



August



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Church will be sharing with us in worship soon!

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C.C. Thomas Jr.'s Music for Young Minds Golf Classic

Fall of 2017, Raffia Thomas began directing the International Children's Choir. After the International Congregational Fellowship meeting in South Africa a year ago, Pastor Jim Schibsted had the idea to begin a children's choir that brought together children from the multicultural congregations right here on our property. Raffia Thomas, with Raffia Music Studio, was immediately interested in the idea. For the past year, she has been teaching the kids musical skills and techniques through a range of Christian worship music. In my own life, worship music has been a powerful way to engage my relationship with God. It is a joy to see children coming together to grow in their musical abilities while learning Christian music that will stay in their hearts and minds.

Looking forward, Raffia and her husband C.C. Thomas Jr. would like to expand the choir and the musical education that they are able to offer these kids. Therefore, C.C. came to the church with the idea of hosting a golf classic to raise funds for the choir. The event was held at La Canada Flintridge Country Club on Monday, July 30th (see below). (Article Cont. on Page 7)



August

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am in the Sanctuary

NorthEast of the Well
Mondays, 6-8pm
McKenzie Hall/Sanctuary

Men's J.O.G. Meeting
Monday, August 13th
Speaker: Steven Reyes
12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall
RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649
Cost: \$12

Women's Group
Join us as we play bunco
and enjoy lunch at the
church!

Monday, August 6th
11:00 in the Griffith House
RSVP: 714-776-0960
**Women who would like to
knit or crochet instead are
welcome to bring their
projects along.*

International Children's Choir led by Raffia Thomas

The choir will begin again
in September!
9:00-10:00am
Griffith House Chapel
Sundays, Sept. 9th and 23rd

End of Summer High Tea!
Saturday, September 8th
10:00-11:30am
Griffith House

**Small Groups for the Fall
will be announced next
month*

Men's JOG Luncheon

Featured Speaker Steven Reyes



Following in his father's footsteps as an entrepreneur, Steven established a successful track record of business startups and turnarounds. The Peruvian born immigrant created Bridge Tech LLC in 2002 which became a management consulting company offering strategic planning and technology implementation for other firms. In 2009, he joined Strategic Sanitation Services as an active partner and owner. This is a fast growing company which provides sanitation services to many homeowner associations throughout southern California. Deeply impacted by his decision to accept Christ in 2003, Steven is very active in CBMC, an organization committed to the community to foster Christ centered principles in business.

When: Monday, August 13th, 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

JULY EVENTS



ABOVE: Andrew Gregory shared his testimony with JOG (Just Ordinary Guys) on Monday, July 9th. Andrew's life was transformed by the ministry of Teen Challenge, and he now serves Teen Challenge as Outreach Coordinator and Student Advisor.

BELOW: On Sunday, July 22nd, we held a memorial service for Jack Walsh following worship. Jack's family catered lunch and we enjoyed a time of fellowship under the trees on the lawn following the service. As people shared during the memorial service, it was clear how much Jack loved music. Many people had relationships with Jack that revolved around his love for singing and for encouraging others to find the same joy in music. Jack, we miss you. We celebrate that you are singing in the Heavenly Choir now.



Missions' Corner

Mission Board News

The FCCA Mission Board met on July 8, 2018. At that time we had the pleasure of welcoming **Linda Freud** (Mrs. Sandy Freud) to join us as a new member of our mission board. Linda comes to us with many years of experience serving in the area of missions. She took a missions leadership role in her former church, New Faith Fellowship of Orange County. She is a long time member of the Cal-West Mission Committee and has also served on the board of the NA Missionary Society now called M.O.M.C. (Missions and Outreach Ministry Council). Linda continues to be an active member of the NA Missionary Society Alumni Association where she serves visiting missionaries at the National Association meetings. She and Sandy have hosted many missionaries in their home throughout the years. We are delighted to have Linda's wisdom, joy and expertise as she joins in serving on our FCCA Mission Board.

On July 8 our mission board had the privilege and pleasure of allocating **\$6500** to 12 different missionaries and ministries who are listed below:

1. (Mission Ministries) Philippines, Drs, Stewart and Corrie De Boer (in memory of Stewart)
2. (Mission Ministries) Gaza and Philippines, Andrew and Karen Bush
3. (CRU) Middle East, Mike and Stacy
4. (NACCC) Philippines, Symphony John and Nina Castillo
5. (NACCC) Nigeria, Matthew and Mary Oladele
6. (NACCC) Mexico, Pan American Institute, Laura Ramirez
7. (NACCC) Myanmar, Pastor Elvis Sa Do
8. (NACCC) Kenya, Pilgrim's Presence, Geoffrey Lipale
9. (NACCC) Philippines, CFME, Pastor Jaime and Linda Julian
10. (Macedonian Outreach) Greece, Pantelis and Roula Sideropoulos
11. (Benjamin Child/Orphan Care) Greece, George and Anna Kefalas
12. Anaheim Salvation Army

We praise the Lord for blessing our church and mission board with the finances to be able to give and support these wonderful ministries and missionaries. Our deepest thanks to all of you who have sacrificed to give financially and prayerfully to our church and the Lord's mission work around the world.

Janice Bowers, FCCA Missions



August Birthdays

- 5-Aug Romyana Staneva
- 6-Aug Kristina Pena
- 7-Aug Paul Haas
- 13-Aug Blake Ramsay
- 14-Aug Celeste Yanez
- 14-Aug Jan Briley
- 19-Aug Julie Schibsted
- 21-Aug Joan Edwards
- 22-Aug Andy Dang
- 27-Aug Adrienne Villa-Real
- 28-Aug Marsha Robinson

If you would like to have your birthday included in the CALL, please contact the church office at 714-776-0960 or fccaoffice@gmail.com.

(C.C. Thomas Jr.'s Music for Young Minds Golf Classic Continued...)

Many of the golfers were musicians themselves who have a passion for children's musical education programs. They know and have witnessed the love and the unity that music can build. Over dinner, I heard others who have been passionate about supporting music in their own churches.



It was such a blessing to have businesses in the area support the event for our kids. In addition to Los Angeles businesses, local golf courses donated free rounds of golf for teams and other small businesses came alongside to donate items and services for the silent auction. A special thank you to Nath Property Solutions for donating bottles of water and Gatorade for the event! It was a hot day on a very challenging course, and the beverages were greatly appreciated. One of the teams was so determined to finish every hole that they did not make it back in from the course until halfway through dinner. They were met with extra applause!



We are very grateful for the hard work, dedication, and vision of Raffia Thomas and C.C. Thomas Jr. Praying that this year the choir continues to grow and to be a beautiful way for the kids to express their relationship with God, to grow in their musical skills, and to grow closer to one another. Praying that God moves in their rehearsals and in their time together in powerful ways.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Emily

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