

# Colton SDA Newsletter

June 2011

## Up Coming and On Going Activities

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### Pray For Children

Family Ministries has started a prayer group to pray for children on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. Come and pray for your small child, adult child, grandchildren or any child you have a burden to pray for. *The Power Of The Praying Parent* is our guide book and is available at the meetings. If you would like to keep the book a \$7.00 donation would be appreciated. There is **child care provided**, by dedi-

cated volunteers who deserve whatever payment you can afford.

This is powerful and inspiring, you will be blessed when you come.



See Tammy Figueroa or Laura Bauchert for more info.

### Vacation Bible School



VBS begins June 20! The VBS crew is already preparing on Thursday nights at 6 o'clock. Volunteers are welcome, bring your talents and the joy of the Lord and be blessed!

fun and inspirational outreach. The kids will learn that God made them, He listens to them, He watches over them, God loves them no matter what, and He gives good gifts. All of this will be learned while having fun: playing games, listening to stories, singing songs, watching dramas and videos of everyone's favorite chipmunk "Chadder." And of course every evening ends with a tasty snack. This year VBS week will end on Sabbath with a open invitation potluck.

Tell your friends, family and neighbors about this

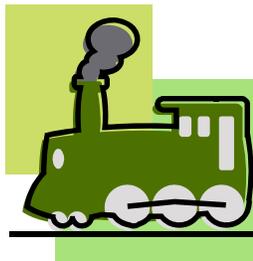
### Community Services Corner

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Well folks, it is getting closer to when we shall be boarding the "Metrolink Express". Hope you have been saving up for the trip. We shall be putting a sign-up sheet in the foyer soon. Also, hopefully, we shall have a flyer/insert for the bulletin.

Bring your family and friends, guests, visitors, neighbors, etc., but be prepared to be responsible for any and all kids that you bring. The price of

the tickets is \$ 7.25 per ticket for all 5 and older, payable in advance if you want your ticket to be purchased in advance and ready for you when you arrive at that station.



Hope to see you all there.

Laura Bauchert

### Mark Your Calendars



Jun 18 (Today) 1:00 PM - Father's Day/Graduation Potluck

Jun 20-25 (Mon-Sat) - VBS 2011: "PandaMania"

Jun 21 (Tue) - NO "Get Fit 4 God" fitness session this week

Jun 15 (Wed) - NO Prayer Meeting this week

Jun 24 (Fri) - NO Prayer Group for Children until July

Jun 26 (Sun) 8:00 AM - Work Bee (change of date)

Jun 29 (Wed) 8:00 PM - Church Board meeting (change of date)

July 29-31 (Fri-Sun) - Annual Campout: Table Mtn, Angeles NF

## Verse of the Month

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

### Pastor's Perspective

#### Jacob's Trouble: Wrestle With God and Overcome

It seems there is trouble and suffering everywhere. Our country is in a financial crisis. There is trouble all over the world. We are all in trouble from the high cost of living as the food prices and gas prices increase daily. The number of people unemployed is increasing. It is painful to know there are church family members and friends that have been through it already.

A close friend of mine lost his business recently and both he and his wife are searching for jobs. One close friend went to the hospital for a common procedure that most people go through and come out fine, but he did not come out okay. He was hospitalized since then and he will never be the same again. It seems there is suffering everywhere and each one of us have our own burden to bear.

I would like to share with you the trouble of Jacob and how he dealt with it according to the Scripture in the book of Genesis 27 to 33. As we review Jacob's trials they will shed light on our own dilemmas so we can be able to understand them and know how to deal with them. Jacob's troubles started when he left home after deceiving his blind father and stealing the birth right of his brother. You remember the story, how he pretended to be his brother in order to deceive his blind father for blessings. He also devised a crooked deal with his brother to exchange his birthright with a cup of soup. He skipped town to hide at his uncle Laban's home.

One of the clear indicators about Jacob's relationship with God was that, even though he had a deceitful nature, chapter 28 verse 12 of Genesis tells us that Jacob had a dream about God in the night when he left home fleeing from his evil deeds and the people he did wrong. Jacob had a dream of God. He saw a ladder that connected one end to heaven and one end to earth. He saw the angels of the Lord going up and down the ladder.

Two points need to be underscored here. First, Jacob knew that he was a fugitive who was on the run from his evil deeds. He was running away from the people he betrayed and yet he longed to be reconnected back with God.

We are just like Jacob in the way he avoided responsibilities from the sins he committed. He looked out for his own selfish needs. He justified himself by saying that it was not his fault and idea to betray his father for it was his mother's plan. However, he knew better. How often we find ourselves avoiding being responsible for all the troubles that are happening around us? We tell ourselves that we are not responsible for the financial problem of this country, the rising of gas prices, food prices, housing market problem, sending troops to Afghanistan, and so on. Nevertheless, we also deny our spiritual responsibilities concerning our hostile thoughts, deeds, decisions, actions, and words of deception that inflict pain and sorrow of betrayal to those that we love and care about. And yet, we feel defensive without owning up to the missteps we make.

We are like Jacob; we are running away from our spiritual responsibilities of making right with people we wrong and hurt by neglecting our sense of accountabilities to others. However, at the same time we want to be reconnected back to God.

The second point to be noted here is that Jacob saw the ladder which on one end connected to heaven and the other end connected to earth with the host of angels climbing up and down on it. It was an indicator to Jacob that God's mercy is available for him if he would return home someday to make right with his father's household and his brother. The ladder was a covenant promise for Jacob to return to the land of his ancestors someday to claim the promise of establishing a chosen people of God.

