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# September

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 10:45 AM

GUEST SPEAKER  
**ZORO**

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

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### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

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

## **“Organized Chaos”**

There is so much activity on our church campus during the week even on a Thursday. Amidst the chaos there is much order and organization. This morning gardeners mowed the lawns, Raul and Shalend installed two new cameras in the sanctuary, guests arrived for a wedding, parents dropped off their children for preschool, a 40' crane arrived so Robert and his crew could install a new air conditioner on top of McKenzie Hall, janitors cleaned the facilities, Susan answered various phone calls, Fernando worked on the wrought iron fence, the Easter Seals met in the library and I met with a pastor who expressed interest in renting McKenzie Hall on Sunday nights. He mentioned the friendliness of the people he met on our church campus and that he felt genuinely welcomed. Later on tonight Iglesia Bethel will meet for worship.

I love all the activity around our church. Seeing various people get along and enjoying themselves warms my heart. On Sundays, I enjoy hearing various congregations worshipping God and singing in their own language. We are blessed to host various congregations, a Montessori preschool, N.E. of the Well, Easter Seals, weddings and memorial services on our church campus. Beneath the chaos there is a lot of love and respect of various people as we walk together in our journey of faith. I joke with Pastor Emily that “you don’t have to be crazy to work here, but it helps.” It is a joy to observe all that goes on during the week on our church campus!

Enjoying the chaos,

Pastor Jim

## **Connect**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

10:45am on 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.

**Facebook:** “Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim”

**Instagram:** “FCCAnaheim.”

### **We are now on YouTube!**

Find us on YouTube by searching “First Congregational Church of Anaheim” and subscribe to our channel! Encouragement videos and worship are all posted, giving you the ability to watch not only from your devices but also on your television.

### **Receive our weekly E-news**

Sign up at [www.fccanaheim.org](http://www.fccanaheim.org) or fill out a visitor card in person

### **JOG: Just Ordinary Guys**

Featured Speaker: Zoro

**Monday, September 12th**

*Also Speaking in Worship on  
September 11th*

12:00-1:30pm, \$12 for lunch

### **NorthEast of the Well**

**Every Monday, 6-8pm**

Dinner and Worship, Hall

# FCCA Updates & Events

## **Pastor Jim to Return from Uganda**

Pastor Jim attended and spoke at the World Revival Conference in Uganda at the Kabale Stadium at the end of August. He posted an encouragement video with Bishop Kiiza and his wife on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. You may watch the inspiring video on our church Facebook, YouTube or Instagram pages. Join us in worship on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to hear more from Pastor Jim about his time in Uganda.

## **Small Groups to Start in October**

*Wednesday & Thursday nights starting October 5<sup>th</sup>*

We had great feedback about the study on Peter we did leading up to Easter. This fall, small groups will go through another study created by Adam Hamilton on the Gospel of John. Contact the church office if you would like to connect with a group!

## **August Family Movie Night was a Hit!**

A team hosted Family Movie Night this summer, playing “Encanto.” Families from the church and the school enjoyed the free movie event. Robbie Robinson, Raul Caicedo, Jim Weddell, Susan Fraker and Pastor Emily planned the event. Jim Weddell graciously built a DIY projector screen so that families could enjoy a big-screen picture, and Susan Fraker operated an old-fashioned popcorn machine borrowed from Unlimited Church. I can’t forget Tom Fraker, who bagged animal crackers for the kids to enjoy. Thank you to all who made the evening possible!

## **August Women’s Lunch (Next Luncheon to be held in October)**

At our August women’s lunch, Connie Phillips led a wonderful devotion on Deborah and Linda Freud led the group in a special time of prayer for loved ones. Linda also created an auction basket for Grandma’s House of Hope and their upcoming gala. The basket, *Cozy Up with a Book*, included tea, a teacup, a book, a gift card to Barnes & Noble, and an afghan with matching pillows made by Delores Francis and her daughter, Kim. Thank you to all who contributed to the gift card!



