

News Notes

May 2020



If you want to build a ship, don't summon people to buy wood, prepare tools, distribute jobs, and organize the work, rather teach people the yearning for the wide, boundless ocean. –Antoine de Saint-Exupery

We Are Here for You!

During this time of COVID-19 Shelter in Place, the church office is closed. The church voice mail box is checked daily, so feel free to leave a message at 530/877-4454. You can also contact our pastors and staff directly. If you are in need of pastoral care, groceries, or assistance in getting your prescriptions picked up, please let us know!



Sabbath Services



The Community in Christ Sabbath School is meeting on Zoom each Sabbath morning at 9:45. The Women's Sabbath School Group *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* is also meeting on Zoom at 10:00. Links

will be provided each Friday with the e-bulletin.

Sabbath Worship Services are available each Sabbath morning at 11:00 on the Paradise Adventist Church Facebook page. The services can also be accessed on the church website and Facebook page one hour later.

Church Business Meeting

An important Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday morning, May 3, at 10:00 on Zoom. We will send you the link in advance. Agenda action items include: Hiring a PAC Business Manager, PAE Budget, Membership Transfers, Nominating Committee Report. Informational items include: PAA Report, School Campus Recovery Report (See last page for pictures), and Summer Ministry Plans.



May Calendar



- 2 Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 3 Church Business Meeting
- 3 United Prayer
- 6 Staff Meeting
- 6 Communication Meeting
- 7 Elders' Meeting
- 9 Speaker: Dan Martella
- 10 Mothers' Day
- 12 Finance Committee
- 12 COAS/PAA Board Meeting
- 13 Staff Meeting
- 13 Communication Meeting
- 14 Church Board
- 16 Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 20 Staff Meeting
- 20 Communication Meeting
- 23 Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 25 Memorial Day
- 27 Staff Meeting
- 27 Communication Meeting
- 30 Speaker: Steve Hamilton

Love Delivers



Love Delivers is a grocery assistance and delivery program created to provide support to Camp Fire survivors and high risk individuals sheltering in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program is in partnership between PAC, Love Paradise, and Holiday Market. If you need this kind of assistance, please call the church office at 530/877-4454 and leave a message for someone to call you.

Giving Opportunities

The return of the tithes and the giving of our offerings is an act of worship, and an important part of advancing God's mission here on the Ridge. There are three ways you can give at this time:



1. Visit our church website at paradiseadventist.org and look for the online giving button in the top menu bar.
2. Download the Adventist Giving App to your phone and set up your own giving kiosk.
3. Mail your check to the church office – Paradise Adventist Church, PO Box 1266, Paradise, CA 95967-1266.

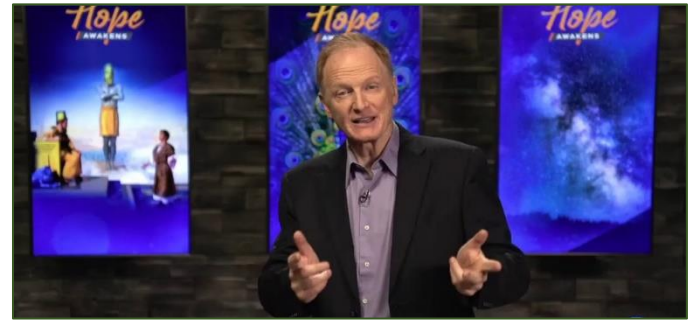
Youth Ministries



Paradise and Chico Youth are meeting on Zoom for vespers every Friday evening at 7:00. Youth from across Northern California Conference are also meeting for Bible study and other activities on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 on Zoom and Facebook.

Please encourage your teenagers to participate. Got questions? Call Pastor Garrison at 707/694-4521.

Hope Awakens



Although the Coronavirus disease pandemic has shut down evangelistic meetings all across the country, It Is Written is conducting a virtual, online evangelistic event April 17 through May 16 2020 (Friday, Sabbath, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings). The event, presented by Pastor John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, is available throughout North America. It will be streamed from Collegedale, Tennessee, and churches across the North American Division are invited to be a part of this "life-changing event."

The month-long series, entitled "Revelation Today: Hope Awakens," intends to reach people across North America with more than simply the facts of the Bible. At a time when people are searching for answers and hope is in short supply, "Revelation Today: Hope Awakens" will "present the prophetic message of the Bible while speaking to hearts burdened by anxiety, fear, and uncertainty."

It Is Written is utilizing the latest technology and a large team of online Bible workers to digitally connect with registered guests before, during, and after the event.

"God has promised to pour out the Holy Spirit without measure," said Yves Monnier, It Is Written Evangelism director. "We're seeing God turn tragedy into a time of triumph for Christ and the gospel."

To register for this event, go to hopeawakens.com. Archived messages are also available on the It Is Written/Hope Awakens Facebook page.

