



PARKWOOD ECHOES

PARKWOOD CHURCH LIBRARY

Library hours are between Sabbath School and 15-20 minutes after Church Service is dismissed.

These are a few book titles:

Adventists and Armageddon

- Were Seventh-day Adventists raised up to be prophets or proclaimers of the (sure word of prophecy)?

Messiah

- A contemporary adaptation of *Desire of Ages*

You are My Witness

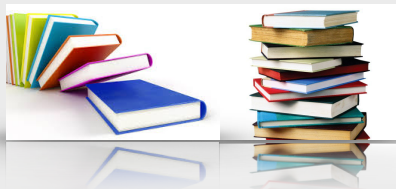
- Sharing Jesus in the 21st Century

Even at the Door

- Our world is in turmoil of expectation. We are tumbling toward the end of a millennium and the great question is What next?

There are many book (stories) for the young people. Early Readers, Juniors, youth, Adults.

Come check us out!



From the Pastor

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go."

Psalm 32:8, NKJV

Decisions, decisions. Life is full of them. There will always be forks in the road, a door #1 or door #2 to be reckoned with. It's comforting to know that we, in our finite human understanding, do not have to scheme and map out our own life journey. The Almighty, all-knowing God already has plans and purposes of His own. There is none like God who knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:9-10), not just on the grand scale, but on the personal level as well. And when we are confident that God Himself has plans for us, this inspires us to seek Him with all our hearts (Jer. 29:11-13).

Some may feel as though God is "hands off" when it comes to the decisions we make in our personal lives. Granted, God may have a range of options that would be pleasing to Him in any given circumstance, but He promises to instruct and teach us in the way we "should go" (Psalm 32:8). Additionally, the apostle Paul urges us to understand what the Lord's will is so we can a) not be "fools," and b) redeem the time and rescue it from being wasted or lost (Eph. 5:15-17). No wonder David, the man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14), habitually inquired of the Lord (at least 11 times in the Old Testament) and included it in the top priority of his life (Ps. 27:4).

What decisions are you faced with today? In your school, your work, your home? Regarding your finances, your relationships, your ministry? Let's make it our habit to take our concerns and anxious thoughts to the One who promises to make our paths straight (Prov. 3:5-6).

We may worry and fret over decisions, but we can let the Lord who direct our steps (Prov. 16:9). There may be times we make unwise decisions or trip up while attempting to follow God's lead, but praise

JUNE EVENTS

Parkwood Christian Preschool

June 4 – Graduation at 6:30pm

June 11 – Father's Day Tea Party



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Enjoy a Church Service in
Beautiful Yosemite National
Park this Summer*

Central Valley Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry will be hosting church service at Yosemite National Park on June 27th. The Adventists have been providing church services ever since, on Saturday mornings at the church owl in Yosemite Valley.

There will be a light lunch served. If you would like to bring potluck food or sack lunch for you and your family, it would be greatly appreciated.

Location:

Lower River Amphitheater,
Yosemite Valley

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the Lord He is able to redeem even those miscues and missteps (Ps. 37:23-24).

In closing, I want to share this powerful assurance in *Desire of Ages* 330 and pray that God would move each of us forward in faith:

Worry is blind, and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet.

Parkwood Christian Preschool

by Margie Beasley

We have had another successful school year. It has been enjoyable working with the children and we are looking forward to our summer fun time.

Ms. Eva will be retiring from Parkwood Preschool on June 4th. We wanted to honor her by mentioning some of her favorite songs and sayings.

Favorite songs:

- "The Three Soul Bears"
- "We are the Preschool"
- "Jesus Loves Me"

Favorite sayings:

- "Reading is Food for your Brain"
- "Listen and Do"

We wish Ms. Eva God's blessing on her retirement journey, and thank her for all that she has done for the Parkwood Christian Preschool throughout all of her 14 years.

Parkwood Preschool Teachers

Ms. Margie, Ms. Irene, Ms. Mary and Ms. Salyna





Baptismal Experiences

We asked our recently baptized members how they felt about being born again in Christ.

What does your baptism mean to you?

