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January



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"Grateful for the Past—Hopeful for the Future!"

A Prayer for the New Year!

Almighty God,

We praise and thank you for all you have done for us this past year. We thank you for the beauty of the world, the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We are grateful for the blessings of family and friends, for memories that flood our hearts, for fellowship, which fills our loneliness.

We thank you for challenges, which demand our best efforts, and for accomplishments, which satisfy and delight us.

Thank you for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Thank you God for being the strength beyond our strength, and the wisdom beyond our wisdom. As we remember the past we realize that we are here today by grace and that our very survival is a gift. We pray for guidance in the year ahead. Help us to remember that you are with us during both the ups and downs of this upcoming year.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus the Christ; for his dying through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jim

January

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am in the Sanctuary

**Dinner and Worship with
NorthEast of the Well**
Mondays, 6-8pm
McKenzie Hall/Sanctuary

Adult Choir
Thursdays at 7:00pm

**International Children's
Choir led by Raffia Ford**
Sundays, 9:00-10:00am
Griffith House Chapel
Resuming on Jan. 28th
*See the back of the
included flyer for all
rehearsal dates.*

Men's J.O.G. Meeting
Monday, January 8th
12-1:30pm
McKenzie Hall
RSVP to Mike Austin
714-425-2649
Cost: \$12

Small Groups
Starting the week of
January 28th, small groups
will begin meeting again
for a 7 week series.

Gifts & Call
The series will focus on
helping group members
better understand their God-
given gifts and calling.
**Sunday morning
9:00-10:00am**
or
**Tuesday evening
6:30-7:30pm**



January Birthdays

3-Jan Rachel Rolnicki

5-Jan Noah Torres

11-Jan Greg Ramsay

13-Jan Francisco Morales

21-Jan Dennis Johnson

24-Jan Jeffrey Williams

25-Jan Andrew Ramsay

27-Jan Kim Collier

29-Jan Veronica von Grabow

Gifts and Call: Small Group Series

Pastor Jim

On January 28th, we will begin a 7 week series called Gifts and Call.

One group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and the other will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. Together we will discover that which calls each of us and the ways God has gifted each of us to make a difference in our world. The underlining theme is God's Gifts to You become your Gifts to Others.

I believe the Bible teaches that each of us, regardless of age, is created in the image of God. I also believe that he has given each one of us gifts and abilities to be used for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. As we use these God-given gifts, we experience fulfillment and joy in life. If we are selfishly refusing to use these gifts, our souls shrivel up and we become bitter, negative, lonely people.

When we become apathetic in using our gifts we miss out. But when we discover, develop and deploy our gifts we receive direction, we have a sense of accomplishment, we give resources to God's work, and this brings us an incredible amount of encouragement.

It is so rewarding to see people commit their lives to God and to know that the adventure of faith is taking hold in their lives.

My hope and prayer is that in the next couple of months we will continue to discover our God given gifts and the ways we can implement them within our lives.

Men's JOG Luncheon Featured Speaker Coach Glenn Thomas



Glenn Thomas was a California high school and college football coach spanning 25 years. He was inducted into the Fullerton College Hall of Fame for his impressive results on the Grid Iron. Coach Thomas is remembered as being one of the most respected and influential coaches in Fullerton Hornet's history. He not only coached the game of football but the game of life. In Glenn's testimony, he will share how his wife and he have had to deal with the tragic and sudden death of their daughter this past year.

When: Monday, January 8th, 2018
12:00 pm - 1:30pm

Where: First Congregational Church of Anaheim
515 North State College Blvd Anaheim, Ca 92806
(Located one block south of La Palma on the west side of State
College in the city of Anaheim)

Cost: \$12

Plan on enjoying another delicious meal prepared especially,
By Adam Curry and his helpful staff.

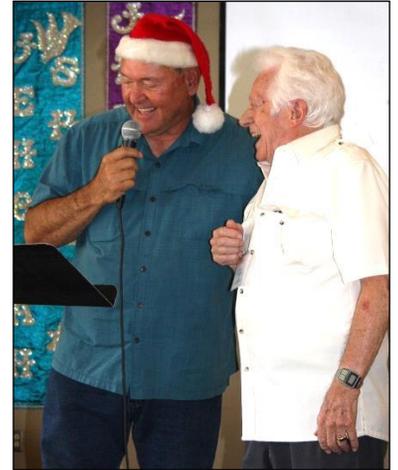
Please RSVP via email at chuck@penningtons-inc.com or
Call Chuck at 714-350-8983 or Mike Austin at 714-425-2649

JOG



Of Orange County
Just Ordinary Guys
Meeting the 2nd Monday of Every Month

December Photos



Above:

JOG (Just Ordinary Guys) had an especially wonderful time with humor and music at the Christmas lunch in December. Anne-Marie Lockmyer engaged the group with her testimony and her calling to help others through grief.

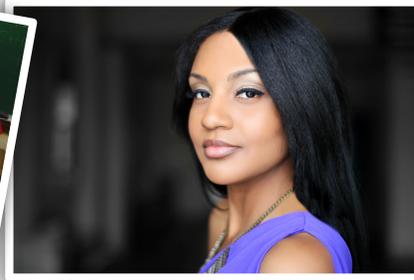
Below:

(Left) The Christmas Lunch for the women and children at the Heritage House went beautifully! Thank you to all who made this possible – particularly Janice Bowers for organizing the lunch, Adam Curry for cooking, Cheryl Cook and Carson Davis for helping provide toys for the kids, volunteers for helping the lunch go smoothly, and all who donated to the lunch and gifts for the mothers!

(Right) The Montessori School had their annual Christmas pageant and the oldest class did a precious job acting out the nativity story.



RAFFIA MUSIC & STUDIO



The First Congregational Church of Anaheim is happy to have its first ever International Children's Choir! The choir is lead under the direction of music professional - singer and music instructor Raffia Ford. The choir rehearsals are scheduled to take place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Children a part of the choir will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, along with any community related performances.

Students will learn;

- *Proper Singing Technique**
- *How to operate in an ensemble setting**
- *Perform music and repertoire from different countries and regions around the world.**



All experience levels are welcome to join us

FCCA International Children's Choir

Rehearsal Schedule

***Sunday Jan 28th 9:00am - 10:00am**

***Sunday Feb 11^h 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday Feb 25th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday March 11th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday March 25th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday April 8th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday April 22nd 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday May 13th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday May 27th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday June 10th 9:00am-10:00am**

***Sunday June 24th 9:00am-10:00am**

For more information and details regarding the International Children's Choir please contact us!

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