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Easter Gratitude and Upcoming Events

What an incredible Easter! The week following Easter, we continued to give thanks in the office for our celebration and worship. It was amazing to list the many people who volunteered time and resources. Our Easter celebration would not have been possible without the love and dedication of this church!

Breakfast alone involved many volunteers—thank you to each one of you who bought food, cooked, set up, served and cleaned up. Thank you Adam Curry, Bev Aye, Susan Fraker, Carol Peterson, Stephanie and Jeffrey Williams, Mike Villa-Real, Donald and Zenaida, Linda Hill, Robert Weltmer, Penny Schibsted, Dennis and Lois Johnson and probably others that I am missing! Danielle and Sophie Morookian organized and led the Easter Egg Hunt, and Claudia Caicedo helped with the kids. Susan Fraker brought flowers and designed the flower cross with the help of those who stopped by. It was a gorgeous finished product! Linda Freud hung special Easter banners, and Myra Allen purchased and planted the spring flowers that were donated in honor and in memory of loved ones. Every Sunday, we are grateful for the consistency of Jim Weddell who prepares all of the slides for worship and Mike Villa-Real who sets up the sound.

Thank you to our wonderful musicians who led worship alongside guest musician, Steve Nieves. His saxophone playing enriched worship so much, and it was amazing to see Tyler Robinson, Raffia Thomas, Isy Martin, Jr., John Michael Morookian and Craig Rowe blend in so naturally. It is a blessing to have each one of you sharing your gifts in worship! Jessica Drosos shared her testimony during Easter worship—a living example of the power of the risen Christ! Jessica was brought out of addiction and crime, caught in a cycle of jail time and homelessness, into a stable life with her beautiful daughter and family by her faith in Christ and the support of Christian community. Pastor Jim Schibsted's leadership led us thoughtfully through Holy Week and into the joy of Easter morning. His hospitality and charismatic joy are a gift in this church. Thank you for your hard work to make Easter morning such a joy-filled celebration!

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May

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
Next Rehearsal: May 16th

Men's J.O.G. Meeting
Join JOG for lunch, comedy, music and a testimony!
Monday, May 13th
12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall
RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649
Cost: \$12

Montessori Choir Program
Raffia Thomas has been teaching music lessons in the older Montessori School classes! We look forward to welcoming the kids to sing in worship as the school year ends. Watch the e-news for updates soon!

CalWest Spring Meeting
Sunday, May 5th at 2:00pm
Congregational Church of the Messiah
7300 W Manchester Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 12th

Dedication Service for the Sanctuary
Sunday, June 9th

Men's JOG Luncheon

Featured Speaker Daniel Jordan



Daniel is a Marine and served the Corps from 93-98. He was deployed to mainland Japan from 95-96 and served aboard the U.S.S. Peleliu in the Persian Gulf during Operation Silent Assurance in 97-98.

He is one of the founding board members for VAREP's Orange County Chapter (Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals). He currently volunteers with Rock Harbor's foster teens, Hands of Mercy (building homes for the impoverished in Ensenada), and THINK (providing education for at-risk youth).

Daniel is a licensed financial advisor. Recently married, he is now both a husband and a father. In June he is headed back to Nigeria with Integritas. This is a ministry where ex-service men are coming together in Nigeria to find purpose and share the love of Christ. Nigeria is considered the third most dangerous country in the world and yet one of the richest countries in Africa. It is plagued with violence from the Boko Haram and is torn with overwhelming poverty and homeless children. Come join us for an inspiring message from a Marine that loves Christ.

When: Monday, May 13th 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

Missions' Corner...



National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation. <https://nationaldayofprayer.org/theme-verse>

The theme chosen for this year is *Love One Another*.

