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Worship Celebration and Catered Lunch to
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"Grateful for the Past—Hopeful for the Future!"

“Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry Together!”

FCCA Reunion

On October 3rd, during our 10:30am worship service we will celebrate 40 years of ministry together! Penny and I are grateful to have been a part of all that has been accomplished during these past 40 years! Jim Weddell is producing a video of some of the highlights of the past 4 decades. Looking through old picture albums brings back fond memories of good people who volunteered their time making a positive impact in the life of our church. We've gone through challenging and good times together and have witnessed God's faithfulness to us. Children who were baptized grew up and later were married in our church. Now they have children of their own. I think of many dear people I had the privilege to visit in their final moments, holding their hand as they passed from this world to the next. Those were precious, holy times. Officiating at weddings, baptisms, and funerals reminds me of those things that are most important in life.

Psalm 133:1-2 reads, “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments.”

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Connect

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.

Church Facebook Page

“Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim”

JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

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

Monday, September 13th
12:00-1:30pm

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.

August Date:
Wednesday, September 15th
4:30-6:30pm

Setup will start at 3:30pm.

Celebrating 40 Years of **Ministry Together!**

FCCA Reunion

Sunday, October 3

Worship Celebration & Lunch
We will celebrate Pastor Jim and Penny and all who have been part of the ministry of FCCA for the last 40 years. We would love for this to be a reunion celebration to honor the many people who have poured into ministry here at FCCA.

Women's Luncheon

Save the Date! More information to come next month.

Monday, October 18th
11:30-1:00pm

Church Updates

"Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry Together!" FCCA Reunion

Sunday, October 3: Worship Celebration, Lunch to Follow

Pastor Jim and Penny have been in ministry here at FCCA for 40 years! We will celebrate Pastor Jim and Penny and all who have been part of the ministry of FCCA for the last 40 years on Sunday, October 3rd. Mark your calendars! We would love for this to be a reunion celebration to honor the many people who have poured into ministry here at FCCA. A luncheon will follow worship.

***Please RSVP at fccaoffice@gmail.com or (714) 776-0960 if you plan to attend**

Rooted Groups are Starting!

Rooted isn't just another Bible Study...

Whether you have been a lifelong Christian or are a new believer, Rooted has the potential to connect and re-engage you with God, His Church, and your purpose. The Rooted experience encourages 7 rhythms in our faith journey: daily devotion, prayer, freedom from strongholds, sacrificial generosity, serve the community, share your story and celebration. Join us on this 10-week spiritual growth journey and RSVP today!

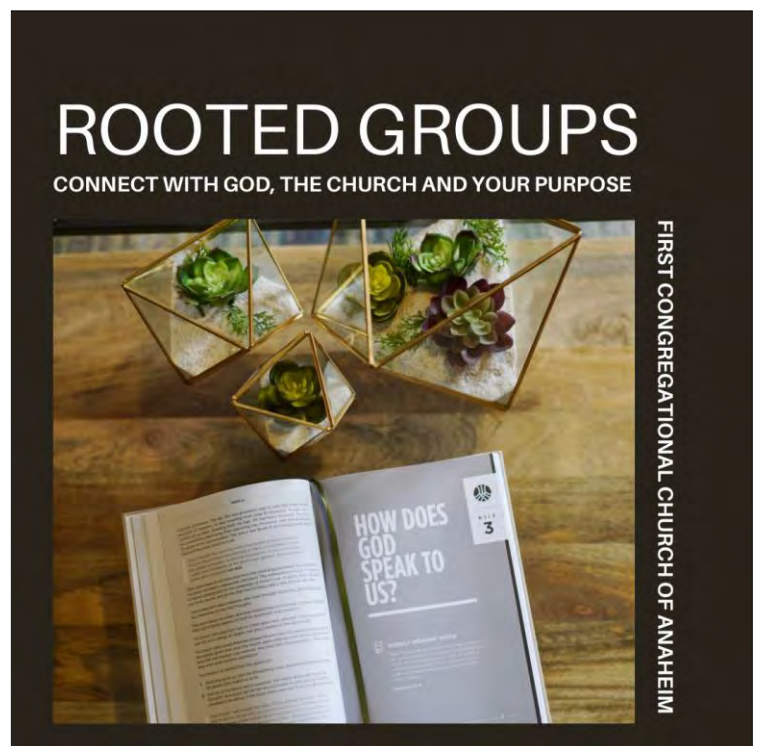
Groups begin the week of September 5th.

Group Options:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Book Cost: \$15 *The church is happy to provide your book if you would like assistance.*



Operation Bless Food Distribution

We are grateful to partner with Unlimited Church in this ministry.

Next Food Distribution: Wednesday, September 15; 4:30-6:30pm, Setup begins at 3:30pm

Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping.

