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BE COMPLETELY
HUMBLE AND
GENTLE;
BE PATIENT,
BEARING WITH
ONE ANOTHER
IN LOVE.

Ephesians 4:2, NIV

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We all just need to “get on the same page.” We need to be “in alignment.” We are getting “in sync.” Many of us have heard these phrases in our families, as we are planning a trip with friends, in the church, at work, in relationships, etc. Now, as a church, we will be looking at the same stories each Sunday throughout the program year (Celebration Sunday - early September - to Pentecost - May or June). During the summer, sermons will focus on a variety of series. As you may recall, Pastor Jonathan sent out a questionnaire for summer series ideas. With our children and youth during the summer months, we will be doing a variety of themed studies.

For this Sunday, the text for the Narrative Lectionary is Mark 4:1-34; however, Pastor Jonathan will be focusing on Mark 4:1-9. The children and youth may focus on a different part of the story, but it will still connect.

Alongside Pastor Tau and Jen Le’au - Director of Children’s Ministries, we are working to create a culture of intergenerational learning and growth. We hope that families with children and youth will be able to reflect upon the sermon, youth group lessons, and Sunday school in ways that add depth to their discipleship while they are at home or driving back from church! We imagine times when children have created crafts for a lesson and they bring them to the Social Hall where curious adults can learn from them!

Our church is incredibly blessed with a diversity of gifts, ages, life stages, family types, socio-economic status, and more! We hope that the intentionality of “being on the same page” will foster a deeper sense of community where we can learn from one another. I hope that you will join me in starting conversations with our children, youth, and adults in sharing our life experiences to better understand the Author of our individual and shared story!

Together,
Pastor Jonathan
 Senior Pastor





10AM
SUNDAY
JANUARY 14

Loving Inefficiently • TEXT: Mark 4:1-9 Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor

The fourth chapter of Mark offers us a variety of parables. For Sunday, Pastor Jonathan will lead us as we play with the Parable of the Sower - Mark 4:1-9. Many of us are careful and resourceful when it comes to our lives. Yet, in this parable, the farmer (God) is seen as a severely inefficient planter. What if you could be as severely inefficient in how you love and live as the Farmer? We hope to see you in worship as Pastor Jonathan shares his message entitled "Loving Inefficiently."

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: The old chair lift leading to the Social Hall is being replaced but will not be installed until the end of this week. The new lift will be available for the Sunday, January 14 service! Our apologies for those who may be inconvenienced as we make this space more accessible.



INGATHERING SUNDAY IS JANUARY 21



The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry serves roughly 5,000 people each month and this month we are especially in need of complete canned meals (ravioli, chili, etc.). Our next **Ingathering Sunday is January 21st**. Please bring your donations to the Narthex or the Church office.

NHIFP WISHLIST

Click here or go to the link below to check out the Pantry's new Amazon Wishlist -- an easy way to donate to NHIFP and be sure the donation is exactly what's needed.

<https://tinyurl.com/yn54xf3>

APPLY TO BE A 2024 PEACE INTERN APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31!

Each year Disciples Peace Fellow selects three young adults (21-years-old or older) to serve as Peace Interns. This is a 12-week, paid internship (\$3,000 summer stipend) that will allow you to serve as an advocate for peace and justice in many different ways and in several different formats. The 2024 DPF Peace Internship will be a hybrid model again this summer. That means that Peace Interns will serve at in-person Disciples of Christ Church Camps AND they will have remote work weeks where they work on specific projects with Disciples Justice Ministries groups (like AllianceQ, Reconciliation Ministries, Green Chalice, and more) or interfaith/ecumenical peace partners (like the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, and Blessed Tomorrow). If you are interested, please go to <https://www.disciplespeace.org/apply> or talk to Pastor Jonathan or Ben Bohren.



As we find ourselves in the season of various sicknesses, we would like to invite you to worship with us online if you have a fever, a runny nose, or show any other symptoms. These small acts can help us to better love our neighbors.

asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908.'"/>



SAVE the DATE FCCNH TURNS 100!

During the weekend of Sunday, September 8, we will celebrate our church's 100th anniversary. We are still working on the details of that weekend, but we hope that you will keep your calendar clear for this sacred time! - Pastor Jonathan



TUESDAY MORNINGS 10am • via Zoom

If you're interested in joining the Tuesday morning Bible Study with Ed Esau, please contact the church office at 818.763.8218 to be added to the weekly email with topic and Zoom connect info.