The theme comes from John 13:34: “*Love one another. Just as I have loved you.*” This Thursday, May 2, consider setting aside time to pray for our nation. The following are focus ideas from Dr. Ronnie Floyd’s prayer:

- Pray for God to guide us in our internal and international relationships.
- Give thanks for the gift of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for forgiveness for the ways we have dishonored one another, broken relationship, increased divisions and devalued life.
- Pray that we might turn and choose to love willfully, sacrificially, and unconditionally just like Jesus loves us.
- Pray for a revival of love for one another in each local church and in the larger Body of Christ.
- Pray for every family, workplace, community, and city to choose love.
- Pray for all ethnicities and people in America to love one another. Pray for healing and unity that flows from the transforming power of God’s love.
- Pray for God’s love to surround and protect us.
- Pray for a future that will be transformed by the power of unconditional love.

Easter Photos and Gratitude —

Thank you to the MANY volunteers who helped make the breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt and worship service a time of joy and celebration! Christ is risen!



Our guest musician, Steve Nieves, led worship with our own wonderful musicians Tyler Robinson, Isy Martin, Jr., Raffia Thomas, John Michael Morookian and Craig Rowe!



Easter Flower Donations

After worship, take a walk around the grounds – especially the Griffith House – to see the beautiful flowers that Myra Allen was able to plant thanks to the many flower donations.



Flowers were donated in memory of and in honor of the following loved ones.

In Honor of:

My Family

Helen Gilmore

*Our 6 Grandchildren: Triston, Lexi, Sage, Orion,
Jaxon and Micah*

Pastor Jim and Penny Schibsted

Our 50th Wedding Anniversary

Jim and Linda Taylor

Our New Church Members

David and Linda Hill

Our Risen Lord

Roger and Janice Bowers

William Peterson

Carol Peterson

Marion Roluffs (age 94) & Joyce Edwards (age 84)

Praise for birthdays of Wendy Clark (age 39) and

Joseph Clark (age 6)

Bruce and Joan Edwards

*The Loving Wedding of our Grandson Thor to
Christiana*

Katie and Dick Purvis

In Memory of:

Bill Aye

Bev Aye

Family in Heaven

Cheryl Cook

Javier

Laura

Dorothea Mohr

Kevin and Greg Mohr

Our Children: Karen and Johnny

Rudy and Twana Marderos

Our Parents: Harry and Winnie, Fred and Priscilla

David and Linda Hill

Frank Piscopo and William Doyle

Maria and Patrick Doyle

Karen Poole, My Mom

Brandon Poole

Jodi Schlenker, My Godmother

Pastor Emily Miller-Todd

Janice K. Spear

Bernie Spear

Mrs. Lula B. Williams

Jeff and Steph Williams



May Birthdays

3-May Diego Zavala
5-May Carlos Luquez
5-May Daniel Hoke
7-May Robert Robinson
9-May Lanell O'Neill
10-May Mary Castillo
11-May Linda Hill
14-May Cheryl Cook
23-May Isy Martin
25-May Danielle Morookian
26-May Maggie Santos
26-May Genevieve Perez
28-May Helen Gilmore
28-May Jackie Torres
29-May Jasmine Williams

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.

(Easter Gratitude and Upcoming Events...)

Last but not least, THANK YOU to Unlimited Church and Bisop Taisi and Grettel Aumua who donated fruit and pastries, Easter eggs and helped with set-up, serving and clean-up for the joint Easter breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

Pastor Jim and Jessica Drosos will speak at our Cal West meeting on Sunday, May 5th. You are welcome to join us. There are some seminars which we believe will be inspiring. The meeting will be held at Congregational Church of the Messiah in Los Angeles. The meeting will begin at 2:00pm, and will conclude after dinner.

We had hoped to dedicate the sanctuary on Easter morning, but it may have worked out for the better that the work was not yet completed. **We have rescheduled the Sanctuary Dedication Service for Sunday, June 9th.** This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the many ways that God has blessed us this year, and to dedicate the remodeled space to God's continued work in so many congregations that meet here weekly.

In the next month, we will have the joy of welcoming the older Montessori School classrooms to join us in worship! Raffia Thomas has been teaching music classes for the older students, and they will be invited to sing for us during worship as the end of the school year approaches. Watch the weekly e-news for updates! If you do not receive the e-news, visit our church website at www.fccanaheim.org. You may sign up to receive the e-news at the bottom of our website's homepage.

I continue to thank God for a church that generously lives out their love for Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Emily

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