



**PARKWOOD**  
seventh-day adventist church



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# Parkwood Echoes

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## Pastor's Corner

*"I thank my God every time I remember you."*

(Philippians 1:3, NIV)

It's hard to believe that this is the last I'll get to write for the Echoes. It's even harder to actually articulate all my heart longs to share with a church that has become my family's family. And so, please allow me to take my cues from one of Paul's letters to a church that had become his family.

Philippians 1:3-6 — "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Parkwood, know that you have been prayed for and will continue to be prayed for. My heart is filled with gratitude and joy over the privilege of having partnered with you in ministry over the last three years, and I am convinced that whatever good has begun during that time will surely continue and grow until Jesus' return.

Philippians 1:27 — "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel." If the gospel is God's power to save and restore oneness between us and God, then our living out of the gospel will demonstrate itself in our unity with one another too. Keep standing firm in the Spirit of Jesus, the spirit that humbly serves others needs above our own to preserve a strong sense of team among the body of Christ (Phil. 2:2-5).

Philippians 3:13-14 — "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." I pray that we all, individually and as a community, would keep moving forward, onward, and heavenward. There's nothing wrong with cherishing positive memories of the past. But when it comes to the old life of sin or dynamics that we as a community of faith have worked and prayed to overcome, let's keep moving forward!

Philippians 4:6-7 — "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." If you're finding yourself anxious about what the future holds for Parkwood, keep praying to the God who gives us peace that passes all understanding. He got Parkwood here in answer to prayer, and He'll keep moving the church forward in answer to prayer. It wasn't any one person...it was prayer. So keep pressing together to pray with confidence that our God shall supply all our need according to His riches in glory (Phil. 4:19)!

## Let Me Introduce You To...

### Ana and Demeatrice Tolbert

Demeatrice was born and raised in San Mateo, CA, lived in Sonora for about 4 years, before moving to Modesto back in 2011. He's got a twin brother named Dameon, and also his father, who they all share a house with.

Ana was born here and has lived in Modesto all her life. She's got her mom and step-father, who you might have already met as she's invited them to many of our church functions and services, as well as 3 sisters.

Ana was church hopping, trying to find a church that fit her, and found that no other church felt like family to her except

Parkwood. She then brought Demeatrice with her, and he's since joined our Parkwood family as well.

Demeatrice and Ana both enjoy spending time with their families, watching true story movies, and relaxing together, while Demeatrice also enjoys camping and Ana enjoys reading.

From what I've heard, Demeatrice knew from their first date that Ana was the woman for him. If you don't already know these two love birds, take a moment to introduce yourself. Find out from him how he knew so quickly, and I think you'll hear a great story.



## Parking Lot Restoration

Our church parking lot fund is currently at \$286,562 from monies received/pledged, but we still need \$94,358 to meet our total goal. Please pray to 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 started on Monday, March 28th, and will last for several weeks, so please be prepared and be patient with lots of construction areas and re-direction of parking in the meantime. Recent rain has delayed the work a little bit, and may still do

so in the future.

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.



## Parkwood Adventurer Club

Our Adventurer Club meets every other Tuesday night in Bellaman Hall at 6pm. We're dwindling in numbers a little bit, so we're trying to recruit more members. If you have any children who are between the ages of 3 - 9 1/2, or know of any kids in this age range, please bring them out to join us during our next meeting. We love to share our love for God

and help them grow in His image. Also, Adventurers is a parent-participation program, so this will give some of you parents a chance to spend some quality time with your children.

We're also looking for anyone who likes to work with children. We're in need of additional instructors who can help us by teaching some of the classes, or age groups, and

help lessen the load on just a few people. The more help we have, the easier it is to teach each age group. If you're interested in helping out in our Adventurer Club, please contact Elda Martinez or Francisco Gomez.

Coming up on May 22nd is the CCC Adventurer Tyke-a-thon at Fresno Adventist Academy.



