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In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:6

George Washington's Prayer for the United States of America



Almighty God,

We make our earnest prayer

- that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection,
 - that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government;
 - and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large.
- And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all
- to do justice,
 - to love mercy and
 - to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen

--- George Washington, April 30th, 1789

Hi Everyone!

With the change in government that we will be experiencing this year, I thought that it would be nice to go back and consider the thoughts that the first President had for our nation.

Hope you all had a great New Years!

Jeffrey Vaca
Newsletter Editor

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PARK DAYS

Park Days are generally scheduled for the second Friday of each school month at 2:00 pm. Unless noted otherwise, we meet at Nobel Athletic Field and Rec. Center for Park Day, which is located in the UTC area and is easily accessible from the I-805.

Some of the benefits this park has to offer are that it sits back from the street, parents have a nice over-view of the well maintained play area and it has plenty of parking and clean bathrooms. In addition, the playground is fenced off so the little ones can't easily escape. Another benefit is the nearby library which is just feet away.

January Park Day

Date: Friday, January 9, 2009
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Nobel Athletic Field and Rec Center
8810 Judicial Drive

If you are unable to attend Park Day and would like to sign up for an event, please do so by calling or e-mailing the contact person listed for the event you are interested in.

Please remember that payments for field trips and events are due when you sign up

Directions: Take the Nobel exit off of I-805 North and go left. If you are on I-5 North just take the Nobel exit and go right. The park is at the corner of Judicial and Nobel.

Coming from the north county you will take I-805 South and exit at La Jolla Village and Miramar Road and go east on Miramar road for one block. Turn right on Nobel and go a few more blocks to the park at the corner of Judicial and Nobel.

More information about this new rec. center, and a great map of the exact location, can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/nobel.shtml>

SDCH Lending Library

Your San Diego Christian Homeschools group has recently launched a free Homeschool Lending Library to benefit our group members. Please take a look at the list of available materials, which will be placed on the website soon and be sure to stop by the "Library Table" at Park Day to see what we have to offer. All of the items have been donated by several of our wonderful SDCH families.

How can you help? We need a volunteer "Librarian" to handle the materials in our lending library and to "loosely" keep track of what has been borrowed and returned. This would be a great opportunity for a family with a high school aged child who would like to encourage their high schooler to be a part of blessing the homeschool community by organizing and tracking our library items.

For more information, please contact Jeff and Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com.

SDCH ART CLASSES

I Can Do All Things Art Class A How Great Thou Art Video Series

Dates: Thursdays, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Serra Mesa

Contact: Sharon Meins at
sharonm@tempbreak.com
for more information.



The Philosophy: ART is a learned discipline. The purpose at **How Great Thou ART** is to teach students the fundamentals of drawing, painting, color theory, etc. They believe the most important quality in learning is having a good attitude; students need to believe that they can learn to draw, paint, letter and so forth. Art is not for just some, or those we call "talented." God has given all of us, to one degree or another, abilities in art that should be nurtured.

This art class is a comprehensive beginner's art course for students 6 and up. Sections covered in this class are: Beginning Drawing, How to use colored Pencils, Blending with Watercolor Markers & Beginning Painting. This class also includes some art appreciation and art journaling.

* *approximately 25-28 classes.*
No classes 4/7/09. Last day of class 5/28/09

Feed My Sheep A How Great Thou Art Video Series

Dates: Thursdays January 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: Rancho Penasquitos

Contact: Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com
for more information or to
sign up.



Feed My Sheep is the sequel to I Can Do All Things by Barry Stebbing with the same How Great Thou Art philosophy. Feed My Sheep is a four year program with this year's focus being on colored pencils and general drawing covering the first 71 of the 260 lessons; however, the students will set the pace for what is actually covered. The age for this class is 10 and up unless they have had prior art experience.

* *approximately 25-28 classes.*
No classes 3/31/09, 4/7/09. Last day of class 5/26/09

GIRL'S BOOK AND TEA CLUB

The Girls Book Club Tea is a small interactive group of 5th – 7th grade girls who come together on a monthly basis prepared to discuss a pre-selected book while drinking tea, hot cocoa, or lemonade in a cozy atmosphere. The goal is to give the girls the opportunity to think analytically and to draw from the strengths and learn from the weakness of the characters and circumstances in the books. The girls will take turns in facilitating and leading the meeting with the help of her mom as needed. It is up to the girl leading the meeting to decide if she wants to send out questions ahead of time for the other girls to think about as they read the book, but she should be prepared to ask questions and keep the conversations going during the meeting. This is probably going to be a stretch for some of the girls at first, but they are going to have fun being in charge of leading a meeting. The girls will also have the opportunity to briefly share their opinion on other books they have read as time allows.

