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## Pastor's Corner by Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.

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Our church is greatly blessed. We have people who are dedicated every Sabbath to serve the Lord, the church and the community. Maybe you are one of these dedicated faithful. Usually words of gratitude are given at the end of the year, but that could be too late. Thank you.

No really, thank you. Thank you for what you are doing, but also thank you for the things that you will do. Some of us are investing time, effort and energy and it shows. Where does it show? It shows in the members that are receiving this ministry. It shows in the lives of those that are actually leading out for they walk closer to God, they grow as leaders and most likely will grow other leaders.

But also there are other leaders that barely step up to the plate. When this happens, not only does a certain department take a hit, but the whole

church feels it. If you are a leader and have not taken or gotten off to the best start with your department or ministry it's not too late to get back on the right track.

Is it easy to be a leader in the church? No, it is not. But if it was easy then maybe we wouldn't take up such an endeavor. Who doesn't like a good challenge? Praise God that He has called you to do this work. There are moments in which if we do not do what God has called us to do it could lead to spiritual decline in our own lives. Maybe God has called you to a certain ministry so that you could grow. I know God has called me to this church so that I can not only grow in my walk with Christ, but also as a leader and a person.

You may not know this but God is with you in your department. Jesus knows the challenges that you face, but He's also going to give you the opportunity to trust him and move forward by faith. Jesus knows that in His strength you can do it. Not only this, but your church believes in you. The church wouldn't have voted you in if they didn't. And the truth is, either we all win or we all lose. In order to win we need everybody to pull their weight. Lastly, I believe in you. I believe that God is going to use us to fulfill

His divine purposes. Are we blessed as a church? You better believe it, but more blessings are on the way as together we work hard for God's kingdom.



## Bible Study

In last month's study we looked at evidence that the composite beast in Revelation 13:1, 2 represents the same power as the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 7.

What else do we know about the composite beast? *Revelation 13:3, 10*. Now comparing this with verse 14, we see that it is this same composite beast an image is caused to be made to by the second beast in verse 11. (Please read the whole chapter several times to see what is going on.)

Now which beast has the mark in verses 16 and 17? If we look at chapter 14, verse 11, it seems to indicate that it is the same beast to which an image is made, again the composite beast in Revelation 13: 1, 2. Hence it also must be the mark of the "little horn" of Daniel 7.

Read Revelation 14:9-11

## February Birthday Celebrants

- 6 Serena Barraza
- 9 Rebecca Greene
- 11 William Celaya
- 12 Haydee Enoveso
- 16 Ricky Millena
- 19 Leorenzo Gervacio

- 21 Sarah Portales
- 25 Thea Mora
- 25 Tito Linhsamout



and notice that a very solemn warning is given against receiving this mark. But also notice that in verse 12 we are told how to keep from receiving this mark, whatever it is. Those who, by the faith of Jesus, persevere in keeping God's commandments (God's law) will not receive the mark! Does this mean that the "mark" has something to do with God's law?

Look at Daniel 7:25 (NKJV). What does the "little horn" think or intend to do? This could not be referring to man's law, which is changed all the time, but to God's law which does not change (see Matthew 5:18). But notice that in attempting to change law he also attempts to change "times". Which commandment is the only one dealing with "times"? Exodus 20:8-11. Notice also that receiving the mark has something to do with worship (Revelation 14:9, 11). Could, therefore, the

mark of the beast have anything to do with worship on Sunday, the first day of the week?

Now notice the following quotations:

"Sunday is our MARK of authority!...The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." – *The Catholic Record, London, Ontario, Canada, 11-1-1923.*

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act...AND THE ACT IS A MARK of her ecclesiastical power." – from the office of Cardinal Gibbons, 11-11-1895.

"The Catholic Church...by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday." – *The Catholic Mirror* (official organ for Cardinal Gibbons). 9-23-1893.

- Timber Zwonkin



## Health Nugget

Many are ignorantly injuring their health and endangering their lives by using cosmetics. When they

become heated, the poison is absorbed by the pores of the skin, and is thrown into the blood.

Many lives have been sacrificed by this means alone. Ladies may resort to cosmetics to restore the tint of the complexion, but they cannot thus bring back the glow of the healthful feelings to the heart. That which darkens and makes dingy the skin also clouds the spirits and destroys cheerfulness and peace of mind.

- *Healthful Living pp. 189, 191*



## Personal Ministries and You



The Personal Ministries Council of San Jose Central SDA Church has planned an eventful year for everyone. It starts with the Financial Peace University Seminar that is still going on every Wednesday's at 6:30pm. In this seminar, attendees are learning how to successfully manage their finances and live debt-free. This is only the first out of many events planned for this year.

The church needs your help in making sure that the Personal Ministries Council will fulfill its role in training all the members and preparing them to proclaim the gospel of salvation to friends and neighbors in our surrounding communities.

