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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 9



We thank God for
all of the women in
this church who
make us stronger
because of their
love and presence!

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"Grateful for the Past—Hopeful for the Future!"

Pastor's Letter

It was a joy worshipping together, burning the church mortgage, and celebrating Eleanor Phillips' birthday on Easter Sunday! People we haven't seen for this past year due to the pandemic joined us as we "Burned the Mortgage Not the Burgers." It was so much fun seeing people in person.

I am so thankful that life is returning to normal after times of isolation due to the coronavirus. On Monday, May 10th, we will gather together for our first JOG (Just Ordinary Guys) meeting in more than a year. It will be so good to share a meal, laugh together, hear inspirational music and to be encouraged by our speaker's testimony. Remember women are also invited to this event and feel free to bring a guest. Look on page 4 for further details. Don't forget to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

As we return to the new normal I look forward to the day when we can hug one another again. It will be great to see everyone in person. I am also happy to report that two more churches will resume meeting on our church campus in the month of May.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jim

Connect

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am, Sundays

We are holding worship in person and on Facebook Live.

Church Facebook Page

"Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim"

Encouragement for Today

Pastor Jim, Pastor Emily, Raffia Thomas, Tyler Robinson and friends are sharing short encouraging videos on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week through Facebook Live.

Operation Bless Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 5th and
Wednesday, May 19th from
4:30-5:30pm. Set up starts at
3:30pm.

Small Group Study: The Book of James

Groups will pick up with the second half of James starting the week of May 2nd.

All are welcome—you do not need to have participated in the first half of the study to join us for the second half of James.

Email us to join a group:
fccoffice@gmail.com

Tuesdays: 6:30-7:45pm
or

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:15pm

JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

Just Ordinary Guys will start meeting again in May! The second Monday of every month, join the guys for lunch, comedy, music and a testimony! The focus is on men, but women also attend and are very welcome.

Monday, May 10th
12:00-1:30pm

FCCA Updates

Small groups are studying the book of James!

Groups are starting again this month! This year, we have been studying the book of James. This month we will pick up with the second half of the book. You do not need to have participated in the first half of the study to join us! Groups will meet for 6 weeks. Email the church office at fccaoffice@gmail.com to sign up for a group. **Group Options:** Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45pm or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15pm.

Operation Bless Food Distribution

Drive thru for some free food! The food distribution is held every other Wednesday. Setup starts at 3:30pm and food is distributed between 4:30 and 5:30pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email the church office – we would love to get you connected. The distribution dates in May will be Wednesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 19th from 4:30-5:30pm

Thank you to all who have helped with Encouragement for Today!

It has been so nice to hear from different voices in our Encouragement for Today videos on Facebook Live. Raul Caicedo, Robbie Robinson, Penny Schibsted with Orion, and leaders at the food distribution all shared with us in April. Pastor Jim's friends, Pastor David and Carla Schick, shared an encouraging message from Montana as well. Carla spoke about trusting God while facing cancer.

Friends continue to keep us in good shape!

Jim Taylor cleaned the area to the left of the Sanctuary and repainted the wall and the area around the windows, covering graffiti. Raul Caicedo replaced lights inside and outside the sanctuary, and he is getting our internet in good shape for churches to returning to the property who will be streaming services from various locations. I could name so many others who keep us in good shape regularly – thank you for being a church that gets involved! We are able to do so much thanks to your participation.



JOG Men's Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Ezra Leyton



With more than fifteen years of real estate and portfolio management experience, Ezra Leyton has successfully managed teams of real estate agents and asset managers servicing multibillion-dollar portfolios of residential and commercial real estate properties. His previous clients include Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, UBS, and Wells Fargo. Ezra is the President of Marquis Signature Properties located in Newport Beach. He directs and manages a multimillion-dollar developer fund for commercial developments in Orange and LA County. Ezra has an entrepreneur spirit but an even bigger spirit for Christ.

When: Monday, May 10th 2021

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: Culinary Chef Jose Ramon Chavez.

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

Featuring: Grandma's House of Hope

What is Grandma's House of Hope?

