



*"To Discover and Grow in God's Grace and Love"*

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# November

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH  
10:30AM WORSHIP  
THANKSGIVING FEAST TO FOLLOW

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

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# **Thanksgiving Worship Service & Feast**

Sunday November 20, 2022

*Worship Service: 10:45am; Thanksgiving Feast: 12pm*

Our annual church family Thanksgiving Worship Service and Feast will be held Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM. This worship service is a wonderful time to express our gratefulness to God. Having an “attitude of gratitude” makes such a difference in our approach to life. Please join us for this special service and the Thanksgiving Feast that follows. With thoughts of Thanksgiving traditions, this will be a participatory feast. The church will provide roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and beverages. Those who are able are asked to bring their favorite salad, side dish or dessert to serve 12. If you would rather let others cook, please come anyway! In lieu of a specialty dish, a suggested donation of \$5 will help cover the cost of the meal. (If you can’t afford to donate, join us anyway.) Most importantly, come with grateful hearts and enjoy warm fellowship with your church family. Remember to invite a friend to come as your guest. It is Thanksgiving and God is good! I look forward to greeting you at the church door.

*Gratefully, Pastor Jim*

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## **Connect**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

*10:45am on Sundays*

*In Person and on Facebook Live*

### **NorthEast of the Well**

*Every Monday, 6-8pm*

Dinner and Worship, Hall

### **Small Groups**

*Groups meeting October 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>  
through November 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>*

**Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

**Or Thursdays at 6:30pm**

Groups are studying “John: The Gospel of Light and Life” by Adam Hamilton.

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

*Monday, November 14th*

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

Featured Speaker:

Finney Premkumar

### **Thanksgiving Worship**

*Sunday, November 20th*

10:45am Worship

Thanksgiving Feast to Follow

### **Women’s Lunch**

*Monday, December 5th*

11:30-1:00pm in the Library

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

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or fill out a visitor card in person



# FCCA News & Upcoming Events

## Annual Thanksgiving Dedication and Feast

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>--10:45am Worship, Thanksgiving Feast to Follow**

During worship, we will give thanks to God for the many blessings we have experienced this year, and we will dedicate our time, talents and gifts to God for the coming year. Following worship, join us for a Thanksgiving feast!



## Decorating the Church for Christmas

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am-12pm (and beyond)**

Help us kick off December in the spirit of Christmas! We will play Christmas tunes in the sanctuary as we decorate and will order pizza for all who join the fun. Contact us in the church office if you would like to help: (714) 776-0960 or [fccaooffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaooffice@gmail.com).

## Christmas Worship with Isy Martin, Jr. and Raffia Thomas!

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during 10:45am Worship**

This service will be filled with music to celebrate the birth of Christ. We are blessed to have incredible musicians that are part of our church family. Don't miss this special morning of worship!



## Women's Christmas Lunch

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30am-1:00pm in the Library**

We look forward to a Christmas themed lunch together to begin the season. Our time together includes ice-breaker questions, a devotional, lunch and a group activity. We would love to see you there!

# JOG Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker, Finney Premkumar



Finney Premkumar is the Founder and President of Truth Matters International, a ministry that is focused on raising conversations in the academy and in the Church about living out the Gospel in creative and concrete ways. Undergirded by a strong philosophical and theological approach, this ministry seeks to challenge the dominant ideological voices of our time by presenting God's eternal Word. Finney is passionate about evangelism and has spoken at numerous churches, organizations, conventions, youth conferences and mission-related events. He regularly

addresses issues related to philosophy, science, technology, and ethics; and he has presented academic papers at various universities including Harvard, MIT, Oxford, Yale, and UC Berkeley.

**When: Monday, November 14<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**

Enjoy the music of singer and guitar player Bob Goodrich, as well as the humor from Normandy Veteran, Jack Gutman, and football coach, Tom Meiss. We will have an excellent meal planned with tables always filled with good fellowship.

