

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.

Jun 3 Sat 2:30 PM Helping Hands Project (at ministry warehouse)

Jun 4 Sun 8:00 AM Church Work Bee (Deacons & all church family)

Jun 6 Tue 6:00 PM VBS Preparation Evening

Jun 10 Sat 2:30 PM Musical Concert

Jun 13 Tue 5:30 PM Community Services Fundraiser Dinner

Jun 13 Tue 6:00 PM VBS Preparation Evening

Jun 17 Sat 1:00 PM Father's Day Potluck (by Women's Ministry)

Jun 20 Tue 6:00 PM VBS Preparation Evening

Jun 21 Wed 8:00 PM Church Board Meeting

Jun 24 Sat 11:00AM Graduation Sabbath

Jun 24 Sat 1:00 PM Graduation Potluck (Fellowship Potluck-Special)

Jun 25 Sun 6:00 PM Final VBS Preparation Evening

Jun 26-30 Mon-Fri 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Jul 1 Sat 11:00 AM/1:00 PM VBS Sabbath / VBS Potluck (Fellowship Potluck- Special)

Jul 1 Sat 2:30 PM Helping Hands Project (at ministry warehouse)

April/May 2017

COLTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

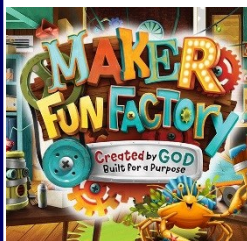
Coming Up!



Our church has volunteers visiting the **Helping Hands Pantry** warehouse on the first Sabbath of every month. June 3 is the next opportunity to serve our neighbors. Meet our church and other helpers there at 2:30 p.m.



Bring your hard hat and a willing heart to the next **Work Bee** on Sunday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m. Maintaining our facility is an act of worship!



Vacation Bible School Preparations have begun! Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. our group of volunteers are meeting to prepare to welcome our community for VBS. **Vacation Bible School will be June 26-30 and 6:00 p.m.** Plan to volunteer and begin inviting your friends, family members and neighbors!



A **Musical Concert** will be presented on June 10 at 2:30 p.m.



Community Services will be serving **Dinner** on Tuesday June 13 at 5:30 p.m. as a **Fundraiser**. Plan to come for dinner then stay to help with VBS preparation.



Father's Day Potluck will be presented by Women's Ministries on Sabbath June 17 following the church service.



Calling all board members! **Board Meetings** will be on June 21st beginning at 8:00 p.m. "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14



Graduation Sabbath with Potluck will be held on June 24 during the worship service. Bring your graduate and celebrate with your church family on the accomplishments of our graduates.

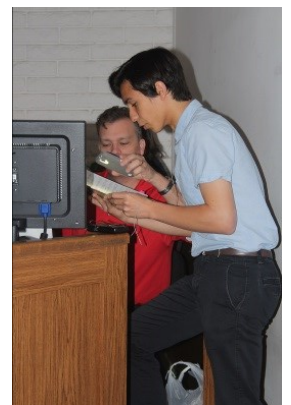
Welcome Pastor Choi



Pastor John Choi and his wife Nancy were welcomed to our church on March 25. Following the official announcement of Pastor Choi's role as interm pastor by a representative from the conference office we had a welcome potluck. At Colton no event is complete without a potluck and a cake! We look forward to getting to know John and Nancy as well as their three children for however long the Lord gives them to us!

Kristi Cruise

Easter Cantata



Music and narration marked our celebration of the Lord's resurrection on April 15. The music ministries, PA ministries and their friends produced a musical event which told the precious story of our Lord's death and then His glorious resurrection. The above right picture captures a moment of joy for the choir, Nestor, Heather, Sandra, Carmi and Jerry. On the right we have Rob and Tommy. Tommy

was the narrator for the service and yet no one really saw him, so now you know the face that goes with the voice. On the right is the whole group who worked to bring the Easter Cantata to life.

Kristi Cruise

Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries field trip to the World Museum of Natural History at La Sierra University, March 25. Here's the group that met a new furry friend and enjoyed the rocks and other "stuffed" animals at the museum as well as the fellowship of each other.

Kristi Cruise

Easter Morning Devotional Service and Waffle Breakfast

At 8:00 am on Sunday morning, April 16, a special Devotional Service was held at the Colton SDA Church to remember and honor the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago. As Christians around the world rejoiced in the arrival of Easter Sunday, and as observant Jewish congregations were in the middle of their week-long celebration of Passover, the Colton congregation took a few moments to sing praise songs, to pray, and to internalize the special message delivered on the occasion by recently installed Interim Pastor John Choi. The main point of Pastor Choi's message, which was inspired by

the message of the apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5-11, was a call for the congregation to follow the example of Christ, who left His "comfort zone" in heaven to live among sinners, to die for our sins, and to be raised to life again. Pastor Choi encour-



aged each of the attendees to similarly leave their own "comfort zones" in reaching

out to the world around us.

