

## Mark Your Calendars

Come join us for Study & Worship Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and for the following  
 Aug 27 Sat 11:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. Training Seminar  
 Aug 27 Sat 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Vespers  
 Aug 27 Sat 8:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Movie

Sep 3 Sat 2:30 p.m. Helping Hands Project  
 Sep 15 Thu 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting  
 Sep 17 Sat 1:30 p.m. Home Fellowship Potluck  
 Sep 18 Sun 8:00 a.m. Church Work Bee  
 Sep 18 Sun 9:00 a.m. Yard Sale  
 Sep 24 Sat 11:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. Training Seminar  
 Sep 29 Thu 6:30 p.m. Seasonal Decorating: Fall  
 Oct 1 Sat 2:30 p.m. Helping Hands Project  
 Oct 8 Sat Young Adult Sabbath

Oct 8 Sat 6:30 p.m. Setup Night for Health Expo  
 Oct 9 Sun 9:00 a.m. Health Expo  
 Oct 10-22 Evangelism Outreach  
 Oct 15 Sat 1:00 p.m. Additional Potluck  
 Oct 23 Sun 8:00 a.m. Church Work Bee  
 Oct 27 Thu 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting  
 Oct 29 Sat 4:00 p.m. Healthy Resolutions Walk  
 Nov 5 Sat 11:00 Communion Sabbath  
 Nov 5 Sat 2:30 p.m. Helping Hands Project

Nov 13 Sun Women's & Men's Ministries End-of-Year Luncheon  
 Nov 17 Thu 6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting  
 Nov 19 Sat 1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck  
 Nov 20 Sun 8:00 a.m. Church Work Bee  
 Nov 19-20 Sat/Sun Thanksgiving Baskets Prep/Distribution  
 Nov 26 Sat No Potluck  
 Dec 1 Thu 6:30 p.m. Church Sanctuary Decorating

July/August 2016

COLTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# Newsletter

## Coming Up!



Our church has volunteers visiting the **Helping Hands Pantry** warehouse on the first Sabbath of every month. September 3 is the next opportunity to do (not just say) the love of Christ for our neighbors. Meet us and other helpers there at 2:30 p.m.



Bring your hard hat and a willing heart to the next **Work Bee** on Sunday, September 18. Carlos Lemos always has big plans for maintaining and beautifying our church campus.



September 17 following the church service potlucks will be held in homes of willing host families. **Home Fellowship Potlucks** allows for deeper fellowship. Look for Sign-up sheets to come or open your home. Contact a greeter for more information.



Got Stuff? Time to loosen your selves and enjoy the day with your church family during the **Church Yard Sale** September 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m. See Community services for details



One of our biggest our outreach ministry is our **Health Expo**. Tell your neighbors and friends to come for free health screening and other health information on October 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information see Shirley.



Reserve time in your schedule for October 10-22 for our **Evangelism Outreach**! This is a special time to open our doors to seekers. Begin praying now for this ministry and for the Lord to show you who to invite. See Pastor Mataafa for more information or to volunteer.

## Hiking Gray's Peak Trail

A group of nine hikers joined together for our church's organized Healthy Resolutions Group Hike on Sabbath Afternoon, July 9. The group assembled at the trailhead for the Gray's Peak Trail along the shore of Big Bear Lake, on a bright, sunny, and pleasantly cool afternoon in the San Bernardino Mountains. Because of time considerations, the group decided not to go all the way to the summit of Gray's Peak, but they went far enough up the trail to catch a fabulous distant view of the north face of Mount San Gorgonio rising above the forest canopy.

*Jerry Johnson*



## 4th of July Chili Cook-off



## Picnic and Vespers at Big Bear Lake



On August 20 which was a beautiful Sabbath afternoon, a group of Colton parishioners gathered on the shores of Big Bear Lake for our annual picnic out in nature.

