

# Vallejo Central Newsletter

*September 2020*

## **Winning It All**

~ Pastor Jonathon Henderson

The NBA playoffs are here, and it's a reminder of a spiritual lesson I learned while a student in college. One of the most thrilling times of my life occurred when I played for PUC's basketball team. My chest swelled with pride when I hopped off the team bus for our games. Home games, when I played in front of friends and classmates, were even more exciting. The thrill of the sport and the cheers from the crowd were exhilarating! I ate, drank, and slept basketball. My friend and teammate William and I watched basketball videos and played basketball video games from early evening until sunrise. You would have thought we were paying all that tuition to attend basketball camp rather than for higher education.

Unfortunately, my joy and enthusiasm came to a crashing halt when I received my report card for the first quarter grades. My GPA was a whopping 1.7! I needed a 2.0 to maintain eligibility to play. I was so embarrassed. I wasn't even allowed to take a picture with the team for the yearbook. I felt like the biggest failure on campus. I went from making the team to being kicked off the team.

I must admit that being kicked off the team was also my worst fear when it came to my faith. I initially was extremely excited that Jesus had chosen me; only later to realize how seemingly difficult it was to stay on the team. It seemed impossible to maintain the necessary GPA. God was demanding perfection—a 4.0. I couldn't get by with an average 2.3. Even the 3.9 students, like the young, rich ruler in Luke 18, weren't making it. It seemed impossible. No one can be perfect!

Fortunately, I soon learned that Jesus was the author and "perfected" of faith (Hebrews 12:2). He's my coach! And the only way off this team is if I choose to leave. Christ has convinced me that He won't fail me. And I am determined that my trust in Him—His goodness, His love, His coaching—will also not fail.

### **Church Board Motions on August 24, 2020**

**Motion 2020 -037 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accept the minutes from July 12, 2020 and July 21, 2020

**Motion 2020 -038 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accept the Financial Report for July 2020

**Motion 2020 -039 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** To get bids for removal of the Cypress tree between the disable person ramp and the Mother's room.

**Motion 2020 -040 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** To accept the Pathfinder Calendar for 2020-2021

**Motion 2020 -041 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** To approve the Pathfinder's trip to Leoni Meadows in October

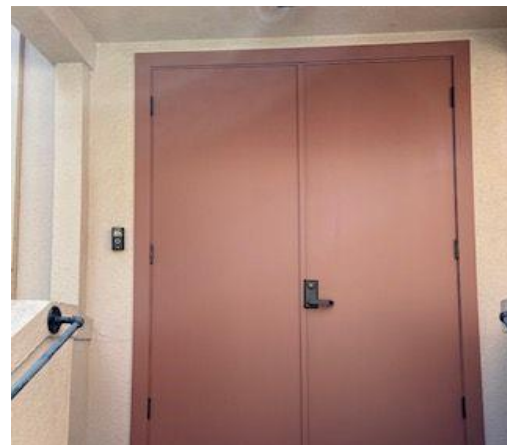
**Motion 2020 -042 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** To lower the subscription of Adult Sabbath School lessons from 45 to 30 as many are using the internet to retrieve their lessons.

## Church Repairs



The upstairs bathroom is currently undergoing renovations. Don Hurst is leading in the renovation with Dale Hamlin assisting. We are fortunate to have talented and dedicated members who are committed to keeping the Lord's house in good repair.

The outside doors near the fellowship Hall were replaced for added security on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The new doors are solid wood with a security window and panic hardware that allows you to open the door even when locked from the outside and exit quickly in an emergency by pushing on the bar from the inside of the church. The old doors would swell during the rainy season, making them hard to open.



Thanks to Cathy Keating and Greta Henderson for spearheading the weeding of the church flower beds in preparation for planting of some colorful flowers and shrubs. Keeping the church in good repair shows the community how much we value the Lord's house even when we cannot attend in person.

