

“THE HEART OF THE MATTER”

A Monthly Source of Information for the Church Family

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, Conquered Death! Hallelujah!

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 1:18-20 NIV

What God has done for us is ultimate LOVE! He purposed, planned, and fulfilled His Word to send to this fallen world a Savior to pay the penalty of death for our sins and to maintain an everlasting relationship with His creation. Our redemption, through the blood of Jesus, is an amazing act of LOVE! The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning achievement of this humanly incomprehensible act of LOVE! Without His resurrection, there would have been no victory gained for us by His death on the cross.

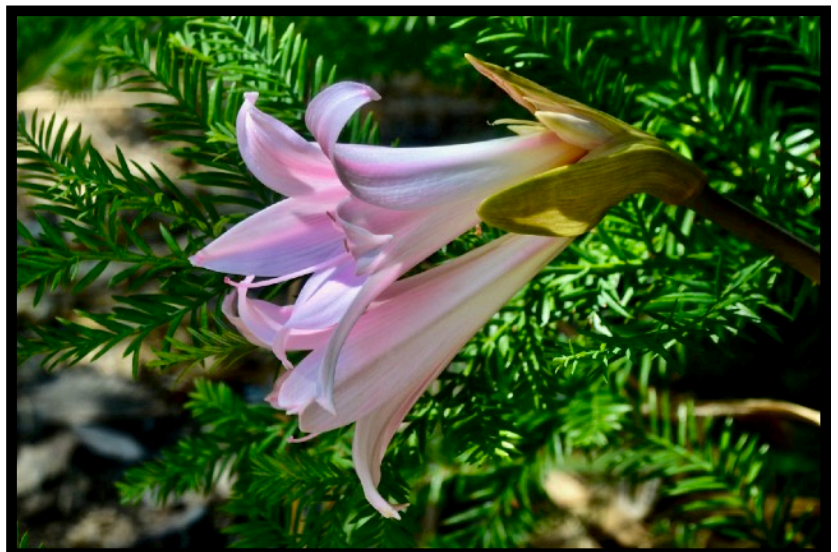
The resurrection of Jesus is God’s declaration to the world that we cannot work our way to glory by our genius, our material possessions, or our steadfast perseverance. This is all about God and His LOVE that will go to any lengths and do the impossible to get us to our heavenly Home!

This gives us so much hope that we can face all things because He LOVES us. It gives us assurance that we are not struggling all alone on our earthly journey. We can trust and know that our risen Jesus walks with us, surrounding us with His grace and mercy, each step of our way Home.

In His prayer just before He was crucified, Jesus prayed for the LOVE of the Father to also be in us, as it is in Him.

“The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and LOVED them even as You LOVED Me.” John 17:22 NIV

May this prayer of Jesus be fulfilled in us! Praise His Holy Name!
By Donna Faye Anderson



Our Church in Action

Youth Ministries

Pastor Doug reports that throughout the school year, he conducts Bible studies at UJA in a class-like setting, for those who are interested. At the end of the year, he extends an invitation to those who have participated in the Bible studies to be baptized.

On Sabbath, April 18, a baptism celebration is scheduled to CELEBRATE and ENCOURAGE those who have accepted this invitation.

Join us on April 18, at 11:00am, at our Ukiah Seventh-day Adventist Church! After the service, please plan to attend an all-church potluck at Ukiah Junior Academy, as we celebrate with the families of those who were baptized!

Pastor Doug Barahona

Principal Eric reports from UJA

We are transitioning to distance learning on March 31 due to the Corona virus changes that have happened to CA. Our teachers are working hard to continue teaching under these new circumstances. Our mission remains the same- share Jesus with our students through providing high quality education.

We do not know when we will be back in school on our campus, but we are ready to transition back when we are able to. Unfortunately, some events have been cancelled at UJA because of this. We are not doing the Spring Musical this year.

Enrollment is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. Please check out our school website at www.ukiahjracedemy.org for more information, or call the school office at 707-462-6350, or call Principal Eric Stubbert directly at 678-267-0839 if you would like more information about our school!

Thank you for your continued prayers for our school.

