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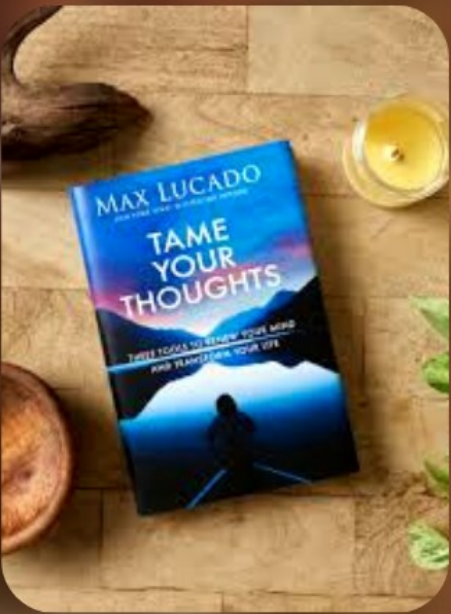
# The Call

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“Grateful for the past — Hopeful for the future”

# Message from Penny Schibsted



Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m. a new small group series will begin at the church. This will be a 6-week series with the focus being, “Improving our lives by improving our thoughts.”

Cheryl Cook often finds books that seem helpful and enjoyable to read and then passes them on to pastoral staff and others for feedback. (*A true Congregational Way don't you think?*) This time Cheryl passed on Max Lucado's

book, Tame Your Thoughts: Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life.

After reviewing and giving feedback, ideas for this group took shape. Pastor Emily will lead the group forming feedback questions with content drawn from Lucado's book as well as Psychologist Henry Cloud's series on cultivating a healthy faith. Pastor Jim and Pastor Emily will share related scriptures. Penny will add feedback from her perspective as a psychotherapist who utilizes Cognitive Behavioral Therapy techniques.

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## Connect

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

**Sunday School for Kids**  
Children are welcome to leave with the teachers before the sermon, and meet in the first room of the Griffith House. .

**Staff**  
Dr. Jim Schibsted — Senior Pastor  
Rev. Emily Raasch — Assoc. Pastor  
Susan Fraker — Office Assistant  
Tyler Robinson — Music Director  
Angella Kissoon — Accountant  
Linda Freud — Missions  
Chuck Pennington — J.O.G.  
Sandy Costa — Montessori Dir.

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**JOG: Just Ordinary Guys**  
**October 13, 2025**  
12-1:30 p.m. (see page 5)

**Small Groups**  
**Starting October 15, 2025**  
6-Week Study  
Wednesdays 6:30—8 p.m.  
In the Church Office  
or via Zoom  
(see page 5)

# Message from Penny Schibsted (Cont. from page 2)

And, best of all, group members will share their experiences and we will pray together.

Over the years small groups have been special times of study and support for several of us at FCCA. We hear ideas, share our stories, talk, laugh and cry together. In all this we seek together God's help in managing our lives. We accept each other and care for each other. The experience of community has been very precious. So let's do it again!

Most people prefer to meet in person for these groups, but because not all are able to do so a Zoom meeting link option will again be available. One evening of the group series we will try to meet together in a home for dinner and watch a Henry Cloud movie as if Henry is there with us for a fireside chat! Then we'll chat along right after.

If this group sounds like something you want to be a part of let Pastor Emily know in person or by emailing the church at [fccaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaoffice@gmail.com).

Looking forward to sharing this time together with you! ~Penny Schibsted, RN, MFT

**October Birthdays**

- 3-Oct Camila Zavala
- 16-Oct Rudy Marderos
- 17-Oct Pastor Emily Raasch
- 23-Oct Nancy Clark
- 24-Oct Pam Evans
- 30-Oct Penny Schibsted
- 30-Oct Lucas Rider



## Buwan ng Wika

Buwan ng Wika is celebrated every August in Philippine schools to honor the national language, Filipino, and the country's rich cultural heritage, as mandated by Proclamation No. 1041 (1997). Schools mark the occasion with poetry, dances, songs, plays, and other cultural activities. Selected MMP schools—**Amazing Love Learning Center, Happyland Christian Learning Center, Joyland Playschool & Child Care Cente, Kinder Bright Montessori School, Maddela Baptist Christian School** and **Racham Wilbeth School Inc. (Negros Occidental)**—also joined in celebrating this meaningful event.



Amazing Love Learning Center



Joyland Playschool & Child Care Center



Maddela Baptist Christian School



Happyland Christian Learning Center



Kinder Bright Montessori School



Racham Wilbeth School Inc.

# FCCA September Updates

## Women's Luncheon

We enjoyed a lovely women's lunch at Bev Aye's home in September. Thank you, Bev! Linda Freud shared a devotion on the Psalms and Carol Peterson led a humorous game. The food was tasty as always—we have some great cooks! The next luncheon will be held in November.

## Remembering and Celebrating Loved Ones

On Friday, September 19th there was a Memorial Service held at the church in loving memory of Twana Marderos. It was a beautiful service full of love. Twana was the epitome of a sweet woman. She will be dearly missed.

Linda Taylor, Jim Taylor's wife, passed in September. On Saturday, September 27th, Jim Taylor had a small open house with family and a few friends. The family thought it would be fitting to have an open house taco feast in her memory. Linda was a beloved wife and mother to their children and to many foster children they cared for over the years.

## JOG: Just Ordinary Guys (& Gals)

### Meet Pastor Jin Sung



When Jin Sung felt called to ministry, she left a good job in the car industry and became an ordained pastor. She then founded Oasis Christian Church and also OASIS Center International, which serves youth in low-income communities in California.

Pastor Jin's mission at Oasis Center began with a strong commitment to empowering underprivileged children through creativity, responsible citizenship, and personal growth via artistic expression. Through her work, Pastor Jin has served over 47,000 kids.

Another of her passions lies in bridging the corporate world with underserved communities, championing minority access, advocating for social justice, and promoting corporate social responsibility.

She was a founding member of the National Diversity Coalition and currently serves on various advisory boards, including T-Mobile, Umpqua Bank, Citizens Business Bank, PG&E, and leads a joint minority parties coalition, Advocacy Alliance for Corporate Social Responsibility (AACSR).

Pastor Jin and her husband, Jefferson, have been married 32 years and have three children.

**Monday, October 13th from 12:00—1:30 p.m.**

**Location: McKenzie Hall**

**Cost: \$12**

**First-time Visitors: Free**



# In Memory of Joan Jacobs Dayton



Joan was a compassionate woman, a gifted author, a devoted mother of 5 children and an integral part of our church for 12 years. Joan's writing reflected her love of children, writing books such as, "Games Grandma's Play: Life Lessons on Christian Faith and Grandchildren." During Joan's time at FCCA, her husband, Pastor Marvin Jacobs, served as Associate Pastor. Pastor Jim knew the Jacobs for many years, having previously completed his internship with Pastor Jacobs at Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena before coming to serve at FCCA.

Below is a letter from Joan's family:

Dear Family and Friends,

Our dear Mom loved gathering her family and friends into her home and into her life. She also regularly gathered with her church families to worship and to live out her deep Christian faith in the world. We invite you to gather with us now as we give thanks for her life.

*Please join us in celebrating Joan's life at one or both of the services that will be held in her honor.*

**November 15th - Nashville, TN**

**November 21st - First Congregational Church of Anaheim**

- **Visitation at 10:00 a.m. on the church patio.**
- **Service at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Reception following in McKenzie Hall.**

We look forward to gathering with as many of you as are able to attend. Joan's children—John, Annie, Warren, Marilyn, and Larry—will be present at both services, along with members of our extended family.

In lieu of flowers, we invite you to honor Joan by making a gift to your favorite charity in her name.

With love and gratitude,  
The Family of Joan Jacobs Dayton

*"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."*  
*Psalms 23:6*

# Mission Corner

Linda Freud and Your Mission Board

This month I am excited to share a recent Classroom Gazette from Mission Ministries Philippines. It makes me happy and proud that the educational materials that Dr. Chona and her staff have developed are being used by others. I also want to let you know that this year we sent \$1,615.00 in April and \$470.00 more this September to them for their work in early education at their supported schools. These amounts were specifically designated to go MMP. Every little bit helps Dr. Chona and MMP reach their goal of children becoming fluent readers. You may give to this mission at any time by writing on your check or offering envelope "MMP" or "Philippines". Giving in general to missions is also appreciated and can just be marked "Missions". Your Mission Board is always grateful for your generosity in support of all our missionaries and missions.

Faithfully, Linda Freud

## Classroom Gazette

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### Prestigious Organizations Partner with MMP through Early Childhood Publications

Mission Ministries Philippines (MMP) continues to make its mark in Early Childhood Education through strategic partnerships with some of the country's most respected institutions. Four prestigious organizations—**Angat Buhay, UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies–Education Research Program (UP CIDS-ERP), UP College of Education, and UP Integrated School**—have chosen to use MMP's publications in their programs.

Their adoption of MMP's books serves as strong proof of the quality, credibility, and developmental relevance of these materials. By integrating MMP's resources into their curriculum and teacher training, these institutions affirm the trust that prominent leaders in Early Childhood Education place in MMP's work. Together, these collaborations establish MMP's publications as benchmarks for quality in Early Childhood Education in the Philippines.

For MMP Partners – aren't we humbly proud for this affirmation from the Lord?

