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BRING YOUR
FAVORITE SIDE
OR DESSERT TO
FEED 8!

*"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will
magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30*

ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP & MEAL

10:45AM
WORSHIP

MEAL TO
FOLLOW

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"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

Thanks Giving

Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. As Roger Bowers often mentions in conversation "we as a church have much to be thankful for." Recently we celebrated **40 Years of Ministry Together** here at the First Congregational Church. It was inspiring to hear powerful testimonies of how God has touched people's lives over the years. The heartfelt music led by Tyler and Raffia, the original song written by Isy, and the graceful worship dance by 13 year old Trinity Aumua were wonderful reminders of God's love and faithfulness. Penny and I were overwhelmed with the kind words expressed by so many. I told Penny I felt like I had been to my own memorial service. The glass prism plaque, the gift certificate to the White House Restaurant in Anaheim and the gifts given to FCCA in our honor are much appreciated. More lives will be touched with God's love because of your generosity.

On Sunday, November 21st, we will celebrate Thanksgiving together on the lawn (in case of inclement weather we will meet in McKenzie Hall) following the worship service. Please bring a side dish or dessert for eight. David Cook will cook three turkeys that morning, and the church will provide mashed potatoes and gravy. There will be a bounce house for the children.

Keep in mind this is stewardship season in the life of our church. During the next few weeks commitment cards will be distributed as we prayerfully consider what we can give to our church during 2022.

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Connect

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45am 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"

Thanksgiving Worship & Meal

Sunday, November 21

Join us for our Thanksgiving Worship Service and Meal to follow on the lawn. We will provide turkey and mashed potatoes and gravy. Bring your favorite side or dessert to feed 8!

JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

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

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jim Schibsted

**Monday, November 8th
12:00-1:30pm**

Operation Bless Food Distribution

Operation Bless is held once a month.

November Date:
**Wednesday, November 17th
4:30-6:30pm**

Setup will start at 3:30pm.

Women's Luncheon

Mark your calendars! We will have a Christmas themed lunch with a Christmas service project. Watch the e-news for more information.

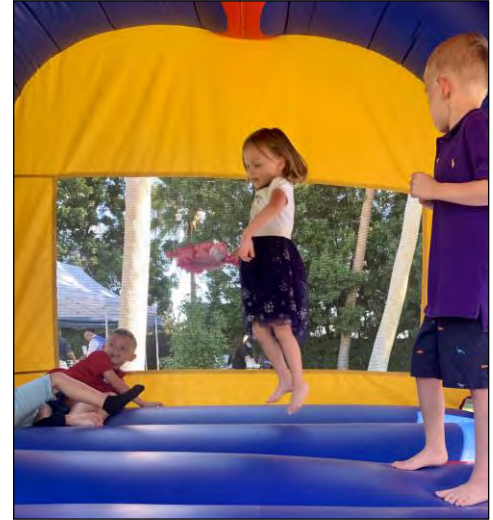
**Monday, December 6th
11:30-1:00pm**

FCCA Updates

Thanksgiving Worship and Meal

Sunday, November 21st

Join us for worship at 10:45am and stay for a Thanksgiving meal on the lawn following worship! We will provide turkey, potatoes and gravy. Please bring your favorite side or a dessert to share. We are planning to have a bounce house for the kids to enjoy. RSVP to fccaoffice@gmail.com.



Rooted Groups

This fall, we have been going through the Rooted curriculum created by Mariner's Church. Groups will finish up on November 10th, and participants from both small groups will have a celebration dinner in the Griffith House on Thursday, November 18th at 6:00pm.



Grandma's House of Hope Thanksgiving Food Drive

Now through November 10th you are welcome to bring Thanksgiving food items to the church office for Grandma's House of Hope. No glass jars, please. *Canned items* (fruit, green beans, vegetables), *boxed items* (stuffing, cake), *potatoes and grocery gifts cards* (to purchase turkey) are all welcome.

Operation Bless Food Distribution

Next Distribution: Wednesday, November 17th from 4:30-6:30pm

Drive through for free food from the Food Bank! If you would like to volunteer, setup begins at 3:30pm in the Library.

