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And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have all faith,
so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:2

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Letter to the Family

As I shared in my sermon on Sunday, last week's text (Mark 5:1-20) had about 25 possible sermons in it. There were a plethora of possible directions for me to go. If I were to look at that same story during a different season of life and ministry, I may be able to see another 25 possible directions.

Some of you ask me, "How do you decide what to preach?" Of course, I look for a nudge from God through reading commentaries, prayer, learning from my favorite scholars, etc. Additionally, I take time to see what our community needs to experience at this moment. I take this step by reflecting on our conversations, reading through our prayer cards, replaying pastoral care moments, and other similar situations.

Each text has lots of directions, but one of the roles in my vocation is discerning what needs to be experienced right now.

This sort of thing gets me thinking. I wonder how you decide what needs to be done as you are being pulled in 25 different ways. I know that many of us feel that way right now in life, with our careers,

within our families, etc. What could help you make this sort of decision (of what the next best step could be)? My hope and prayer is that you can be intentional with this decision. If not, you may feel as if you are getting pulled in 25 different directions!

Together,

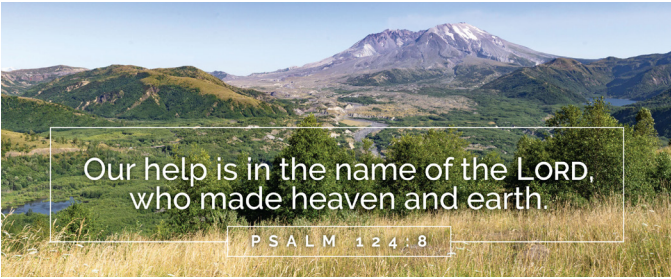
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Senior Pastor



**“ ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ”**

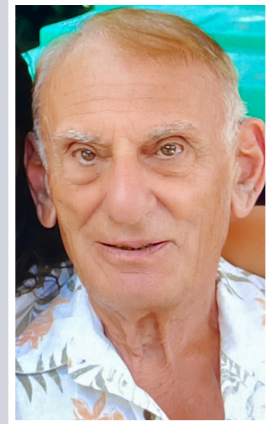
Please save the date for our
next congregational meeting on
Sunday, March 17
immediately after worship.



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In Memory

A memorial service for *Stanley Sarkisian* will be held **THIS Saturday, January 27 at 1:30pm**. Stanley's daughter, Nola Sarkisian-Miller, and her family are members of FCCNH.



**10AM
SUNDAY
JANUARY 28**

Overwhelmed as We Try to Heal the World

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor

Jesus is going about His day as He had planned. Then, someone comes to Him begging for His help for a family member. His plans for the day had to change in order to help this person. As He is on His way, another person reaches out for Him to help them. Whew! Many of us know the feeling of being pulled in a thousand different ways. We have our well-orchestrated plan for the day until that said plan has to be thrown out the door. On Sunday, we will look at how Jesus handled this situation and how it may give us a path to live similarly. Pastor Jonathan's sermon is entitled "Overwhelmed as We Try to Heal the World" which will be based on Mark 5:21-43.

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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.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests

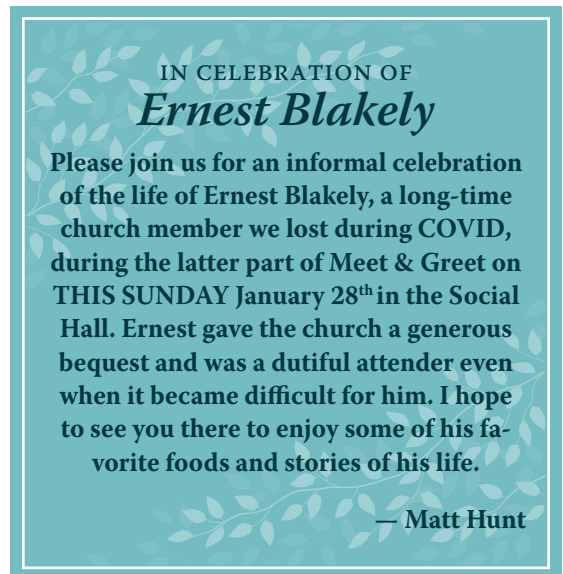
- Via phone call to the church office: 818-763-8218
- If you are at the church, prayer cards are available at the Prayer Cabinet outside the Chapel. Fill one out and put it in the cabinet slot, or drop it off in the church office.


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. 🌿





MEET US ONLINE
for our **VIRTUAL**
BIBLE STUDY

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.



