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You won't want to miss this once in a lifetime event!

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Wait til you see the Surprise Guests

Amazing storytelling by Buz

Will there be Sing-a-long for the Whole family?

Get your tickets early at IdyllwildMasterChorale.org

The Choral has practice for months. Notes and melodies are floating through the air.

Children, young and old will be delighted as the Idyllwild Master Chorale bring songs for long ago and those that have been celebrated during the past 50 years.

Bring your children, friends and neighbors from near and far. Share with them that this event will shine in their memories like the wonderful Christmas Star!

Bravo!

Idyllwild Master Chorale and to the members especially Master Director Dwight Buz Holmes

Christmas in Idyllwild

Follow our 50th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign

IDYLLWILD
MASTER CHORALE
WINTER CONCERTS

A December of Memories

Saturday 12/20 at 7:30 pm and
Sunday 12/21 at 1:30 pm

William M. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Adults \$25 / Seniors \$20 / Students \$10
Concert ticket pre sales at IdyllwildMasterChorale.Org

Celebrating 50 Years of Music

IDYLLWILD
MASTER
CHORALE

There is no place like Idyllwild for the Hollidays. In a town nestled in the Mountain community, that feels like Christmas even in July. This Holiday will be grander than ever before.

It starting with Rotary's Christmas Market, then there is the Christmas tree lighting, the park was full of local and surround mountain artist offer their crafts and music Filtering through the air, residents have the best opportunity to keep Idyllwild's traditions alive and for others they can start their own new traditons for the future. For everyone, there is one very special event set for this year, no one will want to miss, It is the Idyllwild Master Chorale Winter Concerts. 2025. This marks the 50th year of Music brought to Idyllwild by the Idyllwild Master Chorale. It will be SPECTACULAR!

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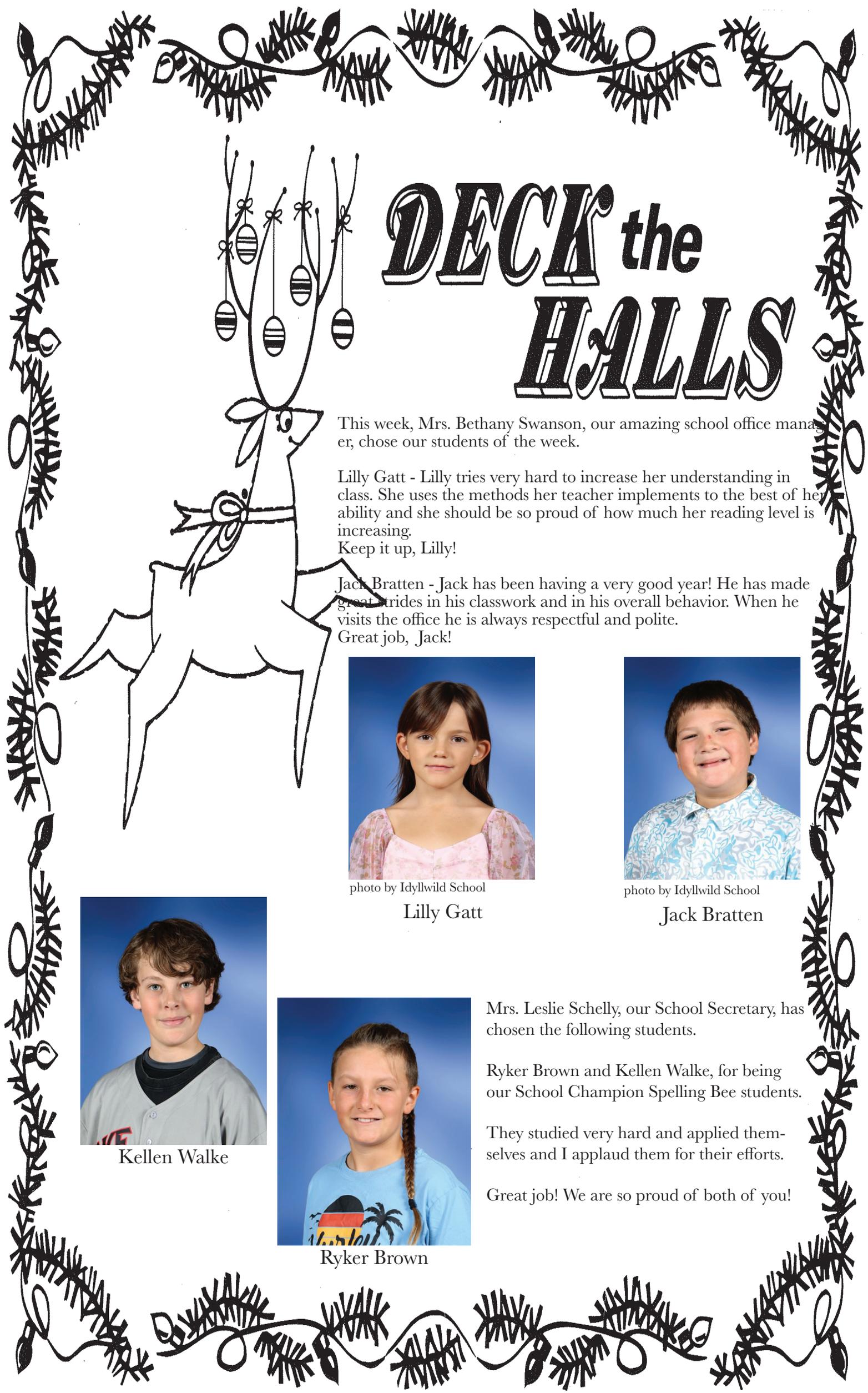
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DECK the HALLS