# JOG Luncheon

## Featuring Guest Speaker, Zoro



Zoro grew up in Compton, Ca, raised by a single mom, the fourth child of seven kids. Faced with severe financial hardships Zoro's mom still was able to instill in him a great sense of faith, hope, and love. Known by musicians around the world as the "Minister of Groove," Zoro is an internationally renowned rock star, one of the world's most respected and award-winning drummers. Throughout more than thirty years of his career, Zoro has been consistently voted the #1 R&B drummer by the premier music industry publications Modern Drummer, Drum! and Rhythm Magazine. Zoro has toured and

recorded with some of the most famous legends in the music industry including Lenny Kravitz, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, New Edition, Jody Watley, Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire, and Lisa Marie Presley.



**When: Monday, September 12<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)

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

# Missions' Corner

*Your Mission Board met at the beginning of August to allocate money to our supported missions. We discussed a mission in Argentina that was recently highlighted in the News and Needs from our National Association. It was founded by Rev. Teodoro Stricker. His son joined him and now has taken over the leadership role at the mission. I had the opportunity to meet them both several times at annual meetings of the National Association. They were supported by FCCA from 2002 to 2010. We decided to include them this year in our mission giving. The following article will introduce you to their work and their needs:*

## Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina

*From Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker:*

The Congregational Mission of Jardín América is glad to report God's wonderful guidance and blessings. As we are approaching post-pandemic circumstances, we are also facing new challenges and new opportunities to grow as financial difficulties seem to come along with rich spiritual blessings. Our mission is currently serving the surrounding community through out-patient attention at the mission clinic, a soup kitchen, monthly distribution of 42 food bags, and the free use of a sports center. To these we added the distribution of school items to 25 children, four children studying music and three taking English classes, all sponsored by the mission. We are offering regular church services on Sundays, youth group meetings on Saturdays, and also Sunday Bible School for children and teenagers. Our youth group has grown considerably, and we are asking Christian professionals each two months to inform our young people about matters of their interest.

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*Blessed with School Supplies*

# Missions' Corner Continued...

## Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina

*(Continued from Page 5...)* There are also difficulties as we are looking towards the future in the midst of very unstable social and financial circumstances with a yearly inflation reaching 52% in our country.

As I am writing these lines I cannot avoid mentioning with deep sadness and disruption that the sickness of my father, the Rev. Teodoro Stricker and founder of this mission is producing, both at home, as also for the mission. He has developed a Dementia Syndrome that needs attention around the clock that demands a lot of time and energy as I also take care of the mission's ministry and health service. I mention this as a special prayer request so that we may find the stamina and the strength to move forward in spite of all.

Thank you to all who pray and freely spend for our Congregational Mission in Argentina. May God bless your lives and daily activities!

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## Pastor Emily is Getting Married!

Join us in celebrating the marriage of Pastor  
Emily Miller-Todd and Rick Raasch

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reception to follow regular Sunday morning  
worship

Pastor Emily and Rick will return from their honeymoon at the end of September. They would love to celebrate the beginning of their marriage with the church family! Following worship, there will be a reception on the lawn for all who would like to attend.





## 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](mailto:fccaooffice@gmail.com).

## We are on YouTube!

**You may ask:** We already have a church Facebook and a church Instagram, what are the benefits of YouTube?

- YouTube provides individuals without social media easy access to worship services and encouragement videos.
- YouTube allows church members to watch worship services and encouragement videos on their television at home anytime throughout the week if they are unable to attend in person or if they would like to watch service again.

Most TVs that have internet connection are able to access the YouTube app. You

can subscribe to the church YouTube channel and watch service on a large screen, not just your computer, tablet or phone.

*We are currently posting worship service to YouTube on Mondays. We hope to offer live streaming on Sundays starting in October after Fiber internet (faster) has been installed at the church.*

To find our YouTube channel, search for "First Congregational Church of Anaheim" in the YouTube app on your device or television.



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