FLOWER DEDICATIONS

To order flowers to decorate the chancel on an upcoming Sunday, please fill out the following form and place in the offering box or drop at the church office with your check for \$40.

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Available dates:

1/14	1/21	1/28	2/4	2/11
2/18	2/25	3/3	3/17	3/24

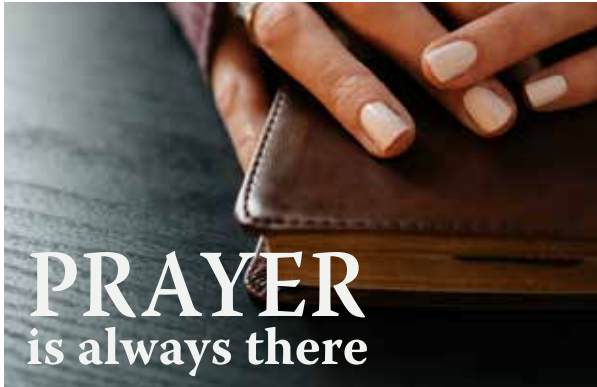
Floral Dedication:

(Please check one of the following and write the specifics of your dedication in the space provided below)

- In Honor of ...
- In Celebration of ...
- In Memory of ...

Check enclosed for arrangement (\$40)

Arrangements are supplied by Floral Crush Studio.
Checks should be made payable to FCCNH.



As always, there are many ways to reach us with your prayer needs.

On Sundays, there are cards in the morning bulletins. You can write your prayers on the back and put them in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also slide your prayer cards through the slot in the Prayer Cabinet near the drinking fountain outside the Chapel doors.

During the week, your prayers can reach us in several ways:

- Via email on the church website:

www.fcnh.org/worship/prayer-requests

- Via phone call to the church office: 818-763-8218

If you are at the church, prayer cards are available at the Prayer Cabinet outside the Chapel. Fill one out and put it in the cabinet slot, or drop it off in the church office.

Prayers received during the week in one of these ways will be emailed out to Prayer Group members. Unless urgent, prayers received on Saturday or Sunday will be compiled for the list given to members on Monday mornings.

The sole purpose of the Prayer Group has always been to pray for those in need. Prayers are lifted aloud in the Chapel on Monday mornings, and then become part of the daily prayer discipline of our members. As always, all prayers that come to us are kept strictly confidential and are not shared elsewhere. 🌿

Tai Chi

breathing techniques • simple stretching exercises • meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday mornings at 9:30am • Thursday afternoons at 3:30pm in the Youth Hut
CLASSES GUIDED BY BYRON ARMANTROUT • FREWILL DONATION OF \$10 PER SESSION



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

meets online weekly at

7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? —ISAIAH 43:18-19



A LOOK AT LAST SUNDAY'S 10AM SERVICE



ABOVE LEFT:
Pastor Taulau Tupua and acolyte, Carter Williamson.

ABOVE RIGHT:
Pastor Jonathan pictured with April Eppolito and Sheryl Fitzpatrick. This was April's last Sunday as she is moving to Tennessee.

LOWER LEFT:
Acolyte, Carter Williamson.

photos by Byron Armantrout



Celebrating One Hundred Years:
OUR ECLECTIC SOCIAL HALL

The designers of our Social Hall couldn't have imagined all the different occasions that would take place there. Countless dinners, receptions, and meetings are only some of them. There, we have made new friends and shared with cherished old ones.

Early on, Sunday School children watched movies and filmstrips based on Bible stories, then spread around the room in classes separated by wooden partitions. More recently, it has been a theatre, art and photo gallery, and Vacation Bible School during our summer camps.

Soon after moving, the church invited the community to a church-warming dinner, complete with entertainment. Wednesday night potluck dinners quickly became popular. In the spacious kitchen, a professional-size stove was a far cry from the tiny one at the old church. There, the stove door was wired shut to keep it from falling off.

George Crosby, our Congregational President (1979-81) saw the value in sharing conversation and lives together over food. He briefly persuaded some of our best cooks to make full breakfasts "just for free fun and fellowship" after church. People came in droves. George learned about the labor involved when he personally made "thousands of biscuits from scratch." Still, his vision of sharing conversation and food after church may have been the seed that grew into our present Meet and Greets.

Some of our oldsters used the room's wooden floor for square-dancing. Teenagers loved it as a basketball court until the thudding rearranged loose items in the CNS/Sunday School rooms downstairs. A TV star even practiced rollerskating on it for an upcoming episode.

