

REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER, 2026



23	CCDC Meeting - Fowler	7:00 PM
24	Bazaar Planning Meeting	6:00 PM
24	Reedley BC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
25	Skewer Beefsticks	10:00 AM
26	Naito Family Memorial Service	
	Conference Room Reserved	11:30 AM
27	Ohigan, September Shotsuki	
	Memorial Service & Family	
	Dharma Service	10:00 AM
27	Skewer Beefsticks (after service)	12:00 PM

Upcoming Services & Activities

Combined Ohigan, September Shotsuki

Memorial, & Family Dharma Service

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.



Bazaar Beefsticks Skewering Dates

In preparing for the Church food bazaar, we will be having two beefstick skewering sessions. We need your help!

Friday, September 25 - 10:00 AM

Sunday, September 27 - 12:00 noon
(after service & lunch)

Please bring your own mask to wear while skewering. (cloth is fine)

REEDLEY 63RD ANNUAL FOOD BAZAAR

The 72nd Annual Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026! We need as many of you to help out with prepping, cooking, BBQing, setting up, and getting the word out to sell dinners! See page 5 for the flyer and order form! Be on the lookout for the work schedule next month.

RBC Toban Schedule

RBC Toban: Kobayashi, K. Ikemiya, Takanishi, & Hansen



BWA Toban: Group 1 - Karen Sakata

Newsletter has a new look!

Our newsletter has a new look! The platform (Microsoft Publisher) we were using is being discontinued, so we have to use a new format (Canva). We hope you like it!



Message from Rev. Majima

My Good Friends

Near the end of the Ōgonge, a verse found in The Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life, we find an important message for all of us.

Shakyamuni Buddha tells us:

“Those who hear the Dharma and remember it well, who see and revere it, and who attain great joy—such people are my good friends.”

The sutra then continues with an especially powerful encouragement:

“Even if the entire world were filled with fire, you should pass through it in order to hear the Dharma.”

Of course, this does not literally mean that we should walk into a fire. Rather, these words express just how precious and important it is to hear the Dharma.

Why is hearing the Dharma so important?

Our lives are limited. To be born into this human life and to encounter the Buddha’s teachings are not things we should take for granted. Opportunities to encounter the Dharma are precious. These powerful words express Shakyamuni Buddha’s deep wish that we not let such an opportunity pass us by.

But what does it mean to “hear the Dharma”?

If we look at the Japanese word 聞く (kiku), “to hear,” we find that one of its meanings is a voice or sound coming into our ears.



In this sense, hearing the Dharma is not simply trying to understand the teachings with our minds. It is allowing the heart of the Buddha, which reaches us, to enter our lives just as it is.

Yet we cannot remember forever everything we hear. What we learn or think we understand soon begins to fade from our memory. Even something that deeply moves our hearts may gradually fade away.

Perhaps this is why the sutra says, **“Those who hear the Dharma and remember it well.”**

To “remember it well” does not mean that we must hear something once and remember it perfectly forever. We forget, and then we listen again. We forget once more, and once more we return to hear the Dharma. By hearing it again and again, the Buddha’s teachings gradually become part of our lives.

We hear the Dharma, revere it, and rejoice in having encountered it. Shakyamuni Buddha calls those who do so **“my good friends.”**

We may hear the teachings many times and still forget. We may make the same mistakes again and again. Yet we return once more to hear the Dharma. Shakyamuni Buddha warmly welcomes those of us who continue on this path as **“my good friends.”**

Within this limited and precious life, let us continue to hear the Dharma, again and again.

Namo Amida Butsu





Message from Rev. Majima

我(わ)が善(よ)き親友(しんゆう)



『仏説無量寿経(ぶっせつむりょうじゅきょう)』の「往観偈(おうごんげ)」には、私(わたし)たちにとって、とても大切(たいせつ)なことが説(と)かれています。その終(お)わり近(ちか)くに、たいへん印象的(いんしょうてき)な言葉(ことば)があります。そこには、

「法(ほう)を聞(き)きて能(よ)く忘(わす)れず、見(み)て敬(うやま)い、大(おお)きな慶(よろこ)びを得(え)るならば、その人(ひと)は我(わ)が善(よ)き親友(しんゆう)である。」

