



# Vallejo Central Newsletter

## September 2023



### *August Board Actions*

**Motion 2022-080 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Christmas Cantata date set for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 2022-081 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Church Choir funds will be transferred to the Praise and Worship Team Funds.

**Motion 2022-082 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Accept the Adventurer Club Calendar for 2023-2024

**Motion 2022-083 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Accept the Pathfinder Club Calendar for 2023-2024

**Motion 2022-084 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Communion is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 2022-085 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** To purchase 250 Church Family Pictorial Directories from Vista Print

**Motion 2022-086 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Accept the Church Clerk's Report for July 2023

**Motion 2022-087 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** Accept the Financial Report for July 2023



### Wilderness Sanctuary

Two thousand three hundred visitors recently made the pilgrimage to Pleasant Hill church to experience a life-sized replica of the Mosaic temple. People of all ages were treated to a life-size re-creation of Israel's wilderness temple, complete with an outer court, altar, tent, temple furniture, and a replica of the Ark of the Covenant in the most holy place. Mitch Williams, pastor, explained, "Our goal was to have an attractive and thought-provoking event to create tangible leads for our ministry teams.

Visitors remarked that it was beautiful to see the actual size and scope of the Tabernacle. Many guests returned comment cards requesting more information about the church's ministries including, personal finance classes, Bible studies, cooking classes. Church members are calling each person interested in learning more about an abundant life in Jesus. Williams was very excited that a new student would be attending Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy because of this event.

### Brave Women, Strong Faith

It is time to register for the Christian Women's Retreat at Leoni Meadows Christian Retreat Center. Please pick up a registration form from the Fellowship bulletin board, the Deacon's Desk in the lobby! Guest speaker is Carol Kent and guest artist is Sandy Smith-Gunnarson, singer, songwriter and recording artist. Come and be filled with new hope and brand-new courage on October 6-8 or 13- 15.



### *From the Pen Of Inspiration*

"We shall find that we must let loose of all hands except the hand of Jesus Christ. Friends will prove treacherous and will betray us. Relatives, deceived by the enemy, will think they do God service in opposing us and putting us in hard places hoping we will deny our faith.

In May, Community Services served a total of 111 households and 262 individuals. The following people volunteered this month: Dale Hamlin, Emmy Vega, Ed Politano, Rudy Patricio, Jane Sarmiento, Pearlette Dobbins, Rose Laugtug, Donica Clapp, Leticia Aquino, Eunice Villar, Roland Dagona, Edith Gasmin, Nelma Traub. Cindy To, and Randy Brucker with a total of 300 volunteer hours.



**September Prayer List**  
*Please pray for the following members*

- ♣ Jared & Melissa Arce, Joseph and Enzo
- ♣ Joseph Bowlby, Joseph
- ♣ Effie Cooper
- ♣ Harley & Jackie Dicen, Nicole and Nellie
- ♣ Maribel Galsim-Viray, Ariana and Bryant
- ♣ Donald & Raquel Hurst, Jeremiah
- ♣ Justin Keating, Adriana and Arielle
- ♣ Jerald & Amy Magbanua, Bienvenido and Bayani
- ♣ Karen Medina
- ♣ Larry Parker
- ♣ Stephen Reyes
- ♣ Rodolfo & Mina Tolosa, Joshua and Jonathan

**About 500 children have died from hunger in Sudan since fighting erupted in April, charity says**

Thursday August 24th, 2023

*AP News*, by Samy Magdy: About 500 children have died from hunger in Sudan - including two dozen babies in a government-run orphanage in the capital of Khartoum — since fighting erupted in the East African country in April, a leading aid group said Tuesday. Save the Children also said that at least 31,000 children lack access to treatment for malnutrition and related illnesses since the charity was forced to close 57 of its nutrition centers in Sudan. Sudan was plunged into chaos after monthslong tensions between the military and a rival paramilitary force exploded into open fighting on April 15. The conflict has turned Khartoum and other urban areas into battlefields. Many residents live without water and electricity, and the country's health care system has nearly collapsed. "Never did we think we would see children dying from hunger in such numbers, but this is now the reality in Sudan," said Arif Noor, Save the Children's director for Sudan. "We are seeing children dying from entirely preventable hunger."

