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A Place to Belong! A Place to Grow!

Prisoners

*We are all prisoners in this world of sin
Chains and bars of doubt hold us in
Could prayer be the answer, the key to the door?
Have you cried for help, have you called on the Lord?*

*Are you struggling alone every hour of the day?
Will the door open wide, do your chains fall away?
Whatever is keeping you bound to the past
Let Jesus take over and free you at last*

*Though bound in strong chains of pain and of sorrow
Not knowing if you will have freedom tomorrow
You need to trust Jesus; let go of all fears
His grace will release you; his love hold you near*

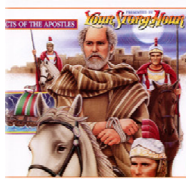
*There is a barred door He can't open for you
It's the door of your heart; This you must do
He'll encourage and strengthen the choices you make
Will you let Him come in, will you be His today?*

*The chains and bars that hold you in place
Can be broken by love, forgiveness and grace
All fears forsaken for peace never known
Give Jesus control He wants you for His own*

~Kathleen Mautz

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY?

SUBMITTED BY JANELLE MILLER



The Church Library has a fresh shipment of **Your Story Hour** CDs! If your children have a favorite adventure they have heard on line or on the radio, come in and see if it is in the Library for them to check out and listen to again. As adults, these stories of bible characters and other famous men and women are fascinating too, bringing lessons of moral courage and sacrifice

to life. Consider checking them out for someone who may be sight-impaired as well.



HEALTH MINISTRIES HAPPENINGS

Wooden Spoon

Plant-Based Cooking Classes



We enjoyed an interactive lively class on March 15—“But It’s Vegan!” There were 6-8 new guests in attendance. They learned about our event through the article in the March 10 issue of the *Paradise Post* (a big “shout-out” to Wally Schmidt who is the new PR director for our church!). Future classes are scheduled for **May 31, August 16 and October 18.**

Cooking Camp for Kids



Plans are in the works for a four-day cooking camp during the summer to teach students in Grades 5-8 the fundamentals of healthy food preparation. Watch for future announcements about the date and place.

90 is the New 70!

We are planning a party to celebrate our members who are 90+ years old. These folks are an important part of our congregation and have a lot of wisdom to share. This event is scheduled for **April 25.** If a senior invites you to provide transportation, you will be invited to stay for lunch too.



Blue Zones Paradise

The *Blue Zones* team has been to Paradise! Thanks so much to all of you who came out on March 19 to learn about and support this initiative. The local committee was expecting 100 people at the initial meeting but there were 265 in attendance! So far the *Blue Zones* team is impressed with the enthusiasm of this community for enhancing our ability to make healthier choices. Our Church Family was also well represented at the focus groups on March 20. Members participating in the community/faith-based focus group represented Adventist Community Services, Food with Friends, Pathfinders, Health Ministries and, of course, Adventist Health—Feather River and LiveWell. PAA Principal Monte Nystrom participated in the education focus group, but that group was also delightfully surprised to have youth participation when Pastor Chaffee arrived with a large group of students from PAA! The *Blue Zones* team is presently preparing a report that will be used to decide whether our town will proceed with this initiative. We believe this project is a wonderful platform for us to get involved in our community, to focus on our own lifestyle behaviors in a new way, and to invite our neighbors to join us on a journey to better health. To follow local news about this project join the “Blue Zones Paradise” Facebook page. 

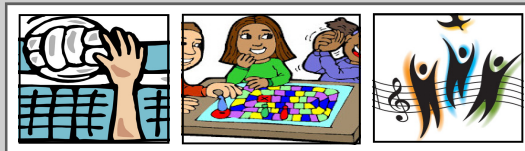




PAC FYI...

Intergenerational Vespers, Dinner & Game Night!

Praise ~ Board Games ~ Fellowship ~ Volleyball
Ping Pong ...and more!
April 14 at 5:00 p.m.
in the PAA Gym!



Love Paradise

Coming April 20th!

Sign up for a project and give Paradise some of your TLC!



Contact Garrison Chaffee (707.694.4521)

...you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.
~Matt. 17:20

United Prayer

Sundays at 7 a.m.
in the Fellowship Center

Contact Anita Lee if you need a ride
or have any questions 530.519.1613





PAC FYI, *continued...*



Open Volleyball

Sundays at 6 p.m.
in the PAA Gym!

