

Vallejo Central Newsletter April 2021



Answered PrayersRight Away!

By Carmen Velazquez

People that know me, know that I pray; maybe not as often as I should, but I do it. It is kind of common people ask for my prayers in all sort of circumstances, I must confess that sometimes I forget about those requests. A month ago, one of the families I work for, had a memorial service for a close friend. They asked me to take care of their daughter since they would be attending it. When I saw the dad already wearing a suit I asked him, "Who passed away?" He told me a friend of his. Regardless of having the "perfect life", he committed suicide. Shocking. He said his friend was growing a family, he had three children (3, 5 and a teeneager) a beautiful wife, good economical position, a nice house but he also was depressed, and alcohol was involved in the equation. "Actually, he continued, I would like you to pray for the family and the whole situation..." and before he could say anything else, he started crying. I hugged him, and tried to comfort him saying things like, "baby, everything's gonna be fine, oh honey, my poor baby." (I deal mostly with children, ergo, I baby talk.) I prayed for the family of his friend, asking God for comfort and peace, for the Holy Spirit's guidance, for forgiveness, for love. I asked God that even when they don't know what prompted the suicide, they can still have hope. I asked that God's love would surround the family and friends. When I finished, the dad was calm, and he said he already felt peace, and he was ready to bring support to his friend's family. He was in peace.

That weekend I told the story to Ruben and Isabel. They were kind of impressed, and Ruben said someone in his work asked him for prayer, he said yes, but forgot about it. "Maybe you should pray right away, I said, before you forget." My sister kept on saying that when someone asks us for prayer we should pray right away to witness for Jesus.

Two weeks ago something similar happened. I was taking care of an elderly lady who was released maybe too soon from the hospital, and her caregiver was not available to take care of her. She was in pain, and the multiple pills that she was taking were not helping her. Almost at the end of the day when I was doing a chore she said, "Keep me in your prayers." This is my chance, I thought. I asked her, "If you had God in front of you, what would you ask Him?" She replied, "I want to be part of my grandchildren's life. I want to see them grow. I want to be able to walk and be independent. I don't want to be in so much pain." And the list grew. She has COPD, arthritis, fibromyalgia, and I don't know what else. I asked her to turn the TV off, and we started praying. "Close your eyes..." I prayed to God for everything she said, and I added love and patience and wisdom for the people taking care of her, and her family too. "Dear God, make Lani feel surrounded by love and understanding." (Oops, I slipped her name. Well, include Lani in your prayers, please.) At the end she said she felt relief, and better... whatever that means. The next day I shared with her some Bible promises. She was surprised I have the Bible App in my phone, but that's another story.

The Moral is: **It is not a matter of praying for you, but praying *with* you... Right away!**



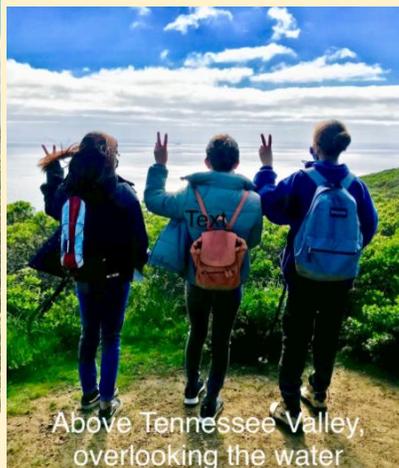
A fun day in the snow



Members of the Pathfinder Club journeyed to Adventure Mountain near Lake Tahoe for a day in the snow on February 28th.



On Saturday, March 13th the Pathfinder Club went on a hike to Tennessee Valley near Mill Valley. They hiked over 5 miles gaining 710 feet of elevation on the Fox trail, seeing spectacular views of the ocean, surrounding hills, and San Francisco. It was a beautiful sunny day with wild flowers adorning the hills and birds gliding on the air currents. The temperature was mild at 60 degrees and windy. After reaching the summit another trail was taken down to the ocean. It was too windy to stay at the beach so everyone decided to go home. It was great to get out into nature! **By Gloria Gonzalez**



Above Tennessee Valley, overlooking the water



Tennessee Beach Overlook



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Baptism

Michael Ament was baptized on March 27th after a year of bible studies with Pastor Jonathan Henderson. His wife's name is Korina. Welcome to Vallejo Central Michael!

Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy Loves You!

PHAA ALUMNI WEEKEND 2021 APRIL 16-17

Friday, April 16, 6:30 pm, SA/Alumni Outdoor
Vespers around the Fire Pit

Sabbath, April 17, 11:15 am, Church
Onsite & Online
Guest Speaker Mr. Barry van Iderstein

Pending County Guidelines...

8:15 pm, Women's Volleyball Game
9:15 pm, Men's Basketball Game
Open Gym until midnight

Honor Classes: 2001(20 years) 2006(15 years)
2011 (10 Years) 2016 (5 years)
Attendee Recognition:1950's thru 1990's



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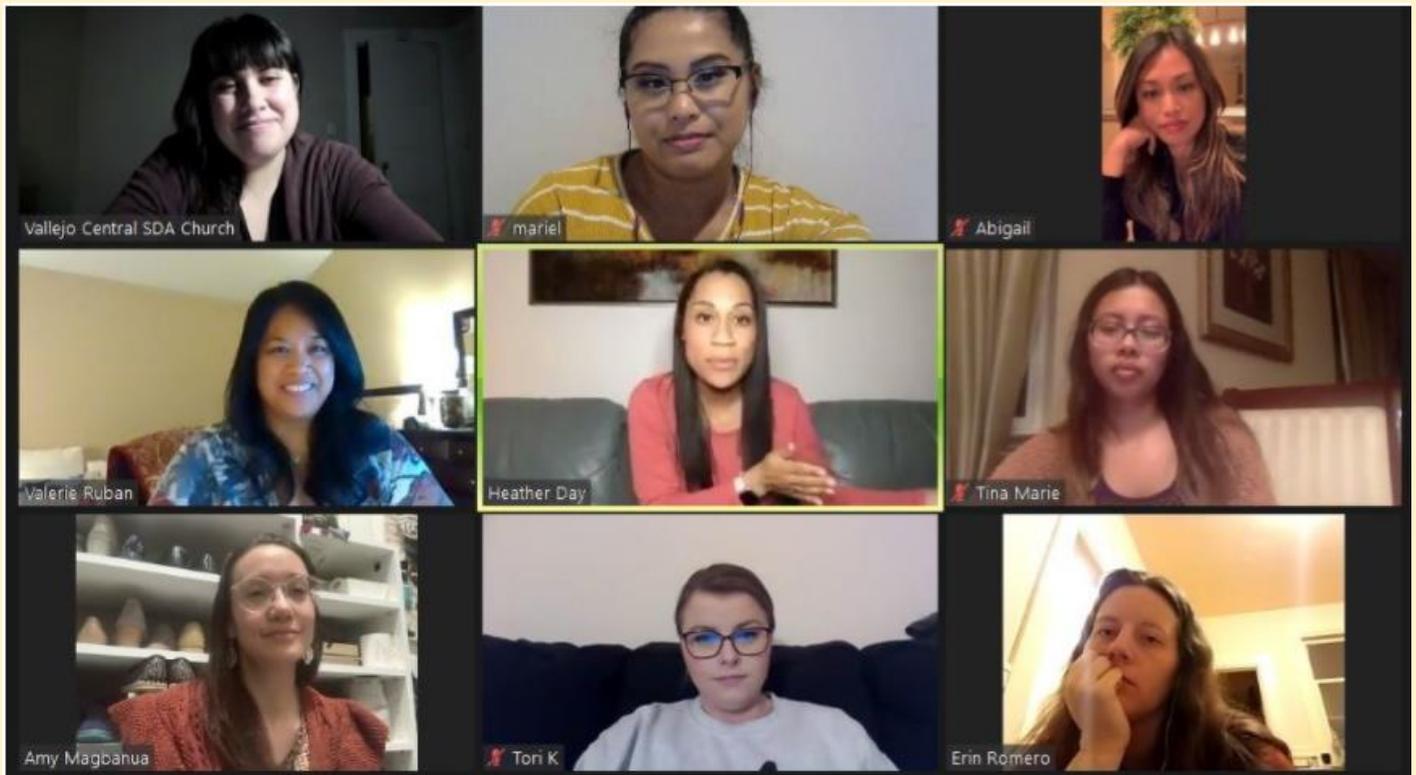
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Young Adult Women's Book Club

