

# Vallejo Central Newsletter

December 2020



“His name shall be called Immanuel, ... God with us.” For more than a thousand years the Jewish people had awaited the Saviour’s coming. Upon this event they had rested their brightest hopes. And yet at His coming they knew Him not. “When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, ... When the great clock of time pointed to that hour, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The King of glory stooped low to take humanity. Rude and forbidding were His earthly surroundings. His glory was veiled, that the majesty of His outward form might not become an object of attraction. The angels had wondered at the glorious plan of redemption. They watched to see how the people of God would receive His Son, clothed in the garb of humanity. Angels came to the land of the chosen people. Angels attend Joseph and Mary as they journey from their home in Nazareth to the city of David. Weary and homeless, they traverse the entire length of the narrow street, from the gate of the city to the eastern extremity of the town, vainly seeking a resting place for the night. There is no room for them at the crowded inn. In a rude building where the beasts are sheltered, they at last find refuge, and here the Redeemer of the world is born. Above the hills of Bethlehem are gathered an innumerable throng of angels. They wait the signal to declare the glad news to the world. In the fields where the boy David had led his flock, shepherds were still keeping watch by night. Through the silent hours they talked together of the promised Saviour, and prayed for the coming of the King to David’s throne. “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.



Vallejo Central SDA Church members manned the voting poll at GVRD on Amador Street on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers, Celeste Wong and her grandma Norita Lachica, along with Pam Ditto, Dale Hamlin and Lenson Wong worked many hours to ensure everything went smoothly on election day. A Benicia High School student, Alexis also helped. With a small team, they opened on time, served everybody who came, and had short lines. They processed 138 ballots, 90 provisional ballots and about 100 mail-in ballots. Thank you to Larry Leach for help with setting up.



## *Thanksgiving Baskets for Community Services.*

Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 77 families lined up early to receive groceries for their holiday meal. The families received turkey or chicken, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuits & butter, pie, and fruit. Many volunteers arrived early to assist. The volunteers were Dale Hamlin, Emmy De Castro, Ed Politano, Pearlette Dobbins, Fredericka Black, Rudy Patricio, Trinh Bui, Luis Gomez, Angelina Gomez, Rose Laugtug, Noriko Fernander, Jared Fernander, Brooke Fernander, Christine Jacob, and Isaiah Jacob.



## Prayer List 2020

~ Pam Ditto

### The Heart of Christmas

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8*

It is December and we are no doubt thinking of gifts to give to our family and friends.

We will be looking at lights, trees and wrapping paper. As children we asked for things that often our parents could not afford. As adults we try to give our children the best of gifts, often those we cannot afford.

The greatest gift we have received is the gift of Jesus Christ. He wants so much for us to be in Heaven with Him. He wants us to ask, knock and seek to get the source of power we need for Christian living. It is not something that should be taken lightly. God is not sparing with His gifts. He is gracious and merciful.

Please pray for our members:

- Emma Baber
- Richard Brautigan
- Jeodesa & Warren Coykendall, Angelyn, Alexander
- Shayne Dixon
- Patrick Harmon
- Mary Ann & Jason Johnston, Joshua, Matthew Tenorio
- Fred and Bic Lowe
- Karen Medina
- Nieves Patricio
- Linda Reid
- Horace and Gwen Sugick
- Demetrio and Eunice Vilar

## Library News

~ Pam Ditto



### Video Book Review

<https://www.revivalandreformation.org/resources/all/books-to-grow-your-faith>

This webpage has recommendations for good reading from Adventist authors that will grow your walk with God. Books are available at Adventist Book Center.com



### Prayer Ministries

**Sabbath Mornings 8 am**

Join with other church family members each Sabbath morning to pray for the needs of our church, our families and loved ones and special prayer requests.

Use the Sabbath School Zoom link from the church website: [www.vcsdachurch.com](http://www.vcsdachurch.com)

Click on the Sabbath School Lesson picture.

# Welcome Hezekiah Moring!

To our church family, we are happy to share the news of the arrival of a wonderful baby boy!

Hezekiah was born November 5, 2020 @ 1:30pm. He was 5.11 lbs and 18 inches. God has been extremely kind in fulfilling our wishes despite of the pandemic that is happening now. We are praying that this will be over so we can meet all of you in church soon.

-The Moring family



## Motions from Board Meeting:

**Motion 2020-056 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accepted the October Board Minutes

**Motion 2020-057 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accepted the Financial Report for October

**Motion 2020-058 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Move \$20K from Checking and \$20K from Savings and deposit it in the Union fund. Conference allows 3 deposits and 3 withdrawals each month for liquidity.

**Motion 2020-059 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** \$500 seed money for starting the Young Adult Ministry

**Motion 2020-060 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Return the donation for the Kindergarten Ladder since that project is not moving forward at this time.

**Motion 2020-061 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Approve Pathfinder trip to the snow Dec 29<sup>th</sup> .

## Community Services



The Adventist Community Services offering will be collected Dec. 12. More than 1,300 ACS Centers across the North American Division are providing millions of meals this year, demonstrating God's love through service. Your financial gifts on December 12 will make it possible for us to continue responding to those in need. Give at your local church, marking "ACS Offering" on your tithe envelope, or [online](#).

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY 101

People are beginning to see that only a strong one-world government would be able to stop the fighting and turmoil (especially in the Muslim countries) and save the environment from so called human-induced global warming. I was recently listening to a conservative radio talk show where the host was talking about the need for a one-world-government and the good it might accomplish. It sounded just like he was reading a script from one of our Revelation Seminars! Pope Francis has two big agendas: worldwide peace and global warming; the same as what everyone else is clamoring about. The Papacy knows what buttons to push. But to effectively solve these two problems requires a centralized leadership that would have enough military strength to force compliance. The military strength of the U.S. will make it the natural dominant power. And who knows what new and wonderful weapons will be invented in the future. See Rev 13:13-17. Of course there would still be local governments in every nation to keep law and order. When things like carbon credits and electric cars fail to stem the tide of multiplying disasters, the Church will come to the podium and, with the help of Satan himself, convince the masses that it is God that is causing these calamities trying to get our attention and that the general disregard of God's commandments and widespread atheism are the chief causes. There is to be only one solution: all need to join together in peace and unity of worship; pagans, Christians, agnostics, all must unite together. Religious doctrines won't matter; bring your gods and idols along (it will be said they represent the true God anyway), and all will praise Jesus through the Pope, on the affirmed 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week! And lo and behold, the disasters will lessen! But many, not just God's true followers, will ignore the invitation to worship. The church/state will realize that bolder, more severe action is needed to enforce compliance; a law with teeth in it; the friendly invitation to worship wasn't enough. A universal worship law will be adopted. What will happen to religious liberty? Then all true followers of Jesus will be in hot water for sure! In fact, every living soul on earth will be forced to make that all-important choice: material comforts or trust something that can't be seen or felt—something Spiritual. You can't satisfy a gnawing hunger or warm your shivering body by singing a hymn, can you? Seems like only real food and a real wool blanket would work. Ever try to chew spiritual bread? It can be done with practice. What's the secret?

~ Richard Brautigam



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