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

From NEWSLETTER CHRIST TO THE VILLAGES shared July, 2022

## THE MINISTRY OF LOVE AND HOPE

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

## VILLAGE EVANGELISM

Christ to the Villages Mission ministers to hundreds of persons in the remote villages of central Nigeria. At the heart of Christ to the Villages Mission is the Great commission as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:18-20. Christ to the Villages has been able to bring light, hope, courage, and joy to many people through the Mission schools that we run and also through our ministries in the Villages. All this was made possible through you, our friends and supporters. We will continue to reach out with the love of God as we are able to.

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Our schools are doing well, and we continue to provide good education for elementary and high school students under our care. The word of God is daily taught in our schools, and we encourage character building. Efforts are being made to correct wrong conducts as we continue to work on improving our academic standards and our community, by having seminars for our staff (both teaching and non-teaching staff). The relevance of our work cannot be over emphasized. The needs are great and unending, which can sometimes be overwhelming. Often, we are faced with complex





### ***(Missions Corner***

***Continued...***) daily needs and choices. However, we are grateful to God for the grace to overcome challenges. We are also grateful to all our friends, supporters, the NACCC and MOMC for advice,



encouragement, financial support and prayers. God bless you all.

### **NEEDS**

- Laptop Computers
- Restroom for Alpha Elementary School Shao
- Restroom for Omega High School Shao
- Missionary Children sponsors
- An off road vehicle (the present one is wearing out and we spend more on maintenance)
- Principal's lodge
- Weed/brush cutter
- Mechanized weeding/cultivator
- Mini tractor

### **PRAYERS**

- Divine protection from all danger and political instability
- God's wisdom for the leadership of this ministry
- God's blessings on the work of Christ to the villages
- Provision to meet the needs of the mission as listed below
- Restrooms
- Computers
- School bus(es)
- Off road 4-wheel drive vehicle
- Prayer for Nigeria as we are approaching election
- Prayer for MOMC, NACCC and our friends

**A Timely help:** I went for medical treatment and met a woman crying for help for her grandson, who needed an urgent blood transfusion. When I met the doctor, I asked of the child's welfare and the needs. I was told the transfusion would cost N10,000 for a pint of blood. I offered to pay for it, asked the doctor to write the receipt and gave it to the grandmother. On my way out, I prayed for the child's healing. Few days later I asked about the child's welfare and I was told he's doing well and back to his school. Praise to God for healing and the privilege to be an extension of Christ's love.



## November Birthdays

10-Nov Susan Fraker

18-Nov James Purvis

19-Nov Bernie Spear

23-Nov Alissa Williams

26-Nov Bob States

29-Nov Wally Haas

(“Thanksgiving” Continued...)

## Funny Ode to Thanksgiving

*May our stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.*

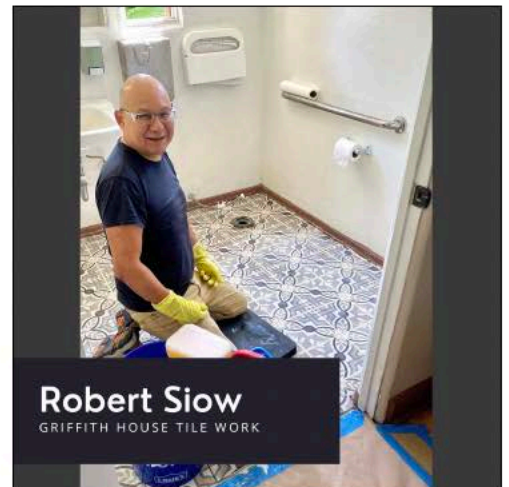
*May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off your thighs.*

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER:

Begins Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Set clocks back from 2am to 1am.

## Congratulations, Robert Siow!

The Hopi Indian Reservation in Northern Arizona is having their hospital rebuilt and expanded. Robert Siow will be the building inspector for the project. Congratulations, Robert! Robert has been a blessing to our church. He has been part of many facility projects here over the years.



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).

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