



# Vallejo Central SDA Newsletter November 2025



## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD**

**by Carmen Velazquez**

Last October 7th. We celebrated National Night Out in Fleming Heights, which is my neighborhood. The event took place at the end of Whitecliff Dr. on a cul-de-sac. Neighbors posted adds inviting other neighbors to come. What is a Night Out? It's an opportunity to connect with your community, to meet your authorities and public workers to learn what we can do to improve our neighborhoods.

I had never been to anything like that, and we had a great experience. People brought food, drinks, and desserts. In this street neighbors formed a very close knit, as Joe Bates said when I posted it on Next-Door Neighbor page. He was very happy with the turnout this year. It was exciting seeing the VPD and representatives of the City of Vallejo coming in their official units. It's like "they are paying attention to us!" Police officers took pictures with us; we talked with the authorities; they had dinner with us.

They encouraged us to call them in case of need, distribute cards with emergency numbers, and we learned we are part of Zone 3... Whatever that is. One of my friends told me they had another NNO event on her street, that is two blocks from our church. She brought guacamole and chips.

Vallejo Central had the opportunity to host an NNO, but it had to be canceled. It was a missed opportunity because we have so much to offer to the community, not only in the Community Service Department; we have active ministries that need to be made themselves known. We have a prayer ministry, a health ministry, Pathfinders and Adventurers. There were plans for institutions like Touro University to come and join us in NNO. As I said, we have so much to offer to our neighborhood and community. Hopefully, there's always another year.

# PRAYER LIST OCTOBER 2025

For any prayer requests, please contact Pam Ditto at (707) 980-0241.

When all the strength you have is gone  
And friends that you've depended on  
Can't hear the cry you try to hide  
Or feel the pain you keep inside,  
All, all you really need is Jesus.  
When clouds arise and light grows dim,  
He calls on you to look to him.  
Your simple prayer will reach his heart,  
His perfect peace he will impart.  
All, all you need is Jesus

Please pray for the following:  
Dr. John Jones  
Hilde Jones  
Flor Galsim  
Bic Lowe  
Caroline King  
Larry Leach  
Bruce Parker  
Goldie Raras  
Our Church



Chorus: All that you need is Jesus,  
All that you need is God. Cast your every care on  
him who answers prayer. All that you need is God.



## CHURCH TEXTING SERVICES

Text WELCOME to (707) 466-7222, to stay connected to the church family.



## ADVENTURERS

## 6TH ANNUAL REVIVAL CAMP MEETING AT WILCOX, AZ presented by City Exodus

Country Living, Medical Missionary Class- we learned how to treat burned victim, broken bone, heat stroke and other conditions. Country Home Builder - we built 2 benches and 2 shelves for plants. 3 Angels Farmacy - we studied the soils and added nutrients before planting cauliflowers. Met presenters from Bridegroom Cometh Ministries, End Time Legacies and School For Prophets. I was so blessed to attend and survived the event without the Bui's men Oct 10-15, 2025; 15 hours of driving with Uncle Kevin, Auntie Remy and Margaret that we meet at the City Exodus event at our church. My tent with white top next to teal tent and picture in pink shirt in front row. Thank you for your prayers. Trinh



## CELEBRATING PHAA'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

by Abigail Marlow

We're proud to celebrate the amazing season of the PHAA Varsity Volleyball Team, which includes Coach Tu Bui, team captain Savannah Marlow, and team member Haven Marlow, all part of our church family!

Despite the challenges they faced early in the season, the team showed incredible determination and teamwork, finishing #1 in their league with an impressive 14–4 record. A special congratulations goes to Savannah, who was voted League MVP by all the league coaches for her outstanding performance and leadership both on and off the court.

As the team heads into the playoffs, we join together as a church family to celebrate their accomplishments and to pray for continued strength, unity, and success. Go, PHAA Cougars!



## WHY PRAY?

by Carmen Velazquez

Because God said so: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

Because it is God's delight giving good gifts to those who seek Him: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

Pray, because prayer changes everything... but mostly, prayer changes people. And that means, prayer changes you and changes me.