Please read and come ready to discuss:

Heroes of the Faith: Samuel Morris

by W. Terry Whalin



Samuel Morris was born the son of a tribal chieftain in Africa. He was captured by an enemy tribe and through a miraculous escape was divinely led to missionaries who taught him about Christ. He then became a missionary to the United States, named Samuel Morris. Morris' story is an adventure of obedience and boldness you'll never forget.

Pages: 208
Recommended age: 12-16
Available at: CBD, Amazon

This event is for girls in 5th through 7th grade and their moms.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 23, 2009
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: Sharon Meins' home
Clairemont

Facilitator: Morgan Meins
Contact: Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com for more information regarding the Girl's Book and Tea Club.

H.S.L.D.A. Discount

Home School Legal Defense Association is a national organization that exists to protect the rights of parents to homeschool their children, and they also serve the homeschooling community in many other ways.

Please visit their website at www.HSLDA.org to take advantage of all that they offer homeschool families.

Members of San Diego Christian Homeschools are now able to join HSLDA at a discounted rate. For more information please contact our SDCH chairman, Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com

OTHER CLASSES and CLUBS

American Girl Club



Date: First Saturday of each month
Time: 10:15 am
Location: Berean Christian Store
8807 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
Kearny Mesa

Ages: Most appropriate for school-aged girls
Cost: Free
Contact: Berean Christian directly at (800) 285-8121

On the first Saturday of each month come and make new friends and meet fellow fans of American Girl dolls and books at Berean's American Girl Club. Bring your American Girl doll and invite your friends for a time of sharing and crafts. This event is sponsored by Berean Christian Store. It is free and open to the general public. For details please telephone the store directly at the number above.

CENTER FOR TEACHING THE CONSTITUTION

Course on the U.S. Constitution

The Center for Teaching the Constitution will be offering courses on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The courses will stress utilizing the classical learning techniques used by the founders and the text will be the actual documents. This course is also specifically designed to prepare U.S. government and history teachers to comply with the California Education Code in teaching the founding documents. Prospective students are encouraged to read Common Sense before starting class. Two courses will be offered, a morning youth class and an evening adult class. Each class will meet once each week for 10 weeks. The morning class will begin Thursday, January 8, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the San Marcos Community Center (register at www.san-marcos.net). The evening class will begin Wednesday, January 7, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the San Marcos Joslyn Senior Center (register at www.teachconstitution.org). For more information, go to www.teachconstitution.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you are interested in organizing a homeschool event or activity then please let us know. Just plan the event and e-mail all the information about it to our Activities Director, Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com
Thanks!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about our group, feel free to contact our Chairman, Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com

or visit our website at
<http://www.sdchristianhomeschools.com>



FIELD TRIPS and EVENTS

SDCH Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2008
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Host home
Rancho Penasquitos

Contact: Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com

Are you interested in getting more involved in SDCH or are just curious to see what goes on behind the scenes? Come join us at our January board meeting where we have round table discussions and plan for future months.

Oasis Camel Dairy

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2008
Time: 9:45 am
Location: Highway 78 in Ramona

Ages: All ages are welcome to attend
Cost: \$5 for children, \$8 for adults
Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

SDCH families are invited to meet the camels of Oasis Camel Dairy. Yep folks, that's right, America's first and only camel dairy is located right here in San Diego's own backyard. School tours of the camel dairy are educational, interactive, and lots of fun. We'll get to meet some camels and learn all about their "miracle milk" used in making soap, and as supplemental nourishment for other animals, and even used in helping kids with milk allergies.

We will need at least 24 children and 10 adults to make this field trip to the Camel dairy possible so we are going to go ahead and open up this particular event to non-members as well. Please feel free to invite all your homeschool friends to participate with us in this unique field trip. And, as usual, please remember that the grandparents in your family are always welcome to come on our field trips, too.

For more details about Oasis Camel Dairy please visit the website, www.cameldairy.com

**This field trip requires a minimum of
24 children and 10 adults**

Mom's Night Out

Date: Friday, January 23, 2009
Time: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Location: Sherri McFadden's home
Scripps Ranch

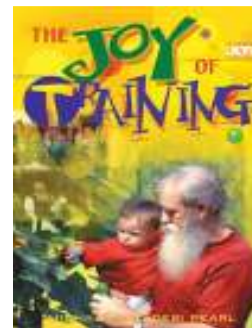
Contact: Susan Brady at sfbrady@sbcglobal.net
or Sherri McFadden at mrspeapod@yahoo.com

Sherri McFadden has graciously opened her home to us for a night of relaxation and fellowship after the busyness of the holiday season. We hope that you can join us. You don't need to bring a thing, goodies and drinks will be provided.

"To Train Up A Child" Seminar

featuring
Michael and Debi Pearl of No Greater Joy Ministries

Don't miss this FREE seminar and rare opportunity to meet the founders of No Greater Joy Ministries and learn some wonderful and encouraging parenting truths from Scripture. Please see the flier on page 9 of this newsletter for all the details. If you are interested in carpooling to this seminar contact Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com.