On Thursday, February 18, 2021, Dr. Heather Thompson Day, Author of *Confessions of a Christian Wife* joined our very own Young Adult Women's Book Club for a "meet & greet" with the author! Dr. Day was gracious enough to spend her Thursday evening with the gals of Vallejo Central, chatting about life, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and serving our community. We were candid, raw, and open with each other, lifting each other up in prayer and being that listening ear for life's every day trials. We even swapped sermon recommendations & book titles. It was a refreshing conversation and the ladies in the book club were jazzed to be able to make this connection with Dr. Day over Zoom.

**Members of the book club are pictured below. Dr Thompson Day is in the middle.



Leoni Meadows Camp News

Discounts are available for early registration for kids camps if applications and deposits are posted by April 16 - \$50.00 off. If posted by May 16 - \$25 off. Register at leonimeadows.org.

Community Services

In March, volunteers worked 371 hours and served 174 individuals. An administrative volunteer is needed with good computer skills to input information and file reports.. Please contact Dale Hamlin or Fredericka Black. Must be available every Tuesday from 8:30–12:30.



Motions from Board Meeting:

Motion 2021-010 2nd and PASSED E-Vote Teen Sabbath School would like to participate during the Global Youth Day, 3/20/21, set up by the General Conference, by passing out 25 of our Community Services' "Walk Bag/box" to the homeless in Vallejo.

Motion 2021-011 2nd and PASSED: Voted to accept the February 2021 Church Board minutes.

Motion 2021-013 2nd and PASSED: Voted to accept the February 2021 Financial Report.

Motion 2021-012 2nd and PASSED: Voted to grant Idaline Glos' membership request to Falls City OR

Motion 2021-014 2nd and PASSED: Voted to move the \$13,538.85 in the Bathroom fund to the kitchen fund.

Motion 2021-015 2nd and PASSED: Accept Outreach Recommendations and present these recommendations to the church.

April Prayer List *By Pam Ditto*

God in Nature

In this time of pandemic many parents have stepped into the roll (some kicking and screaming) of teachers! If you have not been trained as a teacher it can be daunting. One of my textbooks was Education by E.G. White. I want to suggest a chapter, God in Nature (2 and 3/4th pages) for you to read whether you are teaching or your child is back in school. It is pp. 99-101. It is only after reading this chapter will you understand the suggestions of this month's prayer article thought. Create a lesson from one of your child's lessons that is taught outside. To save you time, the easiest may be a math lesson with measurements. Need more help? Build a house for your pet, layout a garden space for a certain number of plants, if you need to fix a section of fencing, have your student help figure out the board feet of lumber needed. Last, have your child take a vacation from screen time for two weeks. Depression decreases and emotional stability will increase in this short amount of time. * Pray for our children (and adults) that are on electronic overload. *BeltofTruthMinistires.org

Pray for our church members spiritual, emotional, financial, health and social needs:

- ♣ Victoria Aguilar
- ♣ William & Lovely Becklehimer, William, Angely and Neil Dicen
- ♣ Julie Carl-Uusinarkaus, Julius
- ♣ Gregory & Elizabeth Daniell
- ♣ Allan & Gladys Ellorin, Juegen and Tristan
- ♣ Olivia Hurst-Gacad
- ♣ Sonia Killiam, Nathanael, Luke and Andrew
- ♣ Debbie Mallori, Antoni and Andre Hamilton
- ♣ Oscar & Daisy Monta
- ♣ Rudy & Liza Patricio
- ♣ Lois Rocha
- ♣ Sareda Thompson
- ♣ Brian & Kim Webb, Kaila, India-Blue, and Kaula Angell



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