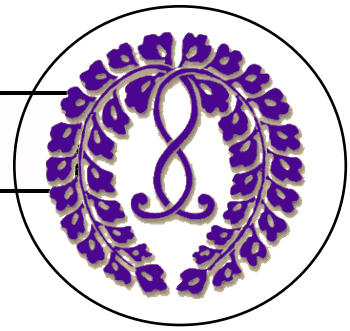


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August Calendar



July

31 Reserved Conference Room
Kunishige Family 10:00 AM

August

13 Reedley BC Board Meeting 7:00 PM

16 August Shotsuki Memorial Service &
Family Dharma Service 10:00 AM

Nobuhiro Family Memorial Service 11:30 AM

BWA Meeting 12:30 PM

23 Central California District Council
NEMBUTSU SEMINAR - hosted in
Reedley 9:00 AM

Please sign up for the Nembutsu Seminar in Reedley on Sunday, August 23rd. See page 7 & 8 for details!

Rev. Majima Vacation Time

Rev. Majima will be taking vacation time from August 24th through September 15th. Rev. Kaz Nakata from the Fresno Betsuin will be covering all of Reedley and the South Valley temples during this time.

If you have to schedule an emergency service (Makuragyo), please contact Rev. Nakata directly at (424) 524-0865. For funeral services, please contact Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

For any other church related questions, please contact Reedley Buddhist Church President, Vickie Nishida at (559) 903-0317 or at vlnishida1@gmail.com.

AUGUST TOBAN:

Church Toban: Hatakeda, Toyota,
Nakamichi, Nishida, Tavlan

BWA: Group 3: Diane Kubota & Joy
Donalson



August Services & Activities

August Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service

**Sunday, August 16, 2026
10:00 AM**

Lunch will be served following the service.

ON THE HORIZON

Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar

**Sunday, November 1, 2026
3:00 - 6:00 PM**

Reedley Buddhist Church 19th Annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction

**Saturday, March 13, 2027
5:00 PM**

Camp Dharma at Camp Keola

Thank you to all the campers who attended Camp Dharma at Camp Keola at Huntington Lake in the Sierras! Over 60 campers enjoyed the nice weather, fun on the lake, and all the activities provided by the Church, Reedley BWA, and the Reedley Dharma School. Special thanks to Ty & Laura Tavlan for sending boxes of fruit to enjoy! The cook made a great peach crisp for dessert! To see pictures of the weekend, see page 6!

Thank you for creating wonderful memories for the kids! They loved every minute of it! Save the tentative date for next year... July 9 - 11, 2027!

In Memory



Our deepest condolences to the family of **Ms. Priscilla Otani Kehoe**, sister of Mrs. Ellen Otani Kato, who passed away on June 30, 2026, at the age of 71. At Priscilla's request, no services will be held.



Message from Rev. Majima

Living in Harmony, Interdependence, and Awakening



In the second part of the Larger Sutra, we find a beautiful teaching about how we are encouraged to live our daily lives. The sutra teaches that parents and children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, relatives, and all people should respect and care for one another. We are encouraged to speak gently, live harmoniously, and share what we have without greed or jealousy. It further warns that even a small amount of anger or resentment can grow into hostility that harms both ourselves and others.

This teaching reminds us that our daily words and actions matter. Harmony is not something that happens by chance. It is something we cultivate through kindness, patience, and consideration for others.

A similar teaching appears in the Śrīmālādevī Sutra, spoken by Queen Śrīmālā, a devoted follower of the Buddha. She teaches that all things arise depending on causes and conditions and disappear when those causes and conditions change. Rain falls because of conditions. Flowers bloom because of conditions. Leaves fall because of conditions. Nothing exists independently.

Our own lives are no different. We were born because of our parents and have received immeasurable support from countless people throughout our lives. Even at this very moment, our lives are sustained by many visible and invisible causes and conditions. There is nothing that exists entirely on its own.

When we truly understand this teaching of interdependence, we begin to see why living gently and harmoniously with others is so important.

