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of Prophecy
Meetings**



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SACRAMENTO CENTRAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
PRESENTS A SACRED CONCERT



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REVEALING THE MYSTERY OF GOD

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**WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM
YOU!**

Really, we do! Which stories do you most look forward to seeing in The Central Connection? What photos or features made you want to sit down and enjoy a few more minutes with us? Do you have any story ideas, photos, announcements or just want to share your thoughts about something we published? Send a letter to the editor! You can email them to: alinehenda@gmail.com or to connection@saccentral.org. Letters may be edited for space, but we really do appreciate hearing from you! Thanks!

Editorial



Every time we are coming closer to the end of the year, and we look forward to changing the date, I always remember the day my Dad talked with me and my siblings about something in the future. It was 1989 and he mentioned, "if we get to 1995..." I smiled, genuinely incredulous, and said, "Oh, Jesus will already be back by then!" In my childish mind, six years was too far! Since that my unimaginable prevision of 1995, 20 years has already passed. And now it's my turn to imagine the future with my kids, also thinking, "if Jesus has not yet come..."

The prophecies shows us that we are living in the final days of the history of this world. Even though it seems like it's taking so long, the second coming of Jesus will happen for sure, someday soon. Like Pastor Alejandro Bullón said "Whether you want to or not, Jesus will come! Believe it or not, Jesus will come! Be prepared: Jesus will come!" It's wonderful to know that 2016 will be one year closer to this great event! Our mission is to share this Good News with as many people as possible.

Sacramento Central church thought about that and prepared 3 prophecy seminars, "Revelation: On the Edge of Time." Did you miss it? JeAnn Davis tells us how it went on pages 4 and 5. And turn to page 6 to read Pastor Chris' last column of the year.

If you keep turning the pages and notice that we stopped at the 8th, and and not on our regular 16th page, don't be sad! We don't plan to reduce the size of our magazine. We will come back next year - in January! - with a full size issue filled with exciting information and good reading. Do you want more? You are welcome to participate! Write to us; send us your ideas, suggestions and comments. We want to know what you think! Send us an email or letter. We will really appreciate that!

The Central Connection team thanks you for connecting with us during this year and we wish you a blessed 2016! "Each day closer to that day; each day closer to Jesus!"

Aline Henda
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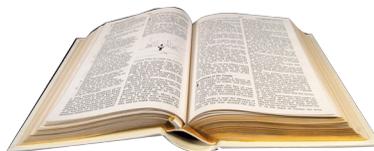
5 things about me

Last issue we featured 5 things about one of the church's secretaries, Lorrie Dana. Now, Diana Mitchell tell us her 5 things too!



Diana Mitchell
church secretary

- 1- I received my first Bible 5 years ago.
- 2 - I was baptized 3 years ago - at SacCentral.
- 3 - Dennis and I were married 3 years ago.
- 4 - We have 35 fruit/nut/citrus trees.
- 5 - I enjoy gardening, canning and baking.



Hidden Bible Book Names

PUZZLE

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

How did you do? Find out when we print the answers in next month's issue



REVELATION: On The Edge of Time

**Sac Central presents 13 nights of
prophecy meetings in 3 different
locations across Sacramento**

By JeAnn Cherie' Davis

It brings me incredible joy to write about the greatest passion in my life-sharing these everlasting gospel and proclaiming the three angels' messages of Revelation.

For the past several months Pastor Chris Buttery, Pastor Mike Thompson, Andre Hope and JeAnn and Matthew Davis have had the blessing of working together as an evangelistic team to bring the urgent messages of Revelation to the community of Sacramento. We wanted to do something innovative. So we planned that we would reach our community by holding Prophecy Seminars in several locations at the same time!

How exciting to be able to share the gospel this way! On October, 23, 2015, Sacramento Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church

launched the Prophecy Seminar –“Revelation: On the Edge of Time” in three separate locations simultaneously throughout the



Andre Hope preaches on Saturday night at the Sac Central chapel

Photo: Nash Carlisle

Sacramento Area.

