

Vallejo Central Newsletter



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“Good Intentions” 2 Samuel 10

So let's get this straight. An army is hired. And thousands, upon thousands of men die all because the new Ammonite king, Hanuun, mistook David's kindness for... spying?! Talk about your thunderstorms of paranoia. What makes this even worse is that David was actually reciprocating kindness shown to him by the recently deceased king, Hanuun's father, offering to Hanuun his condolences after his father's passing. David's envoy is accosted on the fear that they were spying, and then sent back in humiliating fashion with their tails between their legs. Let this be a lesson in not jumping to conclusions too quickly. Yes, we've been hurt in the past, but not everyone is out to hurt us.

I absolutely understand how our defense mechanisms work, especially in a painfully unpredictable sin-plagued world. However, the problem with our approach is our defenses often keep out the good along with the bad. Keep your heart and mind open. Be quicker to see the good in people rather than their brokenness. Yes, you'll probably get hurt, BUT it will hurt far worse when we live a life that is overly and unhealthily guarded. To truly experience love, kindness, forgiveness, and joy, one must risk being open and vulnerable.

~Pastor Jonathan Henderson



PHAA's Virtual Graduation Baccalaureate Sabbath is June 6, 2020 with Vallejo Central Church Pastor, Jonathan Henderson, as our speaker. Celebrate this memorable Sabbath with our seniors. The Livestream link will be announced. Mark your calendars now! Commencement date and time is TBD depending on social distancing guidelines.

Final weeks of virtual school: Our students, teachers, and parents have done an awesome job with our quick pivot to distant education beginning March 13. Our team has continued to stay connected in so many ways whether it is through virtual Student Week of Prayer, online presentations, sibling show and tell time via Zoom, reading the classics aloud, playing an SA hosted Kahoot game and even having a junior/senior watch party all with delivered pizza! Though it has been a big challenge, we're determined to make it a great educational experience and an enjoyable time for all. We miss seeing our students in person but so thankful all are doing so well! Thank you again for your prayers...be well and confident in Him!

Apply Now for 2020-2021 school year at PHAA! Prospective students and families, online applications are still being accepted and if you wish to be on a list to visit our campus once we open again, please call (925) 934-9261 or email office@myphaa.com. Applications for 2020-2021 school year are available at <https://www.myphaa.com/new-students>. Hope to see hear from you soon!

End of the American Dream, by Michael Snyder

Crazy global weather patterns were playing havoc with harvests all over the globe, the African Swine Fever plague had already killed about one-fourth of all the pigs in the world, and giant armies of locusts the size of major cities were devouring crops at a staggering rate on the other side of the planet. And now this coronavirus pandemic has caused an unprecedented worldwide economic shutdown, and this has put an enormous amount of stress on global food supplies.

On the official UN website, the United Nations is openly using the term "biblical proportion" to describe the famines that are coming. Even if COVID-19 miraculously disappeared tomorrow, a lot of people on the other side of the world would still starve to death, but of course COVID-19 is not going anywhere any time soon.

Here in the United States, our stores still have plenty of food. But empty shelves have started to appear, and food prices are starting to go up aggressively.

In fact, we just witnessed the largest one month increase in food prices that we have seen since 1974.

"This is the new reality: an America where beef, chicken, and pork are not quite as abundant or affordable as they were even a month ago. UN World Food Program Executive Director David Beasley has warned that we are facing "the worst humanitarian crisis since World War Two," and he insists that we could soon see 300,000 people literally starve to death every single day. In wealthy western countries, starvation is not an imminent threat. But what we are seeing is an explosion of hunger that is absolutely unprecedented. All over America, people have been lining up "for hours" at America's food banks so that they can be sure to get something before the supplies run out

In the past month, America's food banks have been completely overwhelmed by demand. In cities like Pittsburgh, San Antonio, and Phoenix, residents have lined up for hours as food banks attempt to address a massive influx of need. Some organizations have been forced to turn people away while others are struggling to maintain the supplies necessary to keep up.

Images of the lines at food pickup points underscore how devastating the economic fallout from the pandemic has been. This week, vehicles started lining up at 2 AM in the morning at a food bank in the Dallas area, and one woman said that the reason why she lined up so early was because she didn't get anything at all on her first two attempts. But over time global food supplies are going to continue to get tighter and tighter, and much worse shortages will eventually happen here in the United States.

"If the land is cultivated, it will, with the blessing of God, supply our necessities. We are not to be discouraged about temporal things because of apparent failures, nor should we be disheartened by delay. We should work the soil cheerfully, hopefully, gratefully, believing that the earth holds in her bosom rich stores for the faithful worker to garner, stores richer than gold or silver. ...With proper, intelligent cultivation the earth will yield its treasures for the benefit of man. The mountains and hills are changing; the earth is waxing old like a garment; but the blessing of God, which spreads a table for His people in the wilderness, will never cease." Ellen White, *Country Living*, page 17.

Prayer List for June 2020

Pam Ditto, *Prayer Ministries Leader*

Here we are still under the “Stay-at-Home” order. Some areas have been relaxed, but there is no vaccine. We are still washing hands, wearing masks and walking six feet away from our friends. It is sure difficult to connect!