Paradise Adventist Academy News

Our COAS/PAA teachers will continue to provide online learning for our students through the rest of the school year.



Whitney Weems will be the new music teacher for Chico Oaks Adventist School/ Paradise Adventist Academy in the coming year. Her music degree is from Pacific Union College. She and her husband Zachary will move here this summer

from Lincoln Nebraska, where she has been teaching music at College View Academy.

Linda Nystrom will be our new PAA Bible teacher and campus chaplain.

Linda has a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, has served as the campus chaplain for the Loma



Linda Academy Elementary School, and taught at Loma Linda Academy. Most recently she has served as a part-time teacher for the Feather River Adventist School in Oroville. She and her husband Austin already live in our community.

As we close the school year, we bid a fond farewell to teachers who are moving to new places of service: Arthur Borges, Henry Cha, Marilyn Chaffee, Julie Jensen, James Mayne, and Kent Wuestefeld. Thank you for serving our school, church, and community so well!

Graduation and Sound of Music plans are pending. If you have family or friends whose children belong at PAA next year, please contact Principal Monte Nystrom.

Church and School Websites



Paradise Adventist Church and Paradise Adventist Elementary are working with a local website designer to create new websites. The PAE website should be launched by the end of May. The new PAC website should be up and running by mid-summer. The PAA website can be accessed at mypaa.net.

Paradise Adventist Elementary News

We are pleased to introduce our Paradise Adventist Elementary teachers:

Heather May will be our new K-2 teacher. She currently serves as the K-2 teacher at Shelton Valley Christian School in Washington. She grew up in Texas, received a degree in education from



Andrews University, and has been teaching for 10 years. Heather has a unique ability to create loving bonds with her students, and create a safe learning environment where they can grow, learn, and explore God's world. Heather and her husband, Lance Millam, are excited to join our Paradise community.



Kimberly Baumbach will serve as our grades 3-6 teacher. She received her teaching degree from Atlantic Union College, and comes to us with 20 years of teaching experience in Massachusetts and Northern

California – 3 of which have been right here with us at PAA. She is known as a teacher who loves God, loves kids, and makes learning fun.

David Vixie will be our grades 7-8 teacher. David has a degree in education from Walla Walla University and has been teaching for more than 40 years – 30+ of them right here in Paradise. David is well known for his hands on, experiential, thinking approaches to education.



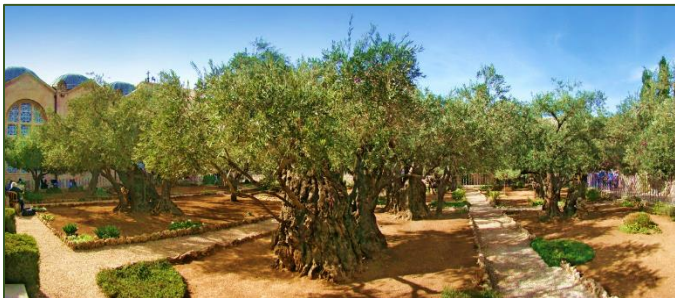
“Want to grow? Get comfortable with being uncomfortable”

Pathfinder News



The Pathfinder Bike-a-thon has been cancelled. Conference-wide Pathfinder meetings are being held each Thursday evening at 6:45 – the Zoom link is posted on our Paradise Prayer Warriors Facebook page. Honors classes are still being offered. We are looking forward to our Investiture. Awards and patches will be presented when we are able to meet again.

March 2021 Israel/Jordan Tour



The PAC/Chico March 16-29, 2021 Israel/Jordan Tour is still on! Celebrate the birth of Christ at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Refresh your commitment to Christ in the Jordan River. Ponder the Sermon on the Mount on the Korazim Plateau. Sail across the Sea of Galilee. Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and at the Western Wall. Trace the steps to the cross down the Via Della Rosa. Reflect on the death and resurrection of Christ at the Garden Tomb. Anticipate His soon return on the Mount of Olives. You can sign up at <https://www.madisontravel.com/martella/>. Got questions? Contact Pastor Dan at danmartella55@gmail.com or 707/494-4739.

Northern California Conference COVID-19 Response



The NCC office will remain closed until further notice. The Adventist Book Center is open.

Churches across the NCC will remain closed for onsite worship services until further notice.

NCC schools will continue distance learning programs through the end of the current academic year. Graduations are either being canceled or postponed.

The Redwood Camp Meeting will resume in the summer of 2021.

It is possible that the Midterm NCC Constituency Meeting (Scheduled for October 11, 2020) will be canceled.

The Leoni Meadows camp program anticipates a shortened summer schedule.



To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing - Martin Luther

Join us for United Prayer every Sunday at 7:30 am using Zoom. Please call or text Anita Lee at 530/519-1613 and she will give you the invite. Any prayer requests will also be gladly accepted.

