



## October



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Anniversary Photos and Missions  
Highlights!

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## The Joy of Long Friendships

In 1971, I met Mark Ayres through a mutual friend in college. He had just completed his time with the Marines in Southeast Asia. Later Mark was invited by a young lady to attend Lake Ave. Congregational Church where he became involved in the College/Grad group. He committed his life to Christ and joined a group of us when we transferred to Azusa Pacific University. After graduating from APU we attended Fuller Theological Seminary and served on staff at a church in Duarte. A few years later Mark was a groomsman in Penny and my wedding and a week later I was his best man when he and Debbie tied the knot. After I came to serve the First Congregational Church in Anaheim in 1981 Mark went to work at World Vision International, one of the largest Christian relief organizations in the world, where he spent some time in Africa.

In 1987, I was invited to speak at a Deacons' Conference in the Marshall Islands. The following year I had the privilege of leading a Pastors' Conference in the capital of the Marshall Islands. Mark joined me on both occasions. The worship and the hospitality we experienced was a life changing experience. Mark told me he and Debbie were praying about leaving their jobs and becoming missionaries in Southeast Asia. Years later their dream became reality. For the past eleven years they have served churches in Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar.

Recently Mark and I had the honor of leading a conference in Yangon, Myanmar for pastors and students studying for ministry.  
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*Above: Pastor Jim, Mark and students*

*Below: Outside of the church in Myanmar*



## October

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
10:30am in the Sanctuary

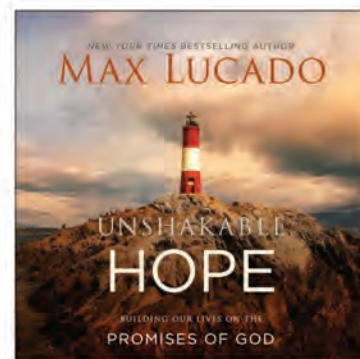
**NorthEast of the Well**  
Mondays, 6-8pm  
McKenzie Hall/Sanctuary

**FCCA Choir**  
Thursdays at 7:00pm  
\*No Rehearsal on  
October 10th or 31st

**Men's J.O.G. Meeting**  
Monday, October 14th  
12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall  
RSVP: Mike 714-425-2649  
Cost: \$12

**Women's Lunch**  
Monday, October 28th  
11:30am-1:00pm

### Small Groups



We will be using Max Lucado's small group series—*Unshakable Hope: Building our Lives on the Promises of God*

Groups will meet for 6 weeks, ending before the holiday season

**Sunday Group:**  
9:00-10:00am,  
October 13-November 17  
**Tuesday Group:**  
6:30-7:45pm  
October 15-November 19  
**Cost: \$10 if you are able**



# Men's Luncheon

## Featuring Nick and Lucy Della Valle



Back again by popular demand, Nick and Lucy Della Valle are two very special people. They have a very unique ministry. As "Missionaries to America" they have crisscrossed the nation three times in their "3300 Miles for Christ" walking witness. Big cities, small towns, churches, schools, universities, television, radio and more! That's where these "small people" take their big message. Well known for his biblical presentations of Zacchaeus, Nick is a gifted story teller. Come hear another heart-warming story.

**When: Monday, Oct 14th**  
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 *Very* helpful staff.

Please RSVP via email at [chuck@penningtons-inc.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month

# Missions' Corner...Meet Mary's Kitchen!

Rev. Tom Fraker and New Faith Fellowship have been supporting Mary's Kitchen for years. Now that Rev. Tom and some of the New Faith members are part of our church, we are excited to come alongside them and encourage their support of this mission work. Thanksgiving through Christmas, Rev. Tom will be collecting money and food or clothing items for Mary's Kitchen. If you are able to support this ministry, please make checks out to the church and write "Mary's Kitchen" in the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering or given to Rev. Tom directly.

*\*Information below is from maryskitchen.org.*

## Assistance

--- Monday through Saturday ---

- ☕ Breakfast 9am - 10am
- 🍴 Hot Lunch 1pm - 2pm
- 🚿 Showers 9am - 12pm

👕 On Thursday All Donated Clothes Are Distributed

## Our Philosophy

*Mary's Kitchen, acknowledging the Christian principles upon which it was founded including compassion and respect for human dignity, through volunteers, feeds, clothes and provides services that support and enhance the quality of life for the hungry and homeless that come to Mary's Kitchen.*

## History of Mary's Kitchen



MARY MCANENA, FOUNDER OF MARY'S KITCHEN

*"In December of 2003, Mary McAnena died at 100 years old. She had served the homeless in Orange County for eighteen years."*

"In 1984, an 82 year old Mary McAnena, founder of Mary's Kitchen, helped a homeless woman in Hart Park, Orange, California. She found her calling and dedicated herself in any way possible to help those less fortunate. Mary's dream soon became a reality and Mary's Kitchen was born.

