

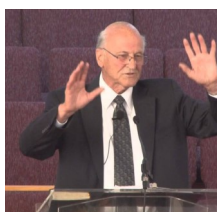
# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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## Farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Dupertuis



As we bid farewell to Pastor Atilio and his dear wife, Eunice, we want to wish them God's richest blessings. Their kindness, caring, inspiration and encouragement have nurtured us over the past six months and we are truly grateful for their leadership. Pastor, we have been blessed by your sermons, received a better understanding of the Book of Romans, and have grown spiritually because of your ministry. Thanks to both of you for all you have done in loving service to our Norco church family. You will truly be missed.

## New Interim Pastor Adrian Pressley



Pastor Adrian Pressley has been assigned by the Southeastern California Conference to serve as our new interim pastor while they work to identify another church to form a new district for us. Pastor Pressley will join us on October 6. He has previously served as Pastor for Family Ministries at the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda and is an ordained minister. Pastor Pressley is the third of four children, and was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. His parents realized the importance of a Christian education, therefore, all of his educational training was done in Adventist schools from elementary school through college. He attended Union College, the Adventist Seminary of West Africa and Oakwood University, and graduated from Andrews University with a B.A. in Religion and Behavioral Science. He also completed an M.A. in Clinical Ministry at Loma Linda University.

Pastor Pressley loves music and is an outstanding singer who has traveled the world performing sacred music. After college, he performed with the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble, a group of six classical singers specializing in American Negro Spirituals (his favorite genre of music). The group toured throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Pressley on Sabbath, October 6. We will have a special fellowship lunch in his honor.

## Chef Branko Cooking Class



The culinary delights of healthful cooking were presented to an eager group of Norco Church members and friends on Sabbath evening, September 24. With his enthusiastic presentation style spiced with humor and skill, Chef Branko from Secret Table in Solana Beach shared healthy nutrition tips and demonstrated three recipes.

Our own Eliel Gil ably served as the chef's assistant. A breakfast cereal, Momma's Mosh, was created with steel cut oats, quinoa, dates, and

coconut milk (don't tell anyone, but Pastor Rob had 6 servings!). A delicious smoothie made from avocados, spinach, dates and coconut milk was enjoyed even by those who don't like "green" drinks.

The mildly spiced sweet potato soup pureed with broccoli and other vegetables rounded out the evening's cooking demonstrations. It was the consensus of all in attendance that we need to invite Chef Branko back very soon for another evening of his



## Our Church News/Announcements/Birthdays

**Ministry Faire—Sabbath, October 22:** Following the fellowship dinner on Sabbath, October 22, we have planned a Ministry Faire. This event will equip you with information and skills for sharing your talents and using your gifts in ministry. Please plan to attend this important and informative event. With all of us working together, we can grow our church and bless our congregation and our community.

**Fellowship Dinners:** The second and fourth Sabbath of each month our church family gathers in the fellowship hall following the service to share a meal together. All are welcome to join us for these delicious potluck meals.

**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. gather with us to share praises and requests, seek the Lord in prayers, and open the word together at our mid-week service.

**Bible Study Group—Watch for more info:** Many thanks to Bryan Donker for leading out in the studies on the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of our church. Watch for more news about a new series to begin soon. Then plan to meet with us each Friday evening at 7 p.m. for study and discussion.

**Upcoming Social Events:** October 15, 5:30 p.m. Vespers/Social "Christian Family Feud Night" – Fellowship Hall

**Church Website:** Visit our website, [norco.adventistfaith.org](http://norco.adventistfaith.org) to view the weekly bulletin, announcements, listen to past sermons, links to Bible study sites, online giving, church calendar, Adventist news notes, and other church information.

**October Birthdays:** We wish a Happy Birthday to:

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| ◆ Julie Roth          | October 10 |
| ◆ Rosario Diaz        | October 13 |
| ◆ Kaylina Castellanos | October 24 |
| ◆ Janet Rangel        | October 26 |



## Conference News and Announcements

### October

**Creatures of the Rainforest** (Oct. 1) 5 p.m., Loma Linda University church, 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda. We will have some BIG animals to see, some slithery animals to touch and some soft animals to play with! Come join us in our sanctuary for a wonderful program for all ages! .

**The Third Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Conference and Concert** (Oct. 8 & 9) S.O.S. Save Our Sisters (Two locations/times) Concert: (Oct. 8) 7 p.m. Mt. Rubidoux church, 5320 Victoria Ave., Riverside. Conference: (Oct. 9) 3 p.m. Kansas Ave church, 4491 Kansas Ave., Riverside. Sponsored by Black ministries. To register, please email [s.o.s.now@aol.com](mailto:s.o.s.now@aol.com).

Registration deadline for NAD Missions Conference (Nov. 18-20) is Oct. 18. See event below in November listing

**Association of Adventist Women 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** (Oct. 21-23) La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside. "Here we stand: women and God's call." Keynote speaker: Rebekah Liu, ordained pastor of China. Powerful speakers, informative plenaries and breakout, as well as "Woman of the Year" awards. Register at [www.associationofadventistwomen.com](http://www.associationofadventistwomen.com).

### November

**Shine: Harnessing the Power to Change the World** (Nov. 11-13) Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Rd., Mountain Center. Shine Ministries is hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> annual event for girls ages 13 and up. Join us as we learn how God can give us the strength to be a light in this world so we may "shine like the stars in the heavens," Phil. 2:15. Eric Penick, associate youth director, will be the speaker. There will be a Saturday night talent show that participants and groups can sign up for online. Learn more and to register for Shine . Info: [951-509-2333,shine@seccsda.org](mailto:951-509-2333,shine@seccsda.org).

**2016 NAD Missions Conference** (Nov. 18-20) Sheraton Hotel Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Dr., San Diego. Thousands of short- and long-term volunteers impact the world every day. Why not join them? The 2016 Missions Conference supported by the North American Division will help you find your unique service opportunity. Registration includes three ticketed meals, all resources and materials and full access to the conference. More info [here](#).

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