

# Vallejo Central Newsletter



## Straightened Out

*~by Pastor Jonathan Henderson*

Potholes aren't supposed to move, but I'm certain this one did. Pothole isn't probably an accurate description either. By the sound and feel of the impact, it felt like my car had crashed into a crater. Immediately after, the ride of my car was different. I pulled over to see if I could see any external damage. Nope! No flat tire either, thankfully. But, once I preceded to drive, I could hear and feel something was wrong. My car was drifting to the left so I knew there was an alignment issue. The car also seemed to "wobble" at higher speeds. When I arrived home, I looked under the car and saw that a cover had come loose and was dragging. Told you it was a crater! That at least accounted for some of the new sounds I was hearing. The next day I took my car in to get the cover fastened again, and get the car's alignment straightened out. Problem solved! Or so I thought. Car was still wobbling. So I figured my tires needed to be balanced so I took it in again, only to discover that one of my wheels was bent. Now I know how Fred Flintstone felt driving on uneven wheels.

Not to sound trite, but our lives can easily become uneven and bent out of shape. Sometimes we keep hitting the same potholes everyday, yet expecting our life to get straightened out somehow on its own. If you're feeling uneven because of something you slammed into, be intentional about fixing it. Maybe you need something as simple as an alignment adjustment. That can be rekindling your prayer and devotional life. Or maybe it's as serious as having to buy a new wheel. For some, that may be going a support group for an addiction, having an accountability partner, or getting into therapy. My point is this, if we were half as serious about our personal dings, flats, and what have you, as we were about our cars when they're not running right, we'd find ourselves going through life just a bit more smoothly. God cares about all the details of your life and seeks to make life easier for you. There's a reason He calls us to follow the straight and narrow. There's a reason He says His yoke is easy and burden is light. Life is full of potholes, but we don't have to accept the condition those potholes leave us in. Be intentional.

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:6, NASB)

### Community Services

Served 192 Individuals in 96 households for the month of July



# Best Television Series

Don't miss this opportunity to watch one of the newest and best Television series out there. It's clean, it's wholesome, and best of all, it will be great for the entire family. Everyone will be stuck to their chairs through each and every program!



It's called **IMPACT** and it's hosted by TV personality and world-traveler Jim Ayer.

## Here's the schedule:

- [Monday](#) at 4 PM Pacific time
- [Sunday](#) at 2:30 PM Pacific time (International Network)

They are being broadcast on [3ABN](#) and twice during the week. Once on the main 3ABN network (Monday at 4 p.m.) and again on their International Channel at 2:30 p.m. Pacific time on Sundays. But if you miss them on 3ABN, you can find them on our website at the [IMPACT](#) video page. AND on our [YouTube channel](#).

You will be introduced to the people, the islands, and the volunteers who serve tirelessly to provide a helping hand. You will also receive a tour of the **Wellness Center**.

Jim will take you on a journey through the islands of the South Pacific. You will meet the people, explore their cultures, discover their customs, and become immersed in exotic island locations -- that most people only dream of seeing.

On this journey, Jim chronicles the work of *Canvasback Missions*, who for the past 38 years have been **bringing** their Super Teams of **volunteers specializing** in Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Dental, Ear Nose and Throat, Dermatology, Urology, Colonoscopy, and Cardiology. These teams provide desperately needed medical services to the peoples of Micronesia, who often do not have access to even the most basic medical resources.

Yes, *Canvasback Missions* is making an **IMPACT** in Micronesia, discover how. It's time for some fun! Mark the date on your calendar.

In His Service,

Jacquie Spence  
Executive Vice President, Co-founder

You can also watch them on our website

<http://canvasback.org/impact/>

Donate! An Be Part of The Solution

<http://canvasback.org/donate/>

## Prayer List

There is an App advertisement on television that plays a 15 or 30 second sound of rain falling in the trees. It is called Calm. Sometimes, if I see it, I try to take a deep breath and relax while exhaling. Sometimes in our lives we are so busy our spiritual relationship with God comes up lacking and we need to take that 15 to 30 second calm break to renew and recharge. One way is to read a book. Two that I would suggest, one being the Bible and the second I would suggest to you is the Great Controversy. We are living in the last days. Sometimes we become anxious with all that is going on. Between the Bible and the Great Controversy we can know the last day deceptions, we can use 15 or 30 minutes to read and recharge our relationship and we can be faithful to our heavenly Father.

We cannot neglect our prayer life. That needs recharging as well. Please take some time and pray for our church family members. Here are those for August.