と説(と)かれ、さらに、

「たとえ世界中(せかいじゅう)が激(はげ)しい火(ひ)に包(つつ)まれていようとも、その火(ひ)の中(なか)を通(とお)り抜(ぬ)けてでも、必(かならず)法(ほう)を聞(き)きなさい。」

というお釈迦(しゃか)さまの強(つよ)いお勧(すす)めが続(つづ)きます。

もちろん、これは文字(もじ)どおり火(ひ)の中(なか)へ飛(と)び込(こ)みなさい、ということではありません。それほどまでに

「法(ほう)を聞(き)く」ということが大切(たいせつ)なのだ、と私(わたし)たちに語りかけているのです。なぜ、それほどまでに法(ほう)を聞(き)くことが大切(たいせつ)なのでしょう。

私(わたし)たちの命(いのち)には限(かぎ)りがあります。そして、人(ひと)として生(う)まれ、仏(ほとけ)さまの教(おし)えに出遇(であ)うことも、決(けつ)して当(あ)たり前(まえ)のことではありません。だからこそ、この貴重(きちょう)な機会(きかい)を逃(のが)さず、法(ほう)を聞(き)いてほしい。そのお釈迦(しゃか)さまの切(せつ)なる願(ねが)いが、この言葉(ことば)には込(こ)められているのでしょう。そして、その後(ご)に次(つぎ)の言葉(ことば)が続(つづ)きます。では、「法(ほう)を聞(き)く」とは、どういうことでしょうか。

「聞(き)」という言葉(ことば)を漢字辞典(かんじじてん)で調(しら)べてみると、声(こえ)や音(おと)が耳(みみ)に入(はい)ってくる、という意味(いみ)があります。つまり仏法(ぶつぽう)を「聞(き)」ということは、ただ頭(あたま)で理解(りかい)しようとするだけでなく、私(わたし)のところまで届(とど)いてくる仏(ほとけ)さまの心(こころ)を、そのまま聞(き)かせていただくことでもあります。しかし、私(わたし)たちは一度聞(いちどき)いたことを、いつまでも覚(おぼ)えていられるわけではありません。頭(あたま)で覚(おぼ)えたことも、分(わ)かったと思(おも)ったことも、しばらくすると忘(わす)れてしまいます。心(こころ)を動(うご)かされたことさえ、いつの間(ま)にか薄(うす)れていきます。だからこそ、「法(ほう)を聞(き)きて能(よ)く忘(わす)れず」と説(と)かれています。

「忘(わす)れず」とは、一度聞(いちどき)いたことをすべて記憶(きおく)しておく、ということではないと思(おも)います。忘(わす)れてはまた聞(き)き、忘(わす)れてはまた聞(き)く。繰り返(かえ)し、繰り返(かえ)し、法(ほう)を聞(き)かせていただく。その中(なか)で、仏(ほとけ)さまの教(おし)えが少(すこ)しずつ私(わたし)たちの身(み)に届(とど)いてくるのです。そして、聞(き)かせていただいた法(ほう)を敬(うやま)い、その法(ほう)に出遇(であ)えたことを喜(よろこ)ぶ。そのような人(ひと)を、お釈迦(しゃか)さまは、「我(わ)が善(よ)き親友(しんゆう)なり」と呼(よ)んでくださいます。

私(わたし)たちは、何度聞(なんどき)いても忘(わす)れ、同(おな)じ間違(まちが)いを繰り返(かえ)します。それでも、また法(ほう)を聞(き)かせていただく。その歩(あゆ)みを続(つづ)ける私(わたし)たちを、お釈迦(しゃか)さまは「我(わ)が善(よ)き親友(しんゆう)」と温(あた)たく迎(むか)えてくださっているのです。

限(かぎ)りあるこの人生(じんせい)の中(なか)で、何度(なんど)でも、繰り返(かえ)し法(ほう)を聞(き)かせていただきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏(なむあみだぶつ)



Message from Rev. Majima (for students)

The Two Arrows

One day, the Buddha taught about two arrows. Imagine that you are at school.



Your teacher asks a question. You raise your hand and answer—but your answer is wrong. Someone laughs. Then another person laughs. Soon, several children are laughing. Your face gets hot. You look down at your desk and wish you could disappear. It really hurts.