This week, Mrs. Bethany Swanson, our amazing school office manager, chose our students of the week.

Lilly Gatt - Lilly tries very hard to increase her understanding in class. She uses the methods her teacher implements to the best of her ability and she should be so proud of how much her reading level is increasing.
Keep it up, Lilly!

Jack Bratten - Jack has been having a very good year! He has made great strides in his classwork and in his overall behavior. When he visits the office he is always respectful and polite.
Great job, Jack!



photo by Idyllwild School

Lilly Gatt



photo by Idyllwild School

Jack Bratten



Kellen Walke



Ryker Brown

Mrs. Leslie Schelly, our School Secretary, has chosen the following students.

Ryker Brown and Kellen Walke, for being our School Champion Spelling Bee students.

They studied very hard and applied themselves and I applaud them for their efforts.

Great job! We are so proud of both of you!

American Red Cross - SAVE THIS FOR YOUR CHECK LIST TO DO FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Smoke Alarm installation and home fire prevention information - By appointment

The American Red Cross provides the smoke alarms and installation at no cost to residents. The visit includes discussing home fire prevention information, asking the resident to locate two possible exits, determining a safe meeting place nearby and other tips. Two trained Red Cross volunteers will arrive at the designated time and will work with the resident to locate existing alarms, testing them, then replacing them if needed. The smoke alarms we use do not require the battery to be changed - the battery is sealed within the alarm and has an expected 10-year lifespan.

KEEP THIS AS YOUR TO-DO CHECKLIST

PREPARE for an EMERGENCY

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Providing a 21 weeks plan to be prepared.

IFPD

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951-776-1099

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951-659-2732

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National Weather Svc.

Weatjer/gov/sgx

Accurate forecasts

SoCal Edison

800-358-7387

Power outages

CalTrans Quick Map

Quickmap.dot.ca.gov

Lastest road closures

Local snow info

Idyllwildsnow.com

Tips for visitors

How to prepare for all

disaster types:

www.ready.gov



American Red Cross

PrepareSoCal



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Weeks to prepare

Week 1				
Tour your home to gather items you already have. Place all items in a waterproof bag or container before packing in kit. Check off each item as you go.				
<input type="checkbox"/> A sturdy, easy-to carry container to hold items (backpack, duffle bag or large tote) <input type="checkbox"/> A set of clothes and sturdy shoes for each family member <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important papers (birth certificates, ID, insurance policies, passports, home lease/deed, etc.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> A 3 day supply of your medications <input type="checkbox"/> A current list of family phone numbers and e-mails including someone who can be reached if local lines are down. <input type="checkbox"/> A map (mark an evacuation route from your local area) <input type="checkbox"/> Extra cash in small bills <input type="checkbox"/> Spare keys for house and car <input type="checkbox"/> Spare glasses or contacts and solution <input type="checkbox"/> Books or toys				
Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar of peanut butter <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of crackers <input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of energy bars <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans meat/fish <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans fruits/veggies <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Can opener <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> 1 antibacterial soap <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> 1 liquid dish soap <input type="checkbox"/> 2 rolls toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box facial tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit & guide <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*
Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
<input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer <input type="checkbox"/> Allergy/pain reliever in a childproof container <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Comb & brush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 potted meat <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> Towels & washcloths <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes & paste <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo, bar soap <input type="checkbox"/> Deoderant <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella/slicker <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf <input type="checkbox"/> Winter gloves <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg energy snacks <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency blanket <input type="checkbox"/> Matches <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*
Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16
<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton rope <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> Screwdriver <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife <input type="checkbox"/> Pliers <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans fruit/veggies <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg eating utensils <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg plastic cups <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels/napkins <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet food & dishes <input type="checkbox"/> Extra water <input type="checkbox"/> Leash <input type="checkbox"/> Litter pan/litter <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans meat/fish <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone & charger <input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruits & nuts <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*
Week 17	Week 18	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> Extra flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries for radio & flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask <input type="checkbox"/> Chlorine bleach <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage bags & ties <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic sheeting <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bucket & lid <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant <input type="checkbox"/> Notepad & pen <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes dry cereal <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box graham crackers <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg energy snacks <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*	<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort foods <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Extra blankets <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillows <input type="checkbox"/> Water container <input type="checkbox"/> Weather radio \$1.75*

***Save \$1.75 a week and purchase your weather radio at the end of 21 weeks.**

Customize your kit for your family
 For baby: baby food, formula, bottles, diapers, extra water for formula and washing bottles
 For seniors: oxygen, walker, adult diapers, hearing aid with extra batteries and extra medications
 For pets: carrier, medicines, inoculation and health records, ID tags, photo of you with your pet(s)
 For children: toys, travel games, extra batteries, stuffed animal, cards, crayons, paper, books

Daylight Savings Time: When you change your clocks, check your kit! Replace expired food, medicine and batteries. Check clothing for fit and seasons. Also change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

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and Happiest of Holidays.

Thank you Idyllwild for
allowing The Star to serve you
this year!

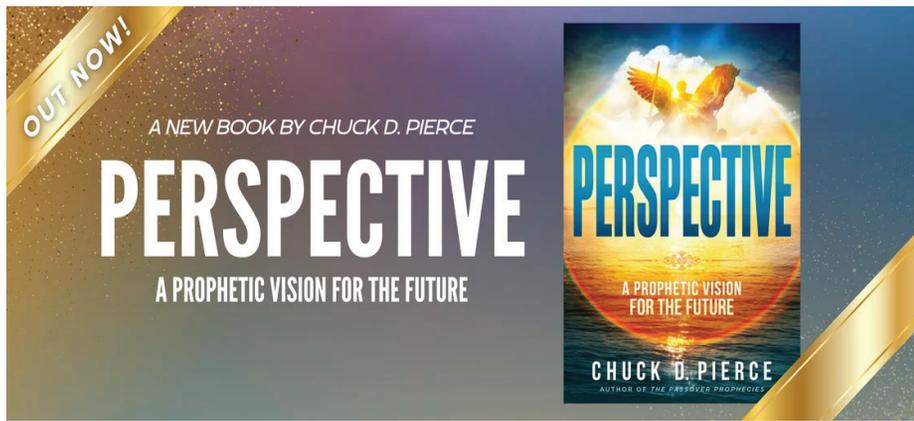


Merry TO ALL Christmas

Wishing our Idyllwild
Fire Department
a Safe & Happy
Holiday Season



from: THE STAR



***“Perspective:
A Prophetic Vision for the Future”
Just Released!
Monday, December 15, 2025***

Dear Celebrating Ones:

This is a time to celebrate God’s desire to dwell with His people! Immanuel, God with us, came to rescue, redeem, and restore our relationship with the Father, but many do not understand what “God with us” means for us today. No matter where life has brought you to in this moment ... He is with you! Whether in pain and sadness or peace and hope ... He is with you! He is with you now, and He will be with you wherever you walk in the future. If you could not celebrate Immanuel during yesterday’s service, I encourage you to watch the replay and start expecting a greater glory. I send you forth decreeing that He is with you today and will be there for you with even greater glory in the days ahead.

