On June 2 are the Pathfinder and Adventure Clubs’ Investiture Service. The purpose of the Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs is to encourage the youth to a closer walk with the Lord. Insignia is awarded during this service for honors earned and class levels completed. Honors are an important part of Pathfindering. There are over 350 different honors available.

In addition to regular meetings, the Pathfinder club participates in other events and activities including outreach activities, community service, and campouts. During these activities Pathfinders may earn many outdoor-recreational honors and meet class level requirements.

Every 5 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church holds an International camporee. Our Pathfinders attended the last international camporee in 2009 with the White Memorial Club. There were 36,000 Pathfinders from around the world in attendance. The next international camporee is scheduled for 2014. The theme is “Forever Faithful” and our Pathfinders are making plans to be part of the camporee held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

There’s been a late breaking change in the schedule. We were going to

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A Father’s Love

In all that you do, a dad’s love plays a part. There’s always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you’re even more glad, More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

—Author unknown

Father’s Day Sabbath

Join us on Sabbath, June 16th, as we honor our Fathers. It seems as though our fathers are often the objects of jokes in the media and culture. They are often portrayed as simple, goofy or even down right dumb.

However, there are many fathers who are working hard and doing their best to lead the fam-
to have His Voice men’s choirs leading worship on June 9th. Unfortunately, they will not be able to make it for that date. Pastor Mitch will be presenting the message on the 9th. Watch for specifics about the message for that day in the bulletin and the weekly email as the date get’s closer.

Jesus said to “Go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). In Matthew 5:16, the Lord encourages his believers to “let your light shine.” Those familiar Bible verses remind us to share with others what Jesus means to us. On Father’s Day, June 16, the message reveals a man who took those verses to heart and lived them every day. His life’s story is worthy of imitation for many others will be part of the resurrection when Jesus comes. One key verse that describes this man’s life is “And he brought him to Jesus” (John 1:42). This follower of the Lord introduced anyone he met to the One he loved the most, Jesus. Bring your dad to hear this inspirational message on Father’s Day.

Communion is June 23. All of us look forward to this healing service and the new beginnings it provides. This is the service to invite those who haven’t attended for a while and those who feel unworthy. All of us are unworthy but what keeps us coming is that we have a Savior and He is Worthy. He invites us to come boldly to his thrown with our prayers. He is the one who established the Communion service and the One who forgives. This service offers all of us a new start.

On June 30, Bill Aumack continues the Things God Can’t Do series. This time we are going to deal with something we don’t often talk about, God’s forgetfulness. We all forget things. It seems the older we get, the more likely we are to forget something. Sometimes our brains become so cluttered with the noise of our lives, that we can hardly remember anything. When our to-do list is about a 1000 items long, sometimes we just give up. We are going to forget something. Bill says, “I don’t think God’s brain is too cluttered by the noise of running the universe, but God has the unique ability to forgive and forget.” Many times we forgive, but we love to remind our spouses of how wonderful we are by continually bringing it up. We forgive, but we forget to forget. One of the best things about the Good News, is when God forgives, God forgets. This truth is repeated affirmed in Scripture. Join us for the message, God Can’t Remember Sins He’s Chosen to Forget. This is a message for those who wonder if God can forgive them for what they’ve done. Invite your friends and family.

See you when the church gathers.

“And this is my dad. He begat me.”
God, Webster & You  
by Linda Bewley

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The Bible has lots to say about the human heart. In some verses, we are told that the heart’s every inclination can be evil, and that the heart is deceitful above all things. Hearts can be full of pride or humble, full of sadness or cheerfulness. Hearts can either melt with fear or be full of courage. The Holy Spirit can convict our hearts of sin, and we can either allow our hearts to be hardened or yield to the Spirit’s leading. Hearts can be foolish or wise and discerning. And it is with our hearts that we fear God, choosing to acknowledge Him as the Creator of all and to keep His commands.

I’m reminded by more than one verse of Scripture, that God searches and tests us to see what is in our hearts. I’ve often wondered why God needs to test us to see what is in our hearts, because it occurs to me that He knows our hearts better than we. So sometimes I find myself wondering if those tests are to reveal to us the condition of our own hearts so that we can see what God sees. And then when we see what God sees, we can seek His help to change.