## Parkwood Pacers Pathfinder Club

Our Pacers have been hard at work this last month earning a new honor for them - sewing. They've learned how to sew on a button, a snap, and they've put together and sewn a laundry bag that they will be entering into the Fair coming up in May. Hopefully you'll all be able to come out on that day and see what their entry looks like and also stay to cheer our Pacers on as they strive to earn all 1st places in each event.

As a club, we've got several fund raisers going on. First, we're selling these cute little wallets that make a wonderful and unique gift for any woman. It makes it convenient to carry around your ID, a debit and/or credit card, and a little bit of cash

without having to drag your purse around. If you're interested in purchasing one of these cute wallets, please contact Peggy Herman or Eleanor Matuu.



We're also selling Sees Candy bars, which go for \$2 each. If you've got a sweet tooth and would like to help a Parkwood Pacer earn money toward their

Osh Kosh trip, get in contact with any of our kids and I'm sure they'd be happy to help you. They have Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate with Almonds, and Milk Chocolate with Toffee nuggets.

Lastly, our annual Pathfinder Bike-a-thon is coming up on April 10th, to be held at Castle Airbase. I'm sure many of you have already had a pathfinder or two contact you, asking if you can sponsor them. Thanks so much in advance for doing so. If you're free on the 10th, come on down to Atwater and help us cheer on and encourage our Pacers to complete at least 50 miles each. Can't wait to see you all there!



## Parkwood Preschool

The Lord is continuing to bless our Preschool; we have two more new students - for a total of 34 students! Praise the Lord!

April 10 - 16 is our "Week of the Young Child". We will be doing special activities with the children.

In April we will be having a Parent Meeting on April 18 from 6 - 7 pm, given by Sonia from Sierra

Vista. The topic will be "Tools to Help Your Child Succeed".

April 27 is picture day.

The Pre-K11 students are continuing to learn to read, as well as learning time, and how to count money. For math, they are learning to add and subtract. The students were able to re-tell Ms. Mary the Easter Story after she had read it to them for a few

weeks; they are so eager to learn!

The 2's, 3's, and Pre-K1's have been doing the Creation Kids Curriculum; they love singing the creation kids song. They are learning about how to be healthy and be active - like running, jumping, riding bikes, swimming, etc. They've also been doing activities to strengthen their fingers, so they will be ready to write.

## CVCA Corner

The 3rd Quarter ended on March 17th for Grades K - 12, then Spring break began on the 18th. CVCA celebrated Cesar Chavez Day on March 28th then returned to school the 29th to start their 4th and final quarter of the school year.

Alumni Weekend is coming up on April 10th, where they will be celebrating the classes that graduated in 1956 (60th), 1966 (50th), 1976 (40th), 1986 (30th), 1991 (25th), 1996 (20th), 2006 (10th). We hope that those of you who graduated from CVCA (previously known as MUA & MAA)

will be able to make it out and get reacquainted with old friends.

If you have any children that are school-aged and want to put them into a great Christian school, please consider coming out to CVCA on April 14th for their Open House, from 4 - 7pm. The whole school will be open for you to come with your children to visit and see what it's like, and they will also be holding their science fair that evening, so you will get an idea of what they are doing academically as well.

Spring Week-of-Prayer for the whole school will happen April 11 - 15.

Grades 5 - 8 band and choir will be performing at Turlock church on April 16th for their divine service.

April 18 - 26 will be the Boston/New England History trip for 7th & 8th Grades.

April 20 - 24, Grades 9 - 12 will be on their music tour.

Grades 9 - 12 will have their Community Service Day on April 29th.

