

# The Vision

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*“Lifting Up Christ . . . Building UP People”*

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## SEVEN LETTERS FOR SEVEN CHURCHES ... SEVEN MESSAGES FOR US TODAY

*I*t began January 20, 2007 a seven week study of the messages of Jesus to the Seven Churches in the province of Asia. Our pastors were leading us to discover a first century spiritual application for the twenty-first century church.

The question Jesus sent us a would we re-

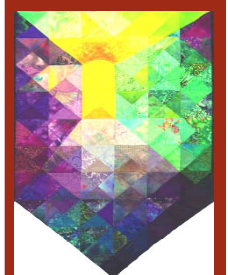
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made it even when he asked, sus asking the Church to do in the highlights sages was when reminded us that Church with all was not a church and move to

that we all know that it is in Orange County today. privilege to repent and live. On the last Sabbath ed the Lord’s Supper in praise, prayer, and our united us in the assurance longer need to remain naked, we can overcome,



# Youth Notes!

## Triple eX

Triple eX (the collegiate group, which stands for: **eXist, eXperience, eXpress**) led out in another night of worship at the once a month Friday Night Live! on January 26th. The theme was to let the past be the past and that we need to live in the present. The skit was a future day Good Samaritan parable, in which super heroes such as Superman, Batman and Robin, and Rogue (X-



Men) did not have the capability of helping the beaten man who was left to die. The collegiates even decorated the entire youth chapel to match with the skit. Many who attend *Friday Night Live!* are family, friends, co-workers and neighbors of the college members, who want to worship God in a non-traditional church setting, so we are intentional in making everyone feel at home and welcome to worship with us. Two people attended the worship because they saw the advertisement on the church's website (thanks to Cheryl!). Associate Youth Director, Marc



Woodson from the Southeastern California Conference office was in attendance and worshipped and fellowshiped with us. If you are looking for a worship gathering that is led by collegiates and is exploring creative ways to express our worship to God, then keep the 4th Friday night of the month open. We are looking for others who want to get involved and share their passion for ministry with us. Contact: **Pastor Genevieve,** [genevievekoh@yahoo.com](mailto:genevievekoh@yahoo.com), 714-534-1987 x.114.

## High School Events

The high school youth cheered on the super-bowl! Even though the Colts had the victory over the Bears, it was an event in which the youth were able to get together and socialize. We spent the late afternoon and evening at the Arriola's home, eating pizza, chips, veggies, cookies, guacamole and even got to play card games.

The high school youth are planning a Dodgeball Tournament at the Orangewood Adventist Academy gym, look for dates. If you are interested in putting a team together or inviting a team contact Nikki Arevalo at 714-501-1886.



Does spending a day on the course make you smile? We are looking for golfers to be on a team of four in our **Golf Triathlon fundraiser** for Cruise with a Mission. It will be the last week in June. As you know our young adults are fundraising to go on the North American Division sponsored, Cruise with a Mission, and you can help us raise funds in two ways:

1. If you are a golfer, put together a team and plan on a day of the last week of June.
2. If you are not a golfer, recruit a team of golfers for us.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rocky Whan or Josh Tameifuna.



# Pathfinder Happenings

## Pathfinder Snow Trip

Cold weather and plenty of fresh snow made the Pathfinder's first annual skiing/snowboarding trip a blessing. On February 3, 2007, a group of 19 Pathfinders and staff headed to Camp Cedar Falls for a fun-filled evening and lodging before hitting the slopes in Big Bear on Sunday morning.



We were pleasantly surprised by the amount of snow surrounding the lodge. Some of our Pathfinders even attempted to build a large snowman and had a snowball fight. We closed the Sabbath with scripture reading, spiritual songs, and prayer. We then had a scavenger hunt before heading off to our rooms for a good night's sleep.



By the time we got to Snow Valley, on Sunday morning it was nice and warm. We had 12 snowboarders and 1 skier (our Pathfinder Director). Walking in those ski boots or dragging a snowboard through the snow was truly a learning experience for all. Thankfully, we were provided with a safety orientation and lessons before they set us off on our own. Some of our more experienced snowboarders, like Justin Setiawan and Kevin Stanish, headed for the advanced runs while most of us stuck with the bunny slopes. Some of our first-timers even ventured up to the more difficult runs. All of the Pathfinders earned their skiing honor. It was great seeing the Pathfinders stick together as a group, looking out for one another, and encouraging each other throughout the day.

Sandra Caldwell, Director



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

**"W O W"**  
Women Out Walking

## Valentine/Special Person Day

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On Sabbath, February 10 the Narthex was ablaze with red flowers and happy faces. For several weeks the Pathfinders were collecting names and money for this special day. All Friday afternoon there was a frenzy of organization.. Sandra Caldwell and her many helpers were busily making bouquets for distribution, The Pathfinders will be doing fundraisers on a regular basis in preparation for the nationwide camporee at Oshkosh in 2009. Let's support our Pathfinders. They are a busy and wonderful bunch of kids.

On February 18 "The WOW" club had their monthly walk at the beach. This is a planned event every third Sunday of the month.

The time to gather for this "fun" time is 8:45 a.m. on the specific dates. See the bulletin for the venues planned for that particular month. Come and join with us for fun and exercise.

Lizz Randall



March 31 and  
April 1, 2007

Join us behind the scenes and experience the play and counter-play on the Friday when JESUS before Pilate was condemned to the cross



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