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Dear Seeing Ones:

Our shipment of PERSPECTIVE has now arrived! This is such a great resource to help us understand what is happening around us. We need to see to triumph, and this book not only explains the need to see but also how we develop vision and perspective for our future. How we see ourselves determines how we see our surroundings, so I include 20 elements of the core belief system that forms my identity. Perspective also relates how the Lord helped me see beyond 2026, as well as the key battlefields of our future. Chapters include:

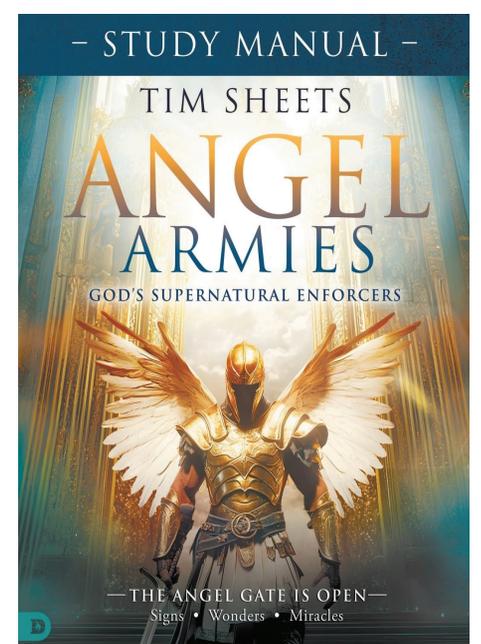
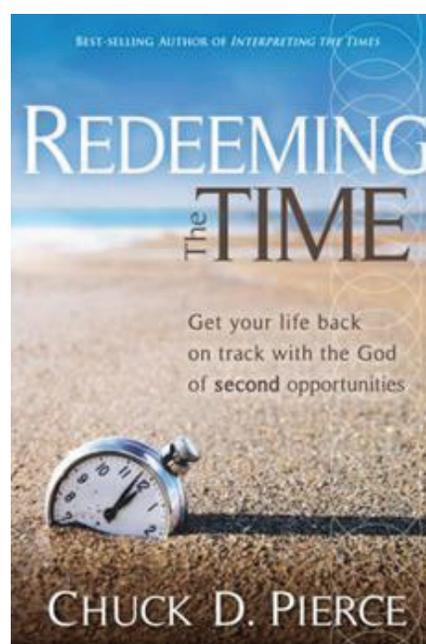
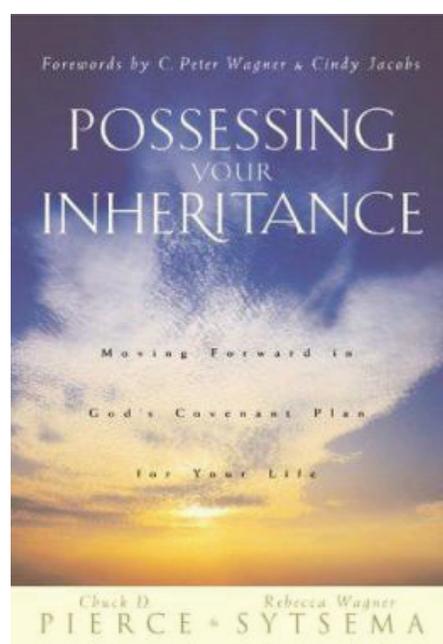
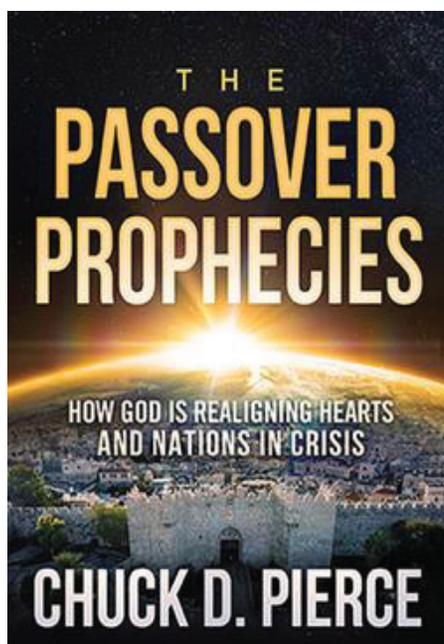
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- * Seeing Into a New Dimension!
- * Seeing From Your Past Into the Future!
- * The Power of Revelation Makes Us a Dangerous People!
- * Expect God!
- * Look Again! There Are Signs for Your Future!
- * A Time to War: Visitation, Dreams, and the Power of God’s Revelation!
- * The Vision and Call to America: We Need Heaven’s Assistance!
- * Lord, Can You Show Me Something Past 2026?
- * 2026 and Beyond: What Will Become of Us?