The Avatamsaka Sutra offers yet another beautiful perspective through the story of Sudhana, a young seeker of the Buddhist path. As he cultivated his mind and sought the Dharma, he discovered that everything he saw and heard became a Buddhist teaching. He perceived truth even in a helpless young girl, wisdom in children playing in the street, and the Dharma in the kindness and honesty of the people he met along his journey.

The sutra teaches that when we sincerely seek the Buddhist path, we can listen to the Dharma everywhere and encounter enlightened wisdom in every aspect of our lives. The Buddhist path is not confined to temples or sacred texts. It unfolds in our relationships, our joys and sorrows, and the countless encounters that shape our lives each day.

When these teachings are read together, they reveal a world in which harmony, interdependence, and awakening are inseparable. The people around us, the joys and sorrows we experience, and even the ordinary moments of today become precious expressions of the Dharma.

This very life is our path, embraced by the Amida's compassionate working.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Majima's Message for the Students

The King Who Always Wanted More

Once upon a time, there was a kind and wonderful king named Mandhātā. He had a beautiful palace, delicious food, and many people who loved him. He could have anything he wanted. One day, the king smiled and said, "I am so happy! But... I wonder if there is something even better?"



Soon, he became the ruler of many lands. Everyone admired him. "This is wonderful!" he said. "But perhaps there is something more." The king received mountains of gold and precious jewels. "How beautiful!" he said. "But perhaps there is something

more."

Then he heard about the heavenly world, a place more beautiful than anything on earth. It had sparkling gardens, sweet music, and wonderful treasures. "I would love to see Heaven!" he said.



Because of his great merits, King Mandhātā was welcomed into the heavenly world. There he sat beside the heavenly king and enjoyed all the beautiful things Heaven had to offer. But after some time, he began to think again. "If sitting beside the heavenly king is wonderful, wouldn't it be even better if I sat in his seat?" No matter how much he received, the king always wanted a little more.

One day, he became very tired. He realized that all his life he had been running after the next wonderful thing. He had forgotten to enjoy the beautiful things he already had. He remembered the people who loved him, the kindness he had received, and the joy of simply being thankful.

At last, King Mandhātā smiled and said, "Perhaps I do not need more. Perhaps what I have is already enough."



The Buddha told this story to teach us something very important. Our hearts are wonderful, but they sometimes whisper, "More, please!" Our hearts are never satisfied when we only ask for more. When we stop asking more and say, "Thank you," we may discover that we already have many wonderful things in our lives.

And that may be the greatest treasure of all.

Namo Amida Butsu



Message from Rev. Majima

く なか ぶっぽう 暮らしの中の仏法

ぶつせつむりようじゅきょう わたし ひ び い おし ことば
 仏説無量寿経には、私たちが日々をどのように生きるべきかを教える言葉があります。
 かぞく ゆうじん ひとびと たが うやま いつく あ むさぼ しつと はな おだ
 家族や友人だけでなく、すべての人々は互いに 敬い、慈しみ合い、貪りや嫉妬を離れ、穏
 ことば ちょうわ い と いか にく
 やかな言葉をもって調和して生きようと説いています。わずかな怒りや憎しみであって
 ひと ひと てきたい う じ た きず しめ ちょうわ
 も、それが人と人との敵対を生み、自他を傷つけるものとなることが示されています。調和
 ぐうぜん う ひ び ことば おこな おも にんたい たしや
 は、偶然に生まれるものではありません。日々の言葉や行い、思いやり、忍耐、そして他者
 はいりよ はぐく
 への配慮によって育まれていくものです。

ひび あ おし かつかつらきょう み いん えん
 これと響き合う教えは、勝鬘経にも見ることができます。すべてのものは、因と縁によっ
 しょう いん えん うつ か あめ ふ はな さ は ち
 て生じ、因と縁によって移り変わっていきます。雨が降ることも、花が咲くことも、葉が散
 じょうけん ととの お なにひと どりつ
 ることも、さまざまな条件が整ったことによって起こります。何一つ、それだけで独立し
 せんざい
 て存在しているものではありません。