Fun competition for all ages!



Soup Supper & Vespers; Friday Night, May 4
6 p.m. in the Fellowship Center; Bring a can of Tomato Soup
Contact Dave Damazo: 530-872-8950



CHURCH-WIDE LAKE VESPERS



June 8: Fellowship on Lake Oroville
followed by Potluck & Vespers
Limesaddle Marina—Off Pentz Rd.
(Don't forget: there is a cost for Parking)
Meet at boat launch at 3:00 p.m.!



Church Campout

July 13-15
at Antelope Lake

(for more details, see page 8)

Paradise Pathfinders Paradise Prayer Warriors by Terry Parsons

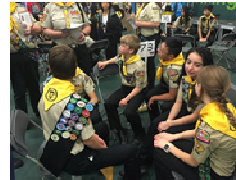


In January, Paradise Pathfinders hosted an Area 4 party. Chico, Oroville, Gridley, Yuba City, and Paradise Pathfinders had Vespers and a veggie dog dinner. After the meal, everyone worked on Puppety or Rainforest honors, and played Basketball, or Nine-Square-in-the-Air.

February and March, the Pathfinder Bible Experience Team was finalized and testing began. The Team received first place in the Area, Conference, and Union Tests. This testing covers the books of Daniel and Esther with their corresponding Bible Commentary. The team will be heading to the Southeastern SDA Conference Campground in Hawthorne, Florida (which is near Orlando) to compete in the Division Finals on April 21. Please continue to pray for the team's health, recall, safety, and blessings of learning God's Word. The team had the privilege of demonstrating their knowledge for the Church Family on March 17 and will be expanding their program for the Feather Canyon Assisted Living residents.

The biggest fundraiser for the club is the Bike-A-Thon which is held in

Sacramento on April 8. Each Pathfinder must have 5 sponsors to ride in the event. We



encourage them to ride at least 50 miles which is one of the *Cycling* honor requirements. One of the highlights is the food booths...yum! Corn Dogs! If you would like to sponsor a child but haven't been called, please contact Terry Parsons or place a donation in an offering envelope.

April activities continue with the Beginning Swimming Honor at Beyond Fitness, Teen Rock Climbing in Yosemite, and the completion of class requirements.

We are looking forward to the Pathfinder Fair in Napa on May 6. There will be games, honors, great food, and fun to share with friends.

As we get ready for the Church Mission Trip, Oshkosh Camporee, and Pathfinder Bible Experience travel, we are having a Yard Sale on May 20 (location to be announced). Our year will end with an Investiture Service on May 22 to celebrate with honors, class advancement, and awards. Mark your calendar and come celebrate with us!



WOMEN'S DINNER

SUBMITTED BY LAURA SUTHERLAND

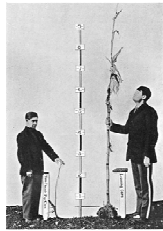
Get your Hawaiian grass skirts and leis ready for the ***Women's Dinner*** this year on ***Sunday, September 23!*** "Tropical Paradise" will include gorgeous table settings, handsome men in their Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts (just kidding). You will eat a tasty tropical dinner made by Lyndia Logan! You will feel like you are in Paradise for sure! **Tickets go on sale August 27** in the Church Office. *Can't wait!!*



CREATION NUGGET

Submitted by Dr. John Johansson

Genetic entropy is a term used to describe the process of increasing disorder in the human genome. In his book Genetic Entropy and the Mystery of the Genome, Dr John C. Sanford, a Cornell University researcher, explains the relentless deterioration of the human genome through the process



of random mutation. The detrimental effect of mutation on the germ cell level (estimated at 100-300 point mutations per person per generation), outweighs by far the neutralizing effect of natural selection. The scenario for mankind's

future is therefore bleak with an ever increasing and accumulating load of destructive genes for each new generation.

"The projected end result will be extinction!"



The projected end result will be extinction! This is very different to the evolutionary scenario with its "from simple to complex" model. The facts show that biology goes the opposite way, a relentless degeneration. "In the beginning God said that [creation] was very good." Adam lived 930 years (Genesis 5:5). Genetic entropy has reduced the lifespan of man to only 1/10th since creation! May God have mercy on us.