Pastor Mike held his meetings at the Clunie Community Center near downtown Sacramento. Andre Hope held his meetings in the southern part of Sacramento at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Center. And JeAnn and Matthew Davis held their meetings at the Swanston Community Center near Howe Ave.

At Pastor Mike's seminar and JeAnn and Matthew's seminar they were privileged to share not only prophecy but combined prophecy with the health

message. There were health nuggets, smoothie samples, videos, handouts and exercise tips to help persons stay healthy. And at Andre's seminar he chose to provide a children's program and minister to their needs.

The first eight nights of the seminar were held in these various locations in the community. On the ninth evening of the meetings we moved all of the seminars back to Central and combined them into one seminar. On Friday, November 6th, our Health Ministries Leader, Karen Medeiros and her team provided refreshments to all of the guests and members who attended the seminar in the chapel. During the seminars there were nightly drawings and many gifts and free DVDs were given away, including "Final Events" and "The Bride, the Beast and Babylon," along with several Strong's Concordances, posters and books.

Throughout the three seminars



Photo: Aline Henda

The speakers, Pastor Mike Thompson, JeAnn Davis and Andre Hope, presented messages on prophecy and health.

about 60 guests and non-members attended, along with all the church members who also attended. Our guests and non-members are being followed up by the speakers who will continue nurturing them with Bible truth. Some of them have already made the commitment to be baptized. What a blessing it was and is to be vessels that God can use to win souls!

Thank you to all the church members and staff members who

came out to support the meetings, to Kristine Butler who wrote and sang our beautiful theme song, to Ruby Tangonan and George Lui who helped with the Health Presentations and Shirley Hope who held the children's program. Thank you to all those who helped with providing special music each night, and everyone who helped at each seminar. May each one reach one and continue to reach more! Jesus is coming soon!

