

News Notes

June 2020



Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



Paradise Adventist Academy Senior Class

Makenna Brabrook,
Jaron Brown, Lauryn Hieb,
Lyra Potter, Karlen Yip, Robert Zhang,
Tom Zhang, Andy Zhao



Chico Oaks Adventist School/Paradise Adventist Academy Eighth Grade Class

Jake Balken, Robert Burris,
Makayla Chaffee, Kari Hubbard, Isabella Kluis, Saber
Lindgren, Natalie Orozco, Taylor Roebuck, Nate
Seidenglanz, Lia Shannon, Troy Sommer, Jordan
Vance, Annemarie Wilson



Kevin Cummings: BS In Health Sciences, Walla Walla University | Annika Jensen Cleveland, MSN University of New Mexico | Josh Klingbeil: Nursing, Butte College | Helen Roberts, BS Business Administration, Chico State University | Elaine Taylor: Doctorate School of Nursing/Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Loma Linda University

June Calendar



2	Communications Committee
3	Staff Meeting
4	Last Day of School
4	Elders Meeting
6	PAA Baccalaureate (Online)
7	United in Prayer
7	PAA Drive-In Graduation
9	Finance Committee
10	Staff Meeting
10	Communications Committee
11	Church Board
13	Speaker: Steve Hamilton
14	United in Prayer
16/17	PAC Office Move
17	Communications Committee
20	Speaker: Delinda Hamilton
21	United in Prayer
21	Father's Day
24	Staff Meeting
24	Communications Committee
27	Speaker: Dan Martella
27	Communion Celebration
28	United in Prayer



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Sabbath Services



Adult Sabbath School classes are available on Zoom each Sabbath morning. Here is the link:
<https://paradiseadventist.zoom.us/j/97168844409?pwd=WVVGMjBkQmk0V28xSkhYT28vcUtTQT09>

PAC worship services are still being held via the PAC Facebook page each Sabbath at 11:00. They can also be viewed later in the day on Facebook, the church website, and YouTube.

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!

Eighth Grade Graduation

The Chico Oaks/Paradise Adventist Academy eighth graders will enjoy a private, family only ceremony that adheres to public health guidelines. On June 3 and 4, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm there will be posters of the kids with baskets to collect gifts and cards. A video of the graduation will later be available on our church website.



PAA Drive-In Graduation



You are invited to share in the Paradise Adventist Academy 2020 Graduation celebrations. Baccalaureate will be held on Sabbath morning, June 6 at 11:00 via our PAC

Facebook page. The Drive-In Commencement Service will be held in the COAS/PAA parking lot in Chico Sunday morning, June 7 at 9:30.

Pyramid Basketball Camp

Pyramid Basketball Camp has been rescheduled for August 3-7. We are looking forward to a great camp. Registration will begin sometime in early June.



For more information call the PAA office at 530/877-6540.

PAC Finance Report



Like all churches across America, the COVID-19 recession has impacted our PAC budget. The end of April found us with a 24% year-to-

date drop in PAC ministries giving. At the same time, there was a 14% drop in expenditures, leaving us with a \$58,579 budget deficit, which is 12% higher than our deficit at this time last year.

We are trusting God to bring us through this season of church life and ministry. We are trusting that God will bless our ability to financially support the important spiritual growth ministries of our church. When we make an e-gift through the church website or the Adventist Giving App, when we give through checks mailed to the church, the mission of the Paradise Adventist Church is empowered to reach the Ridge for Christ.

Israel/Jordan Tour 2021

We have every reason to believe that in spite of the COVID-19 challenge, we will still have our March 2021 Chico/Paradise Israel/Jordan tour. Travel insurance is available through Adventist Risk Management for around \$20 per person. If the COVID-19 challenges our travel plans, we can reschedule the trip or cancel with full refund. Those wishing to join our travel group are encouraged to do so right now at <https://www.madisontravel.com/martella/Got> questions? Call Pastor Dan at 707/494-4739.