- Samuel Aquino Jr.
- Althea Blais
- Ruben & Isabel Contreras, Isabella
- Florence Deloso, Julian, Jared and Paige
- Paul & Noriko Fernander, Jarod and Brooke
- Frank & Gloria Gonzalez, Raquel
- Nula Jackson
- Casey Leach
- Brad & Abigail Marlow, Savannah and Haven
- Rodolfo Noble, Charlene Rudy Jr., Roesanne, Grace and Jam
- Mel & Jessica Quiba
- Richito & Melo Samieneto, Jan
- Alfredo & Raquel Vega



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



## Church Board Meeting – July 27

**Motion 2020 -031 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Accepted the Board Minutes from June 8, 2020 June 22, 2020 and July 12, 2020 (church Business Meeting and Budget for '20-'21)

**Motion 2019 -032 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Approved the Financial Report for June 2020

**Motion 2020 -033 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Replace the downspouts and drains outside the upstairs children's bathroom area. \$3,250 to come from the Renovation Fund.

**Motion 2020 -034 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Approved Canon camera purchase. \$2,000 from the Audio-Visual fund.

**Motion 2020 -035 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Approval of a \$10,000 principal pay down of our loan.

**Motion 2020 -036 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED** Approval of \$200 per month, this school term, for a worthy student request.

## Church Business Meeting

July 12, 2020

**ATTENDEES:** Tu Bui, Trinh Bui, Fredericka Black, Isabel Contreras, Pamela Ditto, Paul Fernander, Luis Gomez, Angelina Gomez, Gloria Gonzalez, Frank Gonzalez, Greta Henderson, Pastor Jonathan Henderson, Pete Jiminez, Marivel Jiminez, Cathy Keating, Bill Keating, Larry Leach, Lynda Leach, Fred Lowe, Debbie Mallari, Abigail Marlow, Brad Marlow, Charles McKinney, Leo Moring, Nora Politano, Erwin Protacio, Jessica Quiba, Mel Quiba, Kay Tibbets, Mina Tolosa, Carmen Valasquez, Joe Vasquez, Ruth Vasquez, Joyce Walker, Annaliza Wilensky, Arleen Wong, Lenson Wong,

**Call to Order:** 10 am

**Devotional:** Lenson Wong presented a thought from Messages to Young People, p, 91. *Set Your Mark High*

### Agenda

- Review of 2019-2020
- 2020-2021 Budget
- Initiatives for the year ahead

### Review of Initiatives

- **Kitchen /bathroom renovation** – completed one, funded two more
- **Addition of fellowship hall back door to parking lot-** turned out to be too expensive
- **Discuss parking with neighbors** – Church of the Nazarene offered parking
- **Explore options for multi-purpose building or expansion of fellowship hall.** Continue to consider possibilities
- **Quarterly Work bees** – We have held two.

### Loan Status

- **Contributions June 2019-June 2020** \$52,359
- **June 2020 Funding still to be raised** \$53,555
- **Principle may be paid off by next Business meeting**

### 2020-2021 Combined Budget

Combined Family Budget \$110,000

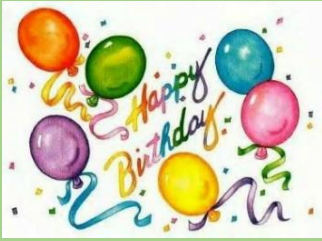
### 2020-2021 Initiatives

- Bathroom Renovation
- Junior Room to multipurpose, kitchen
- On-line ministries
- New stationary camera
- Generator for community services
- Tree pruning
- Debt pay down
- Nominating Committee
- Election Polls November 3, 2020

**Motion 2020 -030 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED**

Budget for 2020-2021





Congratulations!

To Andrea and Marbue Marke on the birth of their second son, Samuel Christian Bishop Marke.

Born on June 29, weighing 7lbs. 4oz. Big brother Andrews could not be any happier.



- Joshua Davis 1
- Heather Hurst-Wallar 1
- Marissa Anastacio 5
- Nieves Patricio 5
- Trevor Bui 6
- Andrea Christiansen-Marke 7
- William Becklehimer Jr. 9
- Sofia Aguilar 10
- Savannah Marlow 11
- Marlee Raras 11
- Raymundo Romero 13
- Melo Jane Sarmiento 13
- Rosanne Noble 15
- Jarod Fernander 16
- Andrews Marke 16
- Rene Rodriguez 16
- Mia Ruban 18
- Ezekiel Protacio 19
- Cesar Delgado 20
- Halima Acheson 21
- Andrew Brucker 21
- Angelina Jacob 21
- Amy Magbanua 21
- Arnold Magbanua 21
- Kisun Mamon 23
- Haven Marlow 27
- Marcus Raras 27
- Eleanor Fernandez 28
- Ken Fuchs 28
- Raquel Gonzalez 28
- Dennis Cabanez 29
- Glenn Ordaz 29
- Jill Domingo 30
- Sany Rajagukguk 30
- Richito Sarmiento 30
- Karolyn Tibbits 30
- Dale Ranjo-Fuchs 31
- Emelita Vega-DeCastro 31

