

January 10, 2019

As we ring in this New Year, we find that the word “New” has a *new* ring to it. New often means fresh, clean and original... Sometimes it means what comes after the former has passed away... This kind of “new” is bittersweet. It carries with it the loss of what came before. Many of you know this—new clothes, new car, new pillow, new Bible, new address, and the list goes on and on. Sometimes “new” brings with it a longing for what was before... We were blessed, Paradise Church Family. We were blessed with so many things and with our precious connection to each of you.

We long for that, we long to strengthen our connection with you. God has richly blessed us with so much support and encouragement since the devastation of the Camp Fire. We have been showered with love by our sister church, Chico Adventist Church. We have been embraced by our larger church family through gifts and service, food and companionship, prayers and encouragement.

It is our hope that this publication will offer you an opportunity to further connect with what is happening with Paradise Adventist Church and will enable you to plug in to what God is doing through our church family. We are still very very blessed.

We have the assurance of God’s love and the confidence of His plan. As editor of our previous bulletin, I found that each request for bulletin submission had one common thread—connection. Each item was an opportunity for you to connect. That is our continued purpose.

Our heart’s desire is that as we walk this new and unfamiliar road we will do so shoulder to shoulder—sometimes following in the Lord’s footsteps and sometimes being carried by Him. Wherever you are, we invite you to join us in prayer as one body in Him. “Lord, lift up our heads, show us your ways, strengthen our hearts, and fill us with You.” You are Loved. ~ J. Kitto



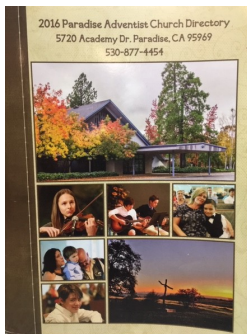
Pastor Steve Hamilton greets Bernie Mallory at Paradise Adventist Church, Sabbath afternoon, December 22.

Financial Assistance Available—

We have been blessed by the generosity of others and are so very thankful! Gift cards and financial assistance have poured in from around the country. We have been distributing these gift cards since the fire. In recent weeks, we have been able to share financial assistance with Paradise members and residents affected by the fire as well as those from Magalia, Golden Feather, Oroville, and Chico. If you were displaced by the fire and have not yet been able to fill out a form for financial assistance, we encourage you to do so today. Please visit the church office or send us an email requesting a digital version: Brittany@paradiseadventist.org.

Good News!

Life Touch is Reprinting our most recent photo Church Directory from 2016! Stay tuned for details!



Rhonda Whitney Bandy will be serving as the Northern California Conference disaster response coordinator from January through

March of this year. As our conference continues to work with those affected by this tragedy, Bandy will be the main contact for fire-related issues during this time.



Friday Night Vespers! Where the schedule allows, we are endeavoring to have Friday Night Vespers. You are invited to join us as our family worships together and welcomes in the Sabbath. Stay tuned to your weekly phone messages from the pastors, to the website and to the facebook pages for upcoming events.

Volunteers Needed! Many of you may have volunteered in the past in various capacities or may be thinking about volunteering in a new role. We have many areas available for you to serve. Have you served as a deacon/ deaconess, Sabbath School teacher, or office volunteer? Would you be able to serve in food preparation and service on the weekend or throughout the week? Are you willing to head up a special project? Please let us know so we can share your name and contact information: Julie@paradiseadventist.org.

Please connect with us in the following ways to get updated information:

Website: www.paradiseadventist.org

Facebook pages: Paradise Adventist Church *and/or* Paradise SDA Camp Fire Recovery

Weekly phone calls: Nearly every week, the Pastoral Staff reaches out by telephone to share the upcoming events of the weekend. Please make sure that we have your phone number if you are not receiving calls from us on a weekly basis.



PAC is Opening a New Office!! Join us as we celebrate the occasion with refreshments and an open house on Monday January 21, 9 am—4 pm, 2500 Floral Ave. #30, Chico. We are still close to the Chico Adventist Church—only two miles away. See you there!

Did you know? All data and records that were housed on our Paradise Church Office computers were lost in the fire along with all printed files. We have been working to rebuild those computer tools that enable us to communicate with our church family. If you have any updated information, especially from the last calendar year or since the Camp fire, please share that with us. Brittany is working to merge all data coming in to us from many sources to give us updated records. Her email address is: Brittany@paradiseadventist.org. Thanks for helping us rebuild our records.



If you have not been able to receive your issue of the Pacific Union Recorder, you may view it online at the following address:

<https://adventistfaith.com/recorder/>

*God is too wise to be mistaken,
God is too good to be unkind,
So when you don't understand,
When you can't see His plan,
When you can't trace His hand,
Trust His heart...*

Children's and Youth Sabbath Schools will meet in their respective rooms in the Chico Church Sabbath School wing and classrooms along the southeast side of the gym

Adult Sabbath Schools

- Community in Christ | Right sanctuary area
- Balcony Class | Left sanctuary area
- Steve Trenholme Class | Gym
- Young Adult Class | Young Adult Room



Thank you to our sister church here in Chico! As a result of their generosity and hospitality we have been able to meet together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We have been fed, housed, clothed, hugged, encouraged, prayed over, and loved. What a blessing this fellowship has been!! We invite you all to join us for worship here at the Chico Adventist Church on Sabbath (Saturday) morning at 10 am (1877 Hooker Oak Ave, Chico).

Pastors Info....

This past week our pastors have been busy as usual. They all attended the pastor meetings at Leoni Meadows. Pastor Steve and Pastor Garrison spent time in Paradise exploring options on how to serve the community. The well is in process of being up and running. Pastor Garrison attended the Town Hall meeting where Karen Pierson handed out Love Paradise t-shirts and wrist bands.

Pastor Steve met with the conference; there will be continued communication on the developing realities in our Adventist community. Church leadership are beginning to resume their normal schedules such as Elders meeting, Board meetings, and various ministry committee meetings.

Thank you for your love and prayers for our Paradise Adventist Church Pastors during this long unknown journey.

WE DON'T LIVE IN OUR REALM OF
feelings & emotions,
WE LIVE IN GOD'S REALITY CALLED
faith.

This Week...



Chico Adventist Church: 1877 Hooker Oak Ave., Chico

PAC Office: 2500 Floral Ave., #30, Chico

- Sabbath**..... Worship Service—Speaker: Pastor Steve Hamilton
Fellowship Lunch, 12:30 pm (Chico Oaks Adventist School Gym)
Pathfinders Resumes, 2 pm (Chico Oaks Adventist School Gym)
- Sunday** United Prayer, 7 am (Chico Adventist Church)
- Tuesday** Pastor/Office Staff meeting, 9 am (PAC Office, Conference Room)
PAC Finance Committee Meeting, 7 pm
(PAC Office, Conference Room)
- Thursday** PAC Board Meeting, 7 pm (PAC Office, Conference Room)
- Sabbath**..... Worship Service—*Testimonies*, 10 am (Chico Adventist Church)
Fellowship Lunch, 12:30 pm (Chico Oaks Adventist School Gym)
Pathfinders Meeting, 2 pm (Chico Oaks Adventist School Gym)

Upcoming Events...

- January 21**..... PAC Office Open House, 9 am—4 pm (PAC Office)
- January 24**..... PAA/PAC Joint Constituency Meeting, 7 pm
(Chico Adventist Church, Sanctuary)