Grandma's House of Hope is made up of 3 programs with one mission: "To empower the invisible populations of Orange county. Their programs include Rescued & Restored Housing, Nana's Kidz and HopeWords!

Rescued & Restored Housing

We provide safe, confidential emergency and transitional shelter/housing for (adults) 18 and older who are experiencing homelessness and in need of trauma informed care and support. (Services offered differ slightly for women and men.)

Our services cover:

- Survivors of Violent Crimes
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Survivors of Trauma
- Mental Health Challenges
- Substance Abuse Disorders
- Formerly Incarcerated Re-Entry Housing
- Recovery from Illness (Acute or Chronic)
- Hospice Care
- Senior Supportive Micro-communities

Nana's Kidz

Since 2007, Nana's Kidz has been providing healthy meals to children and families living in motels, low-income housing or experiencing homelessness, on weekends and during school breaks. Many kids rely heavily on school cafeterias for their primary source of nutritional food, therefore they struggle on non-school days. This is a critical need as children, particularly teens, are likely to hide their hunger rather than face public embarrassment.

Since COVID-19, the need has skyrocketed. We went from serving 10,000 meals a month to over 60,000 meals every month in 2020.

For 2021, we are projecting the need to be 30,000 meals a month.

HopeWords!

HopeWords! Education and Enrichment Center (HWEEC) is located at a very low-income section 8 housing complex in Anaheim. At HWEEC, we offer these at-risk youth after school programs with tutoring, homework support, mentorship, and exposure to STEAM activities.

In addition, we also provide adult education, early childhood development, and health and wellness classes.

By delivering services at this culturally diverse housing site, we minimize challenges and eliminated obstacles such as traveling costs, time constraints and safety concerns. Thanks to the accessibility, breadth and quality of these services, families are able to maintain stable housing and thrive.

Missions' Corner Continued...

Featuring: Grandma's House of Hope

How have we been connected to Grandma's House of Hope?

We were introduced to Grandma's House of Hope through NorthEast of the Well. NorthEast of the Well is a ministry that reaches out to people in restoration and recovery. NE met here on our property for dinner and worship every Monday evening prior to COVID-19. NE holds Bible studies in local homes that are part of Grandma's House of Hope. Therefore, many individuals living in local Grandma's houses would join NorthEast of the Well here on Monday evenings for dinner and worship. We have also been introduced to Grandma's House of Hope through women's lunches and volunteer opportunities here at the church.

Volunteer Opportunity for GHH

Grandma's House of Hope is in need of in-kind donations (Target gift cards, other gift cards, items for auction baskets, etc.) as they prepare for their Virtual Gala on May 22. If you are interested in getting involved, contact us at the church! Thank you to all who have already offered support! *Pictured, Pastor Emily and Susan Fraker delivering afghans handmade by Delores Francis and a painting of an African violet painted by Susan's friend, Karen Neal.*



You are Invited!

FCCA received the following invitation to Grandma's House of Hope's 15th Annual Gala:

I'd like to personally invite you to join us from the comfort of your home for our 15th Annual Virtual Gala, streaming live May 22 at 7 pm. This will be an evening you won't want to miss, filled with surprises, awards, celebrities, giveaways, live auctions, and a good old-fashioned game of Tug of War...Grandma style. We've included a delicious [gala dinner menu](#) from two beloved OC caterers for easy pick-up in Garden Grove and Newport Beach. Please [RSVP or pre-register](#) online before noon on May 22, and you'll be entered to win a grand prize 4 days, 3 nights Cabin Getaway in Arrowbear, CA. I'll announce the winner at the start of the gala.

If you have any questions, please email tammy@grandmashouseofhope.org.

Blessings, Je'net Kreitner--CEO & Founder of Grandma's House of Hope



May Birthdays

3-May Diego Zavala

5-May Carlos Luquez

5-May Daniel Hoke

7-May Robert Robinson

9-May LaneII O'Neill

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
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Easter Sunday

We had a beautiful Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who helped make the day special!



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