Mary's home became the headquarters of a communal effort to give. Her small four-burner stove had never seen such traffic as volunteers helped with cooking. They transported food to Hart park and served the men, women and children who were homeless and in dire need. In 1994, ten years later, the kitchen moved to its temporary home on 517 West Struck Ave in Orange, California.

Mary's Kitchen is powered by hard working volunteers who deeply care. Financial support is provided by way of donations from individuals, students, churches, local corporations/small businesses, and grocery stores.

On a daily basis the kitchen sees an average of 200 hungry people. Mary knew that beyond food they hungered for respect, dignity, and connection. With grace, humor and warmth she consistently gave them all of that and more.

...Her spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of those who continue to give as well as receive at Mary's Kitchen."



## *September News and Events*



*On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic Griffith House. We originally thought it would be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but found out during our research that we needed to correct our records! We are blessed to have members that have been part of our church family since the very first worship service held in the Griffith House – so why wait 6 more years to celebrate?! Thank you to the MANY volunteers that made the celebration a wonderful event!*





# September News and Events Continued...

## Guests from the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church



This month it was a joy to have guests from the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church, San Diego share with us in worship. Unlimited Church and members from Episkiazo Christian Church were able to join us as well – two of the congregations that also worship here at FCCA each week! Pastor Grettel led the first worship songs, Bishop Taisi prayed over the service in English and Samoan, the Samoan Congregational church shared worship songs and dances, and Marlen Landin and Steve Nieves added their musical talents to the incredible morning! The joy in worship was contagious! A huge thank you to Penny Schibsted for organizing the meal!



## Missionary Guests

Dr. Corrie De Boer and Chonabelle Domingo from Mission Ministries Philippines shared with us during worship this month. The mission pours into children that live in the slums, and they have created curriculums that encourage entrepreneurial mindsets and nurture Christian faith – planting seeds of hope and opportunity for the children as they grow and engage with a changing world!

**“OUR METHOD OF MINISTRY** - involves a transformational process at the grass roots level. We meet the educational needs of the poorest and youngest children, while developing transformational processes within each community we serve...”  
(missionministriesphilippines.org).



We establish child learning centers in vulnerable slum communities.

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## October Birthdays

- 1-Oct Helen Hummel  
5-Oct Daniel Ahl  
9-Oct Jessy Luquez  
9-Oct Robbie Robinson  
16-Oct Rudy Marderos  
17-Oct Rev. Emily Miller-Todd  
19-Oct Amanda Pacillas  
23-Oct Nancy Clark  
24-Oct Pam Evans  
24-Oct Jon Ryan Hill  
26-Oct Justyn Gonzales  
29-Oct David Hill  
30-Oct Penny Schibsted  
30-Oct Lucas Rider

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](mailto:fccaoffice@gmail.com).

### *("The Joy of Long Friendships" continued...)*

It was an amazing time of interacting with committed Christians from another culture. Times of worship, learning, fellowship, and laughter were life giving. Hospitality shown to us by some very poor people was humbling. I was so impressed with the sense of mission demonstrated by these Burmese believers as they provided schooling for impoverished children living in the slums. I'm grateful having had the opportunity to travel to Myanmar and for the joy of long friendships with Mark and Debbie Ayres.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Jim



*Above: Children at a church in Myanmar that provides free education and hope for children and a woman carrying groceries in the marketplace*

### *"Getting to Know You, Getting to Know All About You"*

*By: Eleanor Phillips*

Yes. Someone to know this month has many talents. And has many different jobs, matter of fact 5. Born in Portland, Oregon, he grew up attending the Lutheran church. Then to Cal Lutheran majoring in Business with a minor in Music.

Wouldn't you like to be able to visit Disneyland and not have to pay? Well, 5 days a week he is able to. This is his main job, scheduling musicians and performers. Two other jobs include working at L.A. Fitness, instructing Kick Boxing and cycling.

Having so many jobs he has to have many keys, Black and White. On Sunday morning his first job is pianist at the Lutheran Church and then to FCCA. At our church he's more than pianist. He plays for the choir on Thursday night, and he accompanies soloists. He also plays at weddings, and funerals. Another talent he has is adding to the sermon. Example: If the sermon was on Blessing, he might play next, "Count Your Blessings."

What else does he enjoy doing? He enjoys the Fine Arts and traveling in the states and Europe. He is multi-talented...Tyler Robinson!