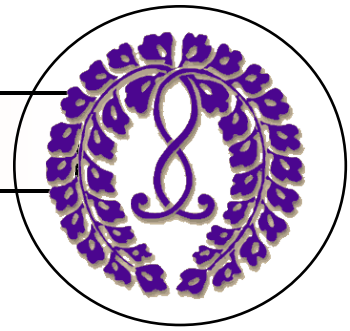


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July Calendar



- 4 Independence Day - 250 Anniversary!
- 10 - 12 Camp Dharma at Keola
- 16 Reedley BC Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 18 Parlier Obon Festival
Food Sales - 5:00 PM
Dancing - 8:00 PM
- 19 July Shotsuki Memorial Service &
Family Dharma Service 10:00 AM

July Services & Activities

July Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service

**Sunday, July 19, 2026
10:00 AM**

Lunch will be served following the service.



We're off to camp in the Sierras! 66 campers will be attending Camp Dharma at Keola at Huntington Lake on July 10 - 12, 2026! Adults and children ranging in ages from 9 months to 81 years old!

Campers will be able to enjoy meals, games, activities, arts and crafts, campfire fun with roasting marshmallows for S'mores, skits, and songs, swimming, boating, and much much more!

Thank you to the Reedley Dharma School, Reedley BWA, and the Reedley Buddhist Church for their support of this church activity!

JULY TOBAN:

Church Toban: Okamura, N. Kimura,
Kurumaji, Sakata, & Kehoe

BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka



Thank you to Kenneth and Lori Ikemiya for their generous donation of two new Viking stoves for the church kitchen. The old ones were not working very well after over 20 years of use and the Ikemiyas saw the need for new ones!

These stoves now provide the members with reliable appliances for the bazaar, crab feed, senior meals, and luncheons after services. We appreciate their kind and very generous donation to the Reedley Buddhist Church!

If you would like to help out the Church with any type of donation for the upkeep of facilities, there are plenty of projects! Contact President Vickie Nishida with new ideas or donations. You can also view the Dana Wish List on our website: www.reedleybc.org





Message from Rev. Majima

A Connection Beyond Life and Death

At many wedding ceremonies, we hear the familiar words:

“Till death do us part.”

These words express the love and commitment of two people who choose to walk through life together. At the same time, they remind us of a reality we all must face: one day, we will be separated from those we love.

The loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or friend is one of life's deepest sorrows. No matter how precious someone may be to us, separation eventually comes.

Yet Buddhism does not teach that death is the final destination of life.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught that all things arise through causes and conditions and that all beings are interconnected. Nothing exists entirely on its own. Our lives are sustained by countless relationships, visible and invisible, extending far beyond what we can fully understand.

Among these countless connections, our connection with Amida Buddha is especially significant. Our relationship with Amida does not end when we die. Through Amida's compassion, we are embraced and guided to the Pure Land, the realm of enlightenment beyond the world of birth and death.

In the Pure Land, death is not the final separation. Rather, a new relationship freed from ignorance, attachment, and suffering is opened to us.

Of course, this does not mean that we will meet our loved ones again the same way we knew them in this world. Rather, through Amida's compassion, the bonds that connect us are transformed and fulfilled in the realm of enlightenment. The relationships that once seemed limited by time, place, and human conditions are no longer confined by those limitations.

For this reason, we do not see those who have passed away as lost forever. Instead, we see them as Buddhas who have gone before us to the Pure Land and inspire us toward the path of awakening. Their lives, their kindness, and even our memories of them can become causes and conditions that deepen our appreciation of the Dharma.



Obon is a precious opportunity to listen once again to the Buddha Dharma through the lives of those who have gone before us.

As we reflect upon their lives and the countless causes and conditions that have brought us to this moment, we are reminded of the immeasurable compassion that sustains us all.

As we approach the season of Obon, may we take a quiet moment to remember those who have gone before us and listen deeply to the Dharma that speaks to us through their lives.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Majima's Message for the Students

A New Story of the Hare and the Tortoise

You know the story of the Hare and the Tortoise, right?



The hare was very fast. The tortoise was very slow. One day, they had a race.



Halfway through the race, the hare lay down under a tree and fell asleep. The tortoise kept walking. Step by step. Slowly. Very slowly.

When I was little, I thought the tortoise should just keep going and win the race. But now I am not so sure. If I were the tortoise, I think the story might go a little differently.



As I walked past the sleeping hare, I might stop and gently poke him.

“Hey, Hare! Are you okay?”



The hare opens one eye.

“What? Leave me alone. I'm sleeping!”

“Okay,” says the tortoise.

“I just wanted to make sure you were not sick.”

