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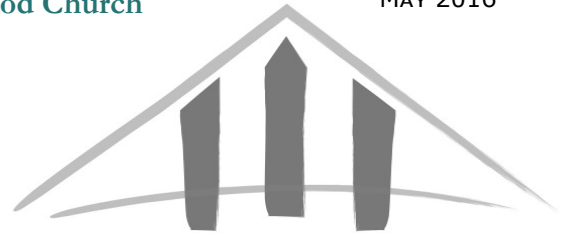
Modesto Parkwood Church

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Church Parking lot Update

Special points of interest:

- Church Parking Lot Update
- Fun Bible Game
- May Birthdays
- May Anniversaries
- 2016 Graduates
- Church Mission & Vision
- Hours of Worship
- Church Calendar for May

Since March 28th, our Church parking lot has been under construction, going through a major overhaul, and receiving much needed repairs - not just to broken pipes found when dug up, but to broken walkways and drainage problems that we've been experiencing for many years.

Many of us came to church on April 9th when it was pouring rain and saw the swamp our parking lot had become. Yet we did not despair - our neighboring church was gracious enough to let us use their parking lot to park in, boards

were put as a walkway between their land and our nearest sidewalk, and we were able to attend church services. God is always good to His faithful, and even though it was very muddy that day, it didn't stop us from worshipping Him.

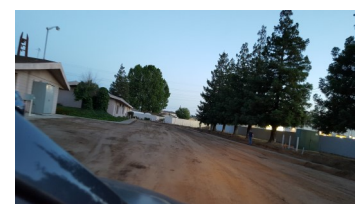
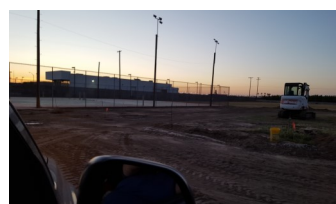
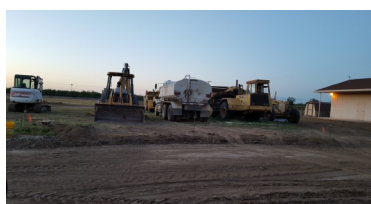
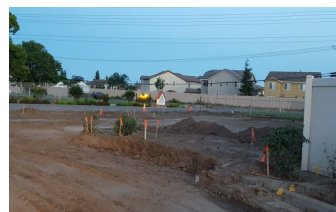
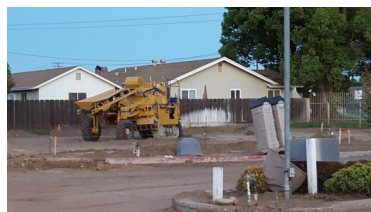
Hopefully all of the work will be completed in a few weeks. We'd like to thank you all for your patience and graciousness during this time as we've continued to attend not just church services, but all the other various activities that usually happen during the week, such as

Adventurers, Pathfinders, Ministry Placement team meetings, Board meetings, etc.

We still need \$65,000 to finish paying off everything being done for and to our parking lot. Please take a moment in prayer, and talk it over with the Lord to see what you can do to help us raise the remainder of the money we still need. As we all know, God will always come through for us when we have a need. God bless you all!

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Let Me Introduce You To...

January and Meynard Bautista, and their daughters Jasmine - who will turn 8 on May 7th, and Jilliane - who's 6.

January was born in the Philippines and her family moved to Modesto in 1996. Her father was already here when the rest of her family finally came, and even though her family was Catholic, her father had started attending the Ceres



SDA Church and had become an Adventist. Meynard was also born in the

Philippines, and when his family moved to the US in 1998, they moved to San Jose first, where they lived for several years before moving to Modesto.

Meynard and January met when they were both working at Doctor's Medical Center (DMC) together. A mutual friend thought they'd make a cute couple and gave Meynard January's phone number, but it took him a year before he finally called her to ask her out on a date.

January had prayed that God send her someone who served Him. When Meynard asked her out on a date, she figured she'd go out with him to see how things would work out. He took her to Olive Garden for dinner and when it came time to order, she noticed he didn't want anything like pasta with shrimp or mussels. When January asked him why, Meynard told her that he didn't eat those kinds of food as it was against his religion. Then she asked him if he was

an Adventist (remember, her father was an Adventist, even though she was Catholic), and he answered yes, that he was. January knew right there and then that God had answered her prayer!

