



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

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Disciples Men and Disciples Women Barbeque

Sunday, April 3, in the Courtyard and Fireside Room, immediately following Worship the Disciples Men and Disciples Women will host an All Church BBQ! The Disciples Men and Disciples Women are adamant about the proceeds of that luncheon going toward the refurbishment of FCCO's Nursery! The Nursery has not seen major changes in the 55+ years of its existence, and some repairs are safety repairs.

YA' ALL COME!!!!!!

Sunday, March 6, was the SPECTACULAR service led by our YOUNG ADULT'S. What a celebration of these wonderful individuals!!!! Some of the leaders in this group are graduates of our FCCO NURSERY!!! So, Sunday was not only a celebration of our young adults but of their development as former members of our Nursery!!! Some Nursery graduates who participated included Nicole Allbee, Stephen Pollard, Kevin Kamp, Stephanie Burris, Michelle Stillson, Mark Perring, Valerie Reynolds, Jason Burris, Johnathan Pollard, and Kim Perring.

How exceptionally excited and proud we are to know we have a Nursery that supports our FCCO families and their children's growth.

Keeping in Touch...



Who are the Young Adults in the church? What is their role? What is the role of those who are not young adults? These are the questions that get asked over and over when examining the future of a church.

This past Sunday was Young Adult Led Worship. It was an insightful and moving experience as 25 young adults led the service. It helped to answer some of the questions above, but also reemphasized how difficult and complex the answers to these types of question are in the church. (It does not always mean playing "Christian rock" on a boom box.)

Young adults "technically" in the Disciples of Christ world have been labeled as those graduated high school students who are 18-35. Whether that number is correct is always a part of the discussion. Even if that number is changed from 20-30, there is a large range of experiences for young adults in those categories. Last Sunday we saw college and masters students, young families, single parents, young couples, and career people.

The role of these young adults in the church also varies based on numerous situations. Some of those participating are the leaders of church committees, youth sponsors and coordinators, and active members. Some are not able to participate actively due to jobs, school, or the need to take a break.

All of those involved have some connection to FCCO. Some have grown up here, some have married into this church family, some are new members, some are Chapman students, and many are a combination of some sort. All were willing to lead which says something about this church and its ability to be a type of home for many different people of all ages and experiences.

A church can not live without active members, but at the same time it is important to realize that for many young adults who are trying to find their footing in life, the most important role a church has is connection. All of us have the responsibility to reach out to our young adults, give them opportunities to serve as adults, hold them accountable in their lives, teach them ways to give and receive their faith, and keep a door open for some them to come back when they are ready to be a Christian as an adult at whatever age.

Young adults are not just the future of the church, but they are the church today. They are not kids or youth, but simply young adults. Their leadership does not just occur one Sunday, but in every aspect of the church. Their life struggles and celebrations enrich our church family's story and each of our lives.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "OLIVIA".

Olivia B. Updegrove, Associate Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

LOVE

LEARN

LIVE

"WILDERNESS 101"

March 27, 2011

LENT 3 WORSHIP

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Who is the Woman at the Well and how did her story get recorded as one of the longest conversations with Jesus? Let us go with Jesus in the middle of the hot day and learn not only what he teaches, but what she teaches us about God's love throughout history. Bring your empty jars and be ready to be filled with the living water that sustains us all.

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Jim and Della Gabelsberg, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

"WILDERNESS 101"

April 3, 2011

LENT 4 WORSHIP

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

We live in a world of so much information, and yet we feel even less capable of grasping what is going on. We seem to have more facts and less assurance. This text from Ephesians is about darkness and light, and what we are called to is not to be "in" the light but to "be" the light. In our wilderness journey, can we even begin to understand what this means?

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Delany Withey, Brian and Dana Gray, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

Happenings

DISCIPLES WOMEN

MARCH STUDY GROUPS

KOINONIA GROUP meets Wednesday, March 16, 7 PM, in the Fireside Room. Charlene Kempf is Hostess.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING is Thursday, March 10, at 12 Noon, in the Fireside Room. Topic: *WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PSWR?* Presenter - Susan Gonzales Dewey, Co-Regional Pastor, Pacific Southwest Region.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP meets Sunday, March 20, at 2 PM, in the Fireside Room.

