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Pastor's Corner

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

Yes, it's true. Over the last several months, God has made it clear to my family and I that He is calling us to serve Him in Castle Rock, Colorado where we have been asked to plant the first Adventist church in that growing city. Since sharing that announcement, I've spoken with several of you who have offered prayer with us, have shed tears with us, and, naturally, have asked questions of us ranging from "why now?" to "what now?"

While I may not have all the answers to those questions, one thing I am certain of is that God knows the plans He has for us - both my family and our Parkwood family - and that those are plans to give us a hope and a future (Jer. 29:11). That is a promise we

can cling to in all our times of uncertainty personally and corporately. And if it's true that God knows the big picture and has purposes that are for our best interest, then we can take Him up on the appeal found in the subsequent verses of Jeremiah 29: "Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart" (vv. 12-13).

Whether in Jeremiah's day or in our day, the way to navigate our seasons of uncertainty is practically outlined in these familiar verses. 1) **Be assured** of God's hopeful plans for our future. 2) **Pray to God** knowing that He actually hears. 3) **Seek Him**, not just His plans, with the whole heart.

Friends, are you assured of God's hopeful plans? I am confident that He has something prepared for

Parkwood that we can't even begin to imagine (1 Cor. 2:9), not just on the other side of eternity but here and now! I urge each of you to cling to this assurance and bring this promise to God in prayer individually and unitedly. And when You seek Him with Your whole heart, don't rest content with just seeking His plans and next steps, but instead seek earnestly and primarily for HIM, for a deeper and closer relationship with Him. After all, isn't that the sum of God's ultimate plan for us all (cf. Jn. 17:3)?

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Eph. 3:20-21, NKJV).

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New Look and Staff for Parkwood Echoes

We've got a new look for our church bulletin, so we've decided to update our church newsletter as well.

Along with the new look, comes a new staff. Peggy Herman, Nancy Lavea and Eleanor Matuu have taken on the job of keeping our

church family informed of all that is happening in our church, and to share anything else that is going on in our SDA community. If you have any articles that you'd like to share with your church family, any recipes, or anything that you feel is

newsworthy, please submit these items to one of these 3 ladies by the 20th of each month in order for it to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Let me introduce you to...

Kayla Marcoux

Kayla came to the United States from Ontario, Canada. She came to Weimar where she studied for 2 years. She was lead to ministry while canvassing in the summer. This canvassing helped her to realize how important and rewarding ministry is. Following the canvassing she joined Souls West. Actually, she didn't want

to go there, but God kept opening doors, and it was there that she realized God wanted her to work for Him for the rest of her life. She has felt God's leading in her life since that experience. We feel blessed to have her here at Parkwood as a part of her internship.

Kayla has one older sister who is a "Cross Trainer" at the Templeton Hills church.

Kayla's hobbies include singing, writing songs, cooking, exercising, reading and spending time with friends and family.



Let me introduce you to...

Jenni Beltz

Jenni's home is on a large farm, in the country, in a small town called Warsaw, Missouri - population 2130. The farm has horses, dogs, cats and many other animals found on a farm. She loves to ride horses and that is one of her hobbies as well as cooking, singing, reading, hiking and camping.

Jenni's father is a Family Practice Doctor. She is the

youngest of 5 children. She has 3 brothers and one sister. Not only are we blessed to have Jenni with us, but we are fortunate to have AJ, one of her brothers, as our current Evangelist.

She took part in Youth Rush and started canvassing in the summer of 2014 and that is what brought her to California. From there she went to the Pacific Union Conference School of Evangelism, which

we know as Souls West. She, also, is serving her internship with us.

Her current plans are to continue working in ministry while studying to become a marriage and family counselor.



Discover Bible Prophecy 2016

On February 19, the Discover Bible Prophecy Seminar opened in Bellaman Hall, just a week after the conclusion of the week-long Creation Seminar. Many hands have made light work in preparing for and hosting this seminar — from the refreshments team to the children's programs staff, from parking lot attendants to greeters, from registration table to table hosts. Many thanks to those who have shared their time and talents in making all this possible. It's always a blessing to plan together, pray

together, and serve together for the salvation of souls.

What a joy it has been not just to serve in these meetings but also to open God's Word together night by night, both in small group discussions and through the main presentations by guest speaker AJ Beltz. The truth of God's Word has had a powerful impact upon the seminar attendees, including a total of nearly 50 guests from the community since opening night. In the last week of the

seminar, a baptism preparation class has begun for the 16 precious souls who have indicated interest in baptism and 5 revived individuals who are eager to be re-baptized. Let's continue to pray for those who are preparing for this lifelong commitment to follow Jesus and for us as a church to be a loving community of faith that will encourage only forward movement in this journey of discipleship.

