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BEGINS CASHEW FARM
& UPCOMING GUESTS,
CHAPLAIN GEORGE
AND TONDRA GREGORY
OF THE LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

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A Letter from Pastor Jim

Two years ago, my friend Gil Gazanian said, *"Jim I want you to meet George Gregory. George is the new chaplain for the Los Angeles Chargers. He is a person of faith and has a heart for God. I think you would enjoy meeting him."*

A few months later Gil, George and myself had lunch together. I was very impressed with George. It was a big step of faith for him to leave a secure church as senior pastor in New York to take an unpaid position as a lead Chaplin for the Los Angeles Chargers. He and his wife Tondra needed to raise their own financial support for their family.

Since that time I've had some wonderful lunches, dinners and conversations with George and his wife Tondra. I invited them to come to the Minister's Convocation at Lake Tahoe recently. George and his wife did an excellent job leading the convocation as clergy persons from our Cal-West Association met at this beautiful retreat center setting.



George and Tondra recently spoke at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena. They were very well received. They have also spoken at Saddleback Church. Pastor Rick Warren said that Chaplin George in his opinion was the best chaplain in the NFL.

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June

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am in the Sanctuary

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

Men's J.O.G. Meeting
Join JOG for lunch, comedy, music and a testimony!
Monday, June 10
12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall
RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649
Cost: \$12

Women's Lunch
Monday, June 24th
11:30am-1:00pm
Lunch Guest:
Je'net Kreitner
Je'net is the Founder and Executive Director of Grandma's House of Hope. Women from Grandma's House attend NorthEast of the Well at our church on Mondays, and they will be invited to join us for this lunch.

Lunch theme: Hawaiian
(Theme inspired by our Hawaiian women, Susan and Bev!)

FCCA Choir Rehearsals
Now on Summer Break
Summer Souplantation Dinner:
Thursday, June 27th
(Brea location, 7:00pm)

Sanctuary Dedication
To Be Determined

Men's JOG Luncheon

Featured Speakers:

Chaplain George and Tondra Gregory of the Los Angeles Chargers!



George and Tondra Gregory were in full-time ministry as pastors of regional churches for 20 years on the East Coast. While living in New York City, they planted a church on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. In addition, they started a nonprofit marriage ministry called [Journey for Life](#) where they educate, empower, and equip couples on their marriage and relationship journey. Tondra is a New York State Licensed Counselor who successfully established a private practice for 8 years in the heart of Times Square. She specializes in relationship counseling as well as counseling individuals experiencing emotional and behavioral distress.



In addition, they've assisted several east coast NFL chaplains and teams – New York Jets and New York Giants – providing marital support and mentorship to hundreds of couples. In June 2017, George and Tondra accepted the opportunity to serve as the official Chaplains of the [Los Angeles Chargers](#) while working with [Athletes in Action](#) as missionaries to professional sports teams.

When: Monday, June 10th 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



Of Orange County

Just Ordinary Guys

Meeting the 2nd Monday of Every Month

May Photos and Church Updates

May JOG: Just Ordinary Guys: Daniel Jordan shared about his ministry with Integritas. This ministry helps ex-service men find purpose sharing the love of Christ. Integritas engages in international ministry needs, and currently has a focus in Nigeria. Nigeria is considered the third most dangerous country in the world, and yet it is 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. Daniel shared how men of Integritas go to partner with the ministry work being done, and they go without weapons, carrying the peace of Christ.



Upcoming Women's Lunch!

Monday, June 24th

11:30am-1:00pm



Lunch Guest: Je'net Kreitner

Je'net is the Founder and Executive Director of Grandma's House of Hope. Women from various Grandma's House location in our neighborhood attend NorthEast of the Well here at our church on Monday evenings. Any women who are interested and available will be invited to join us for this lunch. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about the ministry of Grandma's House of Hope and to connect with women in our neighborhood.

Lunch theme: Hawaiian

Linda Freud suggested this fun theme, inspired by our Hawaiian women—Susan Fraker and Bev Aye. Susan and Bev already have a working menu lined up. Plan to join us for this festive summer lunch!

