

# News Notes

April 5, 2019



On March 23, 2019, the Paradise Prayer Warriors earned a first-place award at the Pacific Union Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) competition in Fresno, California. The only Northern California Conference (NCC) team to win a first-place award, they will now go on to test in the North American Division PBE in Rockford, Illinois, on April 26 and 27.

Almost all of the club's 30 members and 13 staff lost their homes in the November 2018 Camp Fire. About a month after the fire, kids asked if the club could start meeting again. Leaders wondered if the PBE team should continue since they had lost so much preparation time. Each team member had to decide for himself or herself. "Everyone has suffered from the trauma, and we did not want to add to this strain," said Terry Parsons, club director. "With much prayer and encouragement, the team decided to continue." Not only did they have to study extra hard, they also had to assemble new uniforms in time for the competition.

"Our first-place finish is remarkable," said Parsons. "Our families are scattered across the state and they attend as they can and keep touch through Facebook and emails. ... The two months lost for study and practice revealed a practice score of 75 percent. The team needed a 90 percent need to pass. We also wondered: Could we get uniforms in time?"

Parsons shared that the uniform club crest came in the mail the day before testing. Belts were borrowed; pants and shoes purchased. The club passed inspection, went through the testing, and achieved scores giving them a first-place finish.

On the day of the event, the team asked God to help them remember what they had learned and to help them glorify Him. "To God's honor, they have qualified for the division finals," said Parsons.

"They could have quit, but instead they flourished," said NCC Youth director Eddie Heinrich.

— The original version of this article was provided by Stephanie Leal, Communication director of the Northern California Conference. (Reprinted from the NAD website.)



We are delighted to announce the upcoming baptism of brothers, friends, and PAA students, Cason Lindgren, Ethan, and Evan Hendrick on Sabbath, April 6 during the 10:00 Worship Service held at the Chico Adventist Church. (Bios for Ethan and Evan Hendrick to follow.)

Cason had studied with Pastor Mary for several years when he requested baptism. There wasn't a date set—then life had some challenges. Grandpa Forrest went to his rest, followed by the Paradise Camp Fire where everyone had to evacuate and the family home was lost. One morning in worship, Pastor Mary felt impressed to text Moita and Erik to see where Cason was in his decision for baptism. This weekend, Cason will formally continue his relationship with Jesus in his God connection journey by baptism into the Paradise Adventist Church family. God has made a difference in the life of Cason by "letting me to be able to go to church—This is the freedom that we have." He chose to be baptized "so that I can know more about God." Noah's Ark is Cason's favorite Bible story "because if God didn't tell Noah to build the Ark no one would be existing to praise God today." Cason's family includes: Erik, Moita, Cheyenne "Shanny", Saber, and Grandma Judy. Cason is attending PAA and is in the 5th grade. His special interests include: reading, sports, basketball, and playing the clarinet in PAA Junior High Beginning Band. He loves animals and has a bearded dragon, and a German Shepherd named Pepper. We, as the Paradise Adventist Church family, want to welcome and pray for Cason on his spiritual journey. ~ Pastor Mary Maxson



Please join us for Sabbath (Saturday) Worship Services which are held jointly with the Chico Adventist Church. (1877 Hooker Oak Ave Chico, CA)

The Worship Service begins at 10 am with Sabbath School (Bible Study) at 11:30 am.

**Children's and Youth Sabbath Schools** will meet in their respective rooms in the Chico Adventist Church Sabbath School wing and classrooms along the southeast side of the gym.

#### **Adult Sabbath Schools:**

PAC Pre-fire Location|Post-fire Chico Church Location|Topic of Study

PAC Community in Christ | <u>Now meets in PAA Modular</u> | studying Romans PAC Balcony Class | <u>Now meets in PAA Modular</u> | studying the Quarterly PAC Sanctuary Class | <u>Now meets in PAA Modular</u> | studying the Quarterly Young Adult Class | <u>Young Adult Room</u>

Women's Bible Study | CAC Office | Studying "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"

**Food and Fellowship**—Please join us for lunch Sabbath at 12:30 pm in the gym. Fellowship meals are now held on a once-a-month basis on the first Sabbath of each month.

**Out of Town?** Sermons presented at the Chico Adventist Church are recorded and available on the Chico Adventist Church website. The direct link is: https://www.chicoadventist.org/sermons.

Financial Assistance Available—We have been blessed by the generosity of others! Financial assistance has poured in from around the country. As a result, we have been able to share financial assistance with Paradise members and residents affected by the fire as well as those from Magalia, Golden Feather, Oroville, and Chico. Phase One for Financial Assistance has been underway since December. We are closing this portion of our program. However, it has been extended to *April 15* for those church members who have been displaced. Qualifications for this assistance are displacement from your home for 10 days and a pre-fire address within the

burn area. If you were displaced by the fire and have not yet been able to fill out a form for financial assistance, we encourage you to do so today. Please visit the Church Office or call to request a digital version. Only one form submitted per family regardless of church affiliation in the burn area. Thank you.

#### Please connect with us:

Phone: 530.877.4454

Website: www.paradiseadventist.org

Weekly phone calls: Check your phone and voicemail for weekly messages from the pastor.

**Facebook pages**: Paradise Adventist Church *and/or* Paradise SDA Camp Fire Recovery

### Paradise Adventist Academy



Come see our very own Paradise Adventist Academy students star Broadway Hello musical Dolly! Invite your family and friends to see this toe-tapping display of homegrown talent. This is a great opportunity to support our school and community as we return to Ridge for performance at the Paradise Performing Arts Center This Saturday Night at 8:00 pm

and <u>Sunday Afternoon</u> at 2:00 pm. Tickets available at the door. \$25 Reserved Seating and \$15 General Admission.



## This Week: April 5~12...

Chico Adventist Church: 1877 Hooker Oak Ave., Chico, CA 95926 PAC Office: 2500 Floral Ave. #30, Chico, CA 95973—530.877.4454 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm; Friday, 9 am - 12 pm

Sabbath......Worship Service—Speaker: Steve Hamilton, 10 am (CAC)

Fellowship Lunch, 12:30 pm (Chico Oaks Adventist School Gym)

Pathfinders, 2:00 pm (Chico Oaks Gym)

Saturday Night . PAA Musical Production—"Hello Dolly," 8 pm

(Paradise Performing Arts Center, Paradise)

Sunday...... United Prayer, 7:30 am (CAC Chapel)

PAA Musical Production—"Hello Dolly," 2 pm

(Paradise Performing Arts Center, Paradise)

Wednesday ...... Church Staff Meeting, 9 am (PAC Office, Conference Room)

Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm (Chico Adventist Church, Young Adults Room)

Sabbath......Worship Service—Speaker: 10 am (CAC)

Pathfinders, 2:00 pm (Chico Oaks Gym)