Famously, the stage hosted a tenth-anniversary production of "Godspell," with many from the original Broadway cast. So began our Advent Theatre which was covered in an earlier story. For years, our youngest and oldest members have entertained us in a variety of productions.

Diverging, perhaps, from the dreamers' original vision, our Sunday night Praise Service rocked the place before COVID. Its different worship style made religious observances more approachable to many people.

The Social Hall has widened the perspectives of our Sanctuary congregants as well. Few could have imagined morning worship upstairs instead of downstairs – especially for any length of time. For much of 1989, however, we gathered upstairs while the Sanctuary underwent extensive renovations. Five years later, the Northridge earthquake seriously damaged the room. Gathering in the Social Hall during the months that followed reminded us all of a valuable lesson: that "sanctuary" is a feeling as well as a place.

MLK Jr. Celebration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM PT

DISCIPLES MINISTRY CENTER
IN FULLERTON, CA

—
IN PERSON AND
STREAMING LIVE



with special guest Justin J. Pearson,
District 86 State Representative
Tennessee General Assembly

"FORWARD TOGETHER, NOT ONE STEP BACK"

A Loss IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Longtime member, **Rob Koffski**,
passed away on January 1, 2024.

Rob was an active member of
Advent Theatre and the founder
of the Human Needs Ministry. His
daughter, Ally, was active in our
youth group. Celebration of Life
arrangements are pending.

February 16-19, 2024
WINTER
camp
Loch Leven Camp & Retreat Center
Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)
Register today!



WINTER CAMP

February 16-19, 2024

Chi Rho & CYF (Grades 6-12)

With this year's theme "Virtual Faith IRL" campers will learn how to activate their own faith in their everyday lives through games, meaningful worship, and group activities. The camp ministry team is working hard to create a program that will explore Disciples faith practices and equip young people with tools to strengthen their

faith in Jesus Christ.

Check in on Friday, February 16 at 7 pm. Check out on Monday, February 19 at 11 am.

Scholarships are available--please check with Pastor Tau if you need assistance. Registration fee is \$300.

COUPON CODES • Please remember that the coupon codes are CASE SENSITIVE and do not include spaces.

- If 100% will be paid by the congregation, please use FULLSCHOLARSHIP2024.
- If 50% will be paid by the congregation, please use CHURCHPAY2024.

Using these codes will allow Camping Ministries to track payments and dues.



Mark those calendars, families - Our FCCNH Summer Camps for 2024 are back to give your kids fun and educational activities right here on campus

JUNE 10 - JUNE 14
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

JUNE 17 - JUNE 21
MUSICAL THEATRE

JUNE 24 - JUNE 28
MARTIAL ARTS

JULY 1 - JULY 5
COOKING

JULY 8 - JULY 12
ART

JULY 15 - JULY 19
PHOTOGRAPHY

Don't forget Loch Leven Camps too! Located at the beautiful Loch Leven facility in the San Bernardino mountains.

JUNE 23 - JUNE 28
CYF CAMP (GRADES 9-12)

JULY 7 - JULY 12
CHI RO (GRADES 6-8)

JULY 21 - JULY 24
WEE CAMP (AGES 3 - K, WITH A PARENT)

JULY 21 - JULY 24
MINI CAMP (GRADES 1-3)

JULY 21 - JULY 26
JUNIOR CAMP (GRADES 4-5)

Email camps@fccnh.org to be notified when registration opens, or for any questions!



BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

Sunday Worship 10am	129
Sunday Morning Youth	12
Sunday School	26

Sunday Worship Donations	\$6,466.00
Sunday School	\$6.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$6,472.00

Christmas Fund	\$50.00
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CREDIT CARD OFFERING 1/1/24 - 1/7/24

GENERAL OFFERING \$4,194.00

Food Pantry	\$550.00
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CUMULATIVE GIVING \$10,666.00

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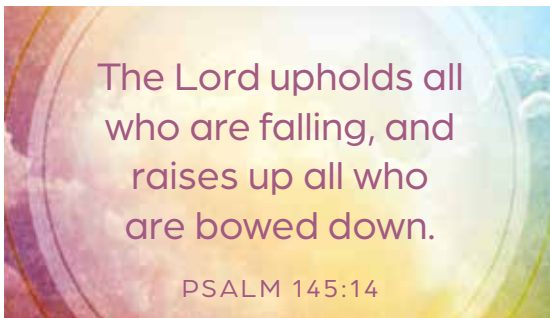
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