



Good News... Earthquakes...

by Pastor Ken Studer

The world's heart has reached out to Haiti since the earthquake and aftershocks last month. This event will surely go down in history as a catastrophe. Haitian officials report that at least 110,000 are dead and some fear the toll could go significantly higher.

Of course, there have been worse earthquakes in terms of magnitude and loss of life. But no earthquake has had more media coverage than this one. This makes it all too real.

One would expect that something as devastating as a major earthquake would be addressed in Scripture. However, Scripture is surprising silent on this matter. Perhaps this is due to the fact that Scripture covers a relatively small geographical area.

The first mention of an earthquake is in Exodus at the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai when God came down to earth. In the New Testament, Jesus predicted earthquakes as signs of the end of the world. Matthew records an earthquake at the time of the death of Christ. The Book of Revelation indicates that there will be an earthquake at the return of Christ.

Other than these major references to earthquakes, there are just a few scattered references to earthquakes throughout Scripture. For example, Paul and Silas were delivered from prison by a small earthquake (Acts 16:26).

In the Bible, it is pretty clear that earthquakes and other signs occur as warnings of God's judgments and soon coming.

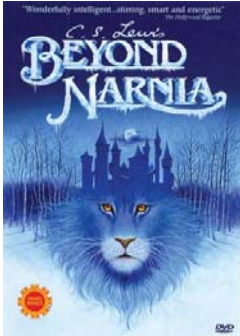
For years, especially in Southwestern California, experts talk about the "big one" in which much of California's coast line will fall into the ocean.

I find it ironic that people seem to be really concerned about the "big one" but not the "really big one."

Unlike all other earthquakes, the "really big one" is Good News. The "really big one" occurs at the end of the world. This is often referred to as the "Blessed Hope." Imagine, looking forward to an earthquake. That's Good News!

Viewpoints

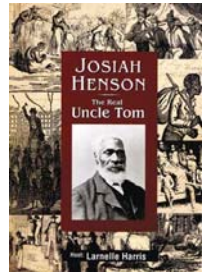
VIDEO & DISCUSSION SERIES IN THE SANCTUARY @ 10 AM



C. S. LEWIS: BEYOND NARNIA FEBRUARY 6 & 13

Readers and movie fans worldwide know the land of Narnia and the magical beings who dwell there. But few know the genius who created this beloved fantasy. Now meet C.S. Lewis, an extraordinary creative force, in this engaging biography, filmed in Oxford, England where he lived, worked and imagined the beloved "Chronicles of Narnia." Learn of his struggles and motivations to choose Christ in a secular age.

JOSIAH HENSON: FROM SLAVE TO FREEDOM FEBRUARY 20 & 27



Did you know that one of America's most famous authors, Harriet Beecher Stowe, based her book Uncle Tom's Cabin on the experiences of a real man - the life of Rev. Josiah Henson? Journey from the historic Uncle Tom's cabin in Maryland, to Kentucky and ultimately, to the famous underground railroad. See how this African-American minister went from spiritual bondage in sin, to freedom in Christ: from physical bondage in slavery, to political freedom and on to help other former slaves to read, write, and learn a trade.

February Worship Schedule

This month, we have two guest speakers: Dan Snider and Russ Bermejo. Dan will preach on the 6th and Russ on the 20th. We look forward to the Good News they will share. On February 13 Pastor Ken will begin a three part series entitled *History's Mysteries*.

02/06 Guest Speaker—Dan Snider

02/13 History's Mysteries, Part 1 — Ruth

02/20 Guest Speaker—Russ Bermejo

02/27 History's Mysteries, Part 2 — Joshua

February Birthdays

Tooma, Lara	February 1	Pantigoso, Stephany	February 16
Haigh, Kayla	February 2	Kon, Patricia	February 17
Wong, Humberto	February 2	Legoh, Elvie	February 17
Cao, Michelle	February 3	Wilson, Linda	February 17
Escalante, Betsy	February 3	Berlin, Shaun	February 18
Marica, Claudia	February 3	Roque, Eva	February 18
Chang, Cailyn	February 4	Lubbe, Catherine	February 19
Valdez, Michael	February 4	Marchan, Consuelo	February 19
Berlin, Sandra	February 5	Ramos, Decarlo	February 19
Bowers, Richard	February 6	Ramos, Joshua	February 19
Lang, Jan	February 6	Weathers, Kevin	February 19
Rumble, Cassie	February 6	Cury, Iara	February 21
Kelmes, Glenda	February 7	Templeton, Tia	February 21
Estrada, Ralph	February 8	Frykman, Annette	February 22
Jensen, Rye	February 8	Horne, Michael	February 22
Tooma, Tom	February 9	Kryger, Marc	February 23
Choi, Ji Yoon	February 10	Matias, Misael	February 23
Coye, Peggy	February 10	Murphy-Rivera, Diana	February 23
Tooma, Marta	February 10	Schulze, Jonathan	February 23
Valdez, Pedro	February 10	Vest, Kristi	February 23
Camacho, Aaron	February 11	Bartholomew, Jonathan	February 24
Grubbs, Nicholas	February 12	Carlson, Greg	February 24
Arunasalam, Abhi	February 13	Ngantung, Anny Grace	February 24
Arunasalam, Austin	February 13	Brauer, Beverly	February 25
Carrigg, Lou	February 13	Stapleton, Tia	February 26
Dunn, Lena	February 14	Russell, Amy	February 27
Hackler, Jackie	February 14	Gamez, Marlon	February 28
Oh, Lisa	February 14	Keeler, Catherine	February 28
Chung, May	February 15	Nelsen, Zackary	February 28
Owsley, Sally	February 15	Nelsen, Zackary	February 28
Roberts, Janessa	February 15	Ngo, Clarissa	February 28
Escalante, Cathy	February 16	Thompson, Sônia	February 28