STUDY LEADER for March is Mari Jo Buchtel.

APRIL STUDY GROUPS

LONG GROUP meets Wednesday April, 6, at 11 AM, in the Fireside Room. Hazel Stover and Suzanne Vaugine are Hostesses.

PAL GROUP meets Thursday April 7, at 9:30 AM. Linda Tuman is Hostess.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING AND LUNCHEON EASTER PRE-GLOW, Thursday, April 14, at 10:30 AM, in the Chapel, then on to lunch. Location TBD.

KOINONIA GROUP meets Wednesday April 20, at 7 PM, in the Fireside Room. Barbara Post is Hostess.

STUDY LEADER for April is Cheri Stevens.

COMING EVENTS

DISCIPLES MEN AND DISCIPLES WOMEN

BARBEQUE is Sunday, April 3, in the Courtyard and Fireside Room, immediately following Worship. All proceeds go to refurbish our Nursery.

DISCIPLES WOMEN will make **MOTHER'S DAY**

BASKETS on **Saturday, April 30**, at 9:30 AM (**note new date!**), in the Fireside Room. **NEEDED:** large size toiletries, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. (99 cent stores are a good resource). Slightly used jewelry, purses, etc., are also desired. These baskets will be given to mothers being assisted by the Child Abuse Prevention Agency.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, April 9, from 9 AM until... we're done!

Please join us for an opportunity to get our campus in tip-top shape for Palm and Easter Sunday. There are many projects that could use YOUR help! No experience is needed, just a willingness to help out! See Bonnie Kamp on Sunday to volunteer for a specific job, or create your own! Projects range from washing windows, to gardening, to deep cleaning, to sprinkler repairs, to electrical, to painting, to...? An opportunity is available for everyone - at all skill levels! **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!** See YOU on the 9th!



WILDERNESS 101"

March 9 through April 23, 2011

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." - Matthew 4:1

Every year we enter Lent as on a journey that begins with Jesus' own sojourn in the wilderness. Neither the journey nor the wilderness comes naturally anymore to Americans, who long ago completed their journey and tamed their wilderness. To be sure, we are a highly mobile people, but we don't seem to be going anyplace special. We move from town to town, job to job and marriage to marriage, but the telos of our wanderings and the satisfaction of our longings remain elusive. Where are we headed?

This year our focus will be on the *Wilderness Experience*, which Jesus had and which is often part of our own lives. How do we experience wilderness? Do we ever get out of it? What do we consider to be the Promised Land? Do we ever get there?

Join us each Sunday, and on the Web as we Blog in Lent, and as we explore these important questions.

Go to www.fcorange.com and click on BLOG to experience our Lenten journey.

ADULT LEARNING / SEARCHER'S CLASSES

Through March 13 - "God in America" - Mary Lou Savage, Facilitator

March 20 - 27 - "Perspectives between East and West Thinking" - Gayla McDowell

RIPPLE KIDS COMES TO AMAZIN' GREYS

"I'm just a kid, what can I do to make a difference?"

Have you heard this from one of your grandchildren? On **Tuesday, March 15, 2011**, Bridget Belden, founder of Ripple Kids, will give you a way to inspire them to use their natural inclination to help others and take action. Don't have any grandchildren but know a youngster who wants to make a difference? Join us for lunch at **11:30 a.m.**, and learn how Ripple Kids identify community issues, work to resolve them, and make our world a better place - one kid at a time.

Call Marge Carter or the church office at 714-538-9681 for reservations. Create the ripple effect - bring a friend. Cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person.

CHAPMAN FOUNDERS DAY 2011 CELEBRATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Chapman University is turning 150 years old this year and a central campus celebration will be held at our 28th Annual Founders Day, **March 18 & 19, 2011**. The **two day** event held on the Orange, CA campus has many strong options for participants to enjoy under the theme, **ReNew**.

Detailed information and online registration is available at www.chapman.edu/church_relations/founders.asp. Questions? Please call **Office of Church Relations at Chapman 714-997-6760**. Reg. forms are also available in the Church Office and in the narthex.

