

## 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.

Sep 15 Sat 1:00 PM Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Sabbath School)

Sep 15 Sat 2:00 PM Sabbath School Council

Sep 16 Sun 8:00 AM Work Bee

Sep 18 Tue 7:00 PM Church Board Meeting

Sep 27 Thu 6:30 PM Seasonal Decorating: Autumn

Sep 29 Sat 1:00 PM Home Fellowship Potluck (coordinated by Social Committee)

Sep 29 Sat 7:00 PM Talent Show

Oct 6 Sat 11:00 AM Communion Sabbath

Oct 6 Sat 1:00 PM Outdoor Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Health Ministry)

Oct 7 Sun 8:00 AM Work Bee

Oct 13 Sat 6:30 PM Setup Night for Health Expo

Oct 14 Sun 9:00 AM Health Expo

Oct 15-20 Mon-Sat Outreach Week

Oct 20 Sat 1:00 PM Fellowship Potluck (hosts: Deaconesses / Deacons)

Oct 20 Sat 1:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (during potluck)

September 2018

## Coming Up!



**Sabbath School Council** will convene on September 15 at 1:00 p.m. This will include a mini-potluck so if you are a Sabbath School teacher please plan to attend and bring food to share.



Bring your hard hat and a willing heart to the next **Work Bee** on September 16 at 8:00 a.m. Maintaining our facility is an act of worship!



Calling all board members! **Board Meeting** Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14



September 29 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.



You are already a star in God's eyes! And your church family thinks you're amazing too! Do you have a talent you are willing to share with your church family and friends? Now is the time! Polish up the talents God gave you and give Him the glory on September 29 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual **Talent Show**.



Volunteer at the **Helping Hands Pantry** warehouse on the first Sabbath of every month. October 6 at 2:30 p.m. is the next opportunity to serve our neighbors.



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 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information see Jerry.

# Vacation Bible School





Vacation Bible School is an event that adults and kids alike look forward to every year. Colton Church has seen hundreds of kids move from childhood to adulthood all because of VBS. It is a joy to teach kids about the love of Jesus in a creative and interactive way.

This year was no exception with over 40 kids attending. The atmosphere was filled with excitement each night as the kids heard stories, sang songs, played games and took part in imagination station's experiments.

The life lessons of each evening spoke to not only the kids but the adults as well. We learned that Jesus cares for us and will rescue us from our struggles. This is a lesson we all need to remember!

In 12 pages of this Newsletter you will see smiles and joy. Thank-you to each child and parent who came or brought their children. Thank-you to the team of volunteers especially Mary Lou, Nestor (aka Jim), Pastor Choi, Mary and Carlos who worked to bring this year's VBS to life. It was a blast! My kids are already wondering about the next VBS!

*Kristi Cruise*

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# Train Day











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## August 18 - Baptisms



It is always a great day to welcome more people into the fellowship of Christ. Colton saw nine people commit their lives to following Jesus by publically declaring their faith. Whether it was by baptism or speaking their declaration, the church enthusiastically responded to these believer's commitment. With smiles spread across their faces, they emerged from the water; a new creation in Christ! Emma, Abigail, and Aida Sanchez came as a family to the baptism. Jeannie Murrufo, Leticia Robles, and Michelle Lindholm followed. Rene Orellana and Patricia Ayala not only were baptized, but also renewed their wedding vows while in the baptistery. Elvia Cortes joined the group by declaring her faith in God. All participants were eagerly and joyously voted into membership at our local church and into the world church. What a great day!

