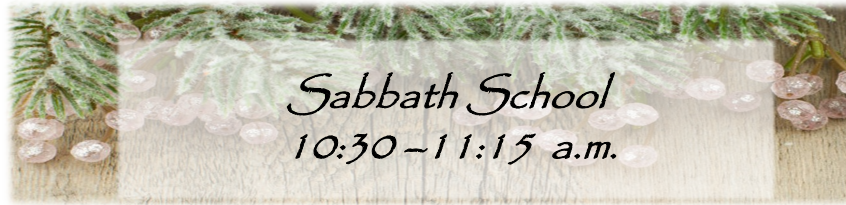




 **Paradise**
Adventist Church
Living In Jesus, Sharing God's Love

Running the Race
December 28, 2019

A Place to Belong!
A Place to Grow!



We are disciplined through the sharing of God's Word. The various topics being studied today:

Community In Christ

Choir Room — This class will be continuing in the study of the book of Matthew; taught by team members Dan Appel, John Kempton, Dan Martella, and Randy Waring.

Adult Sabbath School Quarterly

CMA Sanctuary — This class will be taught by team members Greg Baron, Joe Gorbea, Mons Jensen, Joe Lee, and Milton McHenry.

Children's Sabbath Schools

Birth through 1st Grade will be led by Dottie Chinnock and Marna Carl and is located on the Upper Level in FLC 250.

2nd through 6th Grade will be led by Dawn Homing and is located on the Upper Level in the foyer of rooms FLC 250 and 260.

Youth Sabbath School

7th through 12th Grade will be led by team members Garrison Chaffee, Joelle Chinnock, and Devon Homing and is located on the Upper Level in N 201.

Prayer Requests . . .



Your prayers are appreciated and requested for:

⇒ **Those who desire healing and mercy during their health challenges:**

⇒ **Those who are suffering pain after the loss of a loved one.**

- **Larry & Monica Stewart** (loss of Larry's mother, Marie Murphy)
- **John McDonald** (serious health /health insurance challenges)
- **Joy Wolfe** (recovery from accident and loss of husband, Eldon)
- **Mark Morris** (serious health challenges)
- **Kris Pryor** (health challenges)
- **Joyce Atchison** (recovery from a serious car accident; in Texas)

⇒ **Guidance for PAA Leadership and the PAC Community in planning for PAA's future.**

Today's Worship Service

11:45 am

Church Life...

Rudy Melashenko

In Praise of our Saviour...

Matt and Madeline Carlson, and Abby Chinnock (Praise Team)

David & Leah Goymer (Guitars)

Larry Seaman (Bass)

Joanne Cochrane and Cindy Waring (Keyboards)

Joanne Cochrane and Cindy Waring (Coordinator)

We gratefully return of His blessings to us...

Lamb's Offering: PAA Worthy Student Fund

Main Offering: Local Conference Advance

Children's Story...

Agapé Gang

Intercessory Prayer...

Randy Waring

Today's Message...

Running the Race

Dan Martella





We welcome you to the Paradise Adventist Church Fellowship today! We are so glad that you are able to join us as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our PAC Ministries Fund: *The Good, the Bad, and the Challenge!* The Good News: As of November 30, our YTD deficit/shortfall is \$71,000 (or 37%) *lower* than last year! The Bad News: Our YTD donations are down \$98,000 (or 21%) as of November 30. The Challenge: As of November 30 it was determined that in order to end the year in the black we need \$166,000 in PAC Ministries Fund donations during the month of December. As of last Sabbath, we have received \$63,460 of that goal, leaving **\$102,540 to go.** During this Christmas season of gift giving and remembering mankind's Greatest Gift of all – Jesus Christ – we invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to our PAC Ministries Fund which provides for so many ministries to our church and community on the Ridge. The size of the gift does not matter (whether large or small); when combined with each others' gifts from our church family God will provide and multiply. What *DOES* matter, is the heart from which the gift is given. May the blessings of the Christ Child remain with you now and throughout this coming New Year!

2019 Donations Deadline: Please note that the deadline for all 2019 donations is **Tuesday, December 31, at midnight.** By law, any donation which you wish to have included in your 2019 receipt for charitable donations must be received at the church office by this time. This includes e-Giving donations and donations delivered by hand to the church office. Any donation which is mailed through the post office and is post-marked December 31 or before will be eligible for a 2019 receipt. Thank you for taking note of this when making your year-end donations! ~ Kathy McFarland, Treasurer

2019 Ministry/Church Department Reimbursements Deadline: Please submit any receipts for which you need to have reimbursement from the church **by noon on Friday, January 3, 2020.** After this date, the books for 2019 will be closed. (Note: If you are going away for the holidays, be sure to turn in your reimbursement receipts before you leave!)

We are saddened to inform you that PAC member (Terese) Marie Murphy, aged 90, went to her rest peacefully while taking her afternoon nap at her care center in Citrus Heights. Condolences may be sent to her family: Larry (son) & Monica Stewart (PO Box 1245, Oroville, CA 95965); Suzanne Carle (daughter – 850 Amber Dr., Bad Axe, MI 48413); Tracy Carle (granddaughter) & Brad Marsa (c/o Suzanne Carle - 850 Amber Dr., Bad Axe, MI 48413); James Stewart (son) (c/o Larry Stewart, (PO Box 1245, Oroville, CA 95965). There are no services planned. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the PAA Worthy Student Fund. (Mark your PAC offering envelope "PAA Worthy Student in memory of Marie Murphy").