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Church Acknowledges Dana

Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji
Use of Conference Room \$ 300.00

Mr. Stanley Hirahara
Senior Meals 100.00

June Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mr. Harvey Nakamura
In Memory of Asako Nakamura 150.00

Mrs. Alice Nakamura
In Memory of Takematsu Nishi & George Nishi 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura
In Memory of Sode Sakuragi & George Okamura 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata
In Memory of Patsy Inn Bungo, Ayako Emily Sakamoto, Yukio Sakamoto, Michiko Ikeda, Kiyomi Takahashi, Arakichi Kimura, & Helen Kimura 100.00

Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry
In Memory of Kimiye Tanizaki 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida
In Memory of Midori Nishida, Michi Ikeda, Ruth Sasaki, & Kiyomi Takahashi 75.00

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In Memory of Ben T. Nakagawa 50.00

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In Memory of Michi Ikeda & Kiyomi Takahashi 25.00

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Mrs. Kagumi Persall
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Ms. Lily Ikemiya
In Memory of Hisao Tamaki \$ 20.00
Kenneth Sunamoto & Family
In Memory of Jerry Sunamoto 20.00

July Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda
In Memory of Harold Arakawa & Satoru Goto 30.00

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May Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

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Ms. Phylis Nishida 25.00



Rev. Majima's Message for Students continued:



The hare yawns. "I'm fine."

"Good," says the tortoise. "Then I'm going to keep walking."

"Go ahead," says the hare.

So, the tortoise keeps walking.

We learn to be kind to other people.
Sometimes kindness means helping.
Sometimes it means sharing.

And sometimes it simply means stopping for a moment and asking, "Are you okay?"

What would you do if you were the tortoise?

Namo Amida Butsu



Message from Rev. Majima

せいし こ えん
生死を超えてめぐりあうご縁

けっこんしき き ことば し ふたり わ ちか
結婚式でよく聞かれる言葉に、「死が二人を分かちつまで」という誓いがあります。

じんせい とも あゆ たが ささ あ い ふか あいじょう けつい こ
人生を共に歩み、互いを支え合いながら生きていく。その深い愛情と決意が込められた
ことば どうじ ことば わたし い せかい わか
言葉です。しかし同時に、この言葉は私たちが生きる世界が別れを免れることのできない
せかい しめ
世界であることも示しています。

した ひと わか かな ふうふ おやこ きょうだいしまい ゆうじん たいせつ ひと
親しい人との別れは悲しいものです。夫婦、親子、兄弟姉妹、友人。どれほど大切な人で
わか とき おとず ぶつきょう し じんせい しゅうてん かた おし
あっても、いつかは別れの時が訪れます。しかし、仏教は死を人生の終点と語る教えで
しゃかさま えん な た えん むす
はありません。お釈迦様は、すべてのものは縁によって成り立ち、縁によって結ばれている
と あみだ えん い あいだ よ し むか
と説かれました。阿弥陀さまとのご縁は、生きている間だけでなく、この世で死を迎えて
き さ えん あみだ わたし じょうど むか と
も消え去ることはありません。そのご縁によって、阿弥陀さまは私たちをお浄土へ迎え取
わたしほとけ じょうど う し く かえ まよ
られ、私 仏 とならせてくださいます。お浄土は、生まれることと死ぬことを繰り返す迷い
せかい こ せかい
の世界を超えた、さとりの世界です。

じょうど し ふたり わ せい し こ えん
そのお浄土においては、「死が二人を分かちつ」のではなく、生と死を超えたご縁がわたした
あたらし ひら
ちに新しく開かれるのです。

よ おな すがた さいかい い み あみだ
もちろん、それはこの世と同じ姿で再会するという意味ではありません。阿弥陀さまの
ち え じ ひ つつ ほとけ あ せかい
智慧と慈悲に包まれて、ともに仏として遇う世界です。

わたし な かた えいえん うしな そんざい ひとあしきさ
だからこそ私たちは、亡き方を永遠に失ってしまった存在としてではなく、一足先にお
じょうど う いま わたし ぶつぼう みちび ほとけ
浄土に生まれ、今もなお私たちを仏法へと導いてくださる仏さまとしていただきます。

ぼん むか きせつ な かた しの せいし こ あみだ じひ
お盆を迎えるこの季節、亡き方を偲びながら、生死を超えてはたらく阿弥陀さまのお慈悲に
み ぶつぼう みみ かたむ しず とし
身をゆだね、仏法に耳を傾ける静かなひと時をいただきましょう。

なもあみだぶつ
南無阿弥陀仏



July Shotsuki Memorial Service

The July Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for July are as follows:

DECEASED:

