




November



Thanksgiving Worship followed by a
Thanksgiving meal!

Sunday, November 18th, 10:30am

Give Thanks to the Lord!

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“Gratitude and Wholeness”

From a Roman prison the Apostle Paul writes these reassuring words to the believers in Philippi, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-8*

What does this text tell us about gratitude? And how does gratitude relate to wholeness?

I believe that the first step toward being a grateful person is to open our eyes to the world around us - to the sights and tastes, the smells and sounds. Gratefulness comes by being aware of the miracle of life which surrounds us.

If you want to gain insights into the wonder of life spend some time with little children. They are like a new digital camera snapping pictures of everything all around them. Life is full of wonder, excitement, and fun.

A flower needs to be picked and explored. A glass of milk has to be felt. Spaghetti has to be sucked or played with. Caterpillars need to be picked up and put up on your arm because they tickle when they walk. Puddles were made to step in because of the splash they make. And a light rain on a child's face can make her giggle.

Curiosity and wonder reign in a child's life.

To live life with a spirit of gratitude is possible if like children we pay attention to the wonder of life all around us. Don't take for granted the simple things in life: laughing with some good friends, feeling the sun on your face and the wind at your back, playing a game of tennis, basketball or chess, biting into a tasty homemade cookie. These are some of the everyday miracles we can be thankful for.

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am in the Sanctuary

NorthEast of the Well

Mondays, 6-8pm

McKenzie Hall/Sanctuary

International Children's Music Program led by

Raffia Thomas

9:00-10:00am

Griffith House Chapel

Upcoming Rehearsals:

November 11th

November 25th

December 16th

December 23rd

FCCA Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Sanctuary

(No Rehearsal on
Thanksgiving Day)

Small Groups: “Detours”

Meeting through Nov. 13

Sunday Group: 9-10am

Tuesday Group: 6:30-8pm

Men's J.O.G. Meeting

Join JOG for lunch, comedy, music and a testimony!

Monday, November 12th

12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall

RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649

Cost: \$12

Thanksgiving Meal!

Sunday, November 18th

Following worship, we will have our annual Thanksgiving meal! Bring a friend and a dish to share if you are able.

JOG Men's Luncheon

Featured Speaker: Jason Griffice



Rev. Jason Warren Griffice is an ordained Presbyterian Minister and has served as an Associate Pastor in the areas of Student Ministries, Outreach and Missions, University Ministries, and Young Adults & Young Families. He has done so in Orange County & Los Angeles, CA; Summit, NJ; San Antonio, TX; and most recently he served as a Solo Pastor in Muskegon, MI. Currently he is the Men's Pastor of Northeast of The Well, a seven year old ministry that reaches into recovery programs and homeless shelters with the Word of God, gathers these congregants in three locations (Newport Beach, Anaheim, and Long Beach) throughout the week, and equips them to make disciples of Christ Jesus.

He is married to a woman of God, Malia, whom he met while serving at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach. They both have M.Div.'s from Fuller and have two children Zeke (13) and Elsie (9). They like long walks on the beach together and enjoy movies. Zeke likes to play Minecraft and Elsie has never had a bad day.

When: Monday, November 12th 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

Night Under the Stars Fundraiser Update



Night Under the Stars with Raffia and C.C. Thomas, Jr. was a successful fundraiser for the International Children's Music Program on Saturday, October 6th! There are so many people to thank for their support. Thank you to Rolf and Ronda Rolnicki for their hospitality. The musicians were incredible – thank you Raffia Thomas, C.C. Thomas, Isy Martin, and band. We were blessed with donations to auction from many, including Chuck Pennington and Robert Weltmer. Laura Jimenez sold jewelry, donating her income from the evening towards the cause. Carol Peterson, Bev Aye, Jeffrey Williams, Stephanie Williams, and Penny Schibsted were incredible volunteers! Thank you to all who contributed in so many different ways!



("Gratitude and Wholeness" Continued...)

The second thing we realize about gratitude is that it is the realization that God is the source of all good gifts. The blessings of life are from God, Himself. So the apostle Paul, even though he is in prison, praises God from the bottom of his heart. This is worship. It's giving ourselves to God. It's focusing our attention upon Him and His goodness toward us. The Secret to Contentment is found as we worship God, realizing He's the giver of all good gifts, and our attitude needs to be one of gratefulness if we want to discover the secret to contentment and become whole people.

Gratefully,

Pastor Jim

November Birthdays

5-Nov Millie Gardner

15-Nov Nhon Nguyen

18-Nov James Purvis

23-Nov Virginia Ramsey

26-Nov Bob States

29-Nov Wally Haas

30-Nov Kayla Glass

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



DETOUR

"Detours" by Tony Evans

The small groups have been studying the life of Joseph this fall through the "Detours" Bible Study by Tony Evans. This has been a great opportunity to look at how unexpected and unwanted events in our lives can be used by God for good. In recent weeks, we have talked about the hard lessons of patience, perseverance and forgiveness. While we get stuck on where we wish we were, God is often wanting to develop our character and our faith through the challenges that come in life. It has been encouraging to remember that God can redeem and work through all things for good. Sometimes, when God seems to be silent, we later see that he was preparing and constructing in our lives beyond what we could have imagined. May we come before God with our whole heart in all seasons.

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