The Devotional Service was followed by a Waffle Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Community Services department and by the Young Adults group, as a fundraiser for the Young Adults. Donations



were strictly voluntary, but an appreciable amount was raised for this cause. The breakfast featured not only waffles, but other popular breakfast favorites such as scrambled eggs, potatoes, and fresh-squeezed orange juice.

Jerry Johnson

Church Camp Out



The Church returned to Lytle Creek Resort as guests of Ed and Blanca on the weekend of April 29. Thank-you Ed and Blanca for having us, as well as handling the reservations. Special thanks to Blanca, Barbara, Cathy, and Ken who planned the food and kept us fed the whole weekend. If you didn't come for the whole weekend you missed the special blessings of the vespers services on Friday and Saturday evenings.

It was a special time of fellowship and worship in a more relaxed atmosphere. Plus it was just plain fun!

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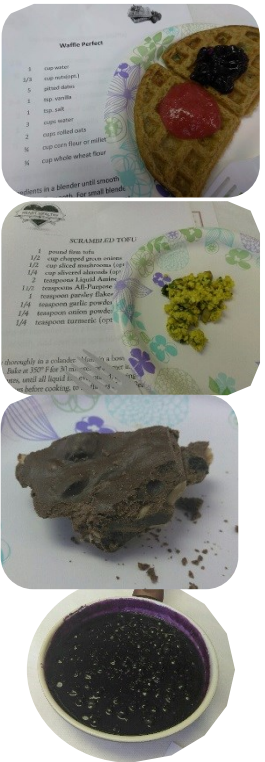


Mother's Day Potluck



Thank-you Men's Ministries! On behalf of the women of the church, it truly was "Souper!"

Cooking Class



Our very own Young Hong with her friends Dr. and Mrs Shand spent several hours educating us about nutrition. They demonstrated some of their favorite breakfast items including scrambled tofu and waffles with berry toppings. Best of all we got to taste them all!

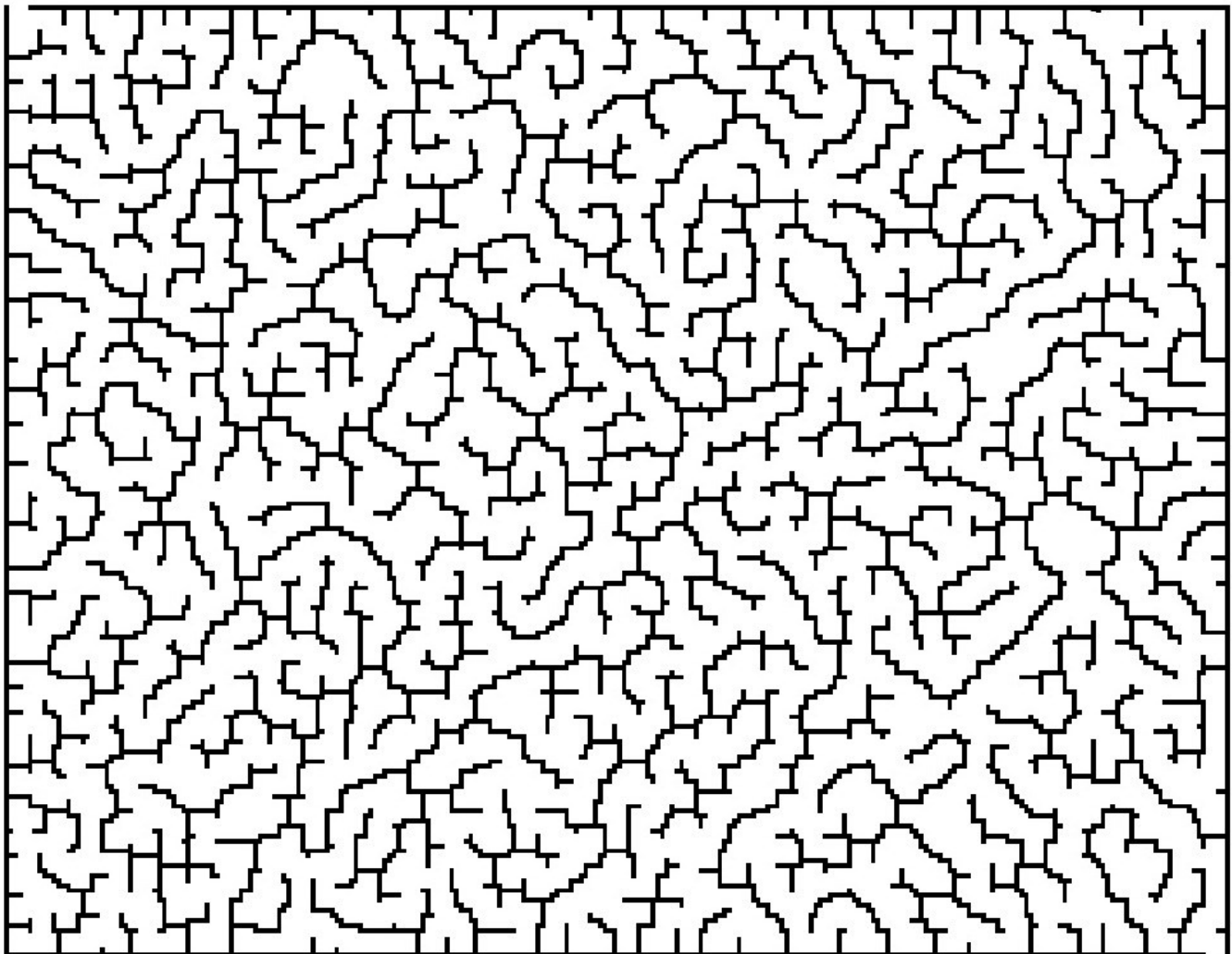
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Isaiah 1:18- Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.



