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September

DETOUR

See Inside for more details on our upcoming Bible study by Tony Evans, "Detour!"

Also coming up: Night Under the Stars with Music by Raffia and C.C. Thomas, Jr.
A fundraiser event for the International Children's Choir



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

Detour: Lessons from Joseph
"The Unpredictable Path to Your Destiny"

by Tony Evans

A 6-Session Bible Study By Tony Evans (Plus Introductory Week)

Find hope in understanding that the sudden or seemingly endless detours in life are God's way of moving you from where you are to where He wants you to be.

The biblical account of Joseph clearly demonstrates that God is at work even when life seems to be going wrong. Even today, it's easy to wonder why God would allow calamity to happen or if He's in control at all. Whether through uncontrollable circumstances or the pain of personal relationships, everyone has experienced unforeseen changes in life. This study helps believers navigate detours that may take you through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. You will be comforted and encouraged when you learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will.

The Session Topics include

Introduction

The purpose of Detours

The Proof of Detours

The Patience of Detours

The Pain of Detours

The Promotion of Detours

The Perspective of Detours

Benefits:

Discover hope in knowing that life's sudden detours represent ways God moves us to the place He wants us to be.

Identify ways God redeems even the things that go wrong in our lives.

Get a more intimate understanding of the biblical account of Joseph.

Learn to endure the uncontrollable and unforeseen events that invade your life.

Realize that trusting in God's sovereignty will help you navigate betrayal, abandonment, and injustice.



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September

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am in the Sanctuary

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

International Children's Choir led by Raffia Thomas
9:00-10:00am
Griffith House Chapel
September Rehearsals:
Sundays, Sept. 9th and 23rd

Small Groups
7 Week Series, "Detour"
Starting Sunday, Sept. 30th
Sunday Group: 9-10am
Tuesday Group: 6:30-7:45pm

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

Men's J.O.G. Meeting
Monday, September 10th
12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall
RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649
Cost: \$12

Women's Group
Join us as we play a group game and enjoy lunch at the church!
Monday, September 24th
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.*

JOG Men's Luncheon
Featuring Guest Speaker, Sam Parsons



Meet Sam Parsons, a former advertising executive. When God called, Sam answered. He grabbed his guitar and began in earnest to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Just months ago, Sam was faced with the death of his greatest admirer, his wife, Colleen. Now doctors have told Sam that he has stage four pancreatic cancer and he has just months left to live. Please join us as Sam shares his testimony and the hope that is in him.

When: Monday, September 10th, 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

Save the Date:

Saturday, October 6th, 6:30pm

*Night Under the Stars with Raffia and C.C. Thomas, Jr.
- and other guest musicians*

Fundraiser for the International Children's Choir

*A private concert with dinner and dancing at Rolf and Ronda's home in Anaheim Hills
8101 E. Bailey Way; Anaheim, CA 92808*

Silent Auction

Cost: \$70 per person



Raffia Thomas is a New York born, Los Angeles based, singer and song-writer. Raffia is also the owner of Raffia Music Studio in Los Angeles. From her ballads to the up-tempo dance tracks, Raffia possesses the musical rhythm and style that compares to Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin and Toni Braxton. Raffia graduated from the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. She has performed back-up vocals with

Christina Aguilera, Toni Braxton, Anita Baker, Gloria Estefan, Melissa Etheridge, the Jacksons, and many more.

C.C. Thomas, Jr. is a Los Angeles based bass player who has played with Jeffrey Osborne and Diana Ross, among many other world class musicians. C.C. is the owner of Sound Vision Entertainment, Inc., a bassist at Wayne Foster Entertainment, Musical Director at Diana Ross, and Co-Director at Raffia Music Studio. We recently learned that C.C. is also a Golf Tournament organizer extraordinaire and a great golfer himself.



Diana Ross
Franklin D. Roosevelt Library Collection
Baltimore, Md. 21201
January 12, 2010

Come out for an incredible night of music under the stars!