Meynard is a Clinical Laboratory Scientist and he works at Memorial Hospital. He runs tests on the blood samples that come in. January is a Registered Nurse at DMC and she works in the Post Partum department - she gets to take care of the mothers and babies after the birth. Jasmine is a 2nd grader and Jilliane is in Kindergarten, and they both attend CVCA.

The Bautista family enjoy spending time together singing, with Meynard playing the guitar, as well as swimming, and eating out at different restaurants.

If you don't already know the Bautista family, go introduce yourself and meet some neat people.

Let Me Introduce You To...

Yoraina and Brian Buitrago

Yoraina was born in the Dominican Republic and had lived there all her life until September of last year, when she moved here to Modesto. Brian was born in San Francisco. He was also in the Army for 10 years. Brian has lived in Modesto since 2002, along with his 2 children from his previous marriage - Kayla, who is 22 and going to school for Radiology Technician at San Francisco City College, and Samuel, who is 19 and going to MJC. Brian is a Senior Technical Analyst and works at DMC where he takes care of anything to do with their computers and systems throughout the hospital. Yoraina is a housewife.

In November of 2014, Brian decided to sign himself up for The Single Adventist website. He knew that he wanted to get married again, and he also knew that finding an Adventist woman was important to him. He started reading the profiles, and came across this beautiful woman's picture - that's what caught his attention. Then he read her profile and knew this was someone that he wanted to get to know. So he sent

Yoraina an email, and that's how their courtship started. They graduated to calling each other on their cell phones, then on to seeing each other via Skype, all the while building their relationship and their love for each other.

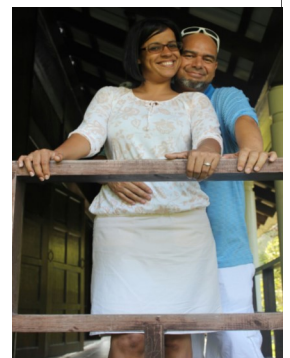
They knew they wanted to meet face to face, so Brian took a week of vacation in March of 2015 and went to the Dominican Republic to meet Yoraina for the first time. He fell in love all over again with Yoraina, but he also fell in love with the Dominican Republic. The lush tropical island was so beautiful, Brian made a decision right then that when he retired, he was going to move and live there. But in the meantime, he and Yoraina quickly knew that they loved each other and wanted to be together., so they made plans to get married.

Brian flew back to the Dominican Republic one more time to help Yoraina get her visa to come to the US, and he finally got it all approved and brought her here to get married. She lived with Brian's Aunt Matt (Madelene) for 2 days, shopping for her wedding dress and shoes, and getting their marriage license,

then on September 22nd, 2015, they got married in the Youth Chapel of our church with Pastor Godfrey officiating and our Pathfinder club as their witnesses, along with Brian's parents and niece, his Aunt Matt, and his cousin Nancy Lavea with her family. Afterward, there was a little reception in the kitchen annex with cake (made by Peggy Herman) and Martinellis for toasting the bride and groom.

Yoraina and Brian enjoy going out camping in their new 5th wheel camper, whether by themselves, or with family. They also enjoy hiking, bike riding, and generally anything physical and outdoors is something they look forward to. Yoraina also enjoys puzzles, learning how to sew, and doing needlepoint.

If you haven't already done so, take a moment to meet this cute couple.



Parkwood Adventurer Club

Our Adventurer Club has been very active. Their first meeting in April, they held their physical fitness day and had all the kids showing their prowess in running, jumping, doing sit-ups, etc. It's a lot of fun working with kids in this age group - if you're looking to have some fun every other Tuesday evening of the month, please talk to Elda and Francisco about volunteering your time. They'd appreciate the help, but I also know it helps alleviate the load on them as it would be divided among more people.

Conference Youth Department will be holding the first ever Adventurer Tike-A-Thon. It is going to be held at Fresno Adventist Academy, and our Parkwood Club will be participating. Just as the Pathfinder kids called and asked for church members to sponsor them, please be expecting to hear from the Adventurer kids as they will be making phone calls asking for sponsors as well. This event will be a big fund raiser for the children, so please be generous and show your support by sponsoring them if you are asked.

need encouragement as they ride in the bike-a-thon, so it would be so wonderful to have many of our church members show up at FAA and help encourage our Adventurers to keep riding as they go around the track. Your prayers are always appreciated as well.