The Buddha said that this kind of pain is like being hit by an arrow. That is the first arrow. We cannot always stop it. Sometimes things happen that we cannot control.



Finally, school is over, and you go home. You try to do your homework, but

suddenly you remember the laughter. You can almost hear it again. Then a thought pops into your head: “Everyone must think I’m stupid.” A little later, another thought comes: “What if they laugh at me again tomorrow?” And then another: “Maybe I should never raise my hand again.”

But wait a minute. Nobody is laughing now. You are at home. Tomorrow hasn’t even happened yet! Still, your stomach feels tight again, your face feels hot, and you feel almost as bad as you did at school.



The Buddha compared this growing pain to being hit by a second arrow. The first arrow came when something painful happened.

We may not have been able to stop it through our own efforts. But now another arrow is appearing—not at school, not in someone else’s hand, but in our own mind. We cannot change what has already happened. But perhaps we can notice when that second arrow appears.

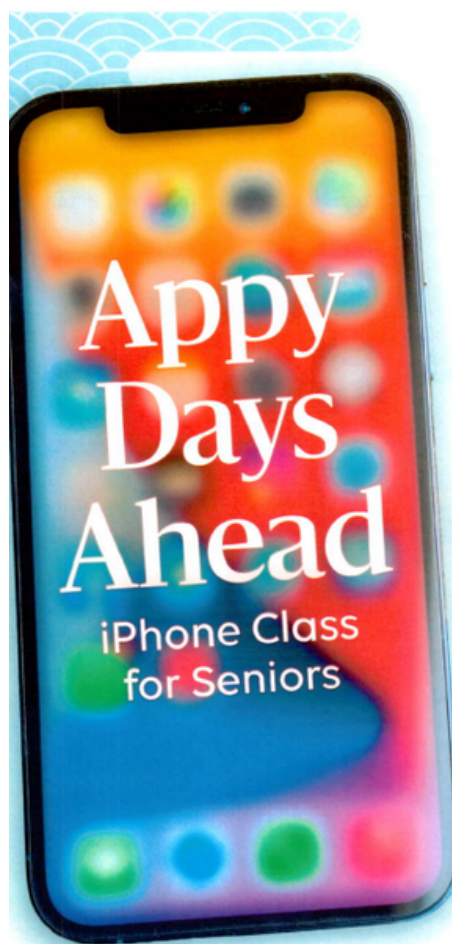


You have already been hurt by one arrow.

Would you shoot that second arrow at yourself?

Namo Amida Butsu

iPhone Class for Seniors



This one time class will focus on apps useful to older adults as well as time for one-on-one help with your iPhone and questions.

**Sept 20, 2026
2-4pm**

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Reedley Buddhist Church 72nd Annual Food Bazaar

Boneless chicken teriyaki, teriyaki beefstick, chow mein,
namasu, rice, & almond cookie

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

3:00 - 6:00 PM

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<i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	\$ 100.00
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<i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida	
<i>In Memory of Mrs. Shizu Kunishige</i>	30.00
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<i>CCDC Nembutsu Seminar Donation</i>	50.00
Mr. Dean Shiroyama	
<i>CCDC Nembutsu Seminar Donation</i>	10.00

August Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Kaplan	
<i>In Memory of Mae Hosaka</i>	300.00
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ikemiya	
<i>In Memory of Carolyn Ikemiya</i>	100.00

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August Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations Cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki	
<i>In Memory of Koyoko Nakagawa & Bobby Iwasaki</i>	\$ 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka	
<i>In Memory of Yonesuke Nishinaka</i>	100.00
The Family of Hideo & Kimiko Shiine	
<i>In Memory of Umanosuke Shiine</i>	100.00
The Family of Hideo & Kimiko Shiine	
<i>In Memory of Michiko Nobuhiro</i>	100.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry	
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Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family	
<i>In Memory of George Ikemiya</i>	100.00
Mrs. Peggy Bungo	
<i>In Memory of Yosuke Inn</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto	
<i>In Memory of Lily Araki & George Hashimoto</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota	
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<i>In Memory of Yosuke Inn, Toru Ikeda, Jutarō Naito, & Ayame Kodama</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family	
<i>In Memory of Chokichi Ikemiya</i>	50.00
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<i>In Memory of Tsuejiro Tanaka & Agnes Tsutsumi</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	
<i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi & Toru Ikeda</i>	25.00

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CCDC Nembutsu Seminar

The Central California District Council Buddhist Education Committee hosted the annual Nembutsu Seminar in Reedley on Sunday, August 23rd. Rev. Nobuo Miyaji gave the Dharma Message and over 120 attended the event.

