

# ORANGEVALE SDA CHURCH

## JANUARY 2015 | NEWSLETTER

### *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

Christmas has now come and gone and we are entering into 2015 with all the anticipation that comes with a new year. I hope you were able to spend time with friends and family over the holidays, and are now looking forward to all that God has in store for you in the year ahead!

At our Orangevale Seventh-day Adventist Church family, we have a mission to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus, deepen your faith, and flourish in the gifts and graces that he has given you. We are a family, and God wants his family to grow in him. If this is your church home, may I humbly invite you in 2015 to open your heart and put down your roots here so that you can grow closer to Jesus. Be open to what God is doing by his Spirit among us each week, and I believe he will enrich you deeply.

With this in mind, at the start of this new year I would like to tell you a brief story that will fill you with hope and encouragement. Our church recently successfully completed a "Day in Bethlehem" interactive Worship Experience in celebration of Jesus' birth. Many volunteers dedicated time and talents to this event. Toward the end of the event, around 300 attendees were invited to enjoy a hot soup and salad lunch with us. As the lunch crew was setting up, it was frantically noted that although we had plenty of hot soup, we were lacking an adequate number of ladles! The search for

ladles throughout the campus facilities was attempted in vain. As worry overwhelmed the exhausted lunch staff, a church member decided to go back and search the facilities once again for more ladles. To everyone's delight, more than enough were found. The ladles were found out of their usual place and in an area already searched. God provides and sometimes not as we expect. Prayers were answered that day at the Orangevale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Miracles abound when hearts are open to a relationship with Jesus. As we proclaim on our weekly bulletin cover, "Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld...(II Chronicles 20:20). We don't want this to be mere words on a piece of paper. We want to be so filled with God's love that this life sustaining faith will find expression in our lives. We have each been chosen by him, adopted into his family, so we too can experience this love. In 2015 I believe God is calling us to be a church that knows love, receives love, and gives love. Isn't it meaningful that the God of infinite love even cares about ladles?

I hope you are as excited as I am to see what God might do in us and through us as we grow deeper in him, his love, and his grace.

*Blessings*  
*Pastor Jon Cicle*

**1 PETER 1:3**

**A NEW *Beginning***

*Praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Because of His great mercy, He has given us a new birth and a living hope by the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

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Orangevale Seventh Day Adventist Church offered a visit to biblical times with the “Day in Bethlehem” event on Sabbath, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The re-enactment of happenings on the streets of Bethlehem around the time that Jesus was born, included tradesmen (and women) dressed in time-appropriate costumes telling each group of visitors about their day to day life in Bethlehem. The street stations offered hands on demonstrations and skills common to the day.

While visiting Bethlehem, visitors experienced:

- A complimentary breakfast to start off the experience.
- Registration to enter the city by live “innkeepers”.
- A visit to our Bethlehem oil merchant to learn about Frankincense and other time period oils.
- Meeting with a shepherd, bearing the wonderful news that Christ the Savior is born while guiding groups through the Bethlehem experience.
- Interaction with the Bethlehem town Physician and midwives to learn about the importance of swaddling to infant health.
- Witnessing two local fisherpeople discussing their trade and how everything is connected to Jesus’ birth.
- Exploring the art of candle making with two local artisans and how “light” is important to our relationship with Jesus.
- Learning a new Zion song to experience music of that time period.
- Exposure to Greek writings by the prophets and scribes and learning different names for “Jesus”.
- Witnessing bread making from two local bakers of the time and experiencing a “tasting” sample.
- Learning how to tie a knot from stable masters, similar to the knot on Mary’s donkey and what it symbolizes.
- Encountering a tax collector seen at the conclusion of the event collecting plastic coins (“taxes”).
- Culminating with a worship experience which included an interview with the pregnant Mary, special music features, and a powerful Bethlehem message by Pastor Jon.
- Hot soup, salad, and bread lunch to end the experience

*All were welcomed and many Community and Church Members were blessed. O COME.....LET US ADORE HIM!*





## **PROPHECIES AND THEIR FULFILLMENT**

### **Promised Offspring of Jacob**

*Nu 24:17 "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A STAR will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the sons of Sheth. (Ge 28:14)*

Lk 3:34 The son of Jacob, the Son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor (Mt 1:2)

### **Will Descend for the Tribe of Judah**

*Ge 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.*

Lk 3:33 The son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah. (Mt 1:2-3)

### **The Heir to the Throne of David**

*Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Isa 11:1-5; 2Sa 7:30-3)*

Mt 1:1 A record of the genealogy of JESUS CHRIST the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Mt 1:6)

### **Place of Birth—Bethlehem**

*Mic 5:2 But you, BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times.*

Mt 2:1 After JESUS was born in BETHLEHEM in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem. (Lk 2:4-7)

### **Time of Birth**

*Da 9:25 Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the ANOINTED ONE, the ruler, comes, there will be seven "sevens" and sixty-two "sevens." It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.*

Lk 2:1-2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) (Lk 2:3-7)

### **Born of a Virgin**

*Isa 7:14 Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him IMMANUEL.*

Mt 1:18 This is how the birth of JESUS CHRIST came about: his other Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the HOLY SPIRIT. (Lk 1:26-35)





# CHRISTMAS & ONGOING DONATIONS

## GIFTS OF TIME, SERVICE, FOOD & NEEDED ITEMS



Many students & families came to storm preparation work bee & get the school ready for the big rainstorm. Thank you so much to all who came to pitch in!



Junior High Classes spreading Christmas cheer at the Citrus Heights Terrace—Cimino Care.