Parkwood Pacers Pathfinder Club

The Parkwood pathfinders as well as 6 other teams from Area 8 took part in the first level of the Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) here at Parkwood church on February 6th. Those teams as well as the other first place teams in the area moved on to the Conference Level PBE at Fresno Adventist Academy on February 27th. Six teams from Area 8 advanced to the next level and 30 teams throughout the conference were represented there at FAA.

The book that they studied this year

Parkwood Preschool

In February we had our Valentines Party, some of our parents were able to join us for the fun. We played musical chairs and carried a ball on a spoon race, the children had a lot of fun. The children also exchanged valentine's cards with their friends and teachers, and we had a special lunch.

The Pre-K2 class is learning a lot of sight words and also enjoying math and learning new memory verses.

The 2's and 3's and Pre-K1 classes are doing letter

Quilt of Remembrance

It is a tradition in our church to surprise our "out going" pastor and their family with a quilt of remembrance from our church family. Since Pastor Godfrey is leaving us on short notice we do not have time to do this in secret. So we are asking for your help in getting quilt blocks ready, to represent each church family, as soon as

was Exodus and they have to answer 90 questions at each level of the PBE.

Those receiving first place this last weekend will go to the Pacific Union Level, also to be held at FAA on March 19th. The winners from the Union level will advance to the Division level, and that will be held in Arizona near Camp Yava Pines on April 16th.

Our Pathfinders studied hard this year for the PBE, and even though they got a 3rd place at the Conference Level, we're still proud of them and

recognition, counting, shapes, colors and bible stories.

Although we thank God for the rain, with the weather being nice the children are enjoying playing outside.

We are selling See's Candy (chocolate eggs, lollipops, and gift certificates) as our spring fundraiser until March 11th; if you are interested you may contact Nancy Lavea at (209) 568-7959 or come by the preschool.

all the hard work they put into this effort. The whole purpose of the PBE is the help our kids study the bible more, to understand Gods word, and to help build a closer relationship with Him. Congratulations, Parkwood Pacers, and keep up the good work!



possible, so that we can put it together before they leave.

We would like each family represented. We have been passing out blocks this week

If you have not received one yet, please see Shellie or Peggy. Blocks can be anything that represents your family. You can embroider it, use fabric paints, have

someone do it for you, or transfer it digitally. If you need help or suggestions please see Peggy. Please leave at least a half inch border around your block. If you do not your design will be sewn under.

Personal Ministries Area

Every month Parkwood has several opportunities for our members to get involved in learning about as well as spreading the word of Jesus and His soon coming. Here is a list of those opportunities - we're hoping that you might pick one or more to join in and help us all spread the Good News!

March 3-5: the final two nights of the Discover Prophecy Seminar.

March 12 (every 2nd Sabbath):

CVCA Corner

On March 1st, our CVCA Elementary school went on their annual field trip to the Ice Skating rink at Oak Park in Stockton.

Our 7th & 8th grade classes loaded up first to head out early so they could get there to help all the younger grades get their ice skates on and get out on the ice so there were no hold-ups. They made sure each student had the correct size skates, as well as making sure they were put on tight enough so the children wouldn't have weak ankles and spend all day falling on the ice.

The ice rink was 40 degrees Fahrenheit (freezing!), and the kids were bundled up in their jackets, hats and gloves, either gliding confidently on the ice, or holding on to the side of the ice rink as they made their way around with their friends.

As the trip came to an end, all the children were hurrying to get their skates off so they could go across the street to eat lunch in the park - they'd really built up an appetite with all their exercising!

For the month of March, CVCA has

meet @ 2pm with Anita Watson in the Youth Chapel to go pass out GLOWs.

Every Monday @ 6pm: meet in the Dorcas room for quilting.

Every Monday @ 7pm: meet at the Barker's home for bible study. Bring a friend (or 2!).

Every Tuesday @ 6pm: kids ages 9.5 - 15 meet in the Pathfinder building for Pathfinders.

Every other Tuesday starting

March 1st @ 6pm: kids ages 3 - 9.5 meet in Bellaman Hall for Adventurers.

Every Wednesday @ 7pm: meet in the Youth Chapel for our House of Prayer, our weekly prayer meeting.

Every Thursday @ 7pm: meet at Gwen Barnett's home for our Ladies Bible group study.