Women's Christmas Lunch: Monday, December 6th from 11:30-1:00pm

JOG Men's Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Pastor Jim Schibsted



Jim was born in San Diego into a military family, raised by a Greek mother, and came to faith at a conference where Nicky Cruz of Teen Challenge spoke.

He earned his Masters of Divinity and later his Doctorate of Ministry from Fuller Seminary. His dissertation topic was "Work-alcoholism in the Ministry."

Jim has served on various national and international committees. This has given him the opportunity to speak in many churches around the world.

Recently Jim and his wife, Penny, celebrated "40 Years of Ministry" at the First Congregational Church of Anaheim.



Committing his life to Christ was the best decision Jim ever made. Come hear why.

When: Monday, November 8th, 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

MISSION UPDATES

FROM THE MACEDONIA OUTREACH IN GREECE

Thank you for your support which helps us in continuing our assistance to those in need in the Balkan Peninsula. This assistance includes medical, educational, spiritual and physical support to orphans, refugees and families in dire need. Thank you for your help and prayers. May God bless you richly.

FROM PANAMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TIJUANA

This new school year again, due to the pandemic, feels like a roller-coaster with new rules for most of our school activities. In the end, all worked out and our students have been taking online classes since August 30th. The next “probable” date to start classes at school is October 25th. Our challenge is to assure that teachers and students have internet service and laptops with working cameras and microphones. We are working as fast as we can. So far, we have helped most teachers and students, but there are still 10 students who are taking classes with a cell phone. UPDATE...Since the first week of October we were able to provide students with the computer equipment needed for classes. God is good!!!! But because COVID-19 is not under control, we believe this school year will continue online. The cost for the remainder of the school year for internet service is \$300 dollars, and five families need this help. We are helping them with \$30 on a monthly basis and upon availability of funds. It sure would be good to have the funds available for the remainder of the school year. This is our current need.

MISSION UPDATES Continued...

ABOUT MYANMAR

A big thank you from your Mission Board for giving to support needs in Myanmar this summer. Offerings marked “missions” in July and August were designated for Myanmar and \$800.00 was collected. God is good!!! This total was distributed to Rev. Elvis Sa Do of the Congregational Church of Myanmar and to Pastor Khin Lay Maw’s Covid medical expense.

ABOUT MISSION MINISTRIES PHILIPPINES

Our current mission plea from October 17th to November 7th is to help the financial crisis that MMP is experiencing at this time due to the Covid pandemic. I hope some of you will be participating in their ZOOM fundraiser on November 5th (5:30 to 6:30pm our time). Chona Domingo, Executive Director, and several pastors will be speaking. Also there will be a presentation by the children. I am looking forward to it. All offerings marked

“MMP” during these 4 weeks will be forwarded to them.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.” Matthew 25:40





November Birthdays

10-Nov Susan Fraker
15-Nov Nhon Nguyen
18-Nov James Purvis
19-Nov Bernie Spear
23-Nov Virginia Ramsey
23-Nov Alissa Williams
26-Nov Bob States
29-Nov Wally Haas
30-Nov Kayla Glass

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.

("Thanks Giving" Continued...)

After the commitment cards are received (by December 9th), a budget is prepared by the stewardship committee and then adopted by the congregation at our annual meeting. Whether or not we expand the ministry here at First Congregational Church is determined by our giving -the giving of our time, the giving of our talent, the giving of our money.

It makes many of us uncomfortable to talk about money. How we spend our money is a very personal thing. Yet Jesus spoke more about money than he did about prayer. In fact Jesus talked more about money than any other subject except the Kingdom of God, because the way we live our lives and the way we spend our money is very important. Remember our lives and our money belong to God.

When my brother, Steve, served the Bidwell Presbyterian Church he challenged his congregation with the following four questions.

1. Does the amount I give really stretch my faith?
2. Does the amount I give demonstrate that I value investment in the kingdom of God more than material things on earth?
3. Does the amount I give demonstrate how much I love Christ and my church family?
4. Does the amount I give represent a genuine sacrifice?

A generous church is a blessed church. We can't be here just for ourselves. We need to be here for others who have yet to discover God's presence as they go through the valleys of life. May God guide us as we give out of thanks to God.

Gratefully,
Pastor Jim

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