Thank you to all the Reedley members for your help in making this such a successful event. We received many words of thanks for the hard work from the Reedley Sangha.



August Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations Cont. from page 6

Ms. Amy Naito	
<i>In Memory of Toru Ikeda</i>	\$ 25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito	
<i>In Memory if Yasuji Nomi</i>	25.00
Mr. Ben Nobuhiro	
<i>In Memory of Umanosuke Shiine</i>	25.00
Kenneth Sunamoto Family	
<i>In Memory of Umanosuke Shiine</i>	25.00
Kenneth Sunamoto Family	
<i>In Memory of Michiko Nobuhiro</i>	25.00

July Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation

Dr. & Mrs. Glenn Hamaoka	
<i>In Memory of George Takayama & Wilma Takayama</i>	30.00

September Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation

Dr. & Mrs. kenneth Ikemiya	
<i>In Memory of James Ikemiya</i>	100.00

October Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation

Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Kaplan	
<i>In Memory of Henry Hosaka</i>	300.00

Reedley BWA Acknowledges Dana

Ms. Jill Kunishige	
<i>In support for S. Kunishige</i>	\$150.00





September Shotsuki Memorial Service

The September Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for September are as follows:

DECEASED:

Tsune Kikumoto &
Alice Abe
Bernice Sumie Ochikubo
Hanna Asami
Kay Hada & Greg Hada
Wesley Hara
Satoko Harada & Bill Suteo
Mori

Midori Hashimoto
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Tona Arakawa
Tadashi Nagai
Hideo Hotta
Magozo Ibara
James Masaru Ikemiya

Tsuru Inn & Tatsuo Sakata
Jack Haruo Tsudama
Iyo Iwasaki & George
Iwasaki
Isami Ann Iwasaki
Sadayo Hifumi
Sadatsuchi Yoneta
Matsuyo Kunishige
Ayako Maruyama
Isamu Miyamoto
Tsuru Naito

Fusa Nishi
Noburo Togioka
Noriaki Hirasuna
Kumazo Mizokami &
Shigeo Mizokami
Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao
Nobuhiro
Hajime Jim Sakuragi
Sadako Sally Okino
Kimiko Shitanishi
Yutaka Takanishi
Masao Takasaki

SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe
Kay Antoku
Lillian Garrigus
Gerry Hada
Mary Hara

Cheryl Miyakawa &
Nannette Mori
Gayle Larson
Nori Hashimoto
Keiko Hatakeda
Joyce Hatanaka
Michi Hotta
Eloise Ibara
Kenneth Ikemiya &
Toshi Kawagoe
Gary Sakata
Joyce Mebed

Chizuko Iwasaki
Larry Iwasaki
Sandra Shinkawa
Ben Kubota
Jill Kunishige
Michael Maruyama
Michio Miyamoto
Amy Naito & Karen
Sakata
Alice Nakamura
Ellen Kato
Kathy Nishinaka

Ronald Nishinaka

Ben Nobuhiro
Dale Okamura
Lynnette Sasaki
Tom Shitanishi
Don Takanishi
Yukiye Takayama

September Monthly Memorial Cont. DECEASED: SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Toshio William Nakagawa
Masaru Tanizaki

Michiye Ikuta
Junichi Noji
Katsumi Tomisaka
Yoshio Yamada
Shizu Yamada

Karen Takasaki
Cathy Tanizaki
Zachry
Arthur Tatami
Kazuko Tatami
Gary Tomisaka
Ayako Yamada
Ellen Yamada



Contact Numbers for Church Business

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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
For Service at Family Home: The family will contact Rev. Majima to arrange for a service.

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“Come for Lunch, Take Home for Dinner!”

Sunday October 25, 2026

11:00am til 2:00pm
Boxes must be picked up by 1:00pm

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