This is a great book to share with friends and family, and we’re offering a bundle discount for larger orders. Our new release special price is \$15 (regularly \$20), or you can purchase 5 for \$65 or 10 for \$125 through January 15, 2026. As we advance to a realm of seeing we’ve never experienced before, I am thankful for this book to help us gain prophetic vision for our future. Now Available: PERSPECTIVE! A Prophetic Vision for the Future!

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Idyllwild Style

Holidays and Special Events

The Star presenting for your enjoyment a Wine and Dine Restaurant Guide (online)

Have you always wondered what wine to pair with your holiday meal? Well, Idyllwild has several locations for wine tastings and learn which one compliments your menu selection.

Let the Holiday's Celebration begin.

Pizza Topping matched with Wine

Classic Plain Pizza

A classic pizza calls for a classic pairing. Chianti Classico made from predominantly Sangiovese, offers vibrant sour cherry notes and elevated acidity to both cut through the richness of its formaggio and parallel the fruity slasa di pomodoro.

Pepperoni

Pepperoni has a strong savoriness brought on by a plethora of spices - cayenne, aniseed, garlic. So you'll need a wine that can stand up to the intensity, like a bold, spice-filled Northern Rhone Syrah.

Margherita

A light, fruity, fresh and floral Gavi di Gavi (from the Cortese grape) will not overpower the simple perfection of a Margherita slice and the wine's slight grassiness on the finish matches up well with the fresh basil and Buffalo Mozzarella.

PIZZA and Wine go fine together for any gathering whether it is a pizza for two or twenty-two.

I just discovered the easiest pizza dough crust recipe provided by Granitestone Pizza Oven. It is so easy and can be ready in one hour.

Try it, you will enjoy how fun it is and how yummy. You can do this.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups warm water (110 F to 115 F)
- 2 teaspoons honey (yes honey - it feeds the yeast!)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 package (2 1/2 teaspoons) active dry yeast
- 3 cups unbleached all purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt

Method:

- *Measure water into a 2 cup measure cup or into a small bowl
- *Add honey and yeast to the water and stir. Let rest for about 5 minutes, then stir again.
- *Using a food processor fitted with the dough blade add the dry ingredients to the bowl and pulse until combined.
- *While the food processor is running slowly pour the yeast mixture into the processor and let it run for about 1 minute until a dough ball forms, then run for one minute longer until the dough ball cleans the sides of the food processor bowl.
- *Place the dough balls on a floured baking sheet and cover with plastic wrap
- *Let the dough rise in a warm place until it doubles in size, about 1 hour
- *Divide the dough in half and gently roll each half in to a dough ball
- *On a floured surface roll out the pizza dough to a 10-11" circle
- *Pizza dough is ready for baking!

TIP: you can freeze the dough ball for future use, or you can roll it out and freeze as well.

Also you can add some extra flour if the dough is sticky.

Pizza Topping

- 2 Tablespoons store-bought pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- ! cup shredded whole milk mozzarella cheese
- ! tablespoon olive oil (optional)

Add whatever toppings you like.

When adding meat be sure they are cooked before using as a topping.

For Fun make a S'mores Pizza

Sprinkly graham crackers crumbles over 4 tablespoons hazelnut spread and top with 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows

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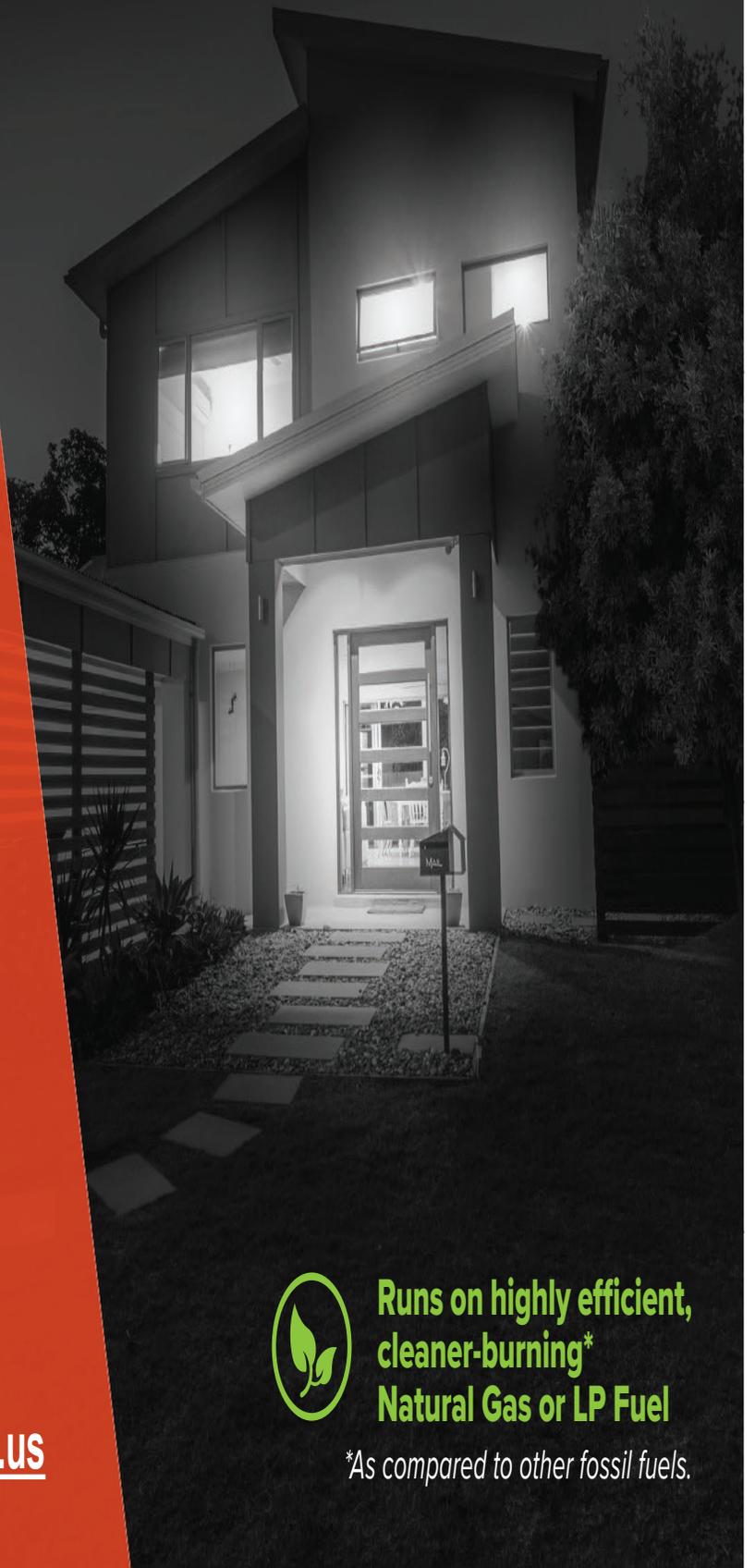
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**Churches, Ministries, Meetings
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Idyllwild Community Church

54400 N. Circle Drive
951-659-2935
Sunday Service: 9:30am
Wednesday:
Women's Bible Study - 9am
Men's Small Group - 6:30pm

The Bargain Barn is now open
Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints

53830 Tollgate Rd.
Sunday Services: 10am -12pm
Everyone is welcome
3rd Sunday Potluck 12:30pm
Free in-home Bible lessons
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Queen of Angels Catholic Church

54525 N. Circle Dr.
Idyllwild, CA 92549
951-659-2708
Weekend Masses:
Sunday 10am

Shiloh Christian Ministries

54295 Village Center Dr.
Idyllwild, CA 92549
951-659-2416
Sunday Service 10:00am
Children's Church 10:00am

St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church

25525 Tahquitz Drive
Idyllwild, CA 92549
951-659-4471

Sunday Service 10 am
Pot-lunch follows Sunday Service

Also meeting at St. Hugh

AA Meetings
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday-Saturday at noon

AA Speaker Series
Last Sunday of every month at
1PM

CODA meeting: Tuesday at noon

Calvary Chapel Mountain Center

29375 CA-243
Mountain Center, Ca 92561
951-659-0097

Sunday Service: 10 am

Jr & High School Wed 6:30-8pm

Idyllwild Bible Church

54400 Pine Crest Ave
951-659-4775

Sunday Service: 9am and 10:45am
Sunday school for children in
Pre-K to 5th grade is at 10:45 am

Sunday

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