March 13 & 27 (every other Sunday): meet @ 9am at church for the Ladies walk & prayer.

scheduled the CCC Choral Festival for Grades 9 - 12 @ Fresno Adventist Academy, the 3rd - 5th; the CCC Spelling Bee for the Elementary @ CVCA on the 3rd; Junior High Basketball tournament held at Miramonte on the 6th; field trip to Gallo for 2nd Grade; the High School band and choir will be performing for the Area 8 Convocation held at the CVCA Gym on the 12th; Parent/Teacher Conferences for the end of the 3rd Quarter for Grades K-8 will be held on the 16th and the 17th, which means early dismissal each of those days @ 12:15pm; School Board Meeting at 7pm on the 17th; Spring Break begins for our school on the 18th, and ends on the 28th; School back in session on the 29th.



Church Parking Lot Fund

Our church parking lot fund is currently at \$284,777 from monies received/pledged, but we still need \$96,143 to meet our total goal. Please pray with God to help make your decision with your donation or pledge if you haven't already done so. Thanks so much to those of you who have already.

Work on our new parking lot is scheduled to start on Monday, March 7th, and will last for 2 weeks, so please be prepared and be patient with lots of construction areas and re-direction of parking in the meantime.

Thanks so much to Dennis Bailey and his company for the work they will be doing in getting our parking lot completed - we really appreciate all the hard work they will be putting in to give our church not only a brand new look, but a parking lot that will be up to code, and functional for years to come.



Happy Anniversary

No Wedding Anniversaries this month

Steven Herman	1
Mario A. Cortez-Serrano	5
Elma (Toadie) Barker	6
Bryan Hicks	6
Michael Caldwell	7
Lloyd Kendrick	7
Georgette Cravey	11
Theartis Caldwell	15
Nancy Lavea	20
John Correia	21
Rebecca Mola-Parenti	23
Rochelle Curtis	27
Norman Herman	27
Dylan Simac	29
Francisco Gomez	31

Our mission is to reveal Jesus Christ to the world now in preparation for His soon return.

Our vision is to belong to Christ in a healthy church family where every member is valued and loved, thoroughly equipped and joyfully involved in linking others to Christ.

Saturday services:

9:15am -- Church Family Worship Time (all ages joining for songs and prayer)


9:30am -- Sabbath School (age-specific, relevant Bible study)

11am -- Main Worship Service

You are also invited to join us for a complimentary, vegetarian "Fellowship Luncheon" following the worship service.

Come visit us.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
		1 6pm: Pathfinders 6pm: Adventurers	2 9am - 12pm: Community Service 7pm: House of Prayer	3 6:30pm: Discovery Prophecy Seminar	4 6:30pm: Discovery Prophecy Seminar SUNSET:	5 Speaker: AJ Beltz SS: Nina Herman Offering: Church budget Fellowship Luncheon Grp 1 Ed & Reena Verde/B-days 6:30pm: Discovery Prophecy Seminar last night
6	7 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible study @ Barker's Home	8 6pm: Pathfinders	9 9am - 12pm: Community Service 7pm: House of Prayer	10 7pm: Ladies Bible study group @ Gwen Barnett's home	11 7pm: Area 8 Convocation Vespers @ CVCA Gym SUNSET:	12 No Church @ Parkwood Area 8 Convocation Sabbath @ CVCA Gym: 9:30am Sabbath School 1.1am Church Worship (Potluck to follow) 6:30pm: Church Social SUNSET:
13 9am: Ladies Walk & Pray	14 6pm: Preschool Board Mtg. 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible study @ Barker's Home 7pm: Church Board Mtg.	15 6pm: Pathfinders 6pm: Adventurers	16 9am - 12pm: Community Service 7pm: House of Prayer	17 7pm: Ladies Bible study group @ Gwen Barnett's home	18 SUNSET:	19 Speaker: Pastor Miranda SS: Elma (Toadie) Barker Offering: Church budget Baptisms/Christian Beret Choir Fellowship Luncheon Grp 3 Ron & Jean Hill SUNSET:
20	21 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible study @ Barker's Home	22 6pm: Pathfinders	23 9am - 12pm: Community Service 7pm: House of Prayer	24 7pm: Ladies Bible study group @ Gwen Barnett's home	25 SUNSET:	26 Speaker: Pastor Miranda SS: Youth Ministry Offering: Conf. Faith Advance Fellowship Luncheon Grp 4 Harold & Sherrie Reeve 6pm: Heritage Singers @ Modesto Central Church
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HEAD DEACON: CHUCK FLORES (MAR 5 & MAR19) MEYNARD, THEARTIS, ANDREW, KEN & JOSUE
 HEAD DEACON: DOUG TODD (MAR 12 & MAR 26) RICHARD, FRANK, DON, SARGE & LARRY
 DEACONESSES: NANCY LAVEA, JANUARY BAUTISTA, ANITA WATSON, LORRAINE THOMPSON