

2016/2017 MINISTRIES REPORT

ADVENTURER CLUB (Amapola Francisco): Our Adventurer Club currently has 53 Adventurers and 16 volunteer staff representing 30 families. We welcomed 8 new families into our club this year. During the annual church picnic, we had a successful bake sale where we raised \$475. The funds raised along with registration fees go toward supplies, uniforms, special events, and various sponsorships. On the last weekend of October, we had the annual NCC Adventurer family fun weekend at Leoni Meadows, where 7 families from our church were able to attend. The theme was *A Mojave Experience* and the families enjoyed working and learning together about God, the world, and themselves. We also learned about how it's like being a family in Bible times and how to have fun with things that require no electricity or battery power. During Christmas, we had our annual Christmas caroling outreach at a local assisted living center. We collaborated with some of the members of Sac Central Youth Ensemble and it was truly a blessing! This year, we also raised over \$200 to send to ADRA as part of our gift giving service project which will go towards planting a garden. As we continue on to the second half of our club year, we look forward to our annual club fun day at Central where we incorporate biblical lessons into presentations, crafts, games, and activities. We will also have another service project, an Adventurer Club Sabbath service, NCC Adventurer family fun day field trip, and possibly another field trip to Safetyville. We will wrap up the year with our annual Investiture ceremony in June.

BIBLE WORKER (JeAnn Davis): 2016 Report: 6 baptisms at Central; 1 baptism for Southgate-she decided to become a member there instead of Central. Currently working with contacts from NCC, Amazing Facts, AIM and Desire of Ages mailout. Follow-up with attendees from the Last Empire series and AFCOE contacts. 3 more baptisms in the next few months. 8 new requests for bible studies and the Desire of Ages book. Worked with AFCOE during Aug-Nov connecting AFCOE with church members and their contacts. Currently developing and training an outreach team through the Light Sacramento project and with the members who are now giving Bible studies. Currently have 9 church members giving Bible studies with the AFCOE student contacts. Since May 2012 I have had 60 baptisms. I am currently working with 22 contacts and have 8 new contacts to follow up with. For 2017 - continue teaching, training and helping members do Bible work, continue nurturing all contacts and giving Bible studies and preparation for baptism, help develop new ways for outreach. More Bible work and outreach training seminars for church members.

BOOK MINISTRY (Ruben Cantu): 2016 has been a transition year, with Elder Buddy canceling the local neighborhood book handouts and only Andrew Manthe and Ron Frank giving out books. Elder Buddy continued to stock book shelves at downtown sites like Salvation Army, Loaves and Fishes and Union Gospel. In 2017 we are planning to set up an internet site so that members can order books and donate the money for the books outside of the Sabbath. They can then pick up the books on Sabbath. I am looking to recruit a few good men and women to assist me in inventorying the Book Ministry storage room and receiving the book shipments when they come in. I am looking forward to a good response from everybody and to giving out books like *The Leaves of Autumn*.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SCHOOL (Shirley Hope): As always, the Children's Sabbath School focused on improving the Sabbath School program for our children. Since we have a shortage of musicians to play for the children, the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Earliteen Sabbath School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sabbath to have song service together; they break up for their individual classes at 9:45. Our VBS program, titled My Temple for Jesus, focused on teaching the children the health message. We provided children's programs for various ministry programs during the year. We conducted a successful children's program in conjunction with the Last Empire meetings with Pastor Chris BATTERY. We presented a couple of 13th Sabbath programs last year. We are planning to attend a training program sponsored by the conference in February and are already looking forward to the VBS program for this year. We plan to continue with 13th Sabbath programs and will provide programming for the children whenever needed.

DISCIPLESHIP (Seymour Morgan): Projects Accomplished in 2016 included: Welcomed newly Baptized Members to our church family by presenting each member with a Welcome Packet, a follow-up telephone call or email, and an invitation and encouragement to join our New Believers Class and third Sabbath luncheon. Conducted New Believers Orientation. Collaborated with Ministry Leaders in the mentoring, nurturing, and discipling of our Newly Baptized Members and Ministry Minutes presentation. Planned Projects for 2017 are: Continuation of the welcome process for our Newly Baptized Members. Review and revise the Discipleship Committee's Mission Statement. Review New Believers Orientation process. Continuation of Ministry Minutes presentation. Follow up on New Members transferring in. Prepare for Annual Ministry Fair. Continued collaboration with Ministry Leaders. Will seek to include at least two members for the Discipleship Committee. Will seek to complete purchase of "*Christ's Way of Making Disciples*" for Ministry Leaders.

DVD/CD MINISTRY (Charles Le): In 2016 we sent out 714 DVDs monthly: 476 sermons and 238 Sabbath Schools. We sent out 285 CDs monthly: 190 sermons and 95 Sabbath Schools. In addition, we sent out 1500 DVDs and CDs of special events. The mailings go out bi-weekly. We are hopeful the numbers will increase in 2017.

ELDERS (Richard Anger): In 2016 Elder Ray stepped down as our Head Elder and Richard Anger was selected to replace him. During the year we added several new elders, however unfortunately we had four elders step down. We are currently looking for three or four Spirit filled men to become Elders here at Central. The board of Elders meets every other month and it is our intent to become actively involved in all aspects of church life.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY (Gelton Bayona): Family Life Ministry will be concentrating in fund raising and one Family Life Ministry event or seminar this year. We will be evaluating our committee and promote new members to join.

FOOD CLOSET (Willem van der Veen): The food closet continues to be open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The food closet will continue to serve the community in giving out food to those in need.

GREETER'S MINISTRY (Ray & Elizabeth Rengifo): Church Greeters play a very important role. They're the ones that our guest and visitors first meet. We have 60 greeters that share a yearly assignment to cover the entrance doors and Hostess Desk each Sabbath. Our Greeters also help with concerts, seminars and special events. All positions are filled for 2017. The yearly Greeters Meeting/Training will take place later in the Spring of 2017.

HEALTH MINISTRY (Karen Medeiros): Some 2016 highlights included monthly presentations by health specialists and cooking classes, the Optimize Your Brain series by Neil Nedley, MD, the series 8 Weeks to Wellness by Don Hall, and a class on Olive Oil. Amy Maldonado taught a Tamale making class and David Steenson did a class on making tofu. Chef Mark Anthony did a presentation and cooking class in September. Kaya Teh, RDA, brought her CSUS Nutrition class to Central for a plant-based cooking class and lecture on herbs. This class was open to our church members and we were able to serve the students a great plant-based meal which they enjoyed. We are going to start the 2017 year with a presentation by David DeRose, MD, on Supplements, Herbs and Natural Remedies, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

MEDIA MINISTRY (Pastor Chris Buttery): Central has been running its very own independent media ministry for over 2 years now. It wouldn't be possible without the 30+ volunteers who share their time and expertise in putting together quality, Christ-centered television programming, and the financial support of

each of our members. We continue to air Central Study Hour (CSH) each week on 3ABN Proclaim (Fri. @ 7 PM & Sat. 6 AM) as well as Firstlight Broadcasting (FLB) out of New Zealand. FLB also picks up our Receiving The Word (RTW) programs which now air 4 times a week on Sacramento Faith TV. Both CSH and RTW are made available through our website (podcasts) and YouTube Channel. The average number of hits per month has increased from 2,500 to close to 3,500. It is this ministry's plan to find more outlets to air these important programs on so more people can learn Bible truth and discover Jesus as their Savior in preparation for His soon return.

MEN'S MINISTRY (Ray Rengifo): Men's Ministry meets every second Sabbath of the month in the Junior Room following the worship service. Men continue to be blessed by devotions, prayer and moving testimonies. Men find comfort in the company of fellow church brothers, as well as encouragement and support. Men of all ages are welcome. Men's Prayer Breakfasts (MPB) were successful in bringing the men of the church together in large numbers in 2016. Quarterly MPB with special guest speakers are being planned for 2017.

PATHFINDERS (Leticia Karn): Pathfinders is a worldwide organization focusing on the needs and development of our church members and hopefully soon-to-become members, ages 10 - 15. Since we meet on Sabbath afternoons, we are keeping the Spiritual focus our biggest priority. Two camping trips are scheduled for our club with the teens being able to go on two additional challenging camp trips. We also have annual community outreach: a food drive, Christmas caroling at convalescent homes and feeding the homeless. Last July we participated in a 4th of July parade and handed out about 700 Glow tracts. We appreciate the support of our Church family and friends during our annual conference sponsored bike-a-thon fundraiser in April. We are blessed to be able to have a Pathfinder Club in our church where kids can learn life skills in a Christian environment.

PRAYER MINISTRY (Yolanda Price): After the Spring 2016 Ministry Fair, the ministry gained roughly five additional Prayer Warriors. We connect and send prayers with one another through email. We've also made available a Prayer Conference Call (712-770-4010; code# (361097#)) to the entire church twice a day, with an average of 0-3 persons who participate.

QUILTING MINISTRY (Jan Nichols): We continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month in the Family Life Room. Attendance in 2016 was the same as the previous year with three faithful quilters. Beautiful quilts are being made and three quilts were presented at baby dedications in 2016. This year we plan to continue on as before but it sure would be nice if more ladies would join us. You can put your creativity to work. It's fun and a blessing!

SENIOR MINISTRY: (Ray Rengifo): Sacramento Central Church seniors are coming together and will soon have their own ministry. Plans are currently underway to draft a Mission and Vision Statement before becoming an official organized ministry. More to follow.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (Richard Anger/Robert Aguilar): The primary purpose of small groups (L.I.F.E.) is to connect with each other as Christ desired us to be connected. This ministry was quiet during 2016 but we have plans to expand and grow in 2017. The small group leaders meet every fourth Sabbath for a fellowship potluck in the Family Life room. We will be conducting a class for those who wish to become a facilitator or host for small groups. It is our intention to include more geographical areas in the ministry in to accommodate individuals who have expressed a desire to participate in this ministry.

USHER MINISTRY (Jim Beal): The first usher was Jesus – Adam and Eve were new to the garden and Jesus ushered them about and made them feel at home. New people attending Sacramento Central Church are greeted by the greeters and then given information from the Hostess Desk. The ushers are next. Some of our visitors are hurting, some thinking of suicide and some are praying for a church where they can feel the love of Jesus. Let us be there for them!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY (Jan Nichols): 2016 was a blessed year! Our meetings on the second Sabbath of the month were well attended. A fine potluck is served and the ladies have an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other. Our meetings consist of: devotion; special feature, which usually is a testimony given by one of our ladies; a short health lecture; birthday celebrations; and, our first-time guests always receive a special gift. We were able to assist two ladies in attending the NCC Women's Retreat in Leoni Meadows. Our pastors' wives spoke at our annual brunch in July. The food was delicious, as always, and a good time was had by all. We ended in December with our annual Holiday Lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory. A tour of Elmshaven was planned, but unfortunately didn't come to fruition; we will try again this spring. On our agenda for 2017 is a spring tea, prayer breakfast, fall salad supper, as well as a tour of Elmshaven.

YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGIATE MINISTRY (Pastor Michael Butler): Samuel Tablas, our Young Adult Leader, is helping to foster more Young Adult/Collegiate involvement in 2017. Many of our previous plans fell through in 2016. Still, God pulled together a team of young adults to help the homeless, called Day of Mercy. We are still trying to develop a stronger presence at CSUS. We are praying to energize our young people for the work in 2017!

YOUTH MINISTRY (Pastor Michael Butler): Many of our objectives for 2016 were met with success. We had a regular vespers program, Youth Sabbath service, teen day camp, outreach week, week of prayer, etc. We planned larger events such as Night in Italy and plan to have more fundraisers for 2017. We are planning all of these activities for 2017 and a youth mission trip. We recently came back from our 1st annual Youth Council retreat! It was a great success. We hope to add more service opportunities for young people to express the love of God to the community. We are planning monthly homeless ministries and music ministries to shut-ins, hospital patients and retirement homes. There is more to come from our Youth in 2017.