Missions' Corner

Christ to the Villages Mission in Nigeria is a mission that our church and our National Association has supported for many years. The mission was founded by Dr. Solomon Oladele and is now led by his son, Pastor Matthew Oladele and his family.

16 village churches were established and later three Christian schools (K through 12) with over 600 students attending. Most of these students are also housed and fed at the school. The ministry has grown and been very successful over the years. However, more recently the ministry has been running a deficit. Because of corrupt government and falling oil prices in Nigeria many of the parents of the school children have not been receiving paychecks and have been unable to pay the already very low tuition, and Matthew is struggling to pay his teachers' salaries. Closing the school would only make matters worse.

A dear American friend and mentor asked Matthew, "What can you do to help your ministry become self-sustaining?"

Matthew, with counsel and encouragement from George Haines, researched many ideas and projects over the past several years. God blessed Matthew with a project idea, and Matthew created an extensive business plan and proposal for a Hybrid Brazilian Cashew Farm in Kwara State. In three years the seeding cashew trees will begin to produce and begin generating income that will help the ministry to eventually become self-sustaining.



The National Association's Mission Committee, several individuals and our FCCA mission board have agreed that the project is worthy of support and \$11,000 has been raised. This is ½ of the cost of the project (\$22,000). The National Association has agreed to provide Matthew an interest-free loan for the other \$11,000!

Updates from Matthew ...



*(May 15, 2019) "Mary and I were at the village and farm site last Saturday to discuss and finalize things about the land...We walked the length and breadth of the land...We have ordered for seedlings and made part payment. We hope to start planting by May ending or beginning of June by the grace of God. **This is an exciting and busy time for us, we are having a farm!"***

(May 20, 2019) "I am so excited to tell the update on the cashew farm project... We met with the land owners on the farm and made a bargain on the farm...I was also at the farm earlier today to monitor the clearing work such as cutting of trees."



"Cashews for a Cause"

Would you like to become part of a Miracle?
Would you like to see a vital mission become self-sustaining?



The cost of the Cashew farm project in Nigeria is \$22,000. \$11,000 has miraculously been raised and MOMC (the mission arm of the NA) has miraculously loaned, at no interest, the remaining \$11,000.

This means that **Christ to the Villages** can buy the land and start planting the cashew seedlings immediately.

Here's where you can help!

Our goal is to raise the funds to pay back the loan so that Pastor Matthew will be free and clear to use the money generated from the cashew farm to feed and educate many hundreds of children and to support the ongoing work among the Christ to the Villages churches that are ministering to the very poor in Nigeria.

Please consider making a donation today and please take this flyer back to your mission committee or church and encourage them to make a donation.



**Checks may be sent to NACCC missions.
PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154.**

Please note on a separate piece of paper
that the funds are for the farm project in Nigeria.

From the start, God has miraculously blessed this unique project. Now it is up to us to hear His Voice and to step out in faith to make a difference in the lives of children and Christians in Nigeria.



June Birthdays

- 3-Jun Pat Doyle
- 4-Jun Roger Bowers
- 5-Jun Gisela Frannea
- 6-Jun Carole White
- 7-Jun Courtney Montenegro
- 11-Jun Madison Collins
- 11-Jun Katie Purvis
- 15-Jun Justin Dalton
- 18-Jun Tom Fraker
- 20-Jun Lois Johnson
- 21-Jun Gil Owen
- 25-Jun Aaron Ray
- 26-Jun Taylor Calderon
- 27-Jun Christine Davis
- 27-Jun Christian Villa Real

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.

(Pastor's Letter Continued)

George shared with me how one of his goals this past year was to baptize 5 NFL players. That happened and it's so exciting to hear the way God is changing their lives.



George also prays with the players before and after games, provides Bible study for the front office staff, leads chapel for the Los Angeles Chargers organization, and more. This is relatively unheard of for an NFL chaplain who is usually relegated to meetings off site. There are normally 45 people in attendance during his chapel services, which is rather amazing out of an organization comprised of 55 people. I'm so thankful that George and his wife Tondra are speaking at our JOG meeting in June. They are down-to-earth people with a great love for God. Come and hear their amazing story. They also might bring some NFL players with them. I hope you can join us! You will be glad you did!!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jim

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