August Photos



Above: Adam Curry has been working hard on our new storage sheds! Storage space has been a hurdle for a long time, and we are getting excited about having more space to work with!

Below: (Left) Women who attended our last Women's Group lunch. It has been a great opportunity for women in the church to get to know each other better with so many new faces this year!

(Right) Pastor Jason Griffice speaking at NorthEast of the Well last month. Jason was hired to lead men's discipleship for NorthEast this year, and we pray for his work and outreach!



Missions' Corner

Rev. Ernanie C. Castillo, a beloved Filipino missionary and pastor, passed away this summer. Below is a letter from the family about Nannie's life.

Rev. Ernanie C. Castillo passed away at home on July 10, 2018. The morning before he passed, we thought he was dreaming. We found out that he was actually praying intensely for family, the ministry, and his vision.

Born in a sugarcane planting province, Negros Island, Philippines, and raised during World War 2, "Nannie" was toughened by his personal circumstances. As a child, he dug sidewalk drainages and sewers, and he carried sugarcane refuse onto train cars just to uplift his family's finances. "Nannie" attended Bible College, and it was a "no turning back" Christian commitment for him from then on. He served churches despite hard times and financially challenging situations. During his early married life, Nannie and his wife experienced times when they only had bananas and harvested mushrooms to eat.

"Nannie" was led to start the Congregational Way in the Philippines, and National Association of Congregational Churches (NACC) was born in 1991. With the NACC, "Nannie" found great joy directly alleviating the plight of those who were experiencing the same financial hardships he had experienced years back. NACC also allowed him the privilege of seeing hundreds of students receive scholarships for continuing education.



The late Rev. Dr. Ernanie C. Castillo dreamed of and began building an income-generating, people-employing, and church-edifying CAMP SITE. The Vine and Branches Camp Site now has quality structures built on fully purchased land located in a tourist city (Tagaytay City). Awit, Nannie's surviving wife and co-founding leader of the NACC, decided that donations received towards the family/Nannie's funeral will be allotted to The Vine and Branches Camp Site and Christian

Venue Center. Nannie had always believed Psalm 18:25: "FAITH HONORS GOD AND GOD HONORS FAITH." By faith, we carry on Nannie's desire and may God be honored and honor our Mission's vision.



September Birthdays

- 1-Sep Javier Tovar
- 4-Sep Michael Villa-Real
- 5-Sep Jay Ramsay
- 7-Sep Angelina Morookian
- 7-Sep Maria Doyle
- 8-Sep Laurie Schibsted
- 10-Sep Derek Fender
- 18-Sep Amy Eades
- 18-Sep Daniel Arredondo
- 24-Sep Stacey Cohee
- 24-Sep Jamie von Grabow
- 28-Sep Bunnie Haas

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.

("Detour" Continued...)

I hope you can join us as we study the life of Joseph and the way God provided for him as he encountered detours in his life. We will be meeting in Pastor Jim's office beginning on Sunday, September 30th at 9am or on Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30pm for seven weeks. The cost for Tony Evans book is \$13. (If you cannot afford it – the church will provide a book for you. Child care is provided on Sunday mornings.)

These small groups are a good way of meeting others in the church family! Living in community strengthens our faith as we navigate life's detours together!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jim

Providing Needs for the Homeless

In Pomona (near Danielle's home), there are many homeless who are in need. Due to the high numbers they only receive negative attention. We will be collecting and delivering toiletries to help them with what is needed on a daily basis. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the church on Sunday mornings and place them in the bin outside. The homeless need items to be travel sized because they have to move from place to place. Specific items that they communicated a need for are listed below. This would include:

Small, travel sized items such as makeup (some of the ladies still try to feel beautiful) , sunscreen, Band-Aids, Q-tips, baby wipes (severe need), shampoo, conditioner, lotion, batteries, flashlights or other battery powered items, jewelry (also to feel beautiful), bras, packaged underwear, bicycle lights, laundry soap or pretty much anything that we might use from day to day. Baby wipes are a definite need because they only get showers once a week if they are lucky.

Thank you,

Danielle Morookian

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