The Spirit of Prophecy says that, "When, fleeing from his brother's wrath, he saw in his dream the ladder connecting heaven and earth, the gratitude of his heart found expression in the vow to God:

'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.' " (RH Dec. 8, 1896)

We are like Jacob seeing the mercy God has made available to us through Jesus Christ. We pledge God our loyalty if he would bless our plans. Yet we need to return home to make restitution with God and with the loved ones and friends we have wronged, misused, neglected, and overlooked.

Throughout the story of Jacob the troubles he endured taught him to become a responsible man of God. Laban mistreated him by giving him Leah instead of Rachel and made him work twice as much under the guise of a bad contract deal. Laban changed Jacob's wages several times and fail to keep the bargained deal and he accused Jacob of stealing. Hence, Jacob endured.

Jacob remembered the goodness of God when he ran away from his responsibilities. He remained faithful to his promise to God that one day he would return home to make restitution with his father's household and with his brother. Jacob went home a changed man with his new name: Israel.

Genesis 32:26-30: "But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.'"

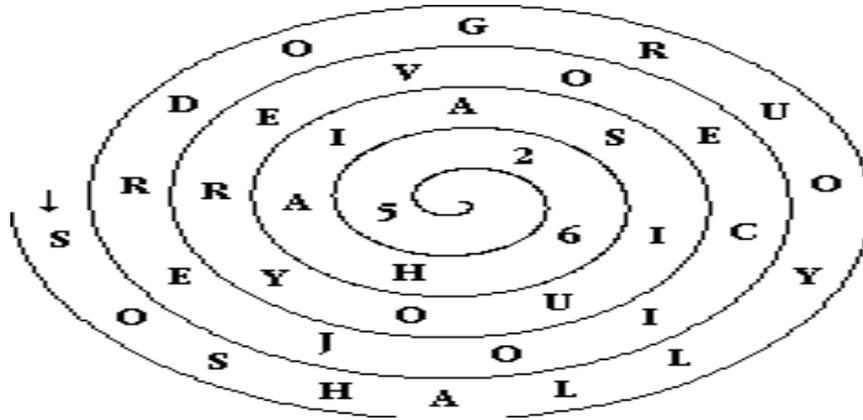
Keep wrestling with God and overcome.

*Pastor Mataafa*



## Game and Coloring

Complete the verse at the bottom of the spiral by writing down the letters as you come to them on the lines below.



"And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,

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## Rebekah's Choice

"May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too' -let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."

Genesis 24:14

### *Just Think*

A large thirsty camel can drink 200 liters or 52.83 gallons in one day. (camelfarm.com)

Abraham's servant had ten camels! That means Rebekah could have drawn over 2000 liters or 528 gallons of water that day!

Because of her willingness to work hard for a stranger she became one of the best known women in the Bible and joined the lineage of Jesus.



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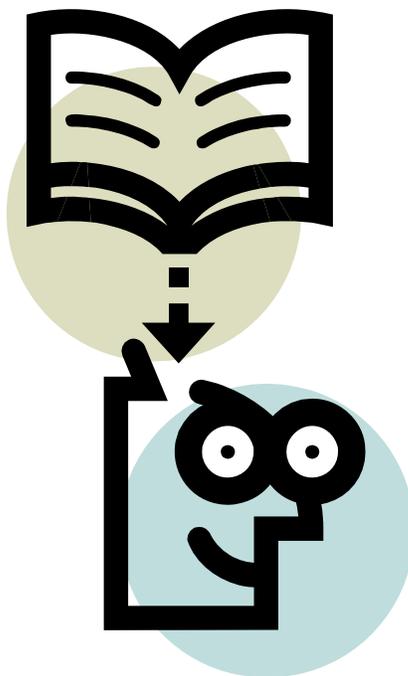
Church Mission Statement

To provide a grace-filled environment where a diversity of worshipers may experience the healing love of Jesus through the ministry of the Word, the community of prayer, the fellowship of God's family, and the opportunity to serve.

Contribution Instructions

The mission of this newsletter is to provide communication and inspiration for our church members. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrkljccruise@sbcglobal.net or home phone (909) 872-0394. The next Newsletter will be distributed July 9. Please turn in your articles or photos by Tuesday, July 5 before 5:00 pm.

Quiz Time!



1. What was Achan's sin? Joshua 7:1
2. Why did Paul shave his head? Acts 18:18
3. What evangelist had four daughters who prophesied? Acts 21:8-9
4. James and John were the sons of Zebedee, but who was their mother? Mark 15:40
5. Who put Jesus in the tomb? John 19:38-39
6. What was the Ethiopian eunuch reading when he met Philip? Acts 8:28
7. What was the answer to Samson's riddle, "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet." Judges 14:14
8. When Jesus wept, why did he weep, or what was the occasion? John 11:35
9. Moses made a bronze snake. For what was it an antidote? Numbers 21:4-9
10. Methuselah lived longer than anyone else recorded in the Bible. Who came in second? Genesis 5:20

Answers to last month's quiz:

Where Do You Find It?

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| 1. John 11:35    | 6. Galatians 6:7    |
| 2. Romans 13:10  | 7. Luke 2:14        |
| 3. Isaiah 40:31b | 8. Ecclesiastes 3:1 |
| 4. Psalm 23:1    | 9. Exodus 8:1       |
| 5. Romans 6:23   | 10. Luke 22:20      |