Air Force Flyover



Adventist Health associates at the Feather River Health Center on Skyway were treated to a special flyover on May 15 during National Hospital Week. The 9th Reconnaissance Wing from Beale Air Force Base in Marysville made a loop in Northern California to honor healthcare workers in several communities, including Paradise. To see a brief video, visit the Adventist Health Feather River Facebook page.

Paradise Adventist Elementary

We are pleased to announce that David Vixie has accepted the invitation of the PAE Board to serve as our Teaching Principal.

Application packets are available for the 2020/2021 school year. You can pick up your packet from Brenda Muth's office. Applications are due immediately. Worthy Student Fund applications are also due immediately.

Look for a new PAE website, Facebook page, and logo reveal soon.

Campus recovery continues. The kitchen equipment is being installed. New window and door entries have been installed for each of the elementary classrooms.

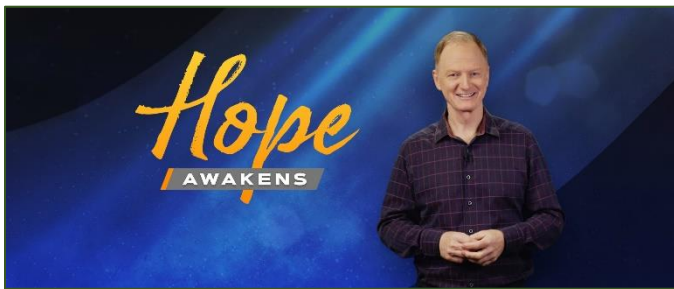


Remembering Loved Ones

Our annual Memorial Day Remembrance slide show is a beautiful PAC tradition honoring those beloved members of our church family who are at rest in the arms of Jesus. The dates included in this year's slide show are from 2010 through 2020. This year's slide show can be viewed through June 5 on our church website at paradiseadventist.org. Our hearts are with you. We invite the church family to collectively pray for comfort as we eagerly anticipate our heavenly reunion.



It Is Written *Hope Awakens*



The It Is Written *Hope Awakens* online evangelistic series has generated almost 200 contacts in the Paradise, Oroville, Magalia, and Chico communities. The *Hope Awakens* series is still available on the It Is Written website.

Disaster Relief and Development



\$15,000 has been raised to launch the Love Delivers food ministry. \$5,000 each has been given by North Valley Community Foundation, Feather River Health Foundation, and Paradise Rotary Foundation.

Love Delivers

Adventist Health: Feather River has reached out to partner with Love

Delivers to adapt this program for their patients that

experience food insecurity and eventually develop a food pantry. Adventist Health is generously allowing us to use office and storage space to get this program operational. \$35,000 in funding is now in place.

Maranatha has set a potential date of August 24 – September 11 for the second round of the shed project.



Funding received so far: \$50,000 Paradise Rotary Foundation; \$50,000 Adventist Health; \$10,000 Eric Beavon; \$60,000 Northern California Conference/IRC; \$335,000 American Red Cross; \$150,000 North Valley Community Foundation-Butte Strong Foundation; \$100,000 Feather River Health Foundation; \$80,000 North American Division. Total Raised: \$657,000. Budget: \$776,716.30. Still needed: \$11,716.30.

Disaster Recovery and Development Committee: Joelle Chinnock (Chair), Garrison Chaffee, Brad Brown, Cindy Waring, Kathy McFarland (until a new business manager is in place).

Free Piano



Free upright piano for a fire-survivor family. Call Vonne Gilbert at 530/636-4499 for more information.

Adventist Health and Feather River Health Foundation Provide Critical Funding for Community Projects



Together inspired.

Adventist Health and the Feather River Health Foundation (FRHF) continue to focus on the health and well-being of the community. Established in the early 60s, the FRHF has focused on building awareness of critical programs through fundraising strategies and continues that work through a dedicated group of individuals on their board of directors.

