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Thank you to all who made Mother's Day special!



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Pastor's Letter

During worship on Sunday, June 13th, we are looking forward to formally welcoming some new members to our church family! We have been meeting with individuals interested in joining the church recently to explain what it means that we are a Congregational church. This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn a little bit more about our roots as a Congregational church.

Congregational churches are fully autonomous churches under the headship of Jesus Christ. This means that there is no outside hierarchy that tells a local church how to organize itself or how to respond to challenges. The local church is complete in and of itself and the congregation listens for the leading of the Holy Spirit as they seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ together. Therefore, each Congregational church can look very unique—shaped by the culture, the gifts and the leading of God among the people that make up the local church.

Congregational churches value the autonomy of the local church, and they also value the importance of Christian relationship beyond each individual church's walls. There are different congregational associations of churches that exist in the United States and in the world. We are part of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC), and we are part of the International Congregational Fellowship (ICF). The National Office for the NACCC provides resources and encourages connection between the various churches, regional associations and supported missions. As part of our membership in the NACCC, we also participate in the Cal-West Association. This group includes Congregational churches in Southern California and Arizona as well as additional churches in surrounding states.

See Page 7 for opportunities to connect with our national association or international association of churches virtually this summer!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Emily

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Connect

***Flowers for the Altar**

If you would like to donate fresh flowers for worship to be placed on the altar, please contact us at fccaooffice@gmail.com. You are welcome to give as a general gift, in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Susan will purchase and arrange flowers when donations are provided.

Single Bouquet: \$20

Two Bouquets: \$35

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am, Sundays

In Person and on Facebook Live

Encouragement for Today

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

Church Facebook Page

"Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim"

New Member Sunday

Sunday, June 13th

Join us in worship this Sunday to welcome new members into our church family!

Operation Bless Food Distribution

Operation Bless will now continue once a month. The time will be extended since we are not meeting every other week.

June Date:

**Wednesday, June 16th from
4:30-6:30pm**

Setup will start at 3:30pm.

JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

The second Monday of every month, join the guys for lunch, comedy, music and a testimony.

Monday, June 14th
12:00-1:30pm

FCCA Updates

Mother's Day Lunch and Tunes with Isy Martin, Jr.

On Mother's Day we enjoyed a beautiful lunch on the lawn while Isy Martin, Jr. blessed us with his music. It was comforting and peaceful to enjoy another meal together as a church family! It was great to see more people returning to church now that vaccines are up and COVID numbers are down. We thank God for the women who enrich our lives, and we thank God for new life!



Operation Bless Food Distribution

Drive thru for some free food! The food distribution will now be held once a month. The distribution time frame will be extended since we are no longer meeting every other week. Setup starts at 3:30pm and food will be distributed between 4:30 and 6:30pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email the church office – we would love to get you connected.

June Distribution: Wednesday, June 16th from 4:30-6:30pm.

Encouragement for Today Messages

In May, we had more friends share encouragement messages on Facebook! Tom Fraker shared the story of the Good Samaritan after his sister encountered her own Good Samaritan in a moment of need. Connie Phillips shared with us about the Holy Spirit, Penny Schibsted encouraged us to celebrate the life

around us and

Andrew Bush updated us about his ministry in Israel and Palestine.

We are grateful for the

many voices of faith who are enriching our faith and our church!



JOG Men's Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Chuck Pennington



Recognize this Gentleman? Along with Pastor Jim Schibsted, Chuck is the original founder of JOG back in 2009. Chuck's career started in Chicago in the newspaper industry but quickly shifted to the oil industry and Mobil Oil. After graduating from the University of Illinois, Chuck was then quickly drafted. He spent three years in the Army with a one year tour in Vietnam. After the service it was on to Lloyds Bank for a ten year career in banking. Shortly after leaving banking, Chuck, eager to start his own business, founded Pennington's Auto Sales. Chuck is married and has four children. This family business is now in its 38th year.

When: Monday, June 14th 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

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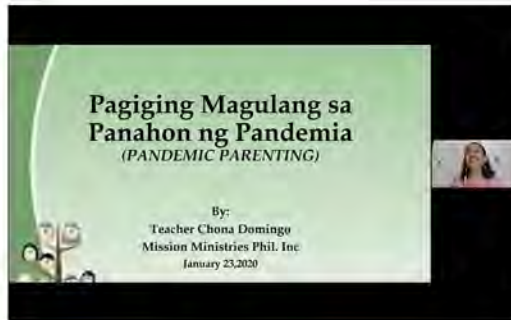
May 2021

Mission Ministries Launched Parenting Seminars

Mission Ministries Phil. was founded because of its calling to give quality education to the least privileged children in poor communities and most importantly to spread the Good News of salvation.

In continuing this mission, MMP launched the online Parenting Seminars which aims to help parents in handling their children and understanding each other as parents. And the most important part of the seminar is evangelizing, through the Word of God.

Ms. Chonabelle Domingo, President, and CEO of MMP was the first speaker for this seminar last January 23, 2021, entitled Parenting in Pandemic. It was attended by over 90 parents from the 14 partner schools who joined.



Ms. Domingo taught of doing this parenting seminars due to the urgency in saving the souls of our students and their parents. Bringing them

the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. In these trying times, when hopelessness envelopes the world,

Christians must live to the commission of being the light and salt of the world.

And indeed as we sow, God gives us harvests. One of the partners, Children's Den testified that 5 of their parents who attended the seminar accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. They have been ministering to these parents and God used the seminar for them to fully accept Christ as their God and Savior.

With that good report, MMP aims to continue conducting parenting seminars. So last March 20, 2021, the second parenting seminar entitled "The 5 Love Languages" was facilitated by Ms. Aida Aquino.

MMP included these seminars in the year-round activities.



