

# HAYWARD HERALD

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## HAYWARD MEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

MEN'S MINISTRY BY LISA VALDEZ

The men's ministry of our church, known as the Ambassadors, is making a big impact on the community, and they invite other men to join them. One of their key projects is planting a new church in San Leandro, which has never



**Grand Avenue's Pastor Thomas**

had its own Adventist church. The new church is the vision of an Adventist pastor from Oakland, who connected with our Ambassador's group after hearing about our evangelistic outreach in San Leandro earlier this year.

With the Grand Avenue Adventist Church and the Oakland Elmhurst Adventist Church now involved, they are holding Bible studies in San Leandro and going



**Elmhurst's Pastor Johnson**

door-to-door to invite people to study with them. Future plans include at least one more evangelistic series in the fall and looking for a permanent location for events and services.



**Our Elder LeBlanc**

The Ambassadors are also reaching out to local residents who live near our current church in Hayward, going door-to-door on Sabbath afternoon, inviting residents to our services, and providing a listening ear for those who are unemployed.

The men's group is also involved in our church's youth ministry. They are looking for new ways to get young people plugged into our church so they are excited about attending, and they are planning special activities for teens.

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## AMAZING PATHFINDERS YEAR

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY LISA VALDEZ



From campouts to bike-a-thons to baptisms, our church's Pathfinders club is having an amazing year. Pathfinders is all about teaching youth that Christianity can be fun, according to club leader Marge Schwartz.

"Too often young people equate church and religion with things that aren't exciting," says Marge. "But Pathfinders sends the opposite message. It's all about having fun with other Christians while doing things that honor God."

Members must be at least 10 years old, and they attend meetings every other Sunday afternoon during the school year. They also head out of town on a regular basis to meet with other Pathfinder clubs and explore nature, grow in their faith, and make new friends.

According to Marge, the highlight of the club's year was when the young people were responsible for an entire church service this spring, known as Pathfinder Sabbath. Every club member was involved. Some read Bible verses, others prayed, and all helped with music. By presenting an entire service, the young people

learned that they are an important part of the church community and that they can really make a difference when they get involved.

"Weekend camping events are usually the other highlight of each Pathfinder year," says Marge. "Our club joins with hundreds of young people from other clubs around Northern California."



The first weekend camping trip last fall set the tone for the whole Pathfinder year. It rained for half of the weekend event in Mendocino, and other clubs

gave up and went home. "But our young people decided to stick it out, and enjoyed playing games and getting to know each while the rain poured down around them." The rain cleared up in time for our 13 club members to join with hundreds of other Pathfinders for outdoor Sabbath services and an inspirational Vesper program.

**See Pathfinders, page 2**

## WHAT CAN INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

BY PAUL PENNO, JR.

*“Ultimately, God’s love is the only motivation that will keep our young people from giving in to temptation.”*

Paul tells us it was not fear of punishment or hope of reward that made him pour his life out for Christ, but he said, “The love of Christ constrains us.” God’s love pushes, compels or motivates us to want to serve Him, because we begin to “comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height” of His love.

We shall study that love for eternity. Our minds grasp so little of it now. The cross of Calvary reveals the depths of God’s love for the lost. There Jesus, His Son, took upon Himself the second death of all the world. *The Desire of Ages* tells us,

“The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father’s acceptance of the sacrifice. He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal. Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father’s wrath upon Him as man’s substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter, and broke the heart of the Son of God” (page 753).

He experienced all the demon-inspired, painful emotions of eternal separation from His Father. Yet He was willing to give up His life forever, if necessary, to make life possible for us.

When we start to get a sense of the cost of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, the heart is subdued, melted, captured. Under this type of motivation, we’re willing to do anything for Jesus because in the power of His love, His “yoke is easy and His burden is light.”

Ultimately, God’s love is the only motivation that will keep our young people from giving in to temptation. If Joseph’s only reason for not committing adultery was fear of getting caught, he would have fallen hard. But instead he said, “How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” He had sensed God’s unconditional love, His grace, making it “easy” to say no and “hard” to give in. And this grace is wonderful because “It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age” (Titus 2:12, NIV).

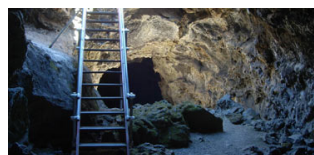
It was a clear revelation of this pardoning love at Calvary that “cast out all fear” from the disciples and made them want to—no have to—tell the world about the gospel. It was this same Good News that motivated Mary Magdalene to pour out her whole life at the feet of Jesus. And it is this same motivation that will one day soon bring the church to repentance and prepare it to receive the latter rain.



## PATHFINDERS

YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Teen members took part in two campouts this year. In the fall, they traveled to the Lava Beds



National Monument, which provides a beautiful venue for exploring God’s creation. The trip was geared

for adventurous individuals, who wore helmets with “headlights”, sturdy leather gloves, and knee guards as they crawled through lava-tube caves. On Sabbath, teens from all over Northern California gathered for a group worship service inside the mouth of a cave, making for a unique and memorable setting. In the spring-time, the teens spent a weekend camping in

Yosemite Valley.

At club meetings, members explore a wide range of “honors”, giving them the chance to learn a new hobby or skill, and perhaps inspire them to develop a lifelong interest. This year, members enjoyed learning about seeds, cats and dogs, and basic emergency preparedness.

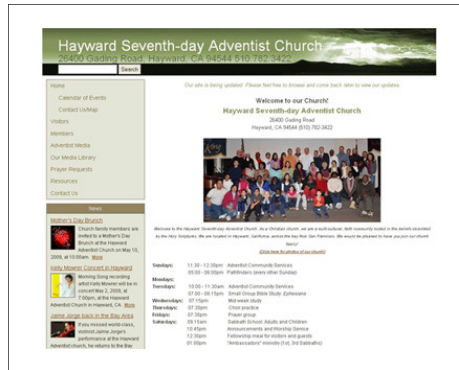


Pathfinders are encouraged to serve their community and delve deeper into their faith. Three members took this a step further and decided to be baptized during the year. They wore their uniforms for their baptisms, as their fellow club members stood at attention at the front of the church to show their support.

# SERMONS ON OUR WEBSITE

WEB MINISTRY

BY GWEN YEE CONDAP



Home page of our new website  
[Hayward.AdventistFaith.org](http://Hayward.AdventistFaith.org)

*“You can hear  
 Pastor’s Wednesday  
 night and Sabbath  
 sermons online ...”*

- Did you **miss** a sermon you were looking forward to?
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And soon, you will be able to view selected sermons by clicking on “Sermon Videos”.

See you on the web!

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# OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

LOCAL MINISTRIES

BY LISA VALDEZ

You are invited to get involved in our church community. There are many different opportunities, and we encourage you to find a ministry that is a good fit with your interests and the gifts God has given you. We are highlighting two opportunities in this issue and will share more in future editions of our newsletter. Contact the church office (510-782-3422) for more information.

## Pathfinders

If you have a child who is age 10 or older and may be interested in Pathfinders, registration for the 2009-2010 Pathfinder year will take place in late August. Pathfinders meet twice a month on Sunday afternoons from 4-6 pm at the church. Contact Pathfinders leader Marge Schwartz for details.

The Pathfinders club is looking for adults who are willing to help with the honors program by

sharing a special skill or providing a special setting for honors activities. As an example, in order to teach the ceramics honor, they need access to appropriate equipment. For more ideas, visit the Pathfinder web site at [www.pathfindersonline.org](http://www.pathfindersonline.org), where you can find a list of all honors.

## The Ambassadors

The Ambassadors are looking for volunteers to go door-to-door, inviting residents to church and to Bible studies. They provide training, and they send volunteers out in teams of two. They are also looking for help planning their fall evangelistic series, including developing Powerpoint presentations or other promotional material. They also need help from adults who are interested in working with youth or assisting with church renovation projects. For more information, contact Elder James LeBlanc.

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 get involved in our  
 church community!”*

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## PHOTO GALLERY

MORE PHOTOS ON OUR WEBSITE FOR WEB MEMBERS!

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Treat yourself to delicious vegetarian dishes at our all-church potluck, now after every worship service.



Pathfinders Investiture May 2009



Farewell, dear Sophie!



Church leaders making breakfast for moms on Mother's Day. No, they did not make the cake!

## MEMBERS: WELCOME AND FAREWELL

MEMBERSHIP

BY GWEN YEE CONDAP

**Kimberly LeBlanc:** Welcome by baptism new member and Pathfinder Kimberly!

**Naomi Nyangau:** Welcome by baptism new member and Pathfinder Naomi!

**Eugene and Lisa Valdez:** Welcome by transfer new members Eugene and Lisa! Lisa has contributed several articles for this issue of our newsletter. Maybe we can get Gene involved next time!



**Sophie Kaiser:** Farewell to one of our long-standing members, investment leader, deaconess, community service worker, choir member, song leader and much, much more! Sophie's new church family is at the Yountville Adventist Church.

## SOQUEL CAMP MEETINGS 2009

*Victory in Jesus!*



Ron  
Smith  
July  
17-18

July 16-25, 2009

For more information, go the Central California  
Conference website at [ccc.adventist.org](http://ccc.adventist.org)



Mark  
Finley  
July  
24-25

**Please note:**

The Redwood Camp Meetings have been cancelled this summer.