We ask that you pray over

these future events and mark them on your calendars:

- Financial Peace University (January 16—April 19)
- Week of Prayer (April 13-April 18, Sunday-Friday)
- Agape Feast (Friday night, April 18)
- Week of Prayer (July 6—July 11, Sunday-Friday)
- Church Mission Trip (August, September or October)
- Week of Prayer (September 21-September 26, Sunday-Friday)
- Week of Prayer (November 30 - December 5, Sunday-Friday)
- General Youth Conference (GYC) in San Jose (December)

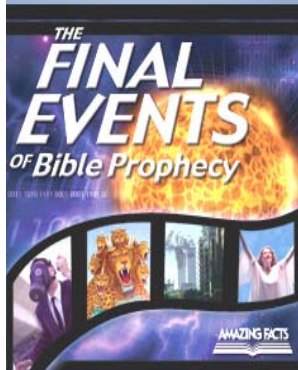


Did you miss the showing of The Final Events DVD during Divine Worship last February 2? Then better make sure to grab a copy the next time you come to church! San Jose Central has purchased 1000 copies of this "amazing 43-minute documentary about the dramatic events of tomorrow. Hosted by author and evangelist Pastor Doug Batchelor this stunning DVD features special effects along with rich music soundtrack. It reveals the amazing truth behind Bible prophecy!"

"The DVD includes an incredible interactive Bible study program that can be run from a DVD-ROM equipped computer. The interactive program includes additional material and scripture reference."

We encourage you to share this with your friends, relatives, and co-workers that are wondering about what the future holds for them. It is a great tool for evangelism.

For more information on how to use this DVD for personal evangelism, please check the official website at: <http://www.finalevents.com/evangelism.asp>



## Important Events

### Get an A+ in Sabbath School!



San Jose Central Church wants you to get an A+ in Sabbath School! Here are some tips to make sure you make the grade:

- Come early and attend regularly. We want to see you at 9:20am. Be sharp!
- Study your lesson quarterlies and participate during lesson study discussions. Do your homework!
- Bring someone with you. We're always looking for more students!
- Save up for World Mission offerings. We want to make sure people around the world will get a good grade too!

Report cards will be released at the end of each month. See you this Sabbath.

### Let Us Help West Valley

West Valley Christian School needs different volunteers to help out in:

- Fixing/maintaining computers
- Building maintenance
- Classroom teacher aides
- Field Trip drivers



If you can help in any way, please call West Valley at (408)378-4327.


### Romancing the Bonds of Marriage

presented by CCC Family Life Ministry will be on February 15-17 with Special guest Speakers Cesar De Leon, M. Div., M.S., Ph.D. and Carolann De Leon R.N., M.S. at the Double Tree Hotel in San Francisco. Registration is \$420 per couple.

For more information, please contact CCC-Family Life Malisa Kuykendall (559)347-3176 or [mkuykendall@ccsda.org](mailto:mkuykendall@ccsda.org)

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# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 10am— Deaconess Board and Brunch	<b>4</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>5</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group Mtg	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm— Financial Peace University	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Sunset: 5:38pm 7pm—Tony Hermosillo's Small Group	<b>9</b> Sunset: 5:39pm SP: Foothill Day 3pm—How to Preach Seminar 5pm—Vespers
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>12</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group Mtg	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm— Financial Peace University	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Sunset: 5:45pm 7pm—Tony Hermosillo's Small Group	<b>16</b> Sunset: 5:46pm SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 5pm—Vespers
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  President's Day 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>19</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group Mtg	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm— Financial Peace University	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Sunset:5:53pm 7pm—Tony Hermosillo's Small Group	<b>23</b> Sunset: 5:54pm SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 5pm—Vespers
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>26</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group Mtg	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm— Financial Peace University	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sunset: 6:00pm 7pm—Tony Hermosillo's Small Group	<b>March 1</b> Sunset: 6:01pm SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 5pm—Vespers
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>4</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group Mtg	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm— Financial Peace University	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Sunset: 6:06pm 7pm—Tony Hermosillo's Small Group	<b>8</b> Sunset: 6:07pm SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 5pm—Vespers



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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday 10am—3pm  
Wednesday 5pm—9pm

Sabbath Services: Sabbath School: 9:20 am  
Divine Worship: 10:50am

**Mission:** Our mission is to spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ to our community through the power of the Holy Spirit and to provide an affectionate and welcoming place of worship in the unified and spiritual body of Christ through prayerful Bible study and involvement in soul winning and hospitable activities with the goal of preparing ourselves and the city of San Jose for the second advent of Jesus Christ.

**Vision:** We, the San Jose Central Church through the power of the Holy Spirit, strive for an environment filled with unified disciples who work diligently for the cause of advancing the Kingdom of God.