There are two opportunities to look (and find!) God in prayer in our church: on the Wednesday prayer meetings at 7:00 p.m. And on Saturday mornings through our church's zoom, at 8:00 a.m.



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|------------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Geraldine Cabanez      | 1  | Abigail (Esmirna)  | 11 |
| Gladys Ellorin         | 1  | Daphne Aguilar     | 13 |
| Samuel Aquino Sr.      | 4  | Brooke Fernander   | 13 |
| Kylee Wong             | 4  | Angelina Gomez     | 14 |
| Denise Cabanez         | 5  | Renee Anastacio    | 15 |
| Maria Isabel Contreras | 5  | Bernie Manzala Jr. | 16 |
| Hezekiah Moring        | 5  | Donald Hurst       | 19 |
| Jayla Cruse            | 6  | Eliasib Ruban      | 19 |
| Dan Ganancial          | 6  | Angely Becklehimer | 23 |
| Lovely Becklehimer     | 7  | Holly Fuchs        | 24 |
| Tyler Wilensky         | 7  | Marivel Jimenez    | 24 |
| Rhyan Politano         | 8  | Fausto Molina      | 24 |
| Nimfa Jimenez-Umali    | 9  | Joana Masigan      | 27 |
| Casey Leach            | 9  | Leonides Moring Jr | 27 |
| Avelino Belga          | 10 | Sarah Fuchs        | 28 |
| Nathan Molina          | 10 |                    |    |

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the month of October, the following are volunteers at the community service: Pastor Chris Estay, Dale Hamlin, Emmy Vega, Ed Politano, Jane Sarmiento, Rose Lauglug, Becky Ganancial, Pearlette Dobbins, Edith Gasmin, Nelma Traub, Eunice Villar, Letty Aquino, Trinh Bui, Cindy To, Carmen Velasquez, Robert Hill, Stefani Belga and Jonathan Gasmin.

During this month we served total of:  
210 households, 465 individuals.



## HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

by Carmen Velazquez

On September Mexico and other Hispanic countries celebrate 'Independence Day' from Spain that happened in 1800's. In Mexico the country motto is "Our Motherland has the First Place." Notice we called our country "Motherland" or "La Patria," as a female noun, in the same way "Mothers" are in the first place in general. (Not quite but that's another topic for another time.) Stewardship is a difficult issue to discuss in churches. It's like talking about paying taxes or not. Sometimes we read in the Bible stories about the generous offerings and gifts people give to God, but we have no idea how much they spent on them. For example, in Solomon's Temple gold was estimated in 1,086 talents or 34 tons, which means over \$3.5 billion dollars. Just in gold. And it came from grateful people wanting to honor their God.

The alabaster jar of perfume Mary poured in Jesus' feet worthed a year's salary. Being modest it would be \$54,000 US dollars. Extravagant, isn't it? No wonder some said that money could have a better use feeding the needy. Jesus said about Mary's offering it would be remembered until the end of the age. And we are still remembering today. Think now about how much celebrities spend on gifts like Kim Kardashian's engagement ring given by Kanye. It was designed by Lorraine Schwartz worth \$8 million... and it was stolen! That is being extravagant. But, since it's not my money, it's not my problem.

In the parable of the minas (Luke 19) the master gave one mina to ten of his workers. I don't know what happened with seven of the servants, because only three are mentioned in it. The first servant won ten minas with the one mina he received. A mina's worth is one hundred denarii. One denarius is one day of salary. Then, one mina is \$10 thousand dollars. You do the math. The parable shows how much we received from God every day, and the question still is, what are you doing with it?

God's call is to give back, not because He needs it since He owns everything. It's because it's good. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) By the way, every time you spend any dollar, look at it. It contains US motto: "In God We Trust."



## The Christmas Cantata needs you!

December 20<sup>th</sup> will be an evening of joy, music, and heartfelt storytelling featuring our choir and a special skit presentation.

Share your gifts and help us shine a light on the true meaning of Christmas! Sign-up for choir and skit parts online under upcoming events or use the QR code below.