.Prophetic Link:

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24

A little over \$1500 (fifteen hundred dollars) were collected in the sale we had on July 30th, in the Napa-Vallejo Flea Market. Those resources would be sent to the SDA Baja California Association to buy camping equipment for the sister church in Mexicali, Mexico, for the Pathfinders and Adventurers clubs. Through the heat, Isabel and Ruben Contreras, Carmen Velasquez and Trinidad Sanchez, stayed for almost 12 hours organizing, selling and packing the hundreds of items that were donated by members of Vallejo Central. We offered toys, kitchen items, tools, decorations, clothes, and small pieces of furniture that were well received for the many clients that stopped by our booth. We explained to them the funds will benefit children in Baja to keep them out of the streets and inside church's clubs. The clients asked us to keep on coming, but Isabel and Ruben told them this "was a one time chance to get good products at unbelievable prices." Jeanette Montealegre came with Pauline, Phoebe and her husband just to say Hi! and the girls got some barbies. It was the first time they were in the Flea Market, and it was an exciting experience for them.

There are at least twenty children and teens attending the Baja church; Pastor Diaz started Adventurers and Pathfinders clubs last Spring, that's why the camping equipment is a must to have. Thank you Vallejo Central for your support. Thank you to Mel and Jessica Quiba, May Magrobang, Brad and Abigail Marlow, Carmen Velásquez, Ken Fuchs, Velma Politano, Erick and Nora Politano, Carlos Deras, what a wonderful church family thanks a lot!!



On August 14<sup>th</sup> proud parents Angelina and Luis Gomez welcomed baby boy Leonard Löwen Gomez. Weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz, he was nameless for 3 days until his parents got to know him and decided on a name. Leonard means "brave as a lion." Löwen means "happy, joy, and lamb." Together they make up the lion and the lamb, a homage to Jesus.

**Memorial Service**

A memorial Service to celebrate the live of Fredericka Black will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> following the church potluck.



The Smith River Complex fire has been burning since August 15, northeast of Crescent City along Highway 199.

The NCC Disaster Response Team is aware of the developing situation and is in contact with Crescent City church pastor Mason Philpot. Unfortunately, there are church members who are evacuated. Philpot stated, "We currently have three church families that live near the fire that have been evacuated for safety, but Crescent City is not currently in danger..

NCC Disaster Relief funds have been authorized for affected church members and those connected to the church. The NCC Disaster Response Team is keeping in close touch with pastor Philpot.

## To Give or not to Give By Carmen Velasquez

### Part Two

When a few quarters ago the Sabbath School lesson talked about “Stewardship,” it created some kind of disagreement among the class; for me it was nothing new or difficult to understand, but I have to learn we all are in the process of growing in the faith, and that growing takes time, patience, love...

We were raised in the Catholic church, attending Sunday school, masses, whatever biblical class the church offered to children, and we went to elementary and middle school in a Catholic school; our teachers were nuns. My sister reminded me our dad gave us allowance on Sunday to get some treats after the children’s mass, but that money had to be divided in half for the treat and half for the offering collected during the service. We never argued about the amount we gave because if our dad said half to the offering, that meant half to the offering.

Moreover, when in August the nuns came back from vacations to start the school year, my dad went to the big grocery market in town and bought beans, rice, lard, flour, sugar, cleaners, paper, and what he thought the nuns may need in their home since they were out for two month. At Christmas time the nuns will return the favor giving us a bunch of buñuelos they cooked. My dad taught us we are responsible in helping God’s people.

Every time I see the children in our church collecting the offering reminds me we all are responsible in helping God’s people. We are passing the torch to our children, and that makes us a stronger church. As Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."



From August 5 – 11, 2024 more than fifty-five thousand Pathfinders from around the globe will converge at Gillette, WY for the “Believe the Promise” International Camporee.

In order to support our local club to raise funds for the trip, the Pathfinders are asking us to assist with their recycling efforts Please save your cans and bottles and contact Gloria Gonzalez for more information on how you can help.





### September Birthdays

Camilo Barberena Sr.	2
Elise Vega-De Castro	3
Bryan Da Silva	4
Adriana Keating	4
Buenaflor Galsim	6
Navi Ganancial	7
Susan Hamlin	7
Charles McKinney	7
Emmanuel Anastacio	10
Ana-Miriam Avalos-Monjaras	10
Paul Fernandez	11
Liza Patricio	11
Charlene Noble	12
Khloe Peleki	14
Julian Deloso	15
Iris Henderson	17
Horace Sugick	17
Ruben Contreras	19
Roland Daguna	21
Erin Romero	22
Richard Dellanno	23
Vanessa Guevara	23
Marcus Mc Kinney	23
Jea Ordaz	25
Valerie Molina	26
Greta Henderson	28
Bill Keating	28
Dr. Fred Lowe	29



### Jesus and the Children Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



BLESSED	INDIGNANT	REBUKED
CHILDREN	KINGDOM	WELCOME
DISCIPLES	LITTLE	
HEAVEN	LOVE	