### *Deepest Condolences*

*Our heartfelt sympathy to the Patricio Family on the loss of Catalino Patricio, long time church member.*

*Catalino passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He was 98 years old. He leaves behind his wife and eleven adult children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was married to his wife, Nieves for 78 years.*

*He rests for now awaiting the call of his Master.*

## September 2020 Prayer List

### The Challenge

**Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man avails much. (James 5:16, NKJV)**

On Sabbath morning, July 25, 2020 during the lesson study discussion (you should join us each Sabbath at 9:30 am the link is on vcsdachurch.com, emphasis this quarter is *Making Friends For God*) we had a lively discussion on "Prayer Power: Interceding for Others". You may have recognized the memory verse. If not, it was Lesson 4. We learned quite a few things about praying for others during that discussion. Not only did Paul, Daniel, Samuel and Job pray for others, but Jesus did, as well.

When we pray for others God works in our hearts to draw us closer to Him. We pray for others and it makes a difference. Consider this statement carefully: "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask." Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 525 When we pray for those who do not know Christ, God honors our choice to pray for them and channels of divine blessings are opened to them. Here is the challenge that Carmen Velasquez put out to the Sabbath School class: Go out for a walk and pray for your neighbors as you pass their homes. See what a difference it makes in your relationship with your neighbors and neighborhood! Join us in Sabbath School and report what happened!

Please pray for our church family members and the groups added to the prayer list this month!

~Pam Ditto

- Jared & Melissa Arce, Joseph and Enzo
- Serena Blais
- Ruben & Isabel Contreras, and Isabella
- Carlos Deras and Rachelle
- Agnes Fernandez, Elijah and Eleanor
- Angela Harmamjy
- Abraham & Sheryl Jacob, Angelina, Isaiah, Sophia and Christine
- Larry & Lynda Leach, Kelly Pfister
- Caroline Martinez
- Glenn & Milcah Ordaz, Jea and Josiah
- Sany & Amidya Rajagukguk
- Carla Settles
- Jay & Emelita Vega
  
- Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy Teachers and Students
- Napa Christian Campus of Education Teachers and Students
- Vacaville Adventist Christian School



The **United4theCause** Ministry is having its 6th Annual Retreat online via Zoom.

It is on Women's Health.  
To register use the link below.

<https://www.united4thecause.org/our-annual-retreat.html>

All women are invited. You do not want to miss this event!

Guest presenters include:

- Dr. Sandra Roberts
  - President of the Southeastern Conference of SDA
- Dr. Lisa Newman
  - Surgeon and World Renown Triple Negative Breast Cancer Researcher
- Candace Huber
  - Director of Adventist Health - Waterman Creation Health



## Community Services

Served 228 Individuals in 97 households for the month of August.



We are pleased to resume the Fundamentals of Health workshops, starting on Saturday afternoon, September 12, at 2:00 PM. Dr. Raimundo Romero (Bioengineering Scientist with Lonza) and Brad Marlow (Physical Therapist) will be exploring musculoskeletal health principles and practices with some contribution from Dr. Fred Lowe. Get ready for great learning!

## Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy 2020 Graduation

A Baccalaureate Ceremony was held August 15 on the front lawn of VCSDA church with Pastor Jonathan Henderson as the speaker. Tyler Wilensk, Elizabeth Torres, and Jasmyn Cautiverio were the graduates. Commencement was held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasant Hill Church. Tyler is the son of Annaliza and Mike Wilensky. He will be attending Pacific Union College in September to study Clinical Laboratory Science as his Pre-Med major. Just prior to the Baccalaureate Ceremony, Tyler was baptized at Vallejo Central Church after a year long bible study with Pastor Henderson. Congratulations to Tyler on these major life events.



## Congratulations

Pastor Lem Garcia, former pastor at Vallejo Central SDA Church married long time sweetheart, Jessica Morales on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Oregon. Pastor Lem continues his studies for his Master of Divinity degree at the SDA Theological School at Andrews University.



## Baptism

Michelle Chi-Roh was baptized on August 29<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Jonathan Henderson. Her husband, Daniel is a SDA. His father was the pastor at the Napa Korean Church. We welcome them to the church family and look forward to knowing them better.

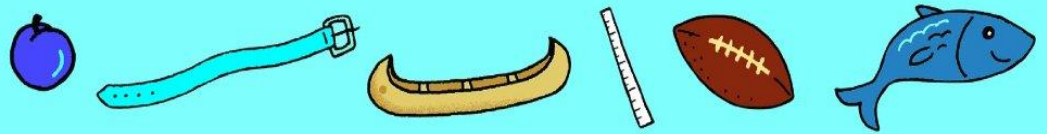




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