



THUS FAR THE LORD HAS HELPED US

Pastor Chanda Nunes-Henry

On Sabbath, January 17, 2026, the Paraiso Seventh-day Adventist Company crossed a sacred milestone, officially transitioning to full Church status—an achievement marked by joy, gratitude, and deep spiritual significance. What began as a small, faith-filled gathering has become a vibrant congregation, standing as a living testimony to God’s faithfulness and sustaining power.

This remarkable journey was planted and carefully nurtured under the dedicated leadership of Pastor Pedro Pozo, church growth director, whose faithful ministry over the past seven years has resulted in the planting of several thriving congregations. His vision, perseverance, and commitment to disciple-making laid the spiritual foundation upon which Paraiso now stands.

With Pastor Camacho, Conference President; Pastor Chanda Nunes-Henry, Executive Secretary; and Pastor Benjamin Carballo, Hispanic Coordinator present, the sanctuary resonated with soul-stirring music, heartfelt praise, and a spirit of holy celebration. Under the current leadership of Pastor Elidaniel Barraza, the congregation gathered to worship, reflect, and recommit their lives to God’s mission.

The sermon, anchored in 1 Samuel 7:12, lifted high the timeless declaration: “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” Like Israel of old, Paraiso paused to remember every prayer answered, every obstacle overcome, and every step guided by God’s hand. Through powerful preaching and seasons of earnest prayer, hearts were renewed and faith rekindled, culminating in a spirit of reconsecration and joyful fellowship.

Ellen G. White reminds us, “Nothing tends more to promote health of body and of soul than does a spirit of gratitude and praise.” Indeed, gratitude filled every corner of the sanctuary, as members celebrated not only what God has done, but what He will yet accomplish.

The day concluded with a warm fellowship feast, strengthening bonds of community and love. As Paraiso steps forward as an organized church, it does so united, hopeful, and committed—raising its Ebenezer and proclaiming, “Thus far the Lord has helped us.”





NUC SPORTS NIGHT

Dr. Michael Jenkins Jr.

On Saturday, February 21, the Nevada-Utah Conference Youth Ministries Department hosted simultaneous Game Nights in Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. With nearly 75 participants in Salt Lake City and close to 90 in Las Vegas, both events were a clear success. We're confident the Reno-area churches will rally and come out strong at the next opportunity.

Volleyball was the featured sport for this gathering, with fellowship, participation, and physical activity serving as the primary objectives. Churches arrived ready to compete, bringing organized teams eager to play. In Las Vegas, a special "walk-on" team was created for those not already affiliated with a church team, ensuring that everyone who came had the opportunity to participate.

NUC VP/Executive Secretary Pastor Chanda Nunes-Henry attended the Salt Lake City event and reports that "There as a good spirit of competition and friendliness between the churches."



Pastor Rodolfo Peredes of the Boulder City SDA Church shared the following about the Las Vegas gathering: "The NUC Youth Ministries' Sports Night was a tremendous blessing and a wonderful way to begin the year, filled with a great atmosphere of joy and unity among churches in the Las Vegas valley. It had been quite some time since we gathered in this way, making it especially meaningful to see our members and young people happy, engaged, and genuinely excited to be together. As a pastor, I look forward to many more opportunities like this in order to continue strengthening our churches and uplifting our youth."

Although the event was originally structured with two age divisions (13-17 and 18-35), participation remained the priority, resulting in some mixed teams. This flexibility did not impact the quality of play. Games ran smoothly, and each team had multiple opportunities to compete. While youth and young adults were the focus, a few participants over 35 joined in, further enriching the spirit of unity and fellowship.

More sports events are already being planned. Stay connected by regularly visiting nucsd.org and following NUC Youth Ministries on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.





PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Dr. Michael Jenkins Jr.

The Nevada-Utah Conference (NUC) will be represented by two Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) teams at the Pacific Union PBE competition this year.

The Shiloh Mustard Seeds first competed in the Las Vegas Area PBE, while the Wasatch Hills Salt Shakers competed in the Salt Lake City Area PBE. Both teams continued on to the NUC Conference PBE, which was held at Vegas Valley Adventist Academy on Saturday, February 14. Their strong performance at the conference level secured their place at the Pacific Union PBE, which will be held at La Sierra Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverside, California, on Saturday, March 14th.



The Pathfinder Bible Experience, commonly known as PBE, is the official in-depth Bible study program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Pathfinder ministry. Teams of six Pathfinders, ages 10 and up, spend months studying and memorizing designated books of the Bible. In many ways, it can be described as "Bible Bowl, Pathfinder style."

The program is structured as a team-based competition with four progressive levels: Area, Conference, Union, and Division. While the event has a competitive element, its primary purpose is to encourage spiritual growth, deep engagement with Scripture, and the practical application of God's Word in the lives of young people.



The 2026 season also brought a significant technological advancement to the PBE experience. Andre Coelho of the Nevada-Utah Conference developed a new software platform designed to streamline the competition process.

The software assists with answering questions, judging disputes, and tracking scores, significantly reducing the time required for each round of competition.

The software was first implemented during the local area PBE events. While there was a brief learning curve as participants became familiar with the new system, improvements were made with each use. By the time the Conference PBE took place, the process ran smoothly and efficiently.

The 2026 season also marked the beginning of something new for the Nevada-Utah Conference: the introduction of Master Guide PBE teams. This year, one Master Guide team participated in both the Las Vegas Area PBE and the Conference-level competition.

Master Guide teams study the same Bible material and answer the same questions as Pathfinder teams. However, they compete only against other Master Guide teams. Currently, Union and Division-level PBE competitions do not include Master Guide divisions, but the NUC Master Guide team remains hopeful that this opportunity will be added in the future.

With two teams advancing to the Pacific Union PBE, the Nevada-Utah Conference celebrates the dedication, discipline, and spiritual commitment of its Pathfinders and leaders who invest countless hours studying God's Word.



Growing Loving Followers of Jesus

A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG DREAM Written by Bobi Tucker

Susanville Adventist Christian School is a small school with big dreams—dreams rooted in faith, academic excellence, and a commitment to preparing students for the future while keeping Christ at the center of everything we do. This year, our school witnessed a powerful example of God’s provision through our Chromebook fundraising efforts.



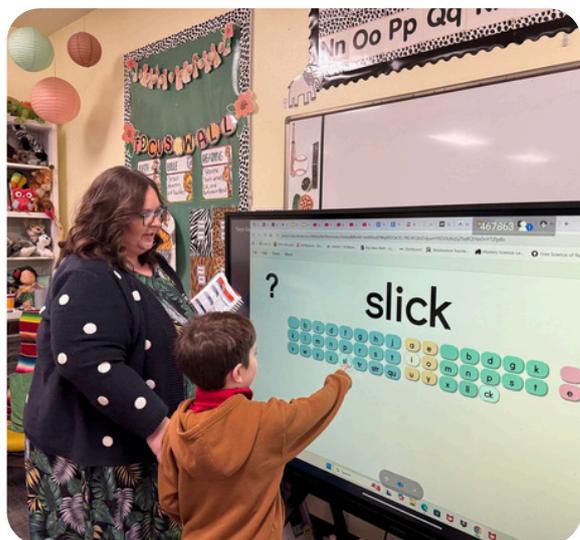
In November, Susanville Adventist Christian School began fundraising to replace outdated classroom technology and provide our students with reliable learning tools. As a small school, the goal felt ambitious, but we stepped forward in faith,

trusting God to guide the process and provide through the generosity of others. As part of the fundraiser, we introduced a creative and meaningful initiative called the “Technology Tree.” This tree was placed in the church as a visual reminder of our students’ needs and our shared mission. Church members were invited to decorate the tree with monetary gifts, each contribution symbolizing an investment in Christian education and the future of our children. The Technology Tree quickly became a beautiful expression of generosity, unity, and love.

By January, we experienced what can only be described as a miracle. Through the faithful support of generous donors and the unmistakable hand of God, we were able to purchase 15 brand-new Chromebooks for our students. What began as a hopeful goal became a reality in just a few short months.

These new Chromebooks will enhance learning across all grade levels, allowing students to research, collaborate, and develop essential digital skills—while continuing to grow spiritually in a Christ-centered environment. They are more than devices; they are tools that support our mission of nurturing minds and hearts for God.

Susanville Adventist Christian School may be small, but with God’s guidance and the support of our church and community, our dreams are big. This successful fundraiser stands as a testimony to faith, generosity, and the miracles that happen when we trust God and come together in service.



IN OUR MODERN CLASSROOMS, TECHONLOGY TRANSFORMS EDUCATION Written by Hayley Hamel

At Riverview Christian Academy, teachers now use interactive smart boards to dynamically present lessons that captivate students' attention. We also have implemented the innovative Lightspeed Classroom system that monitors and restricts student devices to ensure they stay focused on assigned tasks. This smart integration reduces distractions and allows educators to deliver interactive, engaging lessons more efficiently. We continue to look for ways to intentionally use technology in our classrooms so that we can set our students up for successful futures.



GROWING YOUNG LEADERS

Building the next generation of Seventh-Day Adventist leaders

About Us

Growing Young Leaders is a new initiative of the Pacific Union Conference (California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Hawaii) which seeks to support our young people as they become the next great leaders of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Incoming theology and education majors can apply for our scholarship through their local conference. If selected, they will receive tuition funding, as well as direct mentoring, networking, and career placement assistance upon graduation.

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- ✓ Up to \$20K/Yr for 4 Years
- ✓ Priority to PUC & LSU Students
- ✓ April 15 Deadline to Submit
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 - Education: Submit to conf. Education Department

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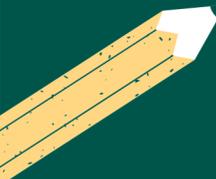
CAREER PLACEMENT

Support throughthe interview and career hiring process



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Sharing thevalue of purpose and calling with youth and youth leaders



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Scan the QR code to see the list of employment opportunities. Check back as the list will be updated as new positions become available.



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