We've Gone Solar!
by Pastor Dan Martella

The Paradise Adventist Church has recently gone solar! Preparations included re-roofing of the Adventist Community Services (Building A), the Youth Center, and the Lower Sabbath School Wing. Trees were removed from the sides of the ACS building and Fellowship Center to open space for more sunlight. The solar panels have been installed and are all hooked up.

As energy costs continue to soar, our new solar system will save us a lot of money through the years to come. It will immediately freeze our electrical

expenses, and once our loan is paid off, our electrical expenses will be minimal.

To meet the upfront costs of roofing projects and solar panel installation, PAC took out a loan with the Pacific Union Conference Revolving Fund. This loan will be paid off over the next seven years with the money we would normally have spent in our monthly PG&E payments.



Thank you for your support in this venture through your faithful giving to the PAC Ministries Fund!



Ridge Presbyterian Church Move

by Pastor Dan Martella

After 19 years of renting our Sanctuary and classrooms on Sunday mornings, the Ridge Presbyterian Church has made the move to the Paradise Senior Center. Their last Sunday with us was March 4.

Through the years the RPC monthly rent was used to offset the expenses associated with their use of facilities. Wear and tear on the building, wear and tear on the audio visual equipment, custodial services, and paper supplies have been thus covered. Because the rent and expenses pretty much balanced each other out, the PAC Finance Committee does not expect a

serious negative financial impact because of the RPC move.

Sundays mornings are now open for PAC events. Work bees can be conducted without interrupting Sunday School and Worship Services. And once again we can host weddings and provide for the preparation/decorating needs associated with these happy occasions.

We are grateful for the friendship shared between our church family and the Ridge Presbyterian Church family, and we wish them God's blessings on their future ministry here in the community. ✝



CHURCH CAMPOUT



Plan to attend a fun summer church campout July 13-15 at the Lone Rock Campground at Antelope Lake. The campground is located about 100 miles northeast of Paradise. Go to Recreation.gov to make a reservation. Make your reservations early as the campground is filling up. If there are no reservations

available at Lone Rock Campground, you can reserve a site at Boulder Creek Campground which is adjacent to Lone Rock Campground. Activities include hiking, biking, boating, fishing and swimming. This campout is planned by the PAC Family Life Committee. If you have any questions, contact Richard & Barb Zumwalt at 530.872.4326 ✝



PAA Alumni

Submitted by Ethel Watts

Alumni Weekend 2018 for our academy, although not reaching a large attendance, did provide some significant highlights, when years of attendance by former students spanned more than eight decades.

As Phil Jones ('98) and Jeff Mautz ('98) from the Roll Call script invited "anyone attending during the fifties and earlier," among those to stand were Dr. Merritt Logan ('38-'44), Marjorie Whalley Turner ('36-'42), and her sister Priscilla Whalley Hindmarsh ('36-'42).

"Reflection" was the sermon title chosen by Rick Mautz (10th grade graduate in '68) for his journey of grief and healing assisted by friends in this church community. Being a health educator and who, a number of years ago, envisioned our local LiveWell center, Rick also added his encouragement for Paradise to achieve *Blue Zone* (optimal health and longevity) status.

The church program, coordinated by Brenda Muth ('89-present) featured both the Academy Band conducted by Arthur Borges (current staff) and Academy Choir directed by Marilyn Chaffee (current staff). Alumni were invited to join in singing "Joy in the Morning." Praise

team participants were Julie Hoiland Kiraly (10th grade graduate in '73), Janelle Pierson Heisler ('08), Lauren Logan ('14) and Janelle Ludington ('14).

The Sabbath School hour celebrated "40 Years as a Senior Academy" with teacher Loren Sutherland ('76-'06) recalling some encounters of developing our school plant and curriculum offerings during six years of "extension school" status preceding the first senior class—the Class of '78. Class President Gayla Tripp Purdy welcomed attendees; Dan Roberts, Myron Klotz, Joni Flucard Simanjuntak, Eugene Wasylina and Glen Mallory shared memories of PJA. Glen also told of his experiences while a missionary in Indonesia. The offering introduced to meet Alumni Weekend expenses has so far yielded close to \$1,300, which, according to PAA Business Manager Glenn Bentjen, approaches this year's costs.