HUMAN NEEDS
WARM CLOTHING & BLANKETS

The need for warm clothing and blankets is increasing as the weather cools at night. The Human Needs Committee regularly distributes your donations at our *Lunch in the Park* events to those in need. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these much-needed items:

- ☐ jackets
- ☐ jeans
- ☐ socks
- ☐ gloves
- ☐ tents
- ☐ sleeping bags
- ☐ blankets
- ☐ sweatshirts/pants
- ☐ rain ponchos
- ☐ and we're still collecting **hygiene products**

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours. *Thank you!*



COFFEE ON THE CORNER
MEN'S GROUP MEETING
FCNM

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



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:

1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
3/3	3/17	3/24	3/31	4/7

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.

FINAL WEEK TO APPLY TO BE A PEACE INTERN

APPLY 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.

DISCIPLESPEACE.ORG/APPLY

APPLY NOW!

Disciples Peace Fellowship is Now Accepting Applications for 2024 Summer Peace Interns!

Be an Ambassador for Peace & Justice

2024 PASTOR'S CLASS

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

WHAT IS A PASTOR'S CLASS?

Pastor's Class is a 6-week class for youth to connect their story to God's story. The class covers topics such as our local church, our denomination (Christian Church Disciples of Christ), baptism, scripture, and Lent to name a few. The youth will also have the opportunity to come up with a service project of their very own. At the end of the class, the youth will be baptized and recognized for their commitment.

WHEN

Our first class together will be on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 5:30pm during the Ash Wednesday service. The remaining classes will be on the following Sundays (after worship):

FEBRUARY 18TH 11:45AM - 2:00PM
FEBRUARY 25TH 11:45AM - 2:00PM
MARCH 3RD 11:45AM - 2:00PM
MARCH 10TH 11:45AM - 2:00PM
MARCH 17TH 11:45AM - 2:00PM
MARCH 24TH 11:45AM - 2:00PM

The last gathering will be a brief meeting prior to baptisms during the 6:00am Easter Worship Service.

WHERE

Sunday classes will be hosted at the church in the Annex. This is the building behind the sanctuary.

MENTORS

A very important part of the class is the selection and presence of a youth mentor for each youth. The mentor is an adult, 23 years or older, who journeys along with your youth. They offer vital support and wisdom each week as the youth learn and engage. This year, we are giving youth participants the opportunity to reach out to an adult in the congregation and choose their mentor. We ask that there only be one mentor to one youth. We also ask that your youth inform us who they chose and confirmed with when the time comes.

If you are new to the church and not familiar with the congregation just yet. Pastor Jonathan and I could help you find someone you'd feel comfortable with.

BAPTISM

On Easter Sunday, March 31st at 6:00am, we will baptize all youth participants. Our youth are not only being baptized into the faith, but into this congregation. The mentors, teachers, and pastors will be present. We also invite you to share this with your family and friends who'd like to come.

LUNCHES

Once we identify who the mentors will be, I will reach out to them and figure out a schedule for lunches. It's easier to learn on a full stomach. If you can please inform me on your registration form of your youth's allergies and/or preferences that would be great.

REGISTRATION FORM

You should have received an email with the registration form for Pastor's Class. If you are interested and would like to sign up your youth for this opportunity, please do so soon. You can pick up and fill out a paper copy and submit it to me, or scan the completed form and email it to me. Paper copies will be available at the church entrance. **The deadline to submit forms is Sunday, February 11th.**

ABSENCE OR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CLASS

If at any point, your youth is going to miss a class, arrive late, leave early, or withdraw, please inform me at least 24 hours in advance. We strongly encourage all participants to attend each full class. Any materials that are missed, makes it difficult to catch up. Please be sure to plan for these classes each week.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at tau@fccnh.org. We look forward to starting this journey with you! – Pastor Tau



Our First Christian Church of North Hollywood Library recently opened an exhibit featuring photographs of our church buildings between 1928 and 2024. They tell the story of our ancestors and their determination to sacrifice, problem solve, and provide the buildings and resources for a growing congregation. In the photo of our first location on Hartsook St., the 1928 Sunday School class is pictured standing out front. The minister, Rev. Roberts, is at the far right.

The glass-enclosed case has photos of our church buildings in chronological order (pictured at right and on the opposite page), along with written captions telling some of the story behind them. Included in this photo documentary is a funny, yet also accurate photo of some of the church ladies hanging out of our Social Hall windows, cleaning them in anticipation of the church opening. That photo appeared in a local valley newspaper.

The magazine bookcase on the other side of the doorway is filled with copies of old newspaper articles that were published in local newspapers during the 1940s and 1950s. Several church ladies had clipped them out and saved them in scrapbooks, which our 100th Anniversary History Committee discovered. The actual clippings are in very fragile condition, but make such worthwhile reading that we copied and mounted them on black foam board. Please read them in the library, then return them to the bookcase rack for others to enjoy.

As excitement builds over our FCCNH Centennial Celebration, please take a moment to look over these interesting historical displays in our library.



– The 100th Anniversary Team

CAN YOU HELP US FILