

The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Initiative

I Will...

Do what's right before I am told

Not put off until later what I can do now

Do my part for the team

Be a part of the solution rather than the problem

Look for ways to help others

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18)

The destruction of the Camp Fire on November 8, 2018 upended the lives of thousands of people in just a few short hours. The residents of Paradise, Magalia, Concow and Chico will never be the same, and it will take years to recover--not just for the town of Paradise, but for the hearts and lives of all those who barely escaped the fire and lost so much. 150 of those people belonged to my church, Paradise Evangelical Free Church, where my husband, Art, pastors. All but four of our members lost their homes and virtually all their earthly possessions.

You, the families of OCS, had an opportunity to touch these devastated lives by giving gifts to the parents and children of our church, as well as several of their relatives and friends through the OCS Giving Tree. And you gave in such incredible abundance! Each of our church's parents and their children received dozens of beautifully wrapped gifts, stockings and gift cards, so generously and lovingly donated by you.

Miss Ward, Allison Phillips, Brian and Alissa Bell and the folks from The Father's House church all assisted in loading the gifts in their cars and vans and bringing them to the Evangelical Free Church of Chico, where our church is currently meeting and where Art is using an office. I want to thank each one of them for taking time out of their busy day before Christmas break to load and drive the gifts over to Chico so the families could get their gifts before Christmas.

By Christmas Eve, all the families were able to pick up their gifts. And they were blown away by your kindness! I want to share a thank you note our school received from Scott and Julie Miller, and their children, Isaac and Amelia, one of the families who received gifts from our school:

*Dear Miss Ward & students -
We just want to thank you all SO MUCH for the amazing gifts you blessed our family with this year - we felt so incredibly blessed to receive them and we know the other families at our Church appreciated your outpouring of love so very much too. Isaac & Amelia are enjoying all of their new toys & they are looking forward to going shopping with the gift cards as well. Thank you for making us feel so loved & special. ♡
With Love - Scott, Julie, Isaac & Amelia*

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What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Sloppy Joes

Fri: Potato Soup

Mon: Chicken Nuggets or Fish Sticks

Tue: Taco Bell

Wed: Chicken Noodle or



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -- Isaiah 40:31

I also want to give a special HUGE thank you to Miss Ward, who spearheaded this whole amazing effort—and whose idea it was to begin with. She spent countless hours planning and organizing, and she also provided gifts for the families. I can't express my appreciation to her enough for all she did to bring so much joy to the people of Paradise EV Free.

On behalf of Paradise Evangelical Free Church, myself and my husband, THANK YOU, one and all who participated in the Giving Tree. I know that the Christmases of our Paradise church families were all a lot brighter because you chose to bless them to overflowing. You have shown the love and compassion of Christ to many at a time when they needed it most. May God bless you richly this coming year!



Free Trauma Care Training

As we continue to process the loss and grief that has recently hit our area, we can learn to respond with grace, mercy, and truth to those who have been impacted.

Evangelical Free Church invites you to a free **Trauma Care Training** on **January 25th from 6:30-8:30pm** in the church sanctuary. Feel free to invite others. If you have any questions please call the church office (530)533-7807



Celebrating the Choices we are blessed with!



Girls Basketball Practice

| Date | Time | Home | Away | Location |
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| 1/29 | 5pm | STREAM | OCS | Palermo |
| 1/31 | 5PM | Biggs | OCS | Sycamore |

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| 2/6 | PTPF Prayer in Library |
| 2/15 | NO SCHOOL (Lincoln's B-Day) |
| 2/18 | NO SCHOOL (Washington B- Day) |
| 2/20 | OCS Spelling Bee 1st Round *see office for details |
| 2/21 | Kindergarten Information Night |

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| <p>Next PTPF Meeting: Feb 5th @ 6pm in the Library</p> | <p>Next School Board Meeting: Tue, Feb 21st @6pm in the Library</p> |
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