わたし わたし りょうしん えん よ せい う かぞ き
 私たちのいのちも同じです。私たちは両親の縁によってこの世に生を受け、数え切れない
 おお ひとびと ものと ささ いま しゅんかん め み め
 ほど多くの人々や物事に支えられてきました。そして今この瞬間も、目に見えるもの、目に
 み ふく むすう いん えん い えんぎ おし う
 見えないものを含め、無数の因と縁によって生かされています。この縁起の教えを受けとめ
 わたし おだ ちょうわ ひと せつ たいせつ み
 るとき、なぜ私たちが穏やかに、調和をもって人と接することが大切なのが見えてきま
 す。

ほか けごんきょう とうじょう ぜんざいどうじ ぶつどう もと おお ひとびと たず ある たび なか
 他にも、華嚴経に登場する善財童子は、仏道を求めて多くの人々を訪ね歩き、その旅の中
 じぶん み き ほとけ おし み たす ひつよう
 で、自分が見聞きするあらゆるものが仏の教えとなることを見いだしました。助けを必要と
 しょうじょ なか しんり み みちばた あそ こ すがた ち え み で あ ひとびと
 している少女の中に真理を見、道端で遊ぶ子どもたちの姿の中に智慧を見、出会う人々の
 せいじつ やさ なか ぶっぽう み ぶつどう ひと かか なか よろこ
 誠実さや優しさの中に仏法を見いだしました。このように、仏道は人との関わりの中に、喜
 かな なか ひ び むすう で あ なか ひろ ほとけさま と おし
 びや悲しみの中に、そして日々の無数の出会いの中に広がっています。仏様の説いた教えを
 よ ちょうわ えんぎ め ざ はな ひと せかい み
 読むうちに、調和と縁起、目覚めは、切り離すことのできない一つの世界として見えてきま
 わたし と ま ひとびと じんせい よろこ かな なにげ にちじょう
 す。私たちを取り巻く人々、人生における喜びや悲しみ、そして何気ない日常の
 いっしゅんいっしゅん ぶっぽう あらわ とうと すがた うつ だ じんせい ほとけ はたら
 一瞬一瞬が、仏法を表す尊い姿として映し出されます。そして、この人生は、仏の働
 ひら あゆ みち み なむ あみだ ぶつ
 きに開かれて歩む道であることが見えてきます。 南無阿弥陀仏



Church Acknowledges Dana

Anonymous <i>Special Donation</i>	\$ 2,800.00
The Tsuji Family <i>Special Donation</i>	475.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	400.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>In Memory of Ms. Priscilla Otani Kehoe</i>	100.00
Mr. Stanley Hirahara <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
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July Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mrs. Hiroko Shimozone & Family <i>In Memory of Tsuru Shimozone & Kunikichi Shimozone</i>	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Hada <i>In Memory of Shizuye Hada</i>	100.00
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July Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations Cont.

Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji <i>July Memorial Service</i>	\$ 20.00
Mr. Ken Nakamura & Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>In Memory of Takematsu Nishi & George Nishi</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Shuzo Toyota <i>In Memory of Koei Toyota</i>	20.00

June Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

The Masumoto Family <i>In Memory of Fred Minoru Masumoto</i>	25.00
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August Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>In Memory of Yoshiye Kubota</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Tahara & Family <i>In Memory of George Ikemiya</i>	100.00

Improvements at Reedley BC

If you've been to church lately, you might have noticed some much needed maintenance completed recently! The roof to the hondo was replaced, the front stoop was repainted, doors were re-sealed, the library & classroom floors were updated, two rooms were repainted, and window sills and door jams were painted and adjusted to close better. Thank you to Kliff Justesen for overseeing the completion with the assistance of Gary Sakata, Don Takanishi, Larry Nishida, Mike Naito, & Dale Okamura, and the many hours donated by other members to work countless hours cleaning out the clutter and reorganizing the library, classrooms, and office.



New roof!





