-Fri) – Vacation Bible School
- Jul 18 (Sun) 6:00 PM – Luau @ Fontana SDA Church
- Jul 23–25 (Fri-Sun) – Annual Campout: Lobo Group Camp/Barton Flats

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 jrkljccruise@sbcglobal.net or phone (909) 872-0394.

Mother's Day Sabbath



It is an annual tradition in the Colton church for the gentlemen to honor the ladies of the congregation on Mother's Day Sabbath,



which occurred this year on May 8. Each mother in the congregation, as well as all of the other ladies, received a flower during a special commemoration ceremony during the worship service. Afterward, the gentlemen hosted a potluck in honor of Mother's Day, in which all ladies went first in line, and were served haystacks by the men.

Jerry Johnson

Baby Shower



Daniel Olvera was the guest of honor at his Baby Shower on June 6, 2010. But since he was too small to open the gifts, his parents Danni and Elias did the honors. The Women's Ministries Committee arranged the “ducky” baby shower. The fun was made complete with food, presents, and games to



celebrate the birth of baby Daniel. Be sure to give Daniel a hug of welcome!

Kristi Cruise

Progressive Dinner

Sabbath afternoon fellowship with Christian friends is a wonderful thing, and it's even more special when we can meet with friends in their homes for a scrumptious multi-course lunch. This was the motivation behind the Progressive Dinner that was organized by the Social Committee on Sabbath afternoon, May 23. Several families agreed to host various numbers of participants in their homes for different courses, with several other families joining in to prepare the necessary food. Participants were divided into a few groups. The first stop for each group was for salad; the second stop was for the main entrée, curry and rice. Afterward, everyone reassembled at the church for dessert, which a crew had prepared in advance. Besides an occasion to eat well, this was also an opportunity for members and visitors to get to know each other better in a more casual and relaxed setting. Pastor Mataafa led an evening vespers service to close out this eventful Sabbath.

Jerry Johnson

Spring Fling Family Fun Day



On a warm day in mid May, our church celebrated the change of seasons with the “Spring Fling;” a nice excuse to invite members and the community to our church. It was directly after the International Breakfast fund-raising event. Numerous activities were available for the young and the young-at-heart.

People of all ages enjoyed the Bounce House; I know I did. Being the father of two children under 5 gave me a good excuse to



enjoy the event myself.

After a prayer and introductory statements, I lead a crew of four kids on a scavenger hunt. One of the requirements was to visit a local house and invite them to visit Colton, SDA services. My group headed across the street and invited a group of 8 people to come join us. My group did a great job, and the other two teams also



completed this section of the



course, the inevitable water balloon fight). That felt good on the warm spring day.

We also had multiple craft competitions open to the youth that attended.

Prizes for each of the competitions were ribbons and chocolate. It was a good thing we brought a cooler to put the candy in or it would have turned into a big gooey mess.

I think the consensus was a repeat of the day for next year. If you don't know what “sharks and minnows” is, come next year and find out!

Rob Cruise

Community Services Corner

Hi--all, the community services team wishes to thank everyone for their participation in the 'International Breakfast'. Without the help from the team, it would not have been a success. Without those that came to partake of the breakfast, it also would not have been a success. Each person's role was equally important. Thanks to all who donated to the event. We look forward to serving you again in the future.

On to some new things--the health fair will be coming up in



October. We will be hosting a table that will be providing free items to the public such as clothing, reading material, and maybe loaves of bread, if we can get them again from the company that donated last year. If any one has clothing and other household articles (that still work) the things that one usually sells at yard sales, please put them in a box and mark it 'for community service' and put them in the kitchen. I will store them away until October.

As far as the 'Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets' that will be given out to those that need them, the same plan will be implemented as last year. Look for the baskets in the foyer as time goes on with the slips of paper on which will be written the items that will be needed to fill the baskets. We will be starting the gathering of the items earlier this year so that it will not be so taxing on everyone during the holidays. We appreciate greatly any and all help from you - the church family. Feel free to ask others also if they can and want to help. As always we are here to serve you.

~A Thought For The Day~

Psalms 107:1—“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”

Laura Bauchert

Verse of the Month

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1--8

Children's Religious Commentary



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Contributed by Teresa Padilla

Graduates of 2010

Saturday, June 5, 2010 was a special day for the Colton Church as we celebrated the accomplishments of several of our finest members. Congratulations and Best Wishes from your church family!

Photo by Fred Frias



For Fun

Do you know what Bible story this is? If not come to VBS this year and you will know the answer.

You don't want to miss any of the *High Seas Adventures!* Don't worry; you won't have to swim!