I hope your prayer life has grown through this pandemic. Last week, the phone prayer group I attend challenged us to do five acts of kindness and report back on what you were able to do to connect with your neighbors. I hope you have found time to connect with Jesus through Bible study and prayer. In Brenda Walsh’s book *Passionate Prayer* p. 273 she relayed an email message she received that compared the relationship between our cell phones and the Bible. Here is the email:

The Bible vs. the Cell Phone

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it in our purse or pocket?

What if we turned back to retrieve it if we forget it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn’t live without it? What if we gave it to our kids as a gift?

What if we used it as we travel?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

What if we upgraded it to include 24/7 tech service from the Holy Spirit?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don’t ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected—because Jesus already paid the bill.

Please remember our church members in your prayers this month:

- Emmanuel & Marissa Anastacio, Jumika and Renee
- Cassie Bigley
- Andrea & Marbue Marke, Andrews
- Cesar & Angela Delgado, Ian and Jennifer
- Allan & Gladys Ellorin, Juegen and Tristan
- Luis Gomez
- Heather Hurst-Waller
- Gregory & Mariel King
- Reynold & Kisun Mamon, Kenneth
- Debbie Music
- Eric & Nora Politano, Aiden and Nadia
- Eliasib & Valerie Ruban, Levi, Micah and Mia
- Emile Uy

This is a little fun thing to do!

Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

There really are sixteen names of books hidden in this story!



Jumika Anastacio	1
Olivia Hurst-Gacad	1
Jose Sanchez	1
Ariana Galsim-Viray	2
Juliet Delacruz	3
Bryant Galsmin-Viray	3
Leticia Aquino	4
Demetrio Villar Sr.	4
Mike Wilensky	5
Jackie Dicen	6
Edna Hidalgo	6
Richard Brautigan	7
Claudia Lindsley	7
Tu Bui	8
Valerie Ruban	10
Jad Cabanez	11
Nadine Delacruz	11
Carlos Aguilar	12
Charity Patricio	17
Rowena Tadeo	17
Angel Abad	18
India-Blue Webb	18
Paula Badua	21
Marvin Delacruz	24
Nina Tadeo	24
Nathanael Killam	25
Pamela Ditto	26
Annaliza Wilensky	26
Elijah Rios	30

If we missed your birthday, please update the Church Clerk, Pam Ditto or Assistant Clerk, Fredericka Black with your information.

A Whole Lot of Shaking Going On!

“Terrible shocks will come upon the earth, and the lordly palaces erected at great expense will certainly become heaps of ruins. The earth’s crust will be rent by the outbursts of the elements concealed in the bowels of the earth. These elements, once broken loose, will sweep away the treasures of those who for years have been adding to their wealth by securing large possessions at starvation prices from those in their employ. And the religious world, too, is to be terribly shaken; for the end of all things is at hand.” *Manuscript 24*, 1891.

A magnitude 4.5 earthquake rocked San Diego on Sunday afternoon [May 10th]. A magnitude 5.4 quake struck northern Chile on Sunday, May 10th and that really shook a lot of people up. The portion of the Ring of Fire that runs along the coast of Japan was hit by a magnitude 5.8 earthquake very late on Sunday, May 10th. And that unusual event in Japan was very quickly followed by a magnitude 5.6 earthquake in Indonesia.

There has been so much shaking in Indonesia recently, but most Americans never hear about it. On May 6th, Indonesia was hit by a magnitude 6.9 earthquake that was so powerful that it was actually felt in Australia.

So as you can see, there have been significant seismic events all over the Ring of Fire within the past month. Big earthquakes have been popping up in diverse places all over the globe, and the magnitude 5.1 quake that just hit Iran really surprised a lot of people.

Two unusual earthquakes hit southern Tennessee. The earthquakes were reported back to back in southern Tennessee officials say. “Both quakes happened about 4.3 miles southeast of Sewanee, which is near the Alabama border and about 52 miles from Chattanooga, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The first, a 3.1 magnitude, hit at 3:33 a.m. and the second, a 2.8 magnitude, hit at 3:34 a.m.”

The largest quake this year was in Jamacia on January 28th measuring 7.7.

Community Services Report



100 Households were served with a total of 212 individuals.
15 Volunteers worked 275 hours.

Volunteers were: Carmen Velasquez, Charity Daguna, Ed Politano, Emmy DeCastro Vega, Fredericka Black, Luis Gomez, Maribel Gasmin-Viray, Mel Quiba, Pearlette Dobbins, Randy Brucker, Rudy Patricio, Christina Jacob, Rosa Maria Ortiz, and Dale Hamlin, director.

NCC Office Reopening

The NCC headquarters will be reopening this coming Monday, June 1. Later today, office employees will attend a Zoom meeting where administrators will share all that is being done to create a clean and safe working environment, outline hygienic office practices, and answer questions. Church employees and members who plan to come to the office must call the department they wish to visit in advance and make arrangements to come.