Expressions of appreciation seem most inadequate for church and school staff and volunteers, for musicians, for those who contacted former classmates, for those who prepared food and decorated tables, and for those who helped with clean up after the potluck dinner where everyone appeared to be enjoying the Reunion. ✝

To Our Youth & Young Adults:

You're not the future of the church, you are the church—now!... We need you to take over, press us and ask us hard questions. If you're offered an office, take it. Young people have to run the church now. ~Henry Wright

PAC Member Address Changes



(For updates on the following individuals, please contact the church office)

**New to our church family*



*Debra Becker
Dawn Boone
*Kay Bowers
Jordan Brunner
Kyle Cowan
Desiree DeAnda
Jim & Celeste Dickinson
Sara Elloway
Michelle (Ludington) Ferch
Jim Hankensiefken
Andrew & Camille Haskins
Ryann Hosler
Lori Karls
Althia Kinsey
Otis Krause
David Lawrence
*Darlene Lindberg
Dustin Miracle
Mark G. Morris

Nancy Myers
Helen Olson
Julie Pierson
Erik & Ciara Owen
Margie Podurgiel
Jonathan Pratt
Rachel Pratt
Paula Russo
Bryan Schaeneman
Arlenice Schiavetto
Jennifer Silver
Daniel & Gail Stahl
Neal Stebbins
Shawn Strauss
Helen Tomat
Vivianne Van Asperen
Ellen Wasylina
Helen Young
Jonathan Zumwalt

Our Church Family's Notable Events January 2018 — March 2018

New Members

Lisia Albuquerque-Rasmussen
January 13
Debra Becker
February 10
Darlene Lindberg
March 17
Kay Bowers
March 24



90th Birthdays

J. David Holder
February 17
Ardythe Hoffman
March 8

Deaths

Elizabeth Ranney
January 1
Verna Moores
January 2
Maxine Sears
January 8
Roberta Galloway
January 21
Eul Kyung Shin
January 22
Melva Baldwin Wright Cummings
January 23



**April - June
Calendar Dates of Interest:**

April

- Apr 3..... Mission Trip Payment #2 Due
- Apr 5..... Elder's Mtg.
- Apr 8..... Pathfinder Bike-a-thon
- Apr 10..... Church Finance Mtg.
- Apr 12..... Church Board Mtg.
- Apr 14..... Monthly Fellowship Meal
Intergenerational Game Night
- Apr 15..... PAA Music Fundraiser
- Apr 17..... Worship Coordinator Mtg.
- Apr 18..... School Board Mtg.
- Apr 19-22..... Pathfinder: NAD Finals:
Bible Experience
- Apr 20..... *L♥ve Paradise Day!*
- April 22..... Blood Drive
- April 25..... Member Luncheon for
90+ years
- Apr 26-29..... Pathfinders: Teen Rock Climbing

May

- May 3..... Elder's Mtg.
Mission Trip Payment #3 Due
Pathfinder Fair (Napa)
PAC Care Team Mtg.
- May 4..... Soup Super & Vespers
- May 4-6..... *Men's Challenge* (Youth Event)
- May 8..... Church Finance Mtg.
- May 10..... Church Board Mtg.
- May 12..... Monthly Fellowship Meal
- May 13..... ***Mother's Day!***
- May 15..... Worship Coordinator Mtg.
- May 16..... School Board Mtg.
- May 19..... PAA Musical: *Esther*
(Worship Service)
Education Sabbath
- May 20..... Pathfinder Yard Sale
Young at Heart Dinner
- May 22..... Pathfinders Investiture Svc.
- May 24..... PAA: End of Year Celebration
- May 28..... ***Memorial Day!***
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- May 30..... PAA 8th Grade Graduation!
- May 31..... Wooden Spoon Cooking Class

June

- Jun 2..... PAA Baccalaureate Worship Svc.
PAA Class Night
- Jun 3..... PAA Senior Commencement
- Jun 4..... Mission Trip:
Final Payment Due
- Jun 7..... Care Team Mtg.
Elder's' Mtg.
- Jun 8..... Church-wide Lake Vespers
- Jun 9..... Monthly Fellowship Meal
- Jun 12..... Church Finance Mtg.
- Jun 14..... Church Board Mtg.
- Jun 18-22..... Youth Houseboat Trip
- Jun 19..... Worship Coordinator Mtg.
- Jun 17..... ***Father's Day!***
- Jun 20..... PAA School Board Mtg.
- Jun 25-29..... VBS!!



*"May He grant you
your heart's desire
and fulfill all
your plans!"*

~Psalm 20:4 (ESV)



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