



Vallejo Central Newsletter

October 2023



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September Board Actions

Motion 2022-090 2nd and PASSED.

To approve using \$14,000 from the Trust Unrestricted Fund and \$6,000 from the Building Unrestricted Fund for the initial funding of the solar system.

Motion 2022-091 2nd and

PASSED. To order 250 pictorial directories with the 80lb. weight paper.

Motion 2022-092 2nd and

PASSED. To accept Clerk's Report for August 2023 with the added motion for the Solar System approval.

Motion 2022-093 2nd and

PASSED. To accept the Financial Report for August 2023

Motion 2022-094 2nd and

PASSED. To Transfer \$5,000 from the Trust Unrestricted Fund to the Worthy Student Fund.

Motion 2022-094 2nd and

PASSED. To appoint Carlos Aguilar as Co-director of the Vallejo Central Mariners Pathfinder Club.

PASSED. To submit the Resolution Authorization for Loan Application and Loan Documents

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The Night the Stars Fell



In the pre-dawn hours of November 12, 1833, the sky over North America seemed to explode with falling stars. Unlike anything anyone had ever seen before, and visible over the entire continent, an Illinois newspaper reported “the very heavens seemed ablaze.” An Alabama newspaper described “thousands of luminous bodies shooting across the firmament in every direction.” Observers in Boston estimated that there were over 72,000 “falling stars” visible per hour during the remarkable celestial storm.

The Lakota people were so amazed by the event that they reset their calendar to commemorate it. Joseph Smith, traveling with Mormon refugees, noted in his diary that it was surely a sign of the Second Coming. Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Harriet Tubman, among many others, described seeing it. It became known as “The Night the Stars Fell.”

So, what was this amazing occurrence?

Many of those who witnessed it interpreted it as a sign of the Biblical end times, remembering words from the gospel of St. Mark: “And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.”



Adventurers Club Induction Ceremony By Carmen Velasquez

Twelve children were inducted into the Adventurers Club at Vallejo Central for the year 2023-2024. The children compromised themselves to learn Christian values as to be obedient, pure, true, kind, respectful, attentive, cheerful, thoughtful and reverent.

Carlos Aguilar said that as the same way in the past people worshiped God with an offering in the altar, these children's names were added to a representative altar that was installed in the platform. The children accepted the challenge of learning and having fun as Adventurers, and their parents in help them to do so.

Gabriel and Liana Estay were inducted as new members of the club.

Pastor Estay prayed for the new year of activities in the *Adventurers Club*.

For the 13th Sabbath program, the kindergarten class shared their thoughts on how to serve God and sang. "My God is so big."

Cradle roll learned about Moses and sang "To be thankful to the Lord."

Primary class' students said what they prayed about. In fact, they wrote a journal of prayers, and those prayers included their families, pets, people in need, in other countries, in jail or hospitals, missionaries, and for their relatives to come to church.

They learned about Moses and Miriam, his sister. Josiah and his reforms in God's people. And they sang three songs.

Junior class shared what they learned in this quarter, like Genesis 6:22, which says about Noah doing what God asked him to do.

Teens' class learned about Gideon and what God's will?

That's a question we have to ask us so much, "said teacher Gloria Gonzalez, "we have to be sure that it is God's will we are saved."

God wants us to be filled with his Spirit and to have an abundant life. The teenagers Share their thoughts about God's will for them.

Article and pictures by Carmen Velasquez





October Birthdays

Brian Ament	1
Maylen Moring	3
Elijah Protacio	3
Yolanda Magbanua	4
Lawrence Leach	6
Levi Ruban	6
Emilie Uy	6
Evelyn Brucker	7
Christopher Raras	7
Neil Dicen	9
Monika Mejia	9
Timothy Bui	12
Ana Duran	14
Zach-Romeo Cabanez	15
Lynda Leach	17
Kahleen Moring	20
Gwen Sugick	20
Raquel Hurst	23
Peter Masigan	23
Juegen Van Ellorin	24
Noriko Fernander	24
Agnes Fernandez	24
Trev Capiendo	25
Elijah Fernandez	25
Pedro Jimenez Jr.	26
Johanna Clark	28
Bayani Magbanua	28
Julie Carl-Uusinarkaus	29
JoAnna Gardner	29
Oscar Monta	30
Thelma Gamboa-Maldonado	31

One of my college classmates has become an extraordinary person. He works as a Family Therapist and his work has a spiritual perspective. In our group chat sometimes he posts his spiritual/catholic believes, and usually I never say anything out of respect for him. But, in other occasions, when I really don't agree in what he writes, I will send him messages to his private email letting him know what the Bible says about it. For example, one day he sent us a message about "Enoch's Book," and what it says about hell and purgatory. I replied to him saying Enoch is only mentioned in few verses in the Bible, and he (Enoch) hadn't wrote any book, not even in the Catholic Bible. Moreover, Pope Francis said in March 2018 that "hell doesn't exist," which caused animosity in some sectors of the church. This is true; it was published in the Spaniard journal "20 Minutes" (quoting a note of Eugenio Scalfari in The Republic journal in Italy.) Some said Pope Francis was "knocking down the business."

According to my friend, Purgatory is a gift of God and a manifestation of his love because God the Father doesn't want anyone going to hell; and Purgatory is the place where souls get purified so they can ascend to Heaven. We, here in earth can help them to make that time of purification shorter. "SO, I replied to him, God first punishes you and later He rewards you? That isn't mercy, is revenge!" As his question of, what do I believe? Probably the same as you do, I said, but if it's not in the Bible, I don't believe it. If you show me in the Bible where it says about purgatory, I will believe you. Ah! I added, but don't use the story of "Lazarus and the Richman," because that one is a parable.

Of course he hasn't found it (yet.) In its place, he sent me "40 courses of scatology from priest Carlos Sphan, famous exorcist, who studies with priest Amorth, Vatican exorcist who passed away not long ago." I haven't opened the file... yet. In one of our Sabbath morning prayer's meeting I mentioned my friend and Miriam Monjarrez said, we needed to ask The Holy Spirit to open my friend's spiritual eyes. I'm praying for that. Personally, I think it gives him comfort/peace thinking he can do something to help his relatives and friends to ascend to Heaven, but I want him to understand "Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe..."

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