We dined on hot dogs, fruit, sandwiches, and several other dishes. We had a time of sharing and reflection after a nice song service. We were able to stay a little longer this time because of a local concert which delayed the usual park closure.

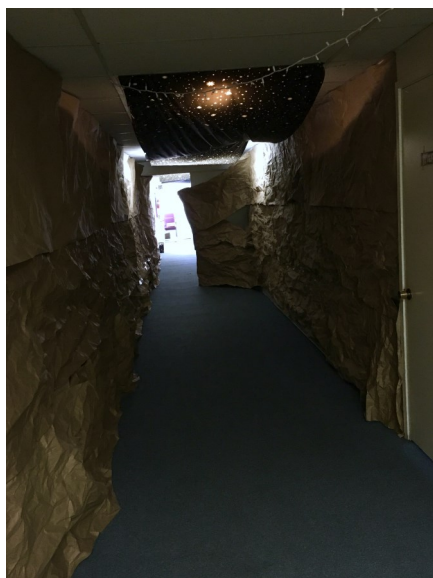
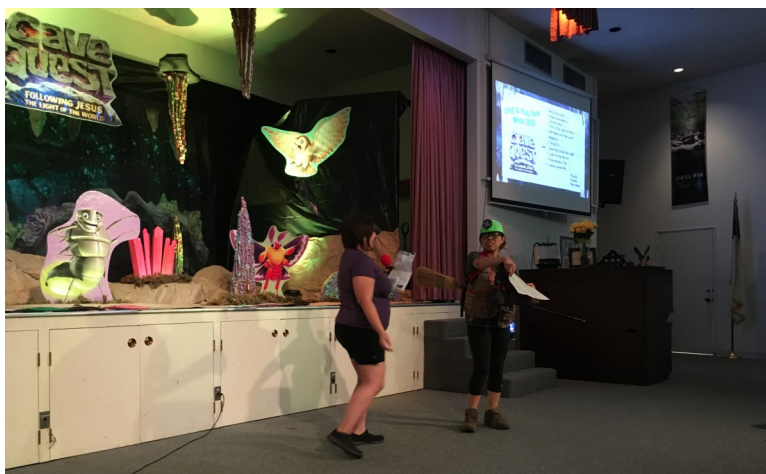
One of the attendees found a cell phone. It took most of the afternoon to reunite the phone with its owner, who ironically was also an Adventist.

*Rob Cruise*

## Cave Quest VBS

Cave Quest VBS launched earlier this season on July 18 lasting through the week. Neon crystals, cavernous wallpaper, and trickling water echoes filled visible portions of Colton SDA as the church prepared to welcome community kids to the spelunking theme. This year's point was highlighting Jesus as the light of the world. After a few years of being a participant myself, I never imagined the shoes I would be filling in this year as co-director. I think a particular moment it hit me the most was overhearing Leanne, the other co-director, say to someone how we had been working on this for over 6 months. It is definitely no easy task, but it's a blessing to see how our church pulls through every year. And we were fortunate to have such willing volunteers actually outnumber our kids. But there were reports of the kids loving the stage, enclosed hallway, and fun stations as they came each day. So for me the success goes to a church working together with open hearts and the kingdom of God in mind.

*Donnie Cristales*



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## My Father's Amazing World - Weird Names part 4

Humuhumunukunukuāpuaʻa or HumaHuma for short is a "triggerfish with a snout like a pig." As the state fish of Hawaii it has one of the longest words in the Hawaiian language. On the dorsum it has a spike which it can use to thoroughly imbed itself in a crack or hole making it nearly impossible to remove by a predator. It uses its lips to send out jets of water into sand to find the invertebrates that it enjoys eating. It can also change colors depending on its mood or activity. When sleeping it is a drab color but when awake and feeling safe it will be the brilliant colors seen here. God filled even the oceans with vivid color and life. I look forward to snorkeling in the new earth where I can enjoy His creations with no fear! See JayJay and Gigi for the pronunciation, don't ask me!

*Kristi Cruise*



## Distribution Dates

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