# Recent Baptisms - March 19th & March 26th

March 19 baptisms:

- Poto Clark (re-baptism)
- Jenny Marshall
- Cindy Avila
- Joe Esekia
- Julian Rodriguez
- Eli Leon
- Steve Cahilig
- Morgan Graham (re-baptism)

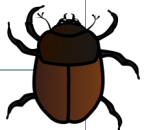
March 26 baptisms at the river:

- Michael Snow (re-baptism)
- Ignacio Duran
- Patrick Castillo
- Sylvia Castillo

April 2 pending baptisms:

- Chris Vandyke
- Gina Vasquez (re-baptism)
- Bruce Baumbach (re-baptism)
- Sandy Baumbach (re-baptism)

There are several others still preparing for baptism, but are setting their dates for later in April or in May. God is good!



# Church Dinner, Vespers, and Social - March 19th

On Sabbath evening, March 19th, the Parkwood Social Committee put on a surprise going-away party for Pastor Miranda and his family, and also for Heidi, Kayla and Jenni - our church bible workers. Unfortunately, Kayla and Jenni had to leave earlier that day, but we'd already gotten a chance to say our good-byes after the main church service that morning. Heidi is leaving to go further her studies, and Pastor Miranda and his family are moving to Castle Rock, Colorado to answer the call that they were needed there.

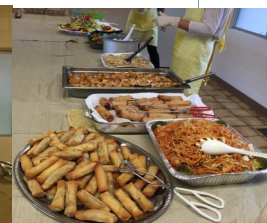
The social event started out with a full Asian meal - egg rolls, lumpia, chow mein, stir-fried veggies with tofu, seasoned orange chicken tofu, a volcano made from rice, red bell peppers, green bell peppers, and veggie sausage patties. All this together with a fruit platter, punch and water, and assorted desserts to finish the meal.

After dinner, we held a vespers service to end the Sabbath. The

Miranda children were serenaded by the Parkwood children singing, "We Will Miss You", as they were each given a travel bag filled with goodies and cards. The adults, including Heidi, Jenni and Kayla, were all given cards with gifts of money inside. We sang and praised God for bringing each one of these people into our lives and that we hoped this wouldn't be good-bye, but until we see each other again.

Next, it was on to the social and games to be played by all. We played relay games such as panty-hose bowling; and the minute-to-win-it game of blowing all the cups off the table in under a minute only using a balloon.

We ended the night by singing an old Samoan song, "Good-bye My Friend". A good time was had by all. We hope you join us at our next social.





# 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!

April 9th (every 2nd Sabbath): 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 April 12th @ 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.

April 10 & 24 (every other Sunday): meet @ 9am at church for the Ladies walk & prayer.

**April 30th: All Church Potluck.** This is your chance to share a meal with friends, old and new, and share a dish that is your specialty. Our hope is that by everyone sharing their food and time, the fellowship will minister to those who need to be fed not just physically, but spiritually as well.

## Church Extras



**Gluten Steaks**  
Contributed by Dolly Willis

- 3 C gluten flour
- 1/2 C whole wheat flour
- 2 Tbsp nutritional food yeast flakes
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tsp beef-like seasoning
- 3 C water
- 2 Tbsp Bragg's liquid aminos

In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, combine the water and the Bragg's. Add the liquids to the flour mixture, mixing it all quickly and thoroughly, as they will start to form your dough quickly. Don't mix it too long as it will

## Recipes

make your dough too rubbery. Roll into a long roll, with a 2 1/2" diameter. Slice the roll into 1/2" thick slices, pat them into circles, then add them to your boiling broth.

- Broth**
- 12 C water
  - 2 Tbsp Vegex or veggie broth cubes
  - 1 tsp onion powder
  - 1 tsp garlic powder
  - 1/4 C Bragg's liquid aminos

Bring broth to a boil. Add the steaks quickly. Bring the broth back to a boil and on a low fire, let the gluten boil for 1 hour. Remove the steaks from the

broth. Put them in the breading mixture then fry them till they are golden and crispy.

### Breading Mixture

- 1 C whole wheat flour
- 1/2 C seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 Tbsp nutritional food yeast crumbs
- 2 Tbsp wheat germ

Fry in a non-stick frying pan with olive oil.  
Enjoy!