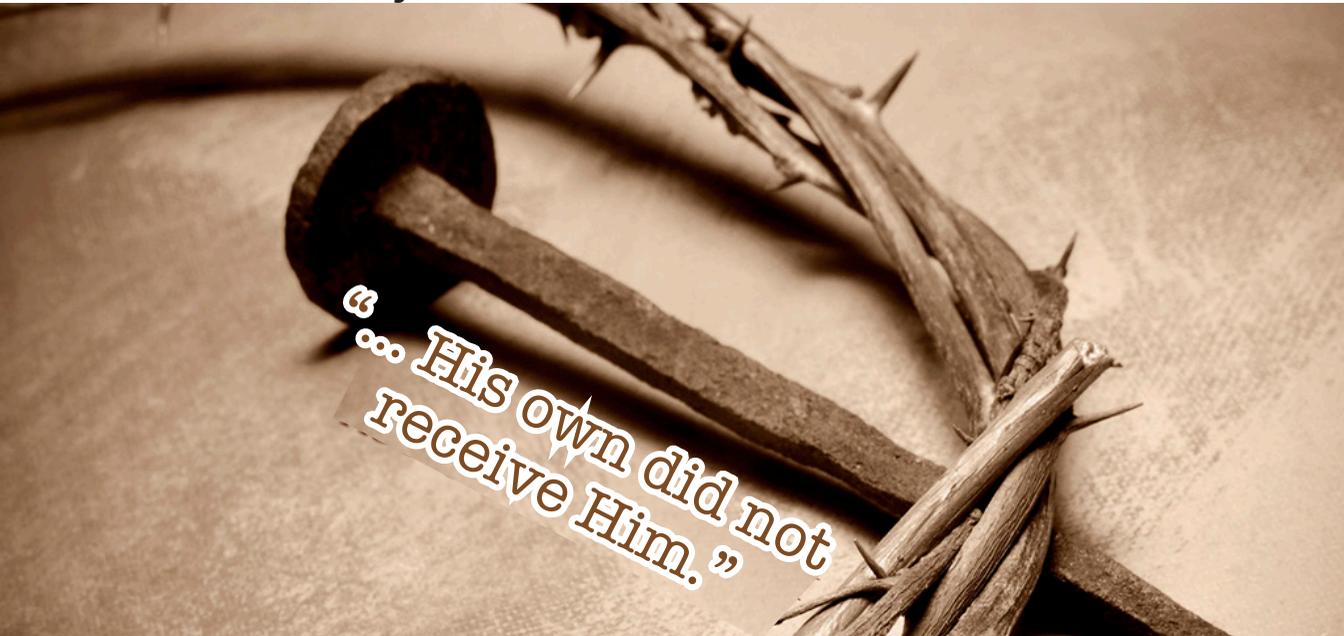




Pastor's Corner

**Pastor
Chris Buttery**

NOT ACCEPTED



“... His own did not receive Him.”

Probably one of the saddest verses in the entire Bible has to be those penned by John, Jesus' beloved disciple. He recorded: "He [Jesus] was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." (John 1:10, 11)

Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world as a helpless baby, grew to be a man, and eventually His own people rejected Him. These were the ones who were supposed to be looking for the coming of the Messiah. Countless prophecies in the Old Testament pointed to the time, the place, and the mission of Christ, yet they completely missed Him.

That was then-- but what about today...what about you? Jesus was in their very midst and they didn't comprehend His Divine Person. Could He be right near you-- but because you're hurting, or your life seems to be spinning out of control, or you have unanswered questions, you fail to recognize Him?

We know that God is the original gift giver. He gave us His Son (John 3:16). When we accept Jesus, rather than reject Him, we have far more than we realize. We have life eternal, and life more abundant right here and now. Beyond this, He gives us hope, forgiveness, cleansing,

and power!

I know that what Jesus offers might not be new to you, but do we really comprehend what we have in Jesus? Our experience might be like the man in England who recently rediscovered a small shining cup under his bed in his house. It had been there for years. His dad had been in the scrap metal business and before he died he gave his son, this man, several things, including that cup which he put in a box and left under his bed.

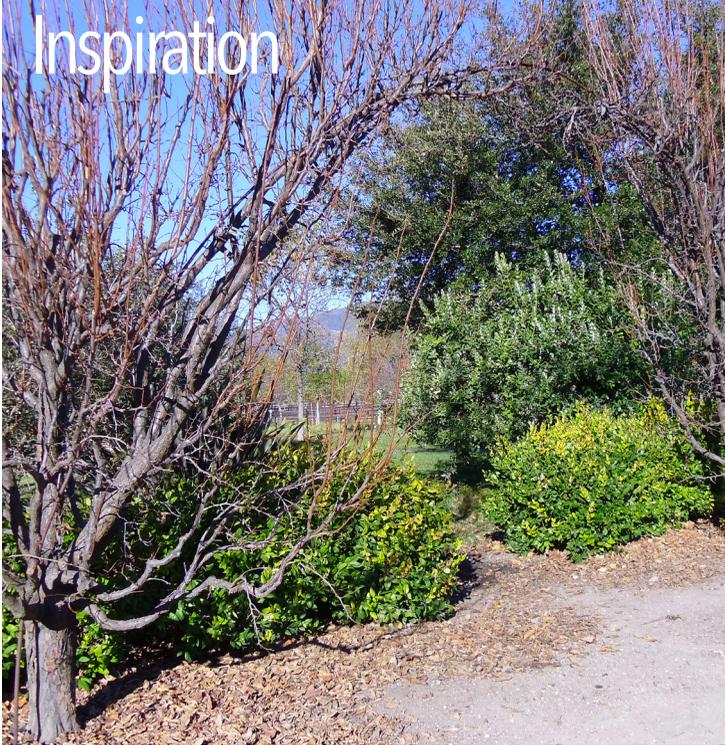
Decades later he thought about that old box and the old cup and decided to have it evaluated. So he took it down to the British Museum in London and had the experts look it over. The cup that he had forgotten about years ago was dated before the time of Christ and was worth over \$100,000!

He knew it was there.... aware that he owned it, but he just didn't know its true value. And that can be true when it comes to you and me when we don't appreciate what Jesus can bring into our lives.

Don't let Jesus be rejected in your life this Christmas... this coming year. Accept Him with all your heart. And in receiving Jesus, know that you have received much more than you could ever ask or think.



Inspiration



"In summer, as we look upon the trees of the distant forest, all clothed with a beautiful mantle of green, we may not be able to distinguish between the evergreens and the other trees. But as winter approaches, and the frost King encloses them in his icy embrace, stripping the other trees of their beautiful foliage, the evergreens are readily discerned. Thus it will be with all who are walking in humility, distrustful of self, but clinging tremblingly to the hand of Christ. While those who are self-confident, and trust in their own perfection of character, lose their false robe of righteousness when subjected to the storms of trial, the truly righteous, who sincerely love and fear God, wear the robe of Christ's righteousness in prosperity and adversity alike."
 (The Faith I Live By)

December 2015

Birthday Calendar

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|---|--------------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Chong Angel | 9 | Lacey Thomas | 17 | Roberta Frank | | Ruth Tejada |
| | Scott Huckleby | 10 | Diana Hibbert | | Faune Gayther | 24 | Silvianette Ballesteros |
| | Nathalie Medina | 11 | Raquel Aguilar | | Glenda Magalong | | Patricio Larenas |
| | Kevin Rainbolt | | Rachel Banks | 18 | Thelma Carter | | Antoinette Richardson |
| 2 | Robert O'Dell | | Mike Dennis | | Steve Freitas | 25 | Jesus Ibanez-Huerta |
| 3 | Eunice Aldrich | 12 | Jason Antti | | Shirley Hope | | Joseph Schappert |
| 4 | Rosa Luz Contreras | | Paul Elliott | | Angeles Sobrepena | 26 | JoAnn Wade |
| | Carol Diebel | | Imelda Leyva | | Tina Van Arsdale | 27 | Cathy Bunn |
| | Kate Dill | | Manolo Munoz | 19 | Irma Beauchamp | | Chris Lafontsee |
| 5 | Inga Guyett | | Sam Padilla | | Mauricio Tablas | 28 | Adam Brouhard |
| 6 | James Bondi | 13 | Joseph Cornago | 20 | Lorna Finney | | Linh Nguyen |
| | Linda Glines | | Teri Harper | | Masako Uyeyama | | Jacqueline Salazar |
| | Antoinette O'Lague | 14 | Robert Aguilar | 21 | Elizabeth Rengifo | | Anna Sattelmayer |
| 7 | Julie Baldwin | | Isabel Tablas | 22 | Patricia Jones | 29 | Joseph Patterson |
| | Yvonne Barrientos | 15 | Betty Bloomquist | | Bob Simons | 30 | Jan Nichols |
| | Marion Manansala | | Cornell Gherasin | | Brett Stebbins | | Linda Stramel |
| | Rocio Maurizio | | Kathleen Ing | 23 | Jose Arreola | | Carol Wiebold |
| | Seymour Morgan | | Dona Lauer | | Jonathan Frields | 31 | Terrill Curry |
| | David Shobe | 16 | Richard Arent | | Maria Martinez | | Kevin Roberts |
| | Alina Topchiy | | Oscar Demarchi | | | | |
| 8 | Brenda Heymann | | Cora Evano | | | | |
| | Bobbie Serrano (Snider) | | Darren Magalong | | | | |
| | Lucinda Silafau | | Andrew Manthe | | | | |
| | Violeta Soria (Maurizio) | | Jonathan Martinez | | | | |



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Happy New Year & Merry Christmas!

We enjoyed your company in 2015 and we look forward to a great new year together! The Central Connection is your church magazine and it's here to connect our big church family - through news, stories, inspiring articles and much more. Thank you for your support. We hope to connect with again you in

2016!

MAY HE GIVE YOU THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART AND MAKE ALL YOUR PLANS SUCCEED.

Psalm 20:4