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STAFF

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



# Summer at FCCA

Pastor Jim and I have been talking and praying about what might be best for FCCA this summer. We are excited to live in the Parables this summer during Sunday worship. It was formative to walk with the disciple Peter leading up to Easter, and this summer we will soak in the stories of Jesus. The parables are allegorical stories told by Jesus that teach spiritual truths. They draw us in and reorient our lives. Small groups will take a break for the summer, but they will resume this fall. Small groups have been sacred space for us to learn more about God through scripture, to grow as disciples of Jesus and to connect more personally with others in the church community. We look forward to resuming them when schedules are more settled again in October.

As Pastor Jim and I listened to the church council, talked and prayed, the need for fellowship opportunities continued to rise up out of various conversations. Pastor Jim has shared wisdom from a friend many times, and it is wisdom that I am growing to see to be true. He has shared, "When the spirit is right in a church, possibilities open up and flow." It takes time with one another to build familiarity and trust—that happens around a small group table and that also happens around meal tables and enjoying life together. Our discipleship, our Christian formation, is wholistic. It includes study and prayer time, and it also includes time in the world enjoying life and each other. COVID taught us that we were not made to live in isolation! Fellowship is a human need. We meet God in the flesh and blood of relationship with each other just as much as we meet God in the pages of scripture. (Continued on Page 7)

## Connect

### Sunday Morning Worship

10:45am, Sundays

*In Person and on Facebook Live*

### Encouragement for Today

We post 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 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.

### Women's Lunch

Monday, June 6th

11:30-1:00pm

Join us for devotional time, lunch and garden games!

### JOG: Just Ordinary Guys

Monday, June 13th

12:00-1:30pm

Join the guys for music, comedy and a speaker the 2nd Monday of every month.

Cost: \$12

# FCCA News

## Young Adult and Family Park Day

On Sunday, May 22, young adults and kids from the church gathered for a picnic and park day at Yorba Regional Park. They grilled burgers, learned bocce ball and enjoyed the afternoon together. This was our second park day, and we look forward to scheduling more in the coming months! Watch the e-news for up to date information.

## Women's Lunch

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00pm; Meet in the Library**

Women from the church are invited to join us in the library for our June luncheon! This lunch will have a summer picnic feel. Think red checkered table cloths, summer sandwiches or hot dogs and summer garden games (bocce, etc.). We will begin our time with an ice breaker and devotional time, enjoy lunch together and then head out on the beautiful lawn for some games!

## Property Updates – New Tile

Robert Siow has a passion for architecture & design. He and Jim Taylor have put countless hours of work into the property over the years. Robert was back in town this May from Arizona, and he offered to tackle the bathroom

floor in the Griffith House. The old wood panels had separated over time and were badly warped. Now, we have tile in the bathroom! It looks beautiful. Thank you, Robert!



## Next Operation Bless Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00pm

Drive through the church parking lot for free food from the Food Bank.



# JOG Luncheon Featuring

Larry Day, The Christian Cowboy



Larry is a retired real estate investor and has spent most of his working days managing and owning animal hospitals. He built the largest privately-owned animal hospital in the county (an 18,000 square ft. facility) and employed over 20 veterinary doctors at one time. Over the years, Larry has been active in Toastmasters, Little League, and the Orange Chamber of Commerce. Since 2002 he has participated and pastored the annual Easter Sunrise Cowboy Service held in Orange Park Acres. This last Easter it is rumored that his

message was so inspiring that when he gave an altar call even three horses came forward to receive Christ.

**When: Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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 a delicious BBQ prepared especially by:



Please RSVP via email at [chuck@penningtons-inc.com](mailto:chuck@penningtons-inc.com) or  
Call Chuck at 714-350-8983 or Mike Austin at 714-425-2649



Of Orange County

Just Ordinary Guys

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

# Missions Corner

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*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*

*2 Corinthians 9: 6-8*

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Your generosity this spring for two mission projects was much appreciated. In March your Mission Board shared the plea for help from Grandma's House of Hope for the NANA'S KIDZ food pantry. You answered with bags and boxes and cans of food items that were overwhelming. Grandma's House made a pick-up of items that were piled high and falling off the table in the church office. Then they came back again as food items kept coming each Sunday in March and even during the week. THANK YOU! PRAISE GOD! It seems like this project was dear to everyone's heart, and I know we filled many shelves in their pantry.