Kyujiro Kikumoto
Yukino Hikiji
Shizuye Hada
Yoshino Hara

Hattaro Haraguchi
Seizo Suyemoto
Satoru Goto & Harold Keio
Arakawa

Izumi Hirata &
Jean Ayako Kubo
Masu Hosaka, Sato Takata
& Sohichi Hosaka

Mine Ichihana
Kuichi Nakata
Itsuki Tsudama
Kinuyo Morioka, Kazue

Ishida, & Sumiye Sue Iwai
Suzuno Tsunekawa &
Seishiro Yamada
Haruki Harry Kawagoe

Yaeko Kawamoto
Masujiro Nagai
Ichizo Kanefuku & Tomi
Shitanishi

Masayuki Kubo
Mitsuno Naito
Takematsu Nishi &

George Nishi
Yaeno Kofu & Mitsuye
Fujisawa
Taki Okamura
Tom Tadashi Mori

Edward Masao Otani &
Mitsuyo Otani
Saye Sakata
Kikutaro Shimizu

Tsuru Shimosono &
Kunikichi Shimosono
Chyono Ninomiya &
Shizuye Susie Murakami

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe
Kay Antoku
Gerry Hada
Cheryl Miyakawa
& Nannette Mori
Hatsuko Hanashiro
Naomi Hashimoto

Keiko Hatakeda

Art Hirata

Todd Hosaka
Yoko Ichihana
Kenneth Ikemiya
Joyce Inn Mebed

Dale Ishida

Craig Ito
Kent Kawagoe & Roy
Kawagoe
Sue Kawamoto
Nancy Kimura

Ben Kubota
Alan Kubota
Amy Naito

Alice Nakamura

Ronald Nishinaka
Dale Okamura
Cheryl Miyakawa
& Nannette Mori

Hideki Otani
Gary Sakata
Teruko Shibata

Hiroko Shimosono

Kathy Hamada

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July Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Noboru Takasaki
George Hiroshi Takayama
& Wilma Takayama
Satoyo Tanizaki
Yoshihiko Tatami
Koei Toyota
Tamayo Uyeda
George Iwao Kobayashi

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Yukiye Takayama
Helen Hamaoka
Cathy Tanizaki Zachry
Kazuko Tatami
Shuzo Toyota
Rachel Uyeda
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Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
Phone: (559) 250-9687

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Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

Makuragyo Service:

To request a service please contact **Rev. Majima** at (949) 278-0120.

Family Memorial Service:

For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church: Contact **RBC President, Vickie Nishida** at (559) 903-0317 to check the availability of the Reedley Buddhist Church. Then contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120 or at: rev.mmajima@gmail.com

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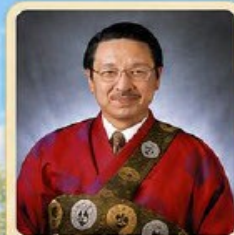
Sunday, August 23, 2026



9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Reedley Buddhist Church



Dharma Message
Rev. Nobuo Miyaji

Program Highlights:

- ✿ Sharing Stories: 1960s to Today
- ✿ Children's Activities
- ✿ Lunch & Refreshments
- ✿ Games & Prizes



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Friday, June 26, 2026

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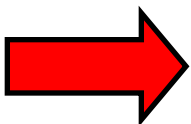
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Registration on following page.**



Central Cal Nembutsu Gathering
(Fowler, Fresno, Hanford, Parlier, Reedley, Visalia)

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Reedley Buddhist Church

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Panda Express Fundraiser for the Nembutsu Gathering
Friday, June 26 Code #9015115

“Golden Age: From Generation to Generation”

- 9:00 a.m.: Registration
- 9:30 a.m.: Opening Service with guest speaker, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji
- 10:35 a.m.: Adults in Hondo and children in classrooms
Preschool to High School: Dharma activities
Adult program: Sharing the Stories
 - Reflections from our senior Sangha members: Video
Fresno: Mr. Gary Tsudama; Fowler: Mr. Art Fujikawa; Parlier: Mrs. Teri Tsuji
Reedley: Mr. Ben Nobuhiro
 - Reflections on the 1960s – 1970s: Dr. Gordy Misaki
 - Reflections on the 1980s – 1990s: Dr. Gary Mukai
- 11:30 a.m.: Adults and children together in Hondo
 - Reflections on the 2000s and beyond: Aaron and Dina Fukuda
 - Slideshow of Central Cal temples throughout the decades
 - BCA Music Videos and Sing-a-Long
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Bingo for everyone!

Registration

Registration fee includes: Lunch, Bingo, and Children's Activities
\$5/person (11 yrs. and older) \$3/child (3 years – 10 yrs.)

Please submit registration form online or mail by Sunday, August 15: Payment at the door
Mail to: Fresno Buddhist Temple, 2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720

Name(s) _____ # _____ Adults @ \$5.00 = _____

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