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# May

First  
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Anaheim Invites  
You...

## Featured Speaker, Ray Johnston

**Monday, May 9th  
12:00-1:30pm**

Please RSVP to Chuck  
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JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

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



# The Joys of Ministry!

Recently there's been a flurry of activity bringing us much joy at FCCA. Following our Palm Sunday worship service we celebrated Eleanor Phillip's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a joyous time! Recently we received the following...

## *A Thank You Note from Eleanor:*

*Dear Church Family,*

*It sure was a wonderful day of celebration. It was great being with you and celebrating my birthday. Thank you for all the love and good wishes. Thank you to the children for all the stickers and love. Each card is special.*

*Love, Eleanor*

Yesterday Katie Purvis came into the church office. She shared how meaningful the Maundy Service Candlelight Service was to her. She enjoyed the music and the sermon of "Love One Another!" As Katie and Dick were leaving the worship service Katie saw four young girls from the Iglesia Bethel church running around. Katie was afraid they might accidentally knock Dick over while walking with his cane. Katie stretched out her arms to protect Dick and one of the girls thought she had her arms stretched out for a hug. The little girl ran up and wrapped Katie in a hug and her three friends followed suit. Katie, with tears in her eyes, shared that it was a joyous experience. God surprises us with joy in unexpected ways!

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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 share short encouraging videos on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week on Facebook and Instagram.

## Church Social Media

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

## Receive our weekly E-news!

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news, sign up on the home page of our website ([www.fccanaheim.org](http://www.fccanaheim.org)) or fill out a visitor information card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

## JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

Monday, May 9th

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

# FCCA News

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Eleanor!

On Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Eleanor Phillips turned 100 years old. After worship, Pastor Jim led us through a quiz about Eleanor's life and then we had a cake reception on the lawn. Eleanor, you are a joy, and we hope you had a wonderful birthday! We love you.

## Women's Lunch

At the beginning of April, the women had an Easter luncheon in the renovated library! We are

excited to make the library our new meeting space. It is a joy to gather, laugh, pray and eat together in a beautiful place. We will have our next luncheon in June—watch the e-news for more information. (To receive the weekly e-news, email the office at [fccaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaoffice@gmail.com).)



## Operation Bless Food Distribution

The food distribution has been continuing the third Wednesday of each month. Jeronimo, from Unlimited Church, works for the Salvation Army and has been bringing volunteers who have been recently housed at Salvation Army. It has been helpful to have the FCCA crew at the front end to bag the food items—from about 3:30-5:00pm. If you would like to assist, please contact the church office. For free food from the Food Bank, drive thru between 4:30 and 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month.



# JOG Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Ray Johnston



Ray is the founder of the Bayside Church, the second largest church in California. Ray describes Bayside as "the church for people who don't like church." He is also the founder of Thrive Communications which host the largest pastor's conferences in the western states. He has written books on leadership and has spoken to over two million people in his forty-five years of ministry. He is often asked to be the interim pastor for major churches going through difficulties or transitions. This will be a very riveting testimony!

**When: Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:**



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Call Chuck at 714-350-8983 or Mike Austin at 714-425-2649

# JOG



Of Orange County

**Just Ordinary Guys**

**Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month**

# Missions' Corner

*The following updates are from the News and Needs Spring 2022 Newsletter from the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). The three highlighted missions—Christ to the Villages, the Congregational Church of Myanmar and the Panamerican Institute—are all missions we support as a local church.*

## Christ to the Villages, Nigeria

**From Matthew Oladele:**

We see God at work in situations that seem overwhelming, and in places that seem ordinary: when we gather for worship under a tree for Sunday worship because the former building is dilapidated, when we visited the sick to say a word of prayer and encouragement, when we gather the little ones to share the love of Jesus and his caring heart, and when we teach in the schools. All these seemingly ordinary events are what God uses as channels to reach people's heart, bringing about transformations beyond our capability. Christ to the Villages mission is proud to be a channel of blessing to many people through your partnership and generosity.



*Missions' Corner Continued...*

## Congregational Church of Myanmar

**From Rev. Sa Do:** Grace Children's home is a safeguard for needy/ orphaned children from our Mission and Chin state who have been brought to Yangon to receive education and care. We provide food, clothing, welfare, and healthcare and all their physical and spiritual needs. Due to long civil war, extreme poverty, bad leadership, many thousands of children needs the education and healthcare in Myanmar. More news of the Grace Children's Ministry can be seen on our website.

[www.ccomygracechildrensministry.org](http://www.ccomygracechildrensministry.org)



## Panamerican Institute, Mexico

**From Laura Ramirez, President:** Panamerican Institute has been taking online classes for the last two years, and the staff had tried to make it as fun as possible by having a few events, like the "Crazy Hat Day" in which students could show their artistical skills by showing to class in a wig or hat. We went back to in-person classes on March 22nd, 2022 and we are very excited about that! Our students were able to interact in person and get to know their school, as 2 of the 3 groups have never been in the facilities before. Only half of the school's population came back to in-person classes and the other half remained in online classes. We made sure that this was a safe return for everyone by following the Government guidelines and our COVID-19 protocol. Please continue to support us in order to make education possible for these kids. Blessings from Tijuana, Mexico!







## May Birthdays

3-May Diego Zavala  
5-May Carlos Luquez  
5-May Daniel Hoke  
9-May LaneII O'Neill  
14-May Cheryl Cook  
15-May Jayden Krishna  
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 714-776-0960 or [fccaooffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaooffice@gmail.com).

(*"The Joys of Ministry" Continued...*)

I want to thank so many of you who helped make our Easter morning celebration possible! Penny did a great job organizing the breakfast as volunteers gathered to set up tables, chairs, pop up tents, and cook a delicious meal. It was a joy as we celebrated alongside Iglesia Bethel, Oasis Church and Unlimited Church.

The Easter breakfast on the lawn, a bounce house for the kids, decorating the cross with flowers and an Easter egg hunt before worship made it a special time. The church was filled with spring plants that will be planted on the grounds in memory and in honor of loved ones. During worship, Raul Caicedo shared his testimony, Trinity Aumua shared an Island Praise Dance and the entire service was translated into Spanish for our guests. A diverse group of singers and musicians led us in worship as we worshipped the risen Christ together. It was a joyful time!

Finally **on Monday, May 9th from 12:00-1:30pm** my good friend, Ray Johnston, will be the featured speaker at the JOG luncheon. *"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" (folsom.baysideonline.com).* During COVID, our small groups studied Ray's book, "Jesus Called: He Wants His Church Back." Join us for this opportunity to hear Ray share about his faith and experience of Jesus Christ! I guarantee you will enjoy his humor and wit. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare. We might have to set some tables outside of McKenzie Hall to accommodate everyone.

It is a joy ministering among you.

Pastor Jim

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