We want to thank Ms. Sterling and her 5th and 6th graders for putting together these friendship soup jars for our families who had voice how much they enjoyed it last year!!! We are Very grateful to be able to give such healthy and nutritious foods.







One morning a week, at least two volunteers head out to a designated site to gather breads, produce, fruits and much more so we can better serve our friends and neighbors in need. **THANK you to Feeding America - Food bank of Contra Costa and Solano for this amazing resource.** Because of you, we have nutritious vegetables and fruits to hand out.



Thank you to our OVSDA school & Pershing Elementary for a successful food drive. We are very grateful and blessed!



We are so grateful to KCRA Kids Can and Casa Robles for their bountiful donations! And, a special shout out to their three student reps Adam, Cameron and Claire for delivering the goods to us.





# OUR PRESCHOOL IS NOW LICENSED!



**Praise God for his guidance and support.** Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool will be opening in the next few weeks. The preschool sign and play structure are scheduled to go up in the next couple of weeks. An open house and start date will be announced soon. Keep your eyes open for flyers and banners announcing registration and start dates. The preschool will provide services for children ages 3-5 and will offer a variety of schedules including full time, half time and part time.

After **nearly 20 months of work and support** from our church and school family, Orangevale SDA will now have a preschool on the campus. The school board recently selected **Gina Wilmot** as the new Preschool Director. She has years of experience working with children and managing her own business. Gina has been working in extended care helping to take care of students after school, and now she is ready to help guide and direct our new preschool. **Thank you to everyone who supported this effort with time, finances and prayer.**

**May we continue to serve God and prepare our children for his soon coming.**

*Sean Green*

*Orangevale SDA School Board Chair*







## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired and given by God for teaching truth, refuting error, correcting our ways and helping us to live right.

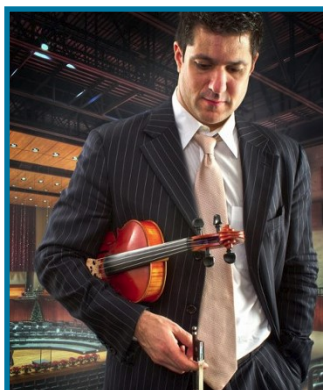
# COMING EVENTS



### DR. CALVIN TAYLOR,

Gospel music recording artist, pianist, former Voice of Prophecy musician, and currently appearing each week on 3ABN, will be presented in concert on **Sabbath, January 24th.**

He will present the Sermon in Music during **10:40 a.m.** church service and a Vespers program at **4 p.m.**



### JAIME JORGE

Violinist, His forceful, expressive mastery of the violin has delighted audiences around the globe. Jaime has dedicated his talents to sharing the love of God through sacred and classical concerts and special appearances the world over.

**Sabbath, February 7th, 10:40 a.m.** Jaime will provide special music during the church worship service.

**ORANGEVALE SDA CHURCH**  
will host the Sacramento Area's children's ministry training  
**SABBATH, MARCH 21 • 2:00-5:30 P.M.**

**LEADING CHILDREN TO HEAVEN**  
TRAINING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY,  
SABBATH SCHOOL AND VBS LEADERS

Topics of general interest to Children's Ministry Leaders will be covered in a General Session. Breakout seminars will provide training in GraceLink, Children's Church, VBS Training and Investigation Station, Destination Paradise, and Mentoring and Working with Volunteers. Please stay by for a light supper at the end to network with Children's Ministry leaders from churches near you.



For more information, contact Northern California Conference Children's Ministries Associate Director Alice Merrill at [alice.merrill@nccsda.com](mailto:alice.merrill@nccsda.com).

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*Turning Points* **How We Serve** A Conference for Women



Friday • 3-9 p.m.  
February 27, 2015

Sabbath • 8 a.m.—5 p.m.  
February 28, 2015

**ORANGEVALE SDA CHURCH, 5810 PECAN AVENUE, ORANGEVALE**



**Dorothy Means**  
Keynote Speaker

**Dorothy Means** is the director of the Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministries Department. A licensed clinical social worker, she serves as an elder and prayer coordinator for the Normandie Avenue church in Los Angeles.



**Mary Jo Lauderdale**  
Northern California Conference Women's Ministries Coordinator

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
**2015 WOMEN IN SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015 3:00-9:00 PM  
SABBATH, FEBRUARY 28, 2015 8:00-5:00 PM

Sponsored by NCC Women's Ministries  
All women are invited to attend.

### Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$35 (includes two light meals and Sabbath Lunch)

I do plan to attend:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Seminar Presenters**  
"Understanding Spiritual Gifts"  
**Theresa Clarke** - NCC Women's Ministries Advisory Board



"Resting to Run: The Fruit of Centered Leadership"  
**Taya Gyorkey** - RN, LMFT



"God's Design for Women-Discipling"  
**Mary Maxson** - Associate Pastor, Paradise Church



"Growing in Prayer: 7 Simple Steps"  
**Kelly Mowrer** - Musician and Speaker



"Healing Oils of the Bible"  
**Sharon Perry** - RN

"Bible Studies Series for the Women in Your Church"  
**Joanne Pierson** - NCC Women's Ministries Advisory Board

"Life After Childhood: Biblical Tools for Emotional Healing"  
**Shantel Smith** - Associate Chaplain, Pacific Union College

"Ministering to the Young Women in Your Congregation"  
**Corletta Taylor** - NCC Young Women's Ministries Advisory Board

"Empowering Daughters of God through Transformational Leadership"  
**Karen V. White** - EdD

"Awaken to Grace"  
**Judy Williams** - NCC Women's Ministries Advisory Board

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Loves One Another**  
**Accepts, Uplifts, &**  
**Encourages One Another**  
**Is Bible Based**  
**Is Active and Involved**



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