Mission Ministries Philippines Joins Medical Ambassador Philippines, Inc. in Health Awareness

"A Must for Mask" a project of Mission Ministries Philippines, Inc. in its contribution to help fight the coronavirus. It was initiated sometime last year and the masks were given to its partner schools. This project is one of the ministries of MMP being revisited in its philosophy of a holistic approach. As the organization not only aims to nurture the cognitive and spiritual of the students but also their physical and health aspects.

This project made viable in partnership with Medical Ambassador Phil. Inc., a Christian non-profit medical mission organization with the mission to see churches and organizations that follow Christ's mandate, establishing effective health ministries and evangelism to the poor, vulnerable, and among the least reached people in target communities.

In the recent event, Medical Ambassador Phil. Inc.(MAP, Inc.) conducted a seminar entitled "Kaalaman at Siyensya ng Bakuna" last March 19, 2021. This seminar is to propagate awareness about the vaccines for the coronavirus. The resource person is Dr. Romelei Camiling – Alfonso.

MMP participated in this event as its initial seminar with MAP, Inc. There are plans of training and other seminars for partner schools to equip them in terms of health issues.

MEDICAL AMBASSADORS PHILIPPINES, INC.
CB-HELP VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM
MARCH 19, 2021 | 2PM-4PM
VIA ZOOM MEETINGS

KAALAMAN AT SIYENSYA NG BAKUNA

Information and Must-knows on COVID 19 Vaccine and Other Vaccines

SPEAKER
DR. ROMELEI CAMILING-ALFONSO
Technical Specialist for the Philippine Society of Public Health Physicians (PSPHP), Philippines

PANEL REACTORS
DR. MARICOR RIVERA, ER MEDICINE SPECIALIST
DR. JESSICA REYES, HEALTH SPECIALIST, COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL
DR. MARICOR RIVERA, ER MEDICINE SPECIALIST

Teacher's Update Corner

Bringing KIDPRENUER On-line

Here's a report on Praiere Rose Academy for Youngsters, a partner school of Mission Ministries Phil. that continued teaching KIDPRENUER and bringing it online. Teacher Precy Vallente, school Administrator, and Teacher



Kezia Vallente recall how they were able to administer the Kidpreneur curriculum online this school year. Here is what they have to say:

"Kidpreneur Curriculum is one of the immense life molding tools MMP had provided for us. Our school had been using it since the time this curriculum was launched. For years now, it has always been an interesting part of our school's endeavor to encourage children on entrepreneurship that even parents enjoy its challenges.

Every year, we see to it that we do a culminating activity that will lead every child to a pathway of kidpreneurship. We do a "Palengke Like This Program" which before was called "Munting Palengke sa Loob ng Paaralan" until such time that we moved out to a covered court near the school.

This year we did not allow this pandemic to

hinder culminating and enhancing children's interest as they learned stories about young entrepreneurs and their disciplines. We had the so-called "KidPRAYneur" online business where children were asked to advertise their products online. They were also asked to be part of the preparations and even selling of such.

This then had become a motivating gem to the young minds. Some of the children's reactions are:

- "It's enjoying, I was able to share my clothes with others" because they did an ukay-ukay thing. Actually, there were two of them who did such.*
- "Happy... because I have money to buy a speaker" and he encouraged his Mom to continue selling.*
- "Happy..." because of the experience of selling and earning money out of it.*

There's the spirit of sharing, a plan where to use the money, and the joy of knowing that there's a good fruit out of it.

Such kinds of experiences won't be forgotten.

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As they grow these will be part of their honing moments and good memoirs."

Truly there will be no barriers in pursuing education and changing the mindset of today for tomorrow's success.



Yes! I want to join in providing a brighter future for children living in poverty

☐ \$200 will supply a poor child with school books and tuition for one year. ☐ \$500 Tuition fee for one teacher living in a disadvantaged area to enroll in the training certificate course in Early Childhood Education. ☐ \$2000 will enable a school to be set up in a disadvantaged area for one year. Includes curriculum, learning materials, training, and coaching of teachers.

My best gift of: \$ _____ **to help as many children as possible who are living in poverty.**

All training programs for children accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission of the Government.

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June Birthdays

- 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
- 28-Jun Brandon Poole
- 30-Jun Tyler Robinson

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...)

NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference 2021

FINDING OUR WAY IN THE FUTURE:

'I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.' Psalm 32:8

Join us for a Virtual Annual Meeting & Conference on Saturday, June 19th & Sunday, June 20th. There is no registration fee, but registration is required. To register, please visit: www.naccc.org.

There will be pre-recorded and live workshops. Find a complete list on the registration page of the NACCC website. All Workshops will be recorded to view after the Annual Meeting.

International Congregational Fellowship (ICF) Conference 2021

JOIN US ONLINE

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THIS WILL BE A FREE EVENT

BUT A DONATION WILL BE WELCOMED WHEN YOU REGISTER

www.internationalcongregationalfellowship.org

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ICF: International Congregational Fellowship

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QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE JULY 23-25, 2021

MEETING

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.
To share "Mayflower stories" of Congregationalism across the globe.
To learn from the current activity of the Congregational churches across the globe.
To enjoy fellowship with international brothers and sisters in Christ.

Programme

Friday July 23rd:
The Journey Stories - their stories, commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower

Saturday July 24th:
The Journey Stories - our stories, Mayflower Stories from around the world

Sunday July 25th:
The Journey Stories - our stories, Covid Stories from churches around the world
Worship

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SPEAKERS

Joseph Nockels
Post-graduate researcher, focusing on archival studies and heritage formation, at Leiden University in The Netherlands.

Francis Bremer
Professor Emeritus of History at Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Charles Hambrick-Stowe
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