Tuesday, April 26th, the kids learned how to tie-dye and made new club shirts that they will be wearing for their tyke-a-thon. We can't wait to see them looking very colorful in their new shirts, representing Parkwood and our Adventurer Club.

On May 22nd, the Central California

I know that the Pathfinders always



Parkwood Pacers Pathfinder Club

On April 10th, our pathfinder kids woke up at 6am, quickly got dressed and ate breakfast before grabbing their bikes to head out to the track. The 2016 CCC Pathfinder Bike-A-Thon held at Castle Air Base in Atwater, started at 7am, and as soon as the word "GO" was yelled through the bullhorn, they were all off.

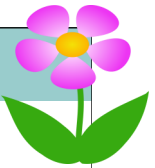
We had camped out the night before, listening to the pouring rain fall all night long, worried that it would keep us from being able to let the kids ride the next day. God had a different plan. The next morning, even though it was a little bit overcast, the sun was trying to shine through the clouds. At the director's meeting held the

night before, they were all told that if it rained the next day, they would only call a halt to the bike-a-thon if it was raining hard as that would end up causing accidents out on the track.

There were about 450 riders out on the track that day, and every club sent adult volunteers to help with punching the cards keeping track of the laps the kids rode, as well as going out and being track monitors at the 4 stations out on the track. With all the volunteers helping, it lightened the load for the conference office as well as the area coordinators, and made the morning go a lot smoother. About 12 noon, the rain started coming down, and the accidents

started multiplying. By 12:30pm, they called a halt to the bike-a-thon as they couldn't keep up with accidents happening out on the track. Each club brought in their group of cards to be counted at the conference trailer, and were told that the mileage would be doubled on each card since we made it through half the day, with the expectation they would have ridden those miles if they had been able to.

We'd like to thank all of you who answered the calls of our pathfinders and sponsored them for riding. We're working toward going to the PUC Camporee held in Winchester, CA in October 2017, then on to Osh Kosh, WI in 2019.



CVCA Corner

The 4th and final quarter of the school year started on March 29th when the children returned to school from Spring break. As the school year winds down, there have been several trips, tours, field trips, etc., planned for the last couple of months left in the school year.

April 14th was Open House for CVCA and they invited anyone that was interested to come visit our school and see what we are all about. That evening at 5pm, dinner was provided by the school (haystacks), and after dinner, everyone - including the parents as well as the student body, were invited to come into the Tonge Auditorium to see some demonstrations of what the school had to offer. The gym team did a short performance, the choir performed a song, and each of the teachers in the elementary side, as well as the high school side, introduced themselves and explained which classes they taught. Then everyone was dismissed to go visit all of the classrooms as it was also science fair night. We got to see up close what kind of curriculum CVCA offers with a glimpse into each classroom and by talking to each teacher. It was a great opportunity for parents to see what their students were learning, but also a chance for others to see what their

children could be learning if they sent them to school there. Below are pictures of what our children in grades K, 1st and 2nd from Parkwood entered into the science fair.

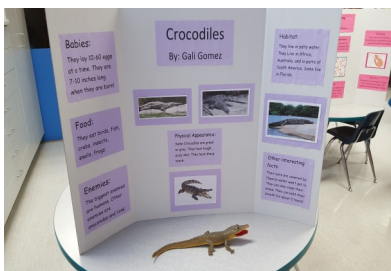
On April 18 at 5pm, 7th and 8th grade students, along with all their parents and families, showed up to catch a bus that had been rented specifically to take them to San Francisco and SFO International Air Port to leave for their 8-day history trip to Boston, Massachusetts. Everyone was excited as the students and the adults traveling with them were looking forward to traveling to somewhere new and exploring places that our country was founded on, and families staying behind were looking forward to having a break from taking their teens to school every day.

While back east, the students and adults got to visit places like Plymouth Rock (it really is a small rock!), Lexington (where the battle of Lexington was fought), and where the Boston Tea Party happened. They all enjoyed their trip immensely, and even though they had a lot of fun, they were happy to head home on the 26th, where families picked everyone up at midnight. Even though it was late, everyone was expected to go back to school the next morning, so it

was straight to bed once they reached home. Below are a few pictures taken from their trip.

For the month of May, CVCA has a lot of things coming up that you might be interested in attending. You don't have to have children attending school there in order to go, and they would love to have anyone come and enjoy themselves.