*Rob Cruise*





# August 18 - Pet Show and Tell

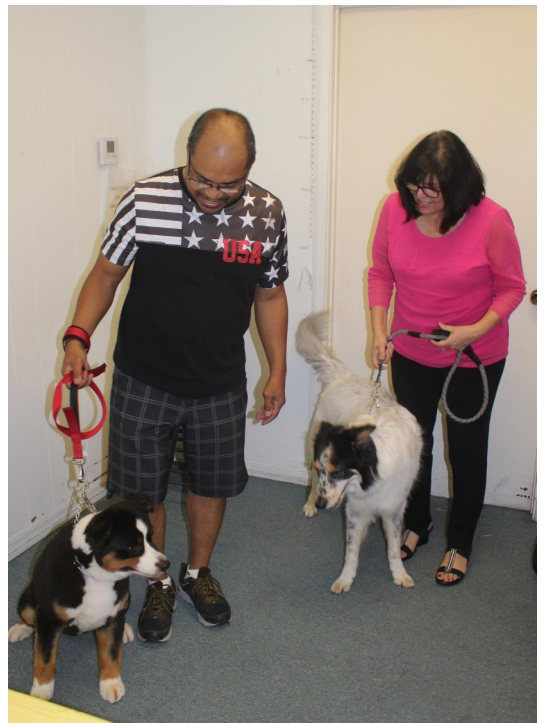






Both furry and scaly creatures were the focus of the Pet Show and Tell. The dogs were met with smiles and sighs of “how cute!” The rat was also given a happy welcome. Gator the alligator lizard was even accepted as a worthy pet. But the snakes were met with a much cooler reception as many in the crowd worked to control their fear. But even the most fearful learned enough about snakes to see they really aren’t so bad after all.

*Kristi Cruise*



## August 18 - Farewell



It was with mixed emotions we said farewell to Cathy Davis. With many years of faithful service and calling out, “five minutes” to announce the pending close of Sabbath School time, she was seen throughout the church. We are happy that she will be with friends of the church in her new location in Arkansas, but will miss her here in Colton. She does plan to come back from time to time to see us.

*Rob Cruise*



## August 18 - Baby Dedication



Olivia Sanchez was dedicated to the Lord by her family. This tradition of baby dedication has its roots in the word of God. It comes from the story of Samuel who was dedicated to the service of the Lord by his mother Hannah. It also comes from the story of Jesus who was presented to the temple by his parents and was blessed by Simeon and Anna. The ceremony is the testament to the decision of the parents and family to raise the child to know and love God. The Sanchez family eagerly accepted this task and little Olivia was simply adorable!

*Kristi Cruise*



## August 18 - Drama Ministry Presents: Improv Night



The third annual Improv Night was a blast! I know that I had a lot of fun with the Drama Ministry to present the audience with a few laughs! It was a challenge to see what we were going to do next! I can't wait until next year. If you missed this one, you have a chance to see it next time; don't miss it! They just keep getting better. *Rob Cruise*



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## My Father's Amazing World - Venom Part 11

If you are walking along and see a little frenetic gray animal don't assume it is a mouse. It could very well be the only venomous mammal in North America - a shrew. The short tailed shrew lives at a very fast pace this fast life style requires it to eat every 2 hours or it will die. Part of its hyperactive life is a heart rate that beats up to 1300 beats per minute. When compared to humans who will have a heart rate of around 80 beats per minute that is an extremely fast heart rate.

It may be a small creature at only a few inches long but it is a voracious eater and a formidable foe. Shrews eat worms and insects but will also eat large animals especially the ones that try to eat it. Snakes for instance would do well to avoid this little seemingly tasty

treat. Shrews carry a powerful venom shown to be capable of killing 200 mice. So if attacked by a snake it is much more likely the snake will be the meal instead.

There is even a water shrew. These little animal can walk on water! They have stiff hairs on their feet which trap air so the shrew can not only float but it actually has to work to go under the water to chase insect larva and even fish. The only problem is the large fish find the shrew a tasty treat.

For humans the bite of the shrew is painful but not deadly. Fortunately for us the shrew is a very small animal or we might have to be a lot more afraid since it is likely the most common mammal in the eastern United States.

Shrews are totally opposite of what a Christian should be. Christians should be able to relax in the surety of God's provision instead of living the fast paced nervous life of a shrew. We should love our neighbors instead of eating them alive with gossip and unkind words. Christ never seemed to be in a hurry and He always took time to meet the needs of those around Him. Let's remember to live like Christ.

*Kristi, JayJay and Gigi Cruise*

<https://blog.nature.org/science/2018/03/05/strange-and-unbelievable-facts-about-shrews/>

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