Dates: Friday, January 16, and
Saturday, January 17, 2009
Times: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday
and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on

Saturday

Location: Knott Avenue Christian Church,
315 S. Knott Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Cost: Free! (a love offering will be taken during
the seminar for the Pearl family)

Ages: All ages are welcome to attend or childcare is available
for a small fee.

Contact: Exploring Homeschooling at (714) 686-3353 or
info@exploringhomeschooling.com

RSVP: Please contact Mong-Tham Khuzadi at number
or e-mail above to RSVP.

Ice Skate Day

Date: Friday, January 30, 2009
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: University Towne Center Ice Skating Rink

Cost: \$9.00 per skater (includes skates)
Contact: Sherri McFadden at mrspeapod@yahoo.com

Join all of your SDCH friends for this fabulous winter activity, and a great supplement to your physical education requirements. This ice rink is located in the indoor food court at the beautiful UTC mall. Come early and plan to have lunch with us there at your choice of food vendors.

Money can be paid at park day or brought to the skate rink. We must have a minimum of 10 skaters.

Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, January 27, 2009

*My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and
do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD
disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he
delights in.*

– Proverbs 3:11-12



Michael and Debi Pearl Present:
"To Train Up A Child"
Child Training Secrets From The Child Training Experts

FREE SEMINAR

Friday, January 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Knott Avenue Christian Church, 315 S. Knott Ave., Anaheim, CA

As goes the child so goes the future adult - and the future parent. At every moment, parents holding little children are holding the future. Parenting, the most important and demanding job in the world, comes on us by default. Ready or not, prepared or ill equipped, all parents produce fruit that lasts for eternity. The melody or the dissonance in a child's life echoes on and on from one generation to the next unless someone takes the time to break the cycle and learn the skill of...parenting.

Through their books and CDs, Michael and Debi Pearl train parents to break the bad habits passed down from former generations and to recognize and emulate the wisdom of those who have gone before. Showing that the Bible and common sense are the foundations for parenting, the Pearls will teach on:

- *Early Childhood Training*
- *Boundaries and Consequences*
- *Training Your Children to Enjoy Working*
- *Character Building - Training Children of Great Character*
- *Teens - Relating to and Directing Your Teens*
- *Homeschooling - The Outstanding Results of a Home Education*
- *Husbands and Wives - Making Marriage a Successful Joy*

Everyone who is interested in learning how to train up their children is welcome!

By a SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, this entire event is offered AT NO COST!

There will be a love offering collected for the Pearls' ministry.

Childcare: Children are welcome to sit with their parents through the seminar. There is also childcare available. Exploring Homeschooling will provide childcare for those who are in need of it. The cost for childcare will be \$10 per child on Friday evening (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.) and \$30 per child on Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except during the lunch break). Biblically based activities and programs will be provided for the children. You must pay in advance for the childcare by contacting Exploring Homeschooling directly. There is also an unattended nursery room available with audio feed from the main sanctuary for those parents who wish to sit there.

R.S.V.P.: Please RSVP by e-mail to info@exploringhomeschooling.com or by telephone at 714-686-3353 and let us know exactly how many children and adults from your family will attend. It is vital that you state whether you need childcare or not and to include the age of the children.

For information about this seminar please visit the website www.ExploringHomeschooling.com

For information about the Pearl family please visit their website www.NoGreaterJoy.org



San Diego Christian Homeschools

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:6

Event Registration Form for all Field Trips, Classes, and Special Events

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

REGISTRATION FORM DIRECTIONS:

1. Using the SDCH Newsletter, Website, and E-mail Updates, determine the items you wish to participate in.
2. At Park Days or other occasions place your name(s) on the sign up list of each item you are interested in.
3. Fill out this form indicating each item you have signed up for, number of family members, and total costs.
4. Add all items together, enter the sum at the bottom, and make your check payable to SDCH for that amount.
5. Place your form and check in an envelope and deposit in the box at Park Day or mail to the Activities Director.

✓	Name or Description of Class, Trip, Event:	Date/Time:	Adults	Kids	Total
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I have enclosed cash ___ or check ___ (ck # _____) in the **TOTAL AMOUNT** of: _____

Deposit this form and your payment, made payable to SDCH, in the red box at Park Day (envelopes are available) or you may send it by mail it to Sherri McFadden, SDCH Treasurer (address available upon request). You will receive an itemized receipt via e-mail. Please watch for e-mail announcements regarding items you have signed up for. If you have any questions regarding events please e-mail us at SDCHgroup@yahoo.com or call the contact person listed in the write-up. Thank you.

Please see the Newsletter or the sign up sheets for details regarding the item(s) you are interested in. Note: Membership in SDCH is only \$25 per school-year for the entire family (grandparents too). You may contact the SDCH Secretary, Roxanne Kenny roxannekenny@san.rr.com to register your family or receive further details.