



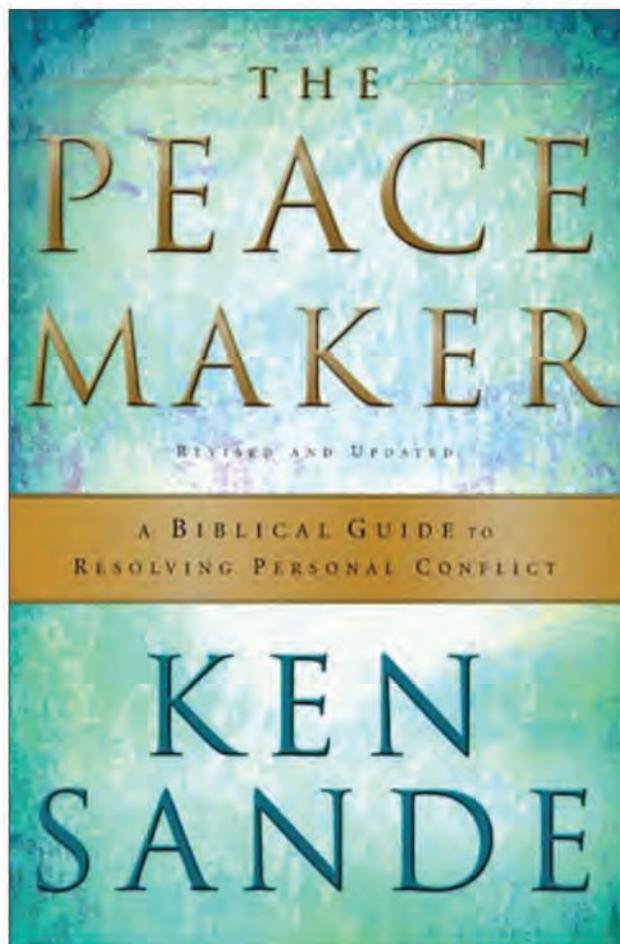
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February



Our Winter Small
Group Study begins on
February 10th!

The Peacemaker
By Ken Sande

8 Week Study

Sunday Mornings:

9:00-10:00am

OR Tuesday Evenings:

6:30-7:45pm

Suggested Donation: \$15

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"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Psalm 103

Dr. Jim Schibsted

We have been blessed in so many ways this past year at the First Congressional Church of Anaheim. It was so good to see people get baptized in a pool at Beverly Aye's home. Hearing people share how they've come to faith was inspiring. People have committed their lives to Jesus Christ. In 2018, as a church family as we said "good bye" to Marylyn Jennings, Jack Walsh, Javier Tovar and Richard Sham. Hundreds of people came to these memorial services and it was good to see our church exhibit hospitality, God's love and compassion.

Meaningful small groups gathered as we studied "Detours on the life of Joseph" by Tony Evans. Lunches at Denny's following worship also provided wonderful times of fellowship.

David Hill did a fine job as Moderator of the Cal West Association. It was an important time as our churches hosted the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Annual Meeting in San Diego. The meeting was very well received by people representing churches from across the country. I'm so thankful for the many volunteers from our church who helped make this meeting a wonderful success.

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February

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am in the Sanctuary

NorthEast of the Well

Mondays, 6-8pm

McKenzie Hall/Sanctuary

FCCA Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Women's Valentine Lunch

Monday, February 4th

11:30am-1:30pm

McKenzie Hall

We will have a lasagna lunch and make devotional valentines for women at Grandma's House of Hope!

New Member Sunday and Annual Church Meeting

Sunday, February 10th

We will welcome new members during worship. Following worship, members are invited to stay for our annual meeting.

Men's J.O.G. Meeting

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

Monday, February 11th

12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall

RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649

Cost: \$12

Small Groups

The Peacemaker

8 Week Study

Begins Feb. 10th

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JOG Men's Luncheon
Featuring Guest Speaker, Mark Bundy



Mark is a graduate from the California State University with a degree in construction management. Over the last 19 years Mark has been the founding partner and co-owner of the Pacific Construction Group. The company has generated close to \$550 million in revenues with projects ranging in size from 50,000 - 500,000 square feet. In addition, Mark has been involved with CBMC for the past 30 years and currently serves on the national board as Board Chairman. Married with two kids, when he is not involved with family, business or ministries you may find him on the tennis courts.

When: Monday, February 11th, 2019
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

January at First Congregational Church



Above: Luke and Lisa Zamperini spoke at Just Ordinary Guys in January. Luke and Lisa travel and share the story of how Louie Zamperini encountered the forgiving and freeing love of Christ. If you have not seen the Unbroken movies, they are incredible movies about Louie's life!



A Note from Javier Tovar's Family:

The "Thank You" we have in mind is not only for today, but for all the yesterdays that were warmed by your caring and made brighter by your help, especially to Javier. So, as you read this "Thank You," please know that it's warm and sincere, and it comes to you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and prayers for Javier Tovar's Memorial. God bless you and your congregation.

From Lupe and Rosalina Tovar,
Javier's Sisters

We said goodbye to two beloved men this month: Javier Tovar and Richard Sham. We celebrate that you are at home with God, and we miss you so much.

A Note from Richard Sham's Family:

Dear Friends of First Congregational Church of Anaheim,
We want to take an opportunity to thank all of you for the amazing support and kindness that you showed our family. Your attendance at our brother Rich's memorial service on Friday, January 18th, meant the world to us and was very appreciated. It was so comforting to hear the wonderful stories that you shared with all of us. It's good to know that Rich's memory will be kept alive because of the friends he made and the things he shared with the congregation.
If we are lucky enough, the family we have and the family we find become one and the same. We feel very lucky! You have touched our hearts with your loving actions, smiles and prayers. We are forever grateful, our sincere thanks to all of you.

With affection,

Zachary Sham and Family, The Pat Hooper Family
Pat, Roberta, Todd, Cheryl, Gina and Brian





February Birthdays

- 1-Feb Rolf Rolnicki
- 6-Feb Aidan von Grabow
- 7-Feb Ronda Rolnicki
- 8-Feb Twana Marderos
- 12-Feb Laura Doeschot
- 13-Feb Carson Davis
- 16-Feb David Rider
- 17-Feb Lori Rider
- 18-Feb Bill Wilson
- 18-Feb Miranda Brunson
- 20-Feb Christian Galindo
- 22-Feb Candace Vallarta
- 22-Feb Joana Rodriguez

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

("Bless the Lord..." Continued)

The 8' wall along State College Boulevard coupled with the planting of all those trees became a reality. The beauty of our church campus was enhanced by paving the parking lot, building three sheds, installing new lighting, and upgrading the kitchen and bathrooms.

This next year we plan on refurbishing the church sanctuary and library. I believe one of the reasons our JOG meetings have grown is due to the volunteers who started cooking and showing hospitality. We've been blessed with inspirational speakers and excellent meals. Cheryl Cook and the rest of the church council have encouraged us to dream and take risks. It's so good to work together to implement our dreams and goals. We've also been blessed to have Pastor Emily at our church. Her pastoral and organizational skills contribute to the smooth running of our church.

Finally I hope the Samoan Congregational Church from San Diego will perform the story of the gospel coming to Samoa this year. Their performance was well received at the annual meeting this past summer. This year is the Griffith House's 100 year anniversary. I hope we can dream of ways to celebrate this important milestone. Though 2018 was a lot of work at our church, it was also a lot of fun. Let us not forget God's blessings.

Gratefully,

Pastor Jim

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