Adventist Health Launches Virtual Visits



Adventist Health has launched on-demand virtual services to allow doctors to consult with patients remotely using video and audio through a computer or mobile device.

Virtual visits support the demand for medical services – and keep health workers and patients safer. Providers use virtual visits to screen for COVID-19 cases, handle routine visits and the chronically ill. They provide comfort for those patients who are anxious about coming to a clinic, especially as the COVID-19 outbreak continues. Virtual visits also save masks, gowns and key supplies, which are still in high demand.

“Our hope is that by making care more accessible and creating fewer barriers, more people will seek care, especially those who may be worried about COVID-19 and those who do not have transportation,” said Tim Williams, Administrative Director, Physician & Outpatient Services.



So, how does it work? To participate in a virtual visit, a patient just needs a smartphone, tablet or computer with a working camera and microphone. The provider sends an email with a link for the scheduled visit which utilizes Microsoft Teams, a technology-enabled, easy-to-use secure platform, which is available as a downloadable app or web-based app. It's simple and easy to use. Adventist Health asks patients to log in 20 minutes prior to the scheduled visit so they can answer some intake questions regarding medications and



health history. Once the visit begins, the provider and patient can see and hear each other as if they were in the same room.

Adventist Health is reaching out to patients to reschedule appointments as virtual visits where possible. Patients who have a scheduled in-person appointment with a provider can also request to have their appointment rescheduled as a virtual visit by contacting their doctor's office. Virtual visits are covered by most insurance plans. To learn more, go to AdventistHealthFeatherRiver.org/VirtualVisits.

Adventist Health Acquires Blue Zones



Adventist Health today announced that it has acquired Blue Zones®, a pioneer in taking a systemic and environmental approach to improving the health of entire cities and communities. The organization's work in over 50 communities across America has been credited with double-digit drops in obesity, smoking and Body Mass Index, achieving millions of dollars of savings in healthcare costs. This revolutionary move by Adventist Health comes at a time when public attention is especially focused on the interconnectedness of our health to that of our friends and neighbors in the face of the Coronavirus crisis. Post-pandemic, a focus on improving and strengthening community and public health will be more critical than ever as communities across the nation and globe navigate recovery.

“Adventist Health has always believed in creating environments of belonging and easy access to healthy lifestyles, and we also know that the future of healthcare goes beyond the role of traditional hospitals by investing in our communities to improve people's overall wellbeing,” Adventist Health CEO Scott Reiner said. “Adventist Health's work with Blue Zones represents the future of healthcare and is a major component of our plan to redefine the role of health organizations across America and strengthens our commitment to inspiring health, wholeness and hope.”

Blue Zones infuses healthy choices, enhances connections, instills purpose and fuels hope to impact communities where people live, work and play. This includes leveraging the Blue Zones Power9® lessons of longevity through a comprehensive model for transformational change called the Life Radius® – a focus on people, places and policy. Rather than relying solely on individual behavior change, Blue Zones focuses on optimizing environments to improve health by design.

“Blue Zones is proud to pioneer the advancement of the health of entire cities by systematically improving living environments, so the healthy choice is the easy choice,” said Dan Buettner, Blue Zones Founder and National Geographic Fellow and Explorer. “Adventist Health shares our values and its vision for community wellbeing aligns perfectly with our work. We believe that Blue Zones can have an even bigger impact as part of a strong and proven health organization.”

At a time when America is spending significantly more on health care than other countries without that investment translating to better health outcomes, this kind of model can improve the health of individuals and communities, and in turn, make care more affordable. This transformational move is especially powerful as our society seeks to rebuild and find solutions to restore the health of the nation once the current Coronavirus crisis passes.

Adventist Health’s vision to improve individual wellbeing by investing in healthier communities is rooted in the Seventh-day Adventist cultural heritage. Since its inception in the 1840s, the Seventh-day Adventist tradition has encouraged a lifestyle of health and wellness. These practices are infused into Adventist communities across the country, including Loma Linda, California. The average life expectancy in America is 78, but in Loma Linda, the average male lives to 89 and female to 91. Dan Buettner identified Loma Linda, California, as one of the world’s five blue zones longevity hotspots in a National Geographic cover story in 2005.

Scott Reiner added, “In addition to our acquisition news, through Blue Zones, we have also concurrently completed an early renewal to continue collaborating to provide Blue Zones Project by Sharecare.”

Jeff Arnold, founder, chairman and CEO of Sharecare commented, “We are excited to extend our partnership with Blue Zones, and now Adventist Health, to advance and grow our market-leading solution for community-driven health.”

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PAE Recovery Report



The library is fully clean and ready for students



The elementary classrooms are nearing completion



These new kitchen appliances will soon find a new home in our school kitchen



The current view of the basement shop from the gym floor



A few more ceiling tiles and a bit of touch up paint and the music room will be ready to move back into