LifeGroups

Mom” Walking LifeGroup

Krystle Maddox
707-972-8470

Hiking LifeGroup

Sabbath after Lunch
Mike Wilson/Sandy Wirth
951-303-4613

Love Notes LifeGroup

Contact Debbie Merritt
707-206-1755

Soccer LifeGroup

Judson Howe
Tuesdays 6:30pm
UJA Gym, 180 Stipp Lane
707-510-9184

Basketball LifeGroup

Luis Pastor
Wednesdays 6:30pm
UJA Gym, 180 Stipp Lane
916-335-1421

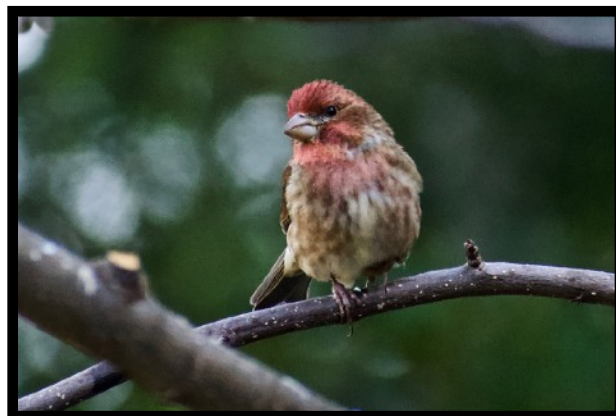
Desire of Ages Study LifeGroup

Contact Darlene Niderost
707-391-7902

Bird Watching LifeGroup

Sundays - Twice A Month
Contact Wendi Olivera
707-391-8427

It is not too late to JOIN or START a LifeGroup! If you have any ideas or questions on how to join or start a LifeGroup please contact any of the leaders!
By Krystle Maddox



Promises for Troubled Times

brought to us by our “Healthy You” friends,
 Dave and Ruth De Booy and Bob and Debbie Merritt

In II Chronicles, chapter 20, Jehoshaphat was king of Judah. The children of Moab and Ammon, and “others besides”, came up to battle against Judah. It was called a “great multitude”, and they were approaching swiftly.

Jehoshaphat was very afraid. What did he do? He sought the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all of Judah. They gathered from all over the cities. Jehoshaphat stood up before the people and praised and pled with God.

This is what God answered. “Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. . .Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you.” What comfort. Let us consecrate ourselves as did Judah. God’s got this.

Dr. Neal Nedley has been on the front lines with the Corona Virus. To watch his latest videos, go to youtube.com and search Neal Nedley. They will come up. Also search 3ABN on Youtube for a video with Dr. Nedley, Dr. Wes Youngberg, and Elder Mark Finley. It is excellent.

Recipe of the Month: Fresh air, exercise, and sunshine in abundance!

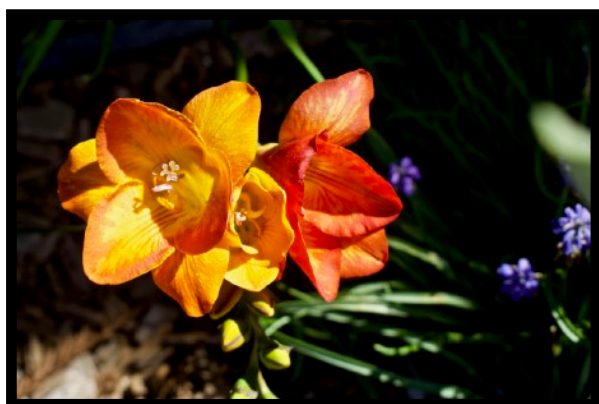
God’s precious promises are so comforting at a time like this. Take time throughout each day to read and memorize His word.

Isaiah 41:10: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Psalms 9:9: “The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”

John 14:27: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.”

Philippians 4:6: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”



Attention Youth

New Online Group Brings Youth Together:

The newly formed NCC Online Youth Group met for the first time on Tuesday evening, hosted by Youth Director Eddie Heinrich and conducted by several youth pastors. About 75 teenagers and pastors from around the conference played a Family Feud-style game, joined in an icebreaker discussion, and participated in a Bible study presented by Andrew Uyeyama, Grass Valley Church youth pastor.

We want to provide a resource to support our youth during this difficult time,” said Heinrich. “It is also a fun way for them to interact and be social.”

The group will continue to meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm . Please help spread the word to the teens of the Ukiah SDA Church.

NCC Online. Youth Group
Tuesday's @ 7:00 PM
[BIT.LY/NCCYOUTHGROUP](https://bit.ly/NCCYOUTHGROUP)



Jaime Jorge Returns to Ukiah

Jaime Jorge, Violinist Extraordinaire, returned to Ukiah for another program of inspirational music interwoven with his fascinating life story. Born in Cuba, he and his family were able to leave when he was very young, eventually settling in a much colder climate of Northern mid-America. A very inexpensive violin came his way shortly thereafter, and he began learning to play, on his own.

Eventually he came into the company of some very accomplished musicians and a full scholarship at a prominent music school. From there he set off on a journey which has taken him to perform on all inhabited continents of the World. He remarked that he is still waiting to hear from a penguin, perhaps, inviting him to come play in Antarctica! Returning to his home country of Cuba to perform publicly is included in these travels.

His story is moving; his music inspirational. Spellbinding and fascinating are other ways to describe the performance. God is using Jaime in a most remarkable ministry.

By Tim Eberhardt

Giving Tithes and Offerings:

During this time of the unknown, there are two ways to return your tithe and give your offerings.

1. Mail your offering via the good old Post Office.
2. Online: Church web page: ukiahsda.com
3. Click online giving; create an account; put in your tithes and offerings. The exact amount you give is returned to the church twice a month (no fees are taken out).

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