



## THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

The Bahá'í Faith is the youngest of the world's independent religions. Its founder, Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892), is regarded by Bahá'ís as the most recent in the line of Messengers of God that stretches back beyond recorded time and that includes Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Zoroaster, Christ and Muhammad.

The central theme of Bahá'u'lláh's message is that humanity is one single race and that the day has come for its unification in one global society. God, Bahá'u'lláh said, has set in motion historical forces that are breaking down traditional barriers of race, class, creed, and nation and that will, in time, give birth to a universal civilization. The principal challenge facing the peoples of the earth is to accept the fact of their oneness and to assist the processes of unification.

One of the purposes of the Bahá'í Faith is to help make this possible. A worldwide community of some five million Bahá'ís, representative of most of the nations, races and cultures on earth, is working to give Bahá'u'lláh's teachings practical effect. Their experience will be a source of encouragement to all who share their vision of humanity as one global family and the earth as one homeland.



## Bahá'í Community Events in Santa Cruz County

*Presented by members of  
the Bahá'í Faith*

*If you have any questions, please contact*

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**“So powerful is the  
light of unity that it can illumine the  
whole earth.”**

*From the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh,  
Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith*



**“IDEAS INTO ACTION”  
PUBLIC FORUM & DISCUSSION**

Monthly, 7:30 PM

Louden Nelson Center, Room 3  
301 Center Street, Santa Cruz (688-0221)

Join in a discussion of how to implement the vision set forth for the destiny of America in creating a just and lasting peace. What can we do to encourage our nation to rise to the task of establishing the foundations of world peace?

At this time of world turmoil, the Bahá'í community offers a perspective on the destiny of America as the promoter of world peace.

To read *The Promise of World Peace*, please visit:  
<http://www.us.bahai.org>

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**BRUNCH & DEVOTIONS**

2nd Sunday of each month, 11 AM  
176 Alta Drive, La Selva Beach (688-0221)

Gather in a private home for a social brunch followed by prayers and the opportunity to share one's own stories.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH**

Every Tuesday, 7:30 PM  
312 Palmer Avenue, Aptos (688-3350)

Gather in a private home for discussions on the Bahá'í Faith. The atmosphere is warm, loving, and safe.

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH**

Santa Cruz  
Call Bob Phillips and Teresa Morales for details at 459-9954

Gather in a private home for informal discussions on the Bahá'í Faith. The mood is warm and loving, and discussion is spirited and wide-ranging!

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**PRESENTATION ON THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH**

3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM  
176 Alta Drive, La Selva Beach (688-0221)

Gather in a private home to hear about various subjects related to the Bahá'í Faith. Discussion & goodies to follow!

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**DEVOTIONAL GATHERINGS**

Tuesdays  
Bonny Doon (call 427-3271 for details)

Gather in a private home for prayers. All are welcome!

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**DEVOTIONAL GATHERINGS**

4th Sunday of each month, 10 AM  
176 Alta Drive, La Selva Beach (688-0221)

Gather in a private home for prayers. All are welcome!

**DEVOTIONAL GATHERINGS**

1st Wednesday of every month, 7:30 PM  
Scotts Valley (call 818-1306 for details)

Gather in a private home for prayers. All are welcome!

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**STUDY CIRCLE: “REFLECTIONS ON  
THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT”**

Call Jane Rhodes for details at 688-3350

Gather with like-minded “spiritual seekers” to study topics such as prayer and the soul. These study groups are designed to help individuals gain spiritual insight. Due to its popularity, new study groups are starting all the time.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE  
DEPARTED**

Thursday June 27, 7:30 PM  
214 Quarry Lane, Santa Cruz (427-1844)

Gather in a private home to share prayers and stories about those who have passed on. Please call ahead if you would like to share something about someone who has passed away in that particular month.

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**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Every Saturday, 8 AM  
Café Brazil (call Ute Jefferson at 429-4052)

Come and socialize with other women while enjoying a delicious breakfast.