Calendar

Feb 5	Youth InTouch
Feb 6	SAC Lunch—Knowlwood Restaurant
Feb 7	Valentine Brunch at OC Mining Co.
Feb 7	Super Bowl
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	Presidents' Day
Feb 16	OCC Finance Committee
Feb 16	OCC Church Board
Feb 20	Youth Olympics Party
Feb 21	20/30's Snow Day
Feb 22	Washington's Birthday
Feb 27	20/30's Luncheon
Mar 8	New England Youth Ensemble



Knowlwood Restaurant

**Saturday After Church
February 6, 1 PM**

14952 Sand Canyon, Irvine

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Top Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) leaders in Haiti reported that 522 church members were killed by the 7.0-magnitude earthquake which struck last month. Additionally, at least 300 church members were injured. More than 27,000 SDA church members were left homeless.

More than 55 SDA churches were destroyed and 60 SDA churches partially damaged. At least four SDA schools and one SDA book store were destroyed in Port of Prince, Haiti.

The church has pledged more than \$1 million in assistance. Most of that money is coming from North America. You may donate via Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) or Orange Coast Church. Go to www.adra.org or OCC website.

Sarah Chang Signs Autographs After Recital

Sarah Chang was honored by the Young Artist Guild and Music Teachers' Association of Orange County culminating with a piano recital on Saturday night, January 16 at Chapman University in Orange.



The concert was attended by about 150 piano students, teachers, friends and family. After receiving a standing ovation for her music, admirers showered her with bouquets of flowers. At the conclusion of the recital, scores of people asked Sarah to autograph their program. We congratulate Sarah for a job well done.

O.C.C. YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Winter Olympic Party

Saturday, Feb. 20, 5:30 PM
At the Kryger Home



Youth Praise Team Rehearsal Schedule

- Saturday, Feb. 6,
NO REHEARSAL
- Saturday, Feb. 13, 12:30 PM
Church office
- Saturday, Feb. 20, 12:30 PM
Church office
- Friday, Feb. 26, 7-9 PM
Church Sanctuary
- Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 AM
Church Sanctuary/Service

Youth In Touch



Friday, Feb. 5, 7 PM

Church Hub & Youth Room, Irvine

See Patrick for more information.



Valentine Brunch

Sunday, February 7
9:30 AM

This year's Valentine event will be at the Orange County Mining Co., 10000 Crawford Canyon Road, Orange.

The restaurant has an amazing view and the food is exceptional. The

brunch includes the following: Hot Station (meat & potatoes), Seafood Station, Mexican Station, Omelette Station, Pancake Station, Ice Cream Station, Fresh Fruit Station and Pastry Station. Cost: \$24 per person (includes tax & tip). Kids under age 12 are \$13.50. Meet promptly at 9:30 AM. After 10 AM there is an additional charge of \$5 per person. Please pay when you sign up, using the special event envelopes at church.

Church Meetings Moved to Tuesday, Feb. 16

Finance Committee at 6 PM, Board Meeting at 7 PM

New England Youth Ensemble

FREE Concert

Monday, March 8, 7:30 PM

OCC Church Sanctuary, 77 Post

Don't miss this amazing group of young classical musicians led by their leader, Dr. Virginia Gene Rittenhouse. Hear amazing stories of how God has used music to bless people the world over, from Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House. A free-will offering will be taken.



20/30's ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

20/30's Snow Day

Sunday, Feb 21
\$50/person

Departs at 5am from the church office parking lot at 41 Post.
Includes lift ticket, food and transportation.
(Rentals not included.)

Young Adult Praise Team Rehearsals

Feb. 11*, 12** & 13**
Mar. 11*, 12** & 13**

*Thursday at 41 Post
**At 77 Post, Sanctuary

20/30's Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 27, 1 PM



**OBERKRAMER'S PLACE,
PLACENTIA**
Food provided

RSVP at information table.