

# CAMARILLO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

**Sabbath, September 5, 2020**

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Welcome to our outdoor services today...

## CHURCH ONLINE

9:30am - **Sabbath School** - David Lowe

10:45am - **Worship Service** - Pastor Jason Whitley

**Offering:** Church Budget

We Worship Together:

**PRELUDE:** Niccole Modell

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pastor Jason

**CHILDREN'S STORY:** Bill Calkins

**OFFERTORY:** Niccole Modell

**SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:** Matthew 19:23-26

**SERMON:** "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE..."

— Pastor Jason

**POSTLUDE:** Niccole Modell

## Next Week's Reminders:

► **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:** **HAPPY LABOR DAY** - Church office will be closed in observance of the holiday

► **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:** **THE PANTRY IS OPEN**

8:00 - 11:00am: **Pantry Set Up**

4:00 - 6:00pm: **Pantry Distribution** – **DRIVE THROUGH**, (must wear face coverings)

► **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:**

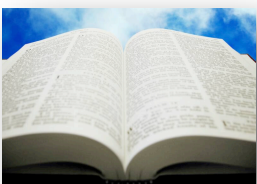
7:00pm: **ONLINE BIBLE STUDY** live stream with Pastor Jason Whitley – "The Gospels"



## Announcements:

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're with us in spirit, to worship and praise the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer.

**SUNSET TONIGHT:** 7:17pm.



## **Matthew 19:23-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup> When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**THANK YOU** to everyone who planned, attended or brought gifts for our wonderful BRIDAL SHOWER on Aug. 23! We're so thankful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. *Our love & gratitude, Roxanne & Jason.*

**YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS** may be turned in online by using the "Giving" option on the home page of the church website, by mail to the church address, or dropped off in the new, secure, *locked* church mailbox. Thank you so much for your support at this critical time.

**WATCH YOUR STEP** if you enter the church. The equipment needed for our outside service on the west side has been placed to allow for safe walking space, but please take extra caution when passing through.

**CHURCH E-MAIL LIST:** If you'd like to receive Camarillo Church office e-mails, please notify us by sending an e-mail with your request to Suzanne at: [office@camarillosda.org](mailto:office@camarillosda.org)

**NEW INFO FOR CALVIN & PAOLA:** To obtain The Gardners' new mailing address, please contact Calvin at his new email address: [calvin.gardnerii@gmail.com](mailto:calvin.gardnerii@gmail.com)

**THE PANTRY THANKS YOU** for your faithful support, which help us make a positive difference to our neighbors in need. **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** - **we couldn't do this work without you!!!** Our YOUTH have been helping Tuesday mornings, working hard to fill the bags in readiness for Tuesday evening distribution. We especially need volunteers, as these young people are now returning to school, and Pastor Jason and Roxanne Sarai on our evening crew will be getting married and moving away soon.

P.S. *Please check out these important points:*

- **WE CAN'T ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS OF CLOTHING & MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AT THIS TIME** due to the fact that we are now a DRIVE-THROUGH only food Pantry.
- **BAGS STILL NEEDED:** Some folks have been dropping off bags (sturdy paper or plastic) for our PANTRY outreach. Thank you! We can definitely make good use of extras you may want to share.

**SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLIES** for the current third quarter are still available in the church foyer.

**ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER SCHEDULE – *for remainder of the 3RD QUARTER:***

September 12:	Bill Calkins
September 19:	Ralph Arnold
September 26:	Ralph Arnold

**HEY KIDS!** Are you in need of a story or two? Have you read everything you have at home twice already? Have you heard all your story tapes and CDs six times already? Mister Boomer Bill has some stories you might like to hear; stories you might like to read to your dollies or stuffed animals or little brothers or sisters or cousins. I've even got Cradle Roll songs to sing with your baby sisters and brothers. So let me know if you would like a story.

Tell me if you want a story to READ or LISTEN to. Tell me if you want a Short Story or a LONG story. I'll send you the story by e-mail (so be sure to tell me your email address) within a day or two. Send your request to: [boomerbillone@gmail.com](mailto:boomerbillone@gmail.com) I'll check my email a couple times a day on my computer. I don't use a "smart phone." Keep Smiling! Jesus Loves YOU!

Best Wishes Always,

*"Boomer" Bill Calkins*

Storyteller

P.S. I've got audio books and travel logs for your parents too.



August 24, 2020

Greetings Church Family,

I hope this email finds you well and that you have been safe amongst all the craziness that 2020 has had to offer thus far. I write to you with a very bittersweet feeling. This morning, Monday, August 24, I officially received a notification from the Southern California Conference declaring my transfer from interim senior pastor at Camarillo SDA to Senior Pastor at the Culver City SDA Church. This transition will take place officially on October 11 from the conference office.

What this looks like for me is this:

**September 14:** Sarai (Roxanne Sarai Molina) and I will be married

**September 14-28:** Honeymoon

**October 3:** My farewell

**October 10:** Either my final sermon with you or my first sermon with Culver City SDA. This is not finalized.

**October 11:** Installed into Culver City SDA.

I know that this may come as a surprise to some while others have had a suspicion of this for many moons. I ask that you pray for Sarai and I in this transition. I also ask that you pray for yourselves as a community while you seek for a new senior pastor. I know that God will find a wonderful leader and God will continue to bless this church as He has in the past.

I can honestly say that I will miss you all. I have learned so much in these 3 years with you. There are so many life lessons to take with me and I will cherish them for the rest of my ministry. Thank you for all the help and support you gave to me and to this church. I could not have led without your willingness to be a part of this family. I love you all and I wish God's greatest blessings on you and your family.

Hopefully I will get to see you before October 11!

God bless you Camarillo Family,

**Pastor Jason Whitley**

# Praying for God's Family

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."* **Mark 11:24 (NIV)**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS** are in the church pews and may be placed in the Prayer Box in the foyer. To update your prayer needs, please contact Prayer Ministry leader **Anne Curry** (805-987-1365) or the Pastor.

**PRAISES:** Janet Younce's sister Sharon had her medical procedure, and your prayers were very helpful to both sisters. Sharon did not admit to it beforehand, but was worried as to whether she was going to make it. She said she could "feel the prayers," and that she went into the procedure feeling peace. Things went well so far, but cessation of pain is yet to come. So prayers can continue, please.

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Janet Younce's sister Sharon (recovery from surgical procedure for severe back pain); John Negley, Sr. (cancer); Henry Hernandez (pinched disc and calcium deposits on neck); Linda (sister of Yoli Hernandez) - Covid-19; Lisa Matthew's mother; Dottie Hula (Suzanne Goodrich's mother) - hospice care/assisted living, no visitors; Dorothea Amey (cancer); Mike Godfrey - (stroke recovery); Gershon Napod's Mom - esophageal cancer, and Gershon's brother Levi; Naomi Turner; Clinton Hooper (Chad's brother) - surgery recovery; Evelyn DeLay; Jay Cummings; Larry Miller (serious health issues). Sharon Croombs-Schwartz - cancer treatment; Sharon Croombs-Schwartz's son - COVID-19, and her niece Amber - terminal cancer (please continue to pray for her salvation).

**Latest news from Sharron Croombs/Schwartz:** "I start oral chemo on Aug. 17 so I ask for prayer that the side effects will be such that I can continue to lead my little school through this difficult year. The chemo is to catch any cancer in my lymph... I am at a stage 3A cancer which is highly responsive to chemo and has a good prognosis...The Lord knows my length of days and I have planned treatment to give me quality of life and the best chance at eradicating cancer. I am O.K. with wherever God leads. He is trustworthy."

**John Negley Sr.** has a diagnosis of cancer and a treatment plan that will keep him alone — no visitors — for 5 weeks. What we can do is two-fold: pray earnestly, and "visit" him by phone. That is a long time to be alone and in a scary situation. His cell # is 813-862-8989. (We have his permission to list it) This is a great time to pour out our prayers to the Great Physician. Thank you!

**Dorothea Amey-- UPDATE** (Sept. 1): "I was quite ill but I'm doing much better. I was in ICU for four days. I was unconscious for three days and was on a ventilator." When long, hard days continue for someone for whom we are praying, it is a blessing to know that person is in God's powerful, loving hands. Dorothea welcomes email messages at [eameyd@gmail.com](mailto:eameyd@gmail.com). Cards/notes may be sent to Dorothea and Gene Amey at: 1734 La Cantera Way, Beaumont, CA 92223.

**UPDATE** (July 11): **Lisa Matthews** has requested our prayer chain to pray for her **mother** who is not eating much, cannot walk by herself, and is not doing at all well. Lisa fears she may not be around much longer—and is not allowed to visit her in assisted living. Please lift her up in your prayers to our compassionate Savior.

**Yoli Hernandez:** Henry's July 10 surgery was cancelled due to new physical complications that would affect his fusion surgery healing and recovery... leg numbness causing muscle weakness, not being able to balance when standing and walking... Henry has really gone down, not being able to walk and balance are priority to healing after a cervical surgery because you won't be able to move the upper part of your body for weeks. One needs to depend on walking. . .Please keep praying.

**Naomi Turner** is in room # 246 in the assisted living section of Brookdale. She can receive phone calls directly on her new cell phone number: **602-663-5792**. Please pray for Naomi, and call her when you can. Thank you. Her new mailing address is: Brookdale Camarillo, ATTN: Naomi Turner, Rm #246, 6000 Santa Rosa Rd., Camarillo, CA 93012.

**BEREAVEMENT:** For the grieving families of 186,000+ people who have died from COVID-19 in the U.S.

**OTHER CONCERNS:** 1) Starr Halm thanks you for your prayers for God's guidance as she looks for a place to live, that she will find just the place where the Lord wants her to be.

2) For all those who have been affected by the devastating hurricanes!

3) "For people impacted by the wildfires, including the firefighters working in such difficult conditions. All people affected are in such need of God's intervention. Thank you for your prayers for this and for every occasion when we are privileged to pray for the lives and welfare of others. And blessing on you all! "

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS...AND MANY THANKS TO OUR FATHER FOR HEARING THEM!**



## Worship as Protest

August 30, 2020 Nicholas Zork

*“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?*

*How long will you hide your face from me?”*

Psalm 13:1 (NRSV)

True Christian worship has always been a bittersweet affair, a stubborn affirmation of new life in a world where it often seems that death is winning. 2020 has been no exception. A pandemic has already killed over 838,000 people—over 183,000 people in the US alone—and upended countless lives. How long, O Lord? Black men like Jacob Blake continue to be shot by police. How long, O Lord? Even a powerful symbol of a better future like Chadwick Boseman, whose inspiring performances meant more than I can adequately express, was taken from his family and from us far too young. How long, O Lord?

My optimism often borders on delusion. I’d like to call it faith. But I know I also have a strong preference for the positive. And even I am out of hallelujahs. At least for the moment. How long, O Lord?

For today, the only form of worship I can muster is protest. I protest the state of our world, our nation, and our divisive partisan politics. I protest the state of the Christian church, often too drunk on power to care about the cost of an imperial alliance. I protest the state of my own heart and my own complicity. I can’t pretend I stand apart from all this mess. And I protest God’s apparent inaction. Perhaps protest is the truest faith I have right now—a faith that someone is listening, that God is listening, that we are listening to each other, to our neighbors, to the hurting human beings behind political talking points, to the divine harmony of love we can hear from strangers on the street, listening long enough to believe we’ll get through this time somehow.

So if your songs are presently bittersweet, you are in two millennia of good company. And if your prayers are protests, or if you don’t have the strength to speak at all, that’s alright. If God is anything like the Jesus his earliest followers described as they faced the real prospect of their own deaths at the hands of the same empire, then God understands and welcomes such responses. Credible hope can only grow in the fertile soil of honest lament. And it cannot be forced or rushed.

Jesus’ parting promise in Matthew was not that we had an easy road ahead but simply, “surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:20 NIV). 2020 has been a tough year, to say the least. And even the most optimistic scenarios for its remaining months are unlikely to be easy. But may we take a moment to breathe, and if we have the strength, to protest, to vote, to seek justice, to love our neighbors, living lives of true worship. We do not know the answer to our question, “How long, O Lord?” But we will get through this together, knowing that Jesus not only hears us but will walk with us until “the very end of the age.”

**NEXT SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 12:** *Message* – To be announced; *Offering* – Church Budget; Sunset – 7:09pm

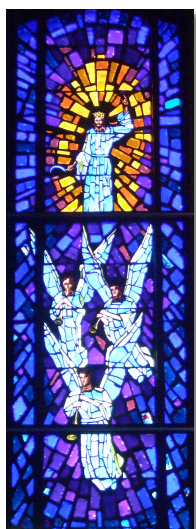


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