Get the sin heart to Jesus

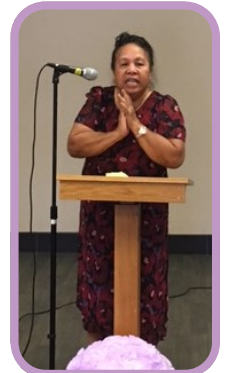


Church House Collection ©

Jesus
washed
sin clean



Women's Ministry's Tea



The Women's Ministry's Annual Tea was a success with more than 30 ladies attending. Held at the Community Room in Loma Linda Civic Center the ladies were seated at beautifully decorated tables. The

food was also picture perfect as well, and it all tasted just as good as it looked. There was a devotional as well as time for each lady to share their own treasure. But mostly we enjoyed each other's company! Thank-you Lizzie and Carmi and the rest of their team for creating a charming environ-

ment for us all to enjoy. And thank-you to each of the ladies who provided food as well. *Kristi Cruise*
Photos by Donna Moura and Nestor Domingo



Women's Ministries Tea



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My Father's Amazing World - Venom Part 4

In this article we will discuss the most known of venomous creatures, the snakes.

Top 11 Most Venomous Snakes

11. Rattlesnake
10. Death Adder
9. Vipers
8. Philippine Cobra
7. Tiger Snake
6. Black Mamba
5. Coastal Taipan
4. Indian Krait
3. Eastern Brown Snake
2. Inland Taipan (Most venomous on land)
1. Belcher's Sea Snake (Most venomous of all snakes)



Belcher's Sea Snake

Top 10 Most Deadly Venomous Snakes

10. Death Adder
9. Coastal Taipan
8. Common Lancehead
7. Puff Adder

6. Indian Cobra
5. Indian Krait
4. Eastern Brown Snake
3. Saw-Scaled Viper
2. Black Mamba
1. Russell's Viper



Indian Krait

If you are wondering about why there are two different lists, there is good reason. Just because a snake has ridiculously potent venom doesn't mean that it kills people very often. What makes snakes dangerous is a multifaceted problem. It is a combination of the strength of venom, habitat location, proximity to people in that habitat, the personality of the species of snake (aggressive vs. passive), the social economics of the region in which it lives and the availability of antivenin and the availability of health care in general. So although the Sea Snake carries an extremely po-

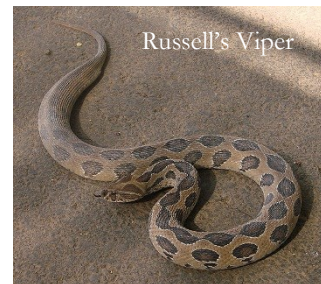
The Russell's Viper doesn't even make the top ten for venom potency but it kills more people in the world than any other snake. Herpetologists are constantly debating which snakes are the most dangerous. If you did an internet search you may find lists different than the one listed here.

However my premise is that it really doesn't matter. Any of these snakes can kill you. The fact that the Inland Taipan can kill 1000 people with one bit and the Rattlesnake only 10, really doesn't matter. Bottom line,

tent venom it is rather shy and generally will allow handling without biting.

these snakes are deadly.

It is kind of like sin. Although some sins have far reaching effects on our lives and the lives of others yet other sins may not seem to be even noticed, all sins kill. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) Just because the sin doesn't seem painful at the time ultimately it separates us



Russell's Viper

from God which kills us. On both of these lists you will find the Indian Krait. This snake has a painless bite. Many have died by rolling onto this snake in the night and they

just never wake up. Sin can do the same. We must never judge the significance of our sin by how much it hurts or how much damage it does. We must judge our actions by what God says and then seek His forgiveness and strength to change.

Kristi Cruise with JayJay Cruise

Distribution Dates

The Newsletter will be published on the dates below.

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