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Brian Buitrago: (209) 450-9514

Still haven't done your taxes yet? Know of someone looking to have theirs done? There's still plenty of time! Nancy's Tax Services is the place to call and Nancy will make sure that you have your taxes done on time. She is the least expensive in town, so give her a call at: (209) 568-7959.





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Lyn Riggs	6
Brian Buitrago	7
Mary Ann Green	7
Frank Herman	8
Kim Bailey	9
Lorna Peterson	9
Chi Ree Cheadle	13
Julian Rodriguez	14
Jordan Vasquez	15
Bruce Curtis	16
Dennis Bailey	17
Gwen Barnett	17
Noemi Vasquez	17
Gabriel Andries	22
Jenny Beasley	24

Al & Angie Harrison: 63 yrs      12th  
 Joe & Denise Fluence: 32 yrs      15th



**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.

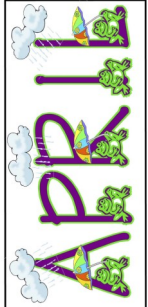
**Saturday services:**

- 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	Saturday
						
3	4 <b>6pm:</b> Quilting Class <b>7pm:</b> Bible study @ Barker's Home	5 <b>6pm:</b> Pathfinders	6 <b>9 - 11am:</b> Community Service <b>7pm:</b> House of Prayer	7 <b>7pm:</b> Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	8 <b>11am:</b> Memorial for Madelene Furtado <b>April Fool!</b> Sunset: 7:27pm	9 Speaker: Ei Lavea Offering: Christian Record Serv Fellowship Luncheon Grp #2: Lavea/Rush-Dalton <b>(B-days &amp; Anniv)</b> Sunset: 7:35pm
10 <b>7am - 4pm:</b> Pathfinder Bike-a-thon @ Castle Airbase <b>9am:</b> Ladies Walk & Pray	11 <b>6pm:</b> Quilting Class <b>6pm:</b> Preschool Board Mtg. <b>7pm:</b> Bible study @ Barker's Home <b>7pm:</b> Church Board Mtg.	12 <b>6pm:</b> Pathfinders <b>6pm:</b> Adventurer Club	13 <b>9 - 11am:</b> Community Service <b>7pm:</b> House of Prayer	14 <b>7pm:</b> Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	15 16 Speaker: SS: Elma Barker Offering: Church Budget Fellowship Luncheon Grp #3: Hill/Barnett Sunset: 7:41pm	16 Speaker: SS: Youth Ministry Offering: Conference Faith Advance Fellowship Luncheon Grp #4: Reeve/Gomez Sunset: 7:47pm
17	18 <b>6pm:</b> Quilting Class <b>7pm:</b> Bible study @ Barker's Home	19 <b>6pm:</b> Pathfinders	20 <b>9 - 11am:</b> Community Service <b>7pm:</b> House of Prayer	21 <b>7pm:</b> Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	22 Sunset: 7:47pm	23 Speaker: SS: Harold Barnett Offering: NAD Evangelism <b>All Church Fellowship Luncheon</b> Sunset: 7:54pm
24 <b>9am:</b> Ladies Walk & Pray	25 <b>6pm:</b> Quilting Class <b>7pm:</b> Bible study @ Barker's Home	26 <b>6pm:</b> Pathfinders <b>6pm:</b> Adventurer Club	27 <b>9 - 11am:</b> Community Service <b>7pm:</b> House of Prayer	28 <b>7pm:</b> Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	29 Sunset: 7:53pm	

HEAD DEACON: CHUCK FLORES (APR 2, 16, 30) MEYNARD, THEARTIS, ANDREW, KEN & JOSUE  
 HEAD DEACON: DOUG TODD (APR 9, 23) RICHARD, FRANK, DON, SARGE & LARRY  
 DEACONESSES: KAY PODVIN, REENA VERDE, JENNIFER WHITE