Also in March the horrific news of the war in Ukraine and the resulting destruction and displacement of citizens called us to action. The Mission Board gave \$500.00 through our National Association's One Great Hour of Sharing drive earmarked specifically for the Ukraine relief cause. When Pastor Jim learned of Convoy of Hope, we decided to encourage giving through this organization also. A total of \$1,386.00 had been collected by the end of April and was sent at the beginning of May to Convoy of Hope. THANK YOU! PRAISE GOD! Since there is an ongoing need to help the people of Ukraine, donations marked Ukraine will continue to be accepted and sent to Convoy of Hope from our church.

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

*Linda Freud, Missions Chair*

# A Posting from the Convoy of Hope Website

May 26, 2022 | 8:09 a.m.

Since the start of the war three months ago, more than 6.5 million Ukrainians have fled their country. Convoy of Hope's response to this crisis has grown and will continue to adapt and expand into the long term.

"Our operations continue to expand, so much so that we had to secure additional warehouse space," said Ryan Grabill of Convoy's Disaster Services team.

Convoy's growing warehouse capacity throughout Europe continues to meet needs. More than 20 shipments have arrived in the past weeks. The supplies arrive by land, sea, and air, and then pass through the warehouse and into the hands of refugees. More than 130 additional loads of relief supplies are en route to Convoy's warehouses in Europe.

"It's everything you could think of," Ryan said.

"Hygiene kits, baby supplies, lots of food, generators, medical supplies, blankets, flashlights, new clothes and footwear, bedding, disinfectant supplies, laundry detergent, water filters, even items like kids' toys and puzzles."



Some of the goods Convoy distributes meet immediate physical needs. Others, Ryan said, meet psychological needs.

"Emotional and psychological health is very important in disaster response," he added.

As Russian troops withdraw from areas near Kyiv, some Ukrainians have returned home. Many of them find very little among the rubble.

"Some of the areas Convoy is serving right now have no power and water," Ryan said.

Still, the Ukrainians Convoy of Hope serves are grateful to people like you who, through Convoy, support them each day.

"I know that we are heard. The world has already paid a lot of attention to us" one Ukrainian refugee told Convoy as she arrived in Poland. "Thank you a lot."





## June Birthdays

4-Jun Roger Bowers

5-Jun Gisela Frannea

6-Jun Carole White

11-Jun Katie Purvis

18-Jun Tom Fraker

20-Jun Lois Johnson

21-Jun Gil Owen

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](mailto:fccaooffice@gmail.com).

(Summer at FCCA Continued)

Therefore, Pastor Jim and I hope that this summer can be a summer of fun, enjoying life together! On Sunday, May 22, young adults and kids from the church went to Yorba Regional Park after worship to grill burgers, play games and enjoy the afternoon in the park. I hear the kids (and adults) slept well that night! Adults and kids that are connected to the church were able to meet — some for the first time. The adults weren't quite outnumbered with 10 adults and 10



kids running around learning bocce and hunting for frogs. We look forward to scheduling more park days and outings in the future!

The women's lunch in June is also going to enjoy some summer fun. We will open with an ice breaker and devotional time, eat lunch together in the library and then head out onto our beautiful grounds for some garden games (bocce, etc.). Join us on Monday, June 6th from 11:30-1:00pm!

Research is underway for church movie nights. Inexpensive, clean fun is a need for individuals and families! We are excited to research the possibility of hosting a couple of movie nights at the church later this summer. There are also whispers of summer concerts in the park — in Anaheim and Yorba Linda. As dates are publicized, watch the e-news for updates. Anaheim concerts in July are not yet posted, but we look forward to sharing options to join us at the park when dates are solidified!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Emily

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