Sarah Roberts: I feel I have freedom in Christ! I'm no longer weighed down by guilt or burdens. "I'm free in Christ!"

Valarie Clark: Death of my old life and start of a new life.

Is there something you'll remember of that special day?

Sarah Roberts: I'll always remember the warm feeling I felt in my body when I came up out of the River. *The Holy Spirit within me.* It was a cloudy that day and I felt warm inside with God's love. I'll always remember that.

Valarie Clark: I was overwhelmed and emotional thinking of my Lord and seeing all of my brothers and sisters that came to see me be reborn.



Garden Club Ministry

Denise Fluence

Our Parkwood Garden is blooming with beautiful lettuce and tomatoes. Thanks to all who took their time out of their Sundays and some Mondays to help us in weeding and planting.

This last Monday we had Lorna Peterson teach us about how to tie up our "Tomatoe Town"!

Many thanks to Lorna for our pruning lessons that she shared with us. Also, a big thanks to the young people that helped to clear the 'forest'!"

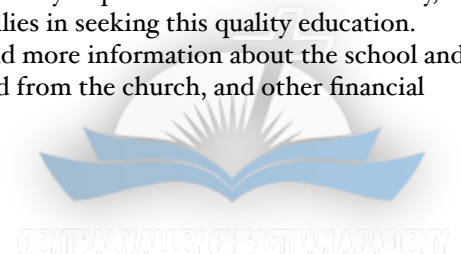
Next tomatoe tying will be Monday, June 1st at 10:30 am

UPCOMING projects will be planting (Corn & Winter Squash)



Central Valley Christian Academy

Educating for Eternity. Adventist education may seem like a luxury that is out of the realm of financial possibility. But with God all things are possible! Investing in the eternal well-being of our young people is of infinite worth and, therefore, of primary importance. As a church family, we are committed to assisting families in seeking this quality education. You can go to cvcaonline.net to find more information about the school and also about scholarships, student-aid from the church, and other financial assistance available.





Grilled Lemon-Basil Tofu Burger

Ingredients:

1 pound firm or extra firm tofu, pressed & sliced into 4 slices

Lemon Marinade:

1/3 cup finely chopped fresh basil
 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
 2 Tbsp honey
 1 Tbsp olive oil
 2 tsp lemon rind
 1/2 tsp salt
 1/4 tsp red pepper

Olive Relish:

1/3 cup finely chopped pitted kalamata olives
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 3 Tbsp vegan sour cream
 3 Tbsp veganaise

Directions

In a small bowl, combine lemon marinade ingredients. Cut tofu crosswise into 4 or 5 slices. Place tofu slices on a sheet pan and brush both sides of tofu slices with lemon juice mixture; reserve remaining juice mixture. Let tofu rest 1 hour or more.

Preheat grill to a medium high heat. Place tofu slices on grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill for about 4 minutes on each side. Brush tofu with the reserved juice mixture.

Olive relish is a great compliment to these tofu burgers. I also enjoy lettuce, tomato, and red onion slices.

100 Days of Prayer Continues...

taken from 100daysofprayer.org

Imagine millions of Seventh-day Adventists around the world praying for 100 days for the same thing! From March 25 through July 11, 2015, you are encouraged to pray with millions of others for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to be fully experienced by our church members during the General Conference Session, July 2-11, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas.

What Might Have Been

After the 1901 General Conference Session, Ellen White had a vision in which she witnessed those in the meetings responding to the Holy Spirit to be reconciled through humility, confession of sins and removal of barriers between each other. This was followed by earnest prayer, songs of praise and the evident presence of the Holy Spirit. (See Testimonies, Vol. 8, pp. 104-106.)

When she woke from the vision, Mrs. White realized this breakthrough had not happened as God intended. Hardhearted participants prevented the unity God so desired. Deeply disappointed, she understood that the Lord could have come in their lifetime! But His people did not surrender their thoughts and opinions to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

It Still Can Be!

“What might have been” for 1901, still can be for 2015! Jesus invites us to unite together, and pray for His power to break through the hearts of individuals and usher in His Second Coming. Will you invite your family, friends, and church members to join in 100 Days of Prayer, seeking God’s will for the General Conference Session?