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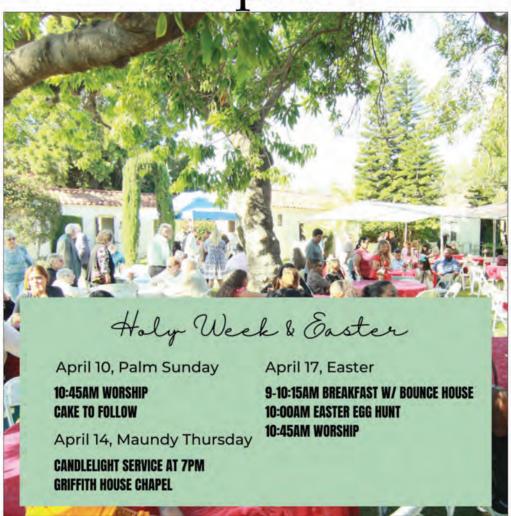
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Join Us for Easter Week!

Easter week is such a special time in the life of the church as we remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Palm Sunday we will recall Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. We will also celebrate Eleanor Phillips' 100th birthday! During our **Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service at**7:00pm we will commemorate the last supper of Christ in the Griffith House. This should be a very special service as we sing, pray, hear the word and share communion together.

On Easter Sunday a free breakfast is provided as we eat together with the members of Unlimited Church, Oasis Church and Iglesia Bethel at 9:00 am on the church lawn. Following the breakfast an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled at 10am. It's always fun to see the children dashing and looking for Easter eggs. We also ordered a bounce house complete with a slide for the children. Around 10:15am the children will place flowers on the Flower Cross that will be displayed in the sanctuary during our 10:45am worship service.

If everything goes according to plan we will have greetings from Bishop Taisi via online recording from Kenya, musicians from the participating churches will lead us in uplifting music, a South Pacific Islander dance of praise, and a testimony from an individual whose life was transformed by God's amazing grace. That morning I have the joy of preaching about the new life the risen Christ offers to those who put their trust in Him.

Feel free to invite your friends. It would be very helpful for food prep if you would let us know you are coming. There will be a sign-up sheet each Sunday in April or you may leave a message at fccaoffice@gmail.com or call 714-776-0960.

I look forward to greeting you at church on Easter! Pastor Jim

Connect

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45am, Sundays In Person and on Facebook Live

Encouragement for Today

Pastor Jim, Pastor Emily and friends share short encouraging videos on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week on Facebook and Instagram.

Church Social Media Pages

Find us on Facebook at
"Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim"
or on Instagram at
"FCCAnaheim."

Women's Lunch

Monday, April 4th 11:30-1:00pm In the former Library

JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

Monday, April 11th
12:00-1:30pm
Join the guys for music, comedy
and a speaker the 2nd Monday
of every month. Each month, a
different speaker shares how
they have encountered Christ in
their life.

Cost: \$12

Holy Week and Easter Palm Sunday Worship Sunday, April 10th 10:45am Worship Reception to follow

Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service

Thursday, April 14th 7pm, Griffith House Chapel

Easter Celebrations!

Sunday, April 17th 9:00-10:15am Breakfast w/ Bounce House for the kids 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 10:45am Worship

FCCA News

Holy Week and Easter Plans

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 10th; 10:45am Worship

This service celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding a colt and hailed as the one who "comes in the name of the Lord." Quickly, his presence in Jerusalem disrupts the way things have been and causes the religious leaders to reject Jesus, protecting their power and position.

We will have cake after worship to celebrate Eleanor Phillips' 100th birthday!

Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service

Thursday, April 14th at 7pm, Griffith House Chapel

This service commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus had with the disciples before his betrayal and crucifixion.

Easter Morning Celebrations!

Sunday, April 17th 9:00-10:15am Breakfast w/Bounce House for the kids

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

10:45am Worship

Christ is Risen! Death has been defeated, He is alive!



Contribute Flowers for the Flower Cross

A flower cross will be set up by the flag pole to be assembled on Easter morning. Flower contributions and help from the kids are welcome! Susan Fraker will be overseeing the assembly. Stop by to contribute flowers or help anytime after 9:00am. Finishing touches to the cross will begin at 10:15am.

Spring Flowers & Plants in Memory of or in Honor of Loved Ones

If you would like to give towards spring flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones this Easter, please fill out a form on Sunday morning or email the church office at fccaoffice@gmail.com. The plants will be added to the church grounds following Easter.

FCCA News Continued...

Lenten Small Groups

We are in the middle of a 6-week small group study going through Adam Hamilton's curriculum—"Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple." Groups are meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings through Holy Week (final groups on April 12th and 13th).

Women's Easter Lunch

Monday, April 4th from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Library

The women will share devotional time together and play group games! Come join us for a renewing time of fellowship with God and each other.

May JOG – Ray Johnston will be the speaker!

Mark your calendars and join us on Monday, May 9th from 12:00-1:30pm

Pastor Jim's good friend, Ray Johnston, is the featured speaker at JOG in May! During COVID, small groups studied Ray Johnston's book, "Jesus Called: He Wants His Church



Back." Join us for this opportunity to come hear Ray Johnston share about his faith and experience of Jesus Christ!

"Ray Johnston is the Senior Pastor of Bayside Church in Granite Bay, CA. A 20-year veteran of both youth and adult ministry, he's the founding pastor of Bayside Church, which has grown to over 20,000 in twenty years. A veteran pastor and visionary leader, Ray believes that the church is called to outreach, spiritual growth and equipping our leaders. In addition to his tireless

efforts at Bayside, Ray serves as president of Developing Effective Leaders and has authored four books, all of which contain his trademark wit and dynamic style. Ray also speaks frequently at conferences, leadership training events, family camps and national youth events." Bayside Church Leadership at folsom.baysideonline.com

JOG Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Mark Price



Mark has an incredible story to tell. His career started in comedy but he transferred into business where he founded a marketing company. He worked directly with Lee Iacocca when the Chrysler Corporation was working through a billion-dollar government bailout. He persuaded them to sell off their huge backlog of unsold vehicles through tent sales across America. His huge passion for Christ led him out of business into full time ministry. Since 1983 he has been doing character impressions of biblical characters throughout churches across the country. Over a year ago he was in a horrific accident where his car plunged down an embankment in Mexico. He was found hours later and rushed to a nearby hospital. Over a million dollars in surgeries followed. He is just getting back to speaking and

sharing this new chapter in his life. This is one testimony you won't want to miss!

When: Monday, April 11th, 2022 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 a delicious BBQ prepared especially by:



Please RSVP via email at chuck@penningtons-inc.com or Call Chuck at 714-350-8983 or Mike Austin at 714-425-2649



Missions Corner

Your Mission Board is happy to share some information from the most recent newsletter sent by Mission Ministries Philippines. It is so good to learn that despite so many obstacles, MMP is active and strong. Please keep their directors and teachers in your prayers as they navigate through many difficulties. MMP's vision is that all young children in vulnerable communities would have access to a quality Christian based primary education and experience.



"The school year 2021-2022 is another good year for Mission Ministries Philippines. With the goodness and guidance of the Lord Almighty, MMP has successfully provided quality education and services to the academic community despite the uncertainties of the time... Amidst the ongoing pandemic, MMP gave seminars and training to its partners. For example, in February 2021, The Puppetry and Ventriloquism in Early Childhood Classroom helped schools use puppetry to teach kids and make the classroom discussion lively, even in online classes. The Early Childhood Education Levels 1 and 2 [were pursued and included participation by not only] partner schools but other schools and organizations as well. Significant refresher seminars were also held...

Building relationships among its partners is essential, especially in trying times. And to achieve this, MMP facilitated Kamustahan and Prayer Gatherings. This activity is to worship the Lord together as a family and listen to one's journey during this pandemic season...This Pandemic also opened the door of revisiting dormant projects like the feeding program of MMP. This program feeds the body and the mind as it includes either the reading tutorials, Sunday School program, or the Kidprenuer class. To date, seven partner schools benefited from this program...

The Pandemic has hit many, especially on finances, and MMP is not [an exception]. On November 6, 2021, MMP administered an online Fundraising campaign...It was joined by several supporters and raised an amount to continue the programs for the year...The year 2021 may have been a challenging time, but God's plan will always prevail. So it has been a fruitful year for MMP. And all made possible with the grace of God."



April Birthdays

5-Apr David Haas

5-Apr Diana Zavala

6-Apr Dick Purvis

8-Apr Sean Sham

10-Apr Eleanor Phillips

12-Apr Mike Austin

13-Apr Jim Taylor

16-Apr Rev. Sandy Freud

17-Apr Zenaida Reyes

20-Apr Leslie Nelis

29-Apr Jim Frannea

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.

This month we are featuring another Council Report from our Annual Meeting in February. Susan Fraker serves on the council and volunteers in the office during the week. Susan is a queen of hospitality and resourcefulness! If you have admired the small vases with beautifully arranged flowers at special events, they are decorated spam cans and arrangements created by Susan.

WORSHIP REPORT

It is my responsibility to oversee the decorating of the sanctuary—a feat that can only be accomplished with the help of the congregation and all of our volunteers.

We have tried to keep cut flowers in the church, but due to the fact that flowers just don't have any longevity, we have switched to orchids that can be displayed for 3-4 weeks. We did get a few donations for flowers, and some of the orchids have been donated as well, which is very helpful.



We had palms for Palm Sunday and some flowering plants for Easter. We used cut flowers for

the Easter cross which was used to decorate the pulpit. Flowers for Mother's Day were arrangements I put together in spam cans, and for Father's Day I provided M&M candy bowties to Moms and Dads in attendance on those days.

I would like to send a special thank you to Linda Freud for the banners that adorned the sanctuary windows for the holidays and for making sure the correct pulpit scarfs are on the lectern.

The Christmas decorations that graced our sanctuary were made possible by the volunteers that took over while I was at home nursing a broken kneecap. I appreciate them stepping up to make our sanctuary beautiful with our traditional Christmas tree, wreaths and poinsettias.

Susan Fraker, Worship

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