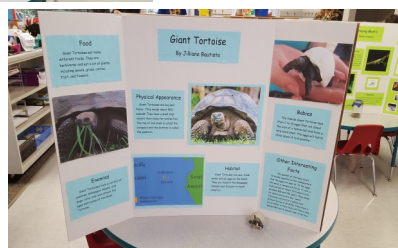
- May 5th: 7:30pm High School Spring Music Program
- May 7th: 8:30pm Gym team Home Show
- May 11 - 15: Gym team tour
- May 12th: 6:30pm Elementary Spring Music Program
- May 16, 17: 4pm 8th Grade Class trip
- May 18 - 22: Senior Class trip
- May 20th: Elementary Picnic Day
- May 23rd: 7pm Academic Awards
- May 26th: 9am 5th & 6th Grades trip to Boomers
- May 26th: 7pm High School Sports Awards
- May 27th: 4pm High School Vespers
- May 29th: 6pm High School ASB Spring Banquet
- May 30th: No School (Holiday)
- May 31st: 8:30am 4th Grade trip to Fresno water park
- May 31st: 12:45pm 2nd & 8th Grades bowling trip to Yosemite Lanes



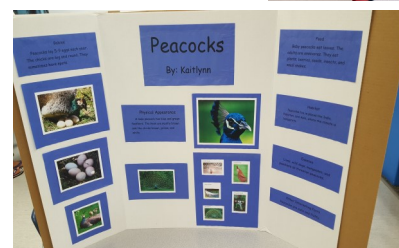
Gali Gomez did her Science project about Crocodiles



Rohan Veerabatheni made his Science project about Hummingbirds



Jilliane Bautista made her Science project about the Giant Tortoise

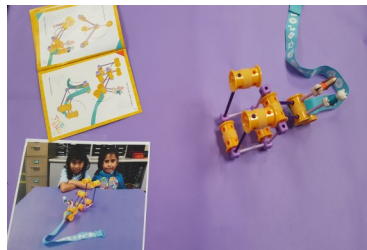


Kaitlyn White did her Science project about Peacocks

CVCA Corner cont...



Isabella Verde and the whole 1st Grade class did their group project on How to Live to be 100



Jasmine Bautista and her classmate made a car out of a kit, and made it run correctly.



Gael Gomez and his classmate made an airplane out of their kit.



7th & 8th Grade history trip to Boston, MA



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!

May 14th (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 Monday @ 7pm: Ladies Fellowship in the Youth Chapel

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.

May 8 & 22 (every other Sunday): meet @ 9am at church for the Ladies walk & prayer.

May 15th: 9am Men's Breakfast at Home Town Buffet

Church Extras

Chili Relleno Casserole
By Toadie Barker

- 1 27oz Can of green chilies
- 1lb of shredded Monterey Jack Cheese
- 1lb of shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 4 egg yolks
- 4 egg whites
- 2/3 C evaporated canned milk
- 1 tbsp flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

Onions and mushrooms are optional Layer chilies then cheese, in a well buttered 12 x 8 x 2 casserole dish. You can even spray it with Pam baking spray instead of using butter. Beat egg whites until stiff. In a separate bowl, beat egg yolks with milk, flour, salt, and pepper. Using a rubber scrapper, fold egg whites into the yolk mixture. Pour over cheese and then lift chilies with a fork so egg mixture will ooze

around the chilies.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



ALL SINS FORGIVEN

Instructions: Cross out all words that may be considered a sin or something that would be wrong in God's eyes. (NOTE: Do not cross out the words "sins" and "unrighteous")

BITTERNESS	FOR	QUARRELSOME	WICKEDNESS	JEALOUSY	GOSSIP	CHRIST
HATE	UNFAITHFULNESS	FILTHY TALK	DIED	LYING	IMMORALITY	LAZINESS
FOR	ARGUING	SINS	SLANDER	COVETING	IDOLATRY	SLANDER
MURDER	ONCE	KILLING	BLASPHEMY	ADULTRY	FOR	SELFISHNESS
STEALING	SLANDER	RAGE	STINGY	ALL,	GREED	THE
RIGHTEOUS	ENVY	ARROGANCE	FOR	PRIDE	GLUTTONY	QUARRELSOME
FOOLISHNESS	THE	COMPLAINING	LUST	UNRIGHTEOUS,	IMPURITY	STEALING
TO	GAMBLING	BRING	RACISM	WICKEDNESS	YOU	WORRY
UNKINDNESS	PRIDE	TO	IDOLATRY	GOD	ANGER	DISOBEDIENCE



What do the remaining words say? Write them in order on the lines below.