2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Event Registration Forms for the 2011 General Assembly, "Tell It!", are available in the church office or on line at www.disciples.org/ga. **Early Registration deadline is April 2, 2011**, saving \$50! The General Assembly will be held Saturday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in Nashville, TN.

IN ADDITION Dr. David Matson and Dr. Ed Linberg will be leading a **DISCIPLES HERITAGE TOUR** immediately following the General Assembly, July 13-20. Sites include Cane Ridge Meeting House, Kentucky Horse Farm Park, Transylvania University, Bethany College, a river cruise on the Gateway Clipper and the Brush Run Church. If you are interested contact Becky Knaup at Sunny Hills Travel, 714 879-8540 or becky@sunnyhillstravel.com.

25TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY AIDS WALK

On **Sunday, May 1, 2011**, at Disneyland Resort, walk for 5K through Disneyland and California Adventure and finish in Downtown Disney. Congrats to the AIDS Services Foundation of Orange County for scoring a great location for this historical 25th walk! For additional information, or to register to walk, go to <http://www.aidswalkorangecounty.com>. Our walk team is "FCCO Walkers."

SAVE THE DATES

April 9 - All Church Work Day
April 10 - Variety Show
April 29 - May 11 - PSWR Men's Retreat at Loch Leven
May 1 - 25th Annual Orange County AIDS Walk
May 22 - Project Hope Spring Fundraiser

PROJECT HOPE SCHOOL ADOPTED BY FCCO

The Leadership Board at its February meeting formally adopted Project Hope School as our major community outreach involvement for the coming year.

From their website it says: "In 1989, a schoolteacher began teaching local homeless children from the back of her car. This personal outreach program soon became an organized undertaking called Project HOPE, which stands for "Homeless Outreach Program in Education." It is a county-run school designed to help children without permanent homes transition into the mainstream educational system.

"For over twenty years, Project HOPE School has educated hundreds of homeless kids. It currently serves approximately 60 students in a fifty week a year, half-day educational program based in permanent facilities in the city of Orange. At the end of the academic day, students are transported to the Tustin Boys and Girls Club for tutoring, sports and enrichment programs.

"The Mission of Project HOPE School is to provide an exceptional academic environment that empowers homeless and economically vulnerable children to achieve their fullest potential. Project HOPE is giving many homeless children hope for the very first time."

You can learn more at <http://projecthopeschool.org>. We will be sharing more information about how you can become involved in the coming weeks.

SPRING FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCED!

The 5th "Culinary Masters" event benefiting Project HOPE School Foundation will take place **Sunday, May 22, 2011**, in the spectacular Grand Ballroom, at the exclusive and exquisite Balboa Bay Club & Resort in Newport Beach. Cocktail Reception will begin at 4:30 p.m., with ballroom doors opening at 6:00 p.m.

This culinary extravaganza will offer guests a five to seven course gourmet meal paired with wines in an intimate setting with one of the top chefs in Southern California. The chefs design their own menu, atmosphere and have their restaurants' waiters serve the table.

The evening includes musical entertainment and an extraordinary upscale lifestyle auction. The "Meet the Chefs" cigar and chocolate martini party at Duke's will finish out this incredible culinary fete. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kristin Martin at (949) 706-7613 or Martin600@cox.net.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Each week lay members of our congregation enhance our worship experience by participating as Worship Leaders. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office, and we will consider possible dates.

Our Concerns and Celebrations

CONCERNS

Continued Prayers for: **Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Ken and Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Betty and Tom Gregg, and . . .**

Madison Raheb - Continued prayers for shrinkage of 8-year-old niece's brain stem tumor. (Ruth Raheb & Kathy Sorensen)

Stedney Phillips - recovering from H1N1 flu and pneumonia. (Wendy Rosenquist)

Josh Reynolds - Pray for son deployed to Afghanistan. (Mike and Ellen Reynolds)

Carol Matthews - Bob's sister recovering from fall. (Bob and Salli Stockton)

Joyce Miller and Bill Henry - dealing with burglarized home and stolen car.