Church Office Holiday Closures: For the holidays the Church Office will be closed the following days – (Monday) December 30; and (Wednesday) January 1, 2020. We will be open to serve you all other days during our normal business hours of 9 am to 2 pm except on Fridays when we close at noon. From the Office Staff we wish you a blessed holiday season in the company of family and friends!

New Sabbath Morning Service Times begin Next Sabbath, January 4, 2020! There have been challenges from having a late service in Paradise. It was initially done so that Pastor Steve could preach in both churches every Sabbath. After listening to the elders of both churches there was a request for quality time with Steve, meaning that he would preach in one church exclusively per Sabbath. Also, our current structure is not kid-friendly. It's too late for their lunch. So the board has listened to our members and voted to change our service times to the following: **10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** – Sabbath School(s); **11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** – Worship Service. We hope this schedule change will enhance your weekly Sabbath experiences!

NorCal Girls Retreat is coming to Lodi Academy, January 10-12, 2020. It is a retreat for girls, ages 13-19, in high school! Main speaker is Lisa Topete; PUC *Connect* is sending their worship team to assist with praise music. It will be a fun filled, spiritual weekend. If you would like more information contact Leilani (209.294.5401). Registration link on Instagram@optoutsidegirls or optoutsidegirls@gmail.com. Female sponsors and drivers are needed. If you are willing to help; contact Pastor Garrison (707.694.4521)

New Position Available: On December 17 the Church Business Meeting approved the hiring of a Director of Development and Disaster Recovery. This will be a full-time Church Staff position. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume to the church office and contact Kathy McFarland (530.877.4454) or Pastor Steve (559.760.3285).

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)



This Week: December 28 – January 5

- Sabbath**..... Sabbath Schools, 10:30 am (CMA)
Jacob's Well and Fellowship, 11:15 am (CMA Lobby)
Worship Service—Dan Martella, 11:45 am (CMA)
Sabbath Celebration ends, 4:49 pm
- Sunday..... United Prayer, 7:30 am (PAA Lounge Room or CAC Chapel)
- MondayChurch Office Closed
- Tuesday.....Church Office Open—Last day for 2019 charitable donations!
- Wednesday..... New Year's Day! Church Office Closed
Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm (CAC Young Adults Room)
- Thursday..... Church Office Open
- Friday..... Sabbath Celebration begins, 4:53 pm
- Sabbath**..... [*First Sabbath on New Schedule*]
Sabbath Schools, 10:00 am (CMA)
Jacob's Well and Fellowship, 11:00 am (CMA Lobby)
Worship Service—Steve Hamilton, 11:15 am (CMA)
Sabbath Celebration ends, 4:54 pm
- Sunday..... United Prayer, 7:30 am (PAA Lounge Room or CAC Chapel)



Upcoming Events

- Jan 6..... COAS/PAA resume classes!
- Jan 18 **Monthly Potluck, immediately following the Worship Service**
(CMA Family Life Center)
- Jan 20 School at COAS/PAA is cancelled for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan 23 Tentative Combined PAC Finance/Board/Elders Meeting, 7:00 pm,
(2500 Floral Ave., Suite #30)
- Jan 30 Tentative PAC Business Meeting, 7:00 pm (CMA)

Many of our Elders will be contributing to the visitation responsibilities on behalf of our Pastoral Staff. In case of emergency this weekend, please call the Elder-On-Call:

Randy Waring (530.864.1681) *weekend emergencies only*

Our Mission

Living In Jesus, Sharing God's Love

Our Vision

Through God's grace,
the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church is becoming a loving,
contagious, Spirit-led family that lives in Christ and bears fruit through
passionate worship, biblical truth, and caring service.

Our Core Values

Discipleship, Faith, Family, Grace, Leadership, Member Ministries

Church Staff

After hours call 530.877.4454; dial extension:

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	Dan Martella	207
	(E-mail: daniel.martella@nccsda.com)	
	Tom Adams	(N/A)
	(contact Church Office)	
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Church Clerk.....	Milton McHenry	(N/A)
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	(E-mail: kris@paradiseadventist.org)	
	Dawn Horning	204
	(E-mail: dawn@paradiseadventist.org)	
Campfire Recovery / PAC Intern.....	Brielle Tym	209
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Humanitarian Aid Workers.....	Whitney Bosqué	(N/A)
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	Joelle Chinnock	(N/A)
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Office Manager/Treasurer.....	Kathy McFarland.....	205
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Available to Serve You ...

Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church

Services are held at Paradise Alliance Church (CMA), 6491 Clark Rd., Paradise, CA
Saturdays: Sabbath Schools: 10:30 am
Worship Service: 11:45 am

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*May you have a Blessed
New Year!!*

“As you enter upon a new year, let it be with an earnest resolve to have your course onward and upward. Let your life be more elevated and exalted than it has hitherto been.

Make it be your aim not to seek your own interest and pleasure, but to advance the cause of your Redeemer.”

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