Church Updates Continued...

New Worship Time

COVID-19 changed our worship needs. As we welcome new worship leaders on Sunday mornings and set up for worship online, we have found that we could use a few extra minutes before worship. Starting on Sunday, September 19th, worship will begin at 10:45am. Feel free to arrive at 10:30 as usual to enjoy some time for reflection as the worship team rehearses.

Beginning Sunday, September 19th:

10:30am

You may arrive for a time of reflection as the worship team rehearses.

10:45am Worship

Worship will begin at 10:45am.



Prayer Tree

At the beginning of August, women from the church met for a Women's Luncheon for the first time in a very long time and started a prayer tree that is located outside of the church office.

****All are welcome to write prayers and clip them to the tree or to pray over the prayers on the tree! There are benches near the tree where you may sit and pray.***

Sunday School

We are offering Sunday School twice a month. Penny Schibsted and Linda Freud will alternate leading on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We are offering coloring pages for the kids on Sundays that we do not have Sunday School.



JOG Men's Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Eric Roberts



Eric is a southern California native who married his high school sweetheart and now has three young children. He graduated from Santa Ana College with an Associate's Degree in Fire Science, and then from Cal State Fullerton with a Bachelor's in Human Communications. He was appointed to the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 2006, promoted to Captain I in 2014, and then to Captain II in 2017. Most of his career has been spent in South Los Angeles and Watts. He currently serves in the Homeland Security Division as the LA City Hazardous Materials Coordinator.

When: Monday, September 13th 2021

12:00pm - 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

"Truly I say to you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

On August 8th your Missions Board met to discuss the 2021 allocations for missions. The Board unanimously decided to allocate \$5,000.00 in support of these following missions:

- *Mission Ministries Philippines, Chonabelle Domingo, Director*
- *Fruitful Life Church, Pastor Rodel*
- *Mission Ministries Middle East, Rev. Andrew and Karen Bush*
- *CRU in the Middle East*
- *NACCC Christ to the Villages, Nigeria, Rev. Matthew Oladele*
- *NACCC Panamerican Institute, Mexico, Laura Ramirez, Director*
- *NACCC Congregational Church of Myanmar, Rev. Elvis SaDo*
- *NACCC Pilgrim's Presence, Kenya, Geoffrey Lipale, Director*
- *The Macedonia Outreach, Greece, Pantelis and Roula Sideopoulos*
- *Grandma's House, Santa Ana, CA*
- *Operation Bless Food Distribution with Unlimited Church*

We know that additional needs may be brought to our attention later, and we will address those as they occur. If your heart leads you to contribute to missions, please mark your check appropriately on the memo line with the word MISSIONS or the name of a particular mission or a specific project. Donations received in July and August for Myanmar will be totaled and another contribution will be made to aid Rev. SaDo and his mission church.

Thank you for sharing your blessings!

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

The FCCA Mission Board

Linda Freud, Chair

Board Members: Pastor Jim and Penny Schibsted, Pastor Emily Miller-Todd,

Mike Villa-Real, Dave Hill



September Birthdays

- 1-Sep Carol Peterson
- 4-Sep Michael Villa-Real
- 5-Sep Jay Ramsay
- 7-Sep Angelina Morookian
- 8-Sep Laurie Donahue
- 10-Sep Derek Fender
- 11-Sep Delores Francis
- 18-Sep Amy Eades
- 18-Sep Daniel Arredondo
- 19-Sep Jennifer Mc Gonigle
- 20-Sep Billie Honaker
- 24-Sep Stacey Cohee
- 24-Sep James Richard Henri
- 28-Sep Bunnie Haas

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.

(40th Celebration Continued...) I am so thankful for the unity we have experienced as a church family as we embraced change over the years. Over the years, we have opened our church campus to other ministries, developed a missions program under the leadership of Chaplain John Lindvall, started a day care center and later an elementary school, renovated the Griffith House, Sanctuary, library and classrooms, built a garage and kitchen, challenged people to travel overseas with the International Congregational Fellowship and with mission trips, started our JOG (Just Ordinary Guys) group and our women's groups including the Mayflowers, brought Pastor Emily on board first as an intern and then as a full time associate, paid off the mortgage, worshipped outside and went online with our worship services, supported Operation Bless Food Distribution, and watched as people's lives have been transformed by the power of God. We have embraced so much change, and through it all we have seen the amazing goodness and faithfulness of God.

I really hope you can join us on October 3rd. Inspiring music is planned, a creative video will be shown, and Dr. Peter St. Don will be our guest speaker. Following our worship service we will gather under the trees for a catered lunch. Please RSVP by September 11th. If you have any pictures that we can incorporate into the video please drop them by the church office.

I look forward to seeing you on October 3rd, and remember to invite your family and friends. Gratefully, Pastor Jim

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