August Shotsuki Memorial Service

The August Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for August are as follows:

DECEASED:

Nancy Abe
Shigeru Matsuoka
Lily Yuriko Araki &
George Hashimoto
Mae Hosaka

Gohei Shimizu
Jutaro Naito, Ayame
Kodama & Toru Ikeda

Totaro Tamaki
Carolyn Ikemiya
Chokichi Ikemiya
George Ikemiya
Yosuke Inn

George Inouye
Hajime Jim Ishida
Robert Iwasaki
Masumi Kawagoe &
Junjiro Kawagoe
Masato Kunishige
Tsunejiro Tanaka & Agnes
Tsutsumi
Joe Yoshiaki Kubota
Doris Yamada
Kan Clifford Maruyama
Norman Noboru Miyakawa
Takako Miyamoto
Tokiko Mori
Charles Murase
Yasuji Nomi
Harry Minoru Bungo &
Alice Nakai
Kiyoko Nakagawa
Tetsuo Nakamura
Yonesuke Nishinaka
Michiko Nobuhiro

Baby Keith Omachi, Baby
Keijo Omachi, Shizuye
Sue Omachi, & Patricia
Omachi

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Mark Abe
Joanne Hansen

Nori Hashimoto
Gayle Kaplan & Art
Hirata
Eloise Ibara

Karen Sakata & Amy
Naito
Lily Ikemiya
Kenneth Ikemiya
Toshiko Kawagoe
Laura Tavlan
Gary Sakata & Joyce
Mebed
Larry Nishida
Dale Ishida
Larry Iwasaki

Roy Kawagoe
Jill Kunishige

Sue Kawamoto
Ben Kubota
Diane Kubota
Michael Maruyama
Jim Miyakawa
Michio Miyamoto
Alan Mori
Emily Murase
Amy Naito

Grace Nakagawa
Midori Iwasaki
Teruko Nakamura
Ronald Nishinaka
Ben Nobuhiro &
Phyllis Asanuma

Kathleen Omachi

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August Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Nancy Omori
Mary Yamagiwa
Umanosuke Shiine

Katsutaro Takasaki, Toshiyuki
Takasaki, & Tsunejiro
Tanaka

Kohina Inami, Tsutomu
Takayama, Fuyutaro
Takayama

Masao Tanizaki
Tamaichi Mimura & Misano
Mimura

Ben Yasutami Uyeda

Steven Oda
Umeichi Morikawa, Itaro

Kurokawa, Masako
Kurokawa, Itoku Kurokawa,
& Satomi Yamada

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Omori Family
Diane Otani
Kenneth Sunamoto &
Ben Nobuhiro

Yukiye Takayama

Helen Hamaoka
Cathy Tanizaki Zachry

Arthur Tatami
Rachel Uyeda &
Joanne Hansen
Karen Ward

Ayako Yamada



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Church President: Mrs. Vickie Nishida
Phone: (559) 903-0317

Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
Phone: (559) 250-9687

Fresno Betsuin Office: Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054

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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Camp Dharma at Camp Keola 2026





Central California Nembutsu Gathering

Golden Age: From Generation to Generation

Join us for a joyful day of Nembutsu,
connection, and community.



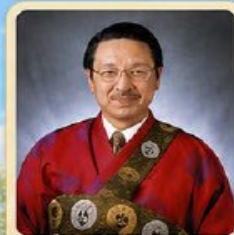
Sunday, August 23, 2026



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

Register here



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Thank you for your support!
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Support the Nembutsu Gathering through this fundraiser!

✧ Reconnect, share memories, and look toward
the future together.

— **Everyone is welcome.** —



This activity will be held in Reedley!
Let's support this event!
Registration on the following page.



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

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Venue: Reedley Buddhist Church

It's in REELEY!
Just a short
drive to church!

Thank you for supporting the Panda Express fundraiser which raised \$475.89!

“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
 Mail to: Fresno Buddhist Temple, 2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720
 Payment at the door: cash, check, or Zelle

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

Temple (if applicable) _____ # _____ Children @ \$3.00 = _____

Phone # _____ Donation, optional _____

Email _____ Total _____

Lunch: Vegetarian _____ Please list dietary restrictions: _____

For more information, please contact: fresnobuddhisttemple@gmail.com