Recently, the FRHF board voted to provide a series of grants to key community programs, such as the North State Food Bank, which serves a six-county area and is operated by the Community Action Agency of Butte County. Each month, this program typically assists an average of 45,000 residents that experience food insecurities. Other health and wellness programs have also benefitted from the FRHF's grants, including the Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association's senior food delivery program and the Tehama Together project which supports several local food banks in that county.

The latest partnership for the FRHF is with the North Valley Community Foundation in establishing a COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund, designed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic's harmful impacts on community well-being.

Adventist Health and FRHF are both helping to underwrite the "Love Delivers" program, organized by Paradise Adventist Church (PAC). This new PAC ministry focuses on safely delivering groceries to Camp Fire survivors living in the burn scar area who are at high-risk or may be most vulnerable to exposure to COVID-19.

Report from the Northern California Conference Executive Committee



On May 6, 2020, the Conference Executive Committee (CEC) held its quarterly meeting online. Its various reports, votes, and discussions demonstrated that God's work is still moving forward throughout our territory.

"I'm so glad for the theology of our Church," said NCC President Marc Woodson during the meeting. "The Church is not a building; the Church is not a worship service; the Church is the people of God. We are the Church scattered right now – in our neighborhoods, our

communities, and our families. We may be sheltering in place, but we are still a light. Our current situation does not stop the Word of God. It does not stop our mission."

Here are some highlights from the May 6 CEC meeting:

NCC leadership is currently working on guidelines for reopening churches, schools, and the conference office in preparation for the time when restrictions are relaxed.

The CEC had a lengthy discussion regarding the NCC midterm constituency session scheduled for October 11. Concerned for the safety of delegates and aware that the prohibition against large gatherings could almost certainly be extended into the fall, the committee considered a number of options. They also talked about the difficulty that congregations might have with the delegate selection process as they adjust to the changing public health situation.

Due to these and other considerations, the CEC felt it was prudent to vote to cancel the midterm session. CEC members also voted for NCC administrators to look into various ways to effectively communicate with the constituency in the absence of a physical meeting.

The CEC voted to approve the organization of the Sacramento Ukrainian church.

Two new missional groups have formed: the Novato Spanish missional group from the San Anselmo Spanish church and the Southern Marin County missional group from the Novato church.

Community Services Director James Lim reported that 17 NCC churches with food distribution programs will receive money from a food pantry grant from North American Division Adventist Community Services. Lim said that he really appreciates all of the NCC churches that are engaged in community services during this public health crisis.

In response to a request from local pastors, the NCC is setting up a Membership Assistance Fund. More details will be available in the near future.

When California's stay at home order was issued, the majority of NCC schools were able to go fully online in 72 hours or less, reported Superintendent of Schools Albert Miller. The NCC and the Pacific Union Conference

have worked together to make sure that each student has access to online learning.

Empathizing with the disappointment of eighth graders and high school seniors and wanting to celebrate their success, the education department is working with local community health contacts to discuss feasible and creative ideas for graduation ceremonies.

The committee voted to organize Paradise Adventist Elementary School, which will open next school year on its former campus in Paradise. Paradise Adventist Academy (grades 9-12) will remain in Chico next school year.

The NCC is reducing by 50 percent what it bills each school for teachers' salaries during the months of April and May. This allows schools, that are able, to pass some of the savings on to school families.

In order to keep all NCC employees on the payroll, the CEC voted to suspend the scheduled 1.6 percent salary

increase for NCC employees and the ERI percentage increase, which were voted on earlier this year for the 2020 operations budget.

The NCC has implemented other cost-saving measures – a suspension of all administrative and departmental travel, as well as a freeze on all new hires for the office and pastoral field. (This doesn't include locally funded positions at churches and schools.)

Tithe giving was good in January and February, but has declined since then. To help churches get up to speed with online giving, Communication and Development Director Laurie Trujillo prepared a [tutorial video](#), comparing AdventistGiving and Pushpay. She also prepared instructional videos on how to sign up for [AdventistGiving](#) and [Pushpay](#).

Administration and the NCC investment committee have been monitoring the conference's investment accounts. NCC money is ethically invested for long-term growth.