1 Peter 3:18a NIV1984

The first kid 13 years old or younger, who can finish this puzzle correctly and turn it in to Ms. Peggy or Ms. Nancy will receive a prize. Good luck!



Annette Ruiz	1
Christine Simac	3
Richard Vasquez	4
Reena Verde	5
Jasmine Bautista	7
Travis Hoover	7
Lodi Cortez-Serrano	9
Magdalena Eggink	10
Kay Todd	10
Harold Barnett	14
Leslee Best	15
Amos Skadsheim	15
Janette Ko	18
Desiree Ruiz	19
Kim Rheinor	20
Norma Bailey	23
Kelli Gansel	28
Matthew Rush Jr.	29

Peggy & Norman Herman 9th 52 yrs



Upcoming Graduations for 2016

Kelli Gansel	12th Grade
Naomi Vasquez	12th Grade
Jasmine Vasquez	8th Grade
Dante Matuu	8th Grade
Gali Gomez	Kindergarten
Jilliane Bautista	Kindergarten
Kaitlyn White	Kindergarten
Rohan Veerabatheni	Kindergarten



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.

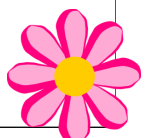
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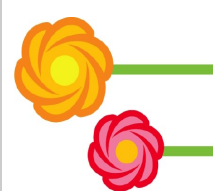
- 9:15am -- Church Family Worship Time (all ages joining for songs and prayer)
- 9:30am -- Sabbath School (age-specific, relevant Bible study)
- 11am -- Main Worship Service

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
1 7am - 10am: Church Work bee 	2 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible Study @ Barker's Home <i>7pm: Ladies Fellowship</i>	3 6pm: Pathfinders	4 7pm: House of Prayer	5 7pm: Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	6 Sunset: 7:59pm	7 Speaker: Joe Fluence SS: Nina Herman Offering: Church Budget Fellowship Luncheon Grp #1: Verde/Watson/ Aguillon/Sanders Sunset: 8pm
8 9am: Ladies Walk & Pray 	9 6pm: Quilting Class 6pm: Preschool Board Mtg 7pm: Church Board Mtg. 7pm: Bible Study @ Barker's Home <i>7pm: Ladies Fellowship</i>	10 6pm: Pathfinders 6pm: Adventurers	11 7pm: House of Prayer	12 7pm: Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	13 Sunset: 8:05pm	14 Speaker: TBD SS: El Lavea Offering: Disaster & Famine Relief Fellowship Luncheon Grp #2: Lavea/Rush-Dalton Sunset: 8:06pm
15 9am: Pathfinder Fair @ CVCA 9am: Men's Breakfast @ Home Town Buffet	16 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible Study @ Barker's Home <i>7pm: Ladies Fellowship</i>	17 6pm: Pathfinders	18 9 - 11am: Community Service 7pm: House of Prayer	19 7pm: Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	20 Sunset: 8:11pm	21 Speaker: Benjie Maxson SS: Elma Barker Offering: Church Budget Fellowship Luncheon Grp #3: Hill/Barnett (B-days & Anniv) Sunset: 8:12pm
22 10am: Adventurers Tyke-a-thon @ FAA 9am: Ladies Walk & Pray	23 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible Study @ Barker's Home <i>7pm: Ladies Fellowship</i>	24 6pm: Pathfinders 6pm: Adventurers	25 9 - 11am: Community Service 7pm: House of Prayer	26 7pm: Ladies Bible group - Gwen Barnett's home	27 Sunset: 8:17pm	28 Speaker: Ed Verde SS: Youth Ministry Offering: Conference Faith Advance Fellowship Luncheon Grp #4: Reeve/Gomez Sunset: 8:18pm
29	30 6pm: Quilting Class 7pm: Bible Study @ Barker's Home <i>Home</i> 	31 6pm: Pathfinders - Investiture				

HEAD DEACON: DOUG TODD (MAY 7, 21) RICHARD, FRANK, DON, SARGE & LARRY
HEAD DEACON: CHUCK FLORES (MAY 14, 28) MEYNARD, THEARTIS, ANDREW, KEN & JOSUE
DEACONESSES: SAMANTHA RUSH-DALTON, SANDY O'NEILL, SHIRLEY CHIBURIS