For example, if someone could read our hearts right now, what would they find? Would that reading reveal thoughts of anger, bitterness and selfishness or a heart that is full of praise for God and rejoicing in His goodness? I think I’d like to take the Fifth Amendment on that question! But, seriously, I suspect that if I were to take inventory of all that is in my heart on any given day, I would find that which is seemingly good and also what is not-so-good. And when I see that which is not-so-good, I may recognize the need for a change of heart, yet I am unable, on my own, to bring about the needed change. It’s just like Scripture says, “Can a leopard change his spots?!” But once again I am encouraged by Scripture, because the Bible is full of promises about God’s ability to change us. In fact, in only one paragraph from Ezekiel 36 I find lots of promises for help. Is my heart filled with impurities and idols? God promises to cleanse me. Is my heart hard like a stone? God promises to give me a new heart of flesh. Is my heart wayward and ever wandering? God promises to put His Spirit in me and move me to follow His ways. He promises, in spite of my shortcomings, that He will be my God, and I will be His child. And when I find my heart heading in the wrong direction, God is able to help me stop and make a u-turn, so to speak. What do you think?

Worship Schedule

June 2  
Mitch Williams  
Pathfinder & Adventurer Investiture

June 9  
Mitch Williams

June 16  
Mitch Williams  
Father’s Day

June 23  
Mitch Williams  
Communion

June 30  
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Things God Can’t Do #4  
God Can’t Remember Sins He’s Chosen to Forget

U-Turns Allowed

God, Webster & You  
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In Alastair Begg’s chapter on the narrow way, the subtitle is “Never Did a Heedless Person Lead a Holy Life.” He relates a story from John Bunyan’s The Pilgrim’s Promise, when Pilgrim comes across two men, Formalist and Hypocrisy, who have not entered at the gate but have “come tumbling over the wall, on the Left Hand of the narrow Way.” Christian asks them why it is that they have chosen not to enter in at the Gate. Their response is that it was too much trouble and the short-cut was easier, besides, it has been customary for people to do this for a thousand years.

In turn, they ask Christian a pointed question, “You are in the Way and have entered in at the Gate; we are also in the Way that came tumbling over the wall. How is your condition better than ours?” Christian points out that they are going by feelings, whereas he is trusting in the words of His Master. His conclusion is that they came in by themselves without His Direction and shall go out without His mercy.

As in Bunyan’s classic story these claims do not fit well within our pluralistic society today. In affirming that all beliefs are equal and valid, we grant certainty to nothing. If allowing credibility to all Begg says, “From that perspective, there is only one kind of heresy; namely, to claim that one view is ultimately right, were others are wrong. Tolerance has been embraced at the expense of truth.”

But throughout history, Christianity has not been alone in facing this challenge. The Israelites too were aware that their affirmations of faith were not shared by their neighbors just as we operate in the midst of similar unbelief. When we do engage with others of different faiths, we must be ready to hear what they are saying and to respond.

For example, Islam says Jesus was not crucified. Christianity says He was. Only one view can be right. Judaism says Jesus was not the Messiah. Christianity says He was. Hinduism says God has often been incarnate. Christianity says God was incarnate only in Jesus. Buddhism says the world’s miseries will end when we do what is right. Christianity says we cannot do what is right outside of Christ.

It is often suggested that Christians should be humble enough to allow for the validity of all other beliefs, but we must be strong enough to respond, “Truth is not ultimately a matter of pride or humility; it is a matter of fact.” Our challenge is how to address the Incarnation and the Resurrection, holding firm to our convictions without offending our friends.

According to Begg, now that we are on the narrow road, it is essential that we are not heedless. We must not allow some kind of dreamy carelessness to erode our desire to live a holy life. We need to stay awake and alert.

Let’s pray…

Father, Give us the strength to stand firm in our convictions, holding fast to Christ.

Before the Father
by Linda Fernandez
Lemon Bars

Pre-Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Crust
Sift together:
1 cup pastry flour
1/3 c. all purpose self-rising flour
1 t. baking powder
8 T. butter, chopped into pea-size pieces
2 T. raw Agave nectar
2 T. maple Agave
Combine crust mixture ingredients with a food-processor, with quick short-burst until all combined.

Spray baking dish, 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Press dough into the dish making sure from corner to corner is flat. Flatten with a spatula.

Place crust dish in middle of oven & bake at 350 until a golden brown, about 15 minutes.

Lemon filling
Beat together 4 whole eggs.
Then add:
¾ cups fresh squeezed lemon juice
2 t. lemon zest
½ t. vanilla
2/3 cup Agave nectar

*BEFORE YOU BAKE THE FILLING, REDUCE OVEN TO 300 DEGREES.
Continue blending together the rest of the filling with the eggs.
Pour lemon filling over baked crust and bake for approximately 25 minutes or until set. Cool and cut into squares. Some people enjoy a little dusting of powdered sugar or whipped cream.

The Winner

A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

“Who’s the most obedient?” Dad asked. “Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?”

Five small voices answered in unison, “Okay, Dad, you get the toy.”

Be sure to keep up with the latest news by signing up for the Wednesday email. You can sign up here [www.downey-church.org/Signups.html](http://www.downey-church.org/Signups.html) or send us an email at DowneyChurch at gmail dot com and we’ll add you.
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When my children were in grade school, our adventurous vacations were extended driving trips across the country. To help us enjoy the trip and avoid mishaps, I would ask our local AAA Club for an exact travel guide for our cross-country journey. This, of course, was well before the advent of GPS Technology. AAA’s travel booklet provided all the pertinent information our travels required. To get a broader perspective of the state through which we were traveling, I’d look at their large fold-out map.

The world of technology has drastically changed, with touch-screens in your vehicle, home and business iPad and iPhone applications. Nowadays, you might not get lost geographically, but some people are directionless when it comes to their values, ethics and financial goals.

This month’s Stewpot is designed to give direction to your money management. After you’ve read this issue, go back and check the boxes you need to complete your money map.

How is Your Financial GPS?

Box 1—Secure an Emergency Fund of $1,000

There are 3 M’s that can really mess with your finances — unexpected Medical bills, unforeseen home Maintenance and unanticipated Motor vehicle repairs. Any one of these big 3 M’s is capable of putting you in the poor house for a very long time. To avoid being in this situation, begin saving $25 to $50 on each payday until you have $1,000 in your emergency fund. Even if you are single and living with your parents, you need an emergency fund for 2 M’s — Motor repairs and Medical. Most folks find that once they have $1,000 in their emergency fund, Murphy’s Law works in reverse and one’s life has less anxiety.

Box 2—Have a Financial Plan

Businesses talk a lot about mission statements; your family’s mission statement is the same as your financial plan. This statement should clearly express your family’s financial map for one to five years into the future. Your first goal is to your Heavenly Father, as a steward of your tithes, offerings and other donations. All goals must be clear and comprehensive. Let’s say you wish to own a home in five years, acquire a business, pay for your children’s education, complete a vocational dream or graduate with an advanced degree. Each of these goals need to be written down and reviewed on an annual basis. Each specific fiscal goal requires a measurement of time and/or money. You could plan to save $300 a month for the next five years as a down payment on your first home. Three important facets of any financial plan are, 1) the dreams must be yours, 2) they should be completed with enthusiasm, and 3) they provide an incentivizing reward for reaching the

“Money is an article that may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness.” — Anonymous

“A budget tells us what we can’t afford, but it doesn’t keep us from buying it.” — William Feather

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Box 3—Develop a Household Budget

If your financial plans are an economic misstatement then your household budget is a vital strategic goal. No family or individual can have a successful financial future without a budget. Annual budgets are designed to maximize your income and minimize your expenses and must be based on what you actually receive in your monthly paycheck. Budgets can be divided into two major categories — future and current expenditures. Future expenditures include insurance payments (vehicle, medical, term life, disability, etc.); savings accounts (emergency, short term, long term, etc.); and schooling (elementary, academy, college, graduate school, etc.). Current expenses include monthly recurring payments like your home mortgage or rent payment and car loan. Current payments also include variable payments such as utilities, water, sewerage, telephone and internet and fixed payments such as household supplies, clothing, allowances, entertainment and sundries.

Box 4—Pay Off All Debt

Once you have organized your finances, the next step is to pay down all consumer debt, whether its credit card debt, school loans, furniture contracts, etc. To do this quickly means two things — 1) increasing your income with a part time job or 2) reworking your household budget to find where you can economize on items or eliminate them completely. Here are some suggested areas: television, internet, insurance, eating out, entertainment or hobbies, vacations, clothing, etc. With a fixed monthly sum for debt reduction you will soon see light at the end of the debtor’s tunnel much sooner than you might expect. Then you can move on to the next goal.

Box 5—Save, Save, Save!

During the housing boom of the 21st Century, many families spent excessively resulting in the average family’s savings dropping to below zero. However, piggy banks are back in vogue and we are seeing a surge in both the paying down of debt and having a savings plan for life’s most important goals—a child’s education or retirement. Beyond that, however, is planning to regularly put aside funds for short term goals (new tires or bedroom linen), mid-term goals (a new vehicle or down payment on a home) and long-term goals (owning your own business).

Box 6—Reduce Vehicle Costs

The family’s most expensive long term liability is the purchase of the family car. To reduce overhead follow these two rules:

1. Purchase a less than 2-year old used car that’s in good condition.
2. At two years the mileage must be less than 20,000. The reason for these two rules is:
   1. The greatest depreciation occurs within the first two years at approximately $8,000.
   2. All vehicles have good manufacturers’ guarantees for at least 36,000 miles. This allows you to use this slightly used car for another year before you spend a dime for repairs. If you regularly maintain your automobile it could last you at least 250,000 miles with no major repairs.

Box 7—Own Your Own Castle

Part of the American dream is to own your own castle. To get you off to a great start while you are still renting or living at home, begin a special savings account for the down payment. For your first home aim at putting down from 15% to 20% of the property’s value. Once you have purchased your home, your next goal is to reduce the mortgage. Taking out a 15-year mortgage is only about one-third more than what you would be paying on a 30-year mortgage but you will save tens of thousands of dollars in interest and you will own your home 15 years sooner.

As you check off the boxes know that each step moves you closer to financial freedom.

The boxes without checks give you an idea about what you and your family might deliberate when you sit-down (tonight?) to create a plan to achieve your dreams.

Above all else, invite your Heavenly Father in as your co-pilot as you travel to your family’s satisfying and liberating management of money.
June Birthdays

Margarette Toban – 3
Rane Concha – 4
Albert Jackson – 8
Eduardo Aponte – 12
Marley Rayas – 13
Ginny Williams – 20
Adan Ramirez – 22
Sarah Luna – 23
Ernesto Rojas – 24
Minerva Racho – 26
Johnny Macias – 28
Khloe Wolff – 29
Divine Munguia – 30
Judy Beal – 30

If your birthday is left out in the monthly newsletter, please contact the church office so we can put it in.

Upcoming Events

Thursdays - 7 p.m. Women’s Prayer Group
Fridays - 7:00 p.m. Band Practice

June 2 - Pathfinder Investiture
June 2 - Pathfinder/Adventurer Meeting - 3pm
June 3 - Pathfinder/Adventurer Meeting - 9am
June 3 - SGA Graduation @ White Memorial Church - 2pm
June 16 - Father’s Day & Luncheon
June 23 - Communion
June 22-24 - Adventurers @ Cedar Falls
June 24 - Pathfinder Yard Sale & Car Wash

The Latest Word deadline is the 5th of the month.

Coming Soon

July 16-20 - Vacation Bible School
August 4 - Hawaiian Shirt Day
August 12 - Pathfinder Yard Sale & Car Wash
August 25 - Parking Lot Party

Check out the audio and video sermon podcasts at www.downeychurch.org/sermons.html
Long time member Marylene Morris has moved to be with family and has transferred her membership to the Calimesa Church. We wish Marylene well and hope she comes back to visit occasionally. Call the office if you need her new postal address.

Sharon Pike has moved back to the area. Call the office if you need her new address.

If you have any Church Family news, please contact the church office so we can get it into the newsletter.

**Our Graduates**

Be sure to offer your congratulations to our graduates. We’ll honor them on June 9th during the welcome at church. Please be at church on time to show your support.

**College/University**

Susie Duran, from Azusa Pacific University with a Masters in Academic Counselor

Rohini Georgiev, from Rio Hondo with an RN

**High School**

Alex Aumack, from San Gabriel Academy

Eduardo Aponte, from Downey High School

Jorge Carbajal-Orozco, from Pacific Harbor Christian School

**From 8th Grade**

Alex Chavez, from Adventist Union School

Ellisa Luna, from Olita Elementary School

Khalil Meade, from Valley Christian Elementary

**From 6th Grade**

Eduardo Aponte, from Downey High School

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We’re anxious to get where we’re going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere! In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way. What blessings might you be overlooking in the here-and-now and the right-where-you-are?

—Kari Myers

**Are We There Yet?**

This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: “How much longer?” How similar those queries are to the psalmist’s oft-repeated cry, “How long, O LORD, how long?” (Psalm 6:3b, NIV).
"Sweet Card"

Make this Father’s Day card using some of your dad’s favorite candy.

What you need:
- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:
1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, “I love to snicker at your jokes!” For an Almond Joy, you can write, “Wishing you lots of joy this Father’s Day!”
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father’s Day.

PUZZLE!

A Father’s INSTRUCTION

Although babies don’t come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

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Ephesians 6:4, NIV

“... Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”
Ponder This...

† “All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”
   —Ralph Waldo Emerson

† “Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!”
   —Lydia M. Child

† “More marriages might survive if the partners realized that sometimes the better comes after the worse.”
   —Doug Larson

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4, NRSV