Suzanne Gettman - 95-year-old grandmother passed away in St. Petersburg, FL. (Cheryl Gettman)

From Sunday:

Orange County Islamaphobia - A recent news clip has reached national attention about a highly anti-Muslim protest by Tea Partiers and Republican Congressmen at a fundraiser for Muslim families in Yorba Linda 2 weeks ago.

Jordan Burby - experienced seizures and is in Kaiser Hospital in Irvine. They've discovered an abnormality in his CAT scan and he's undergoing further testing. No visitors at this time but prayers are requested for Jordan and his family.

CELEBRATIONS

25 Young Adults and their wonderful Young Adult Led Service held last Sunday.

Praise God for successful cataract surgery and for Dr. Simjee. (Christine Baker)

Evelyn (Evie) Margaret Cooper - joined the world March 3, at 2:35 p.m., weighing in 8lbs.11oz., and 20 inches long. Her parents are Ed and Erin, and her sister is Emily! Welcome to our church family!

From Sunday:

Michelle - celebrations for granddaughter who turned 6 on Thursday. (Floyd Hedrick)

We lift up in Prayer—The Pacific Southwest Regional Church and Regional Ministers **Don and Susan Dewey**, and the **General Church** and General Minister and President **Sharon Watkins**; and, in the Pacific Southwest Region, we lift up **South Bay Christian Church**, in Redondo Beach, and its interim pastor, **Anne Cohen**.

Home Communion

Each month (on the second Sunday) our Elders and Diaconate members take communion to those persons who are unable to be in worship with us on Sunday mornings. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive this important sacramental ministry, please contact the church office. We would gladly add you or them to the Home Communion list - 714 538-9681.

March Bucket Change-Beverly's House

Beverly's House is a program of the YWCA Central Orange County which is committed to empowering women, girls and their families, eliminating racism; building healthy communities and effecting positive change through advocacy, education and leadership development.

Their goal is to help young women improve their ability to be self-sufficient citizens.

As you empty your pockets and purses at the end of your day, please remember that each Sunday our Acolytes are at Sanctuary exits holding a bucket to receive your generous donations.

Give Dangerously

We give to preserve community, to reach out into the world, to build a place for faith to be challenged and to grow. Our giving is not based on whether we are awestruck by every single sermon, whether we agree with every single decision, whether we've been included on committees or asked to be leaders. We give because we must support that which adds so much to our lives. The more familiar saying "Live Dangerously" implies living on the edge or being willing to take a chance perhaps on the unknown – giving as much as we can, sometimes without knowing how it will all come out - but knowing that we are invested in the journey!

Pastors' Class

Each year we offer a class for fifth grade and older youth to learn more about the church and membership. It is a great opportunity to find out what it is to be a "disciple" of Jesus Christ, and to learn about the history of First Christian Church of Orange.

If you are interested, call the church office (714-538-9681) or sign up on your Welcome Card on Sunday morning. The classes are scheduled Sundays from March 20 through April 17, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM, in the Library. Our goal is that those attending will be ready to join our church family on Easter Sunday.

FCCO YOUTH AND KIDS

REGULAR SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

3:30 PM CHILDREN'S Choir (Chapel)
 4:00 PM KIDS' Groups
 4:30 PM YOUTH Choir (Chapel)
 5:30 PM YOUTH Groups
 8:30 PM YOUNG ADULT Bible Study

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES

April 3 Children's and Youth Choirs
 April 24 Children's and Youth Choirs
 EASTER
 May 22 Youth Choir - YOUTH SUNDAY
 June 5 Children's Choir

PSWR YOUTH PRAISE NIGHT

March 26, 2011, 5 to 8 PM
 (Meet at FCCO at 3:30 PM)
 Los Angeles Korean Christian Church
 Contact person: Rev. Jaehyung Cho, 909-560-5180,
 disciples.cho@gmail.com

2011 SUMMER CAMP DATES AT LOCH LEVEN

April 9 and 10April Work Camp
 June 26 through July 2Jr. Camp
 July 6 through 9Mini Camp
 July 17 through 23Chi Rho Camp
 July 24 through 30CYF I Camp
 July 31 through August 6CYF II Camp

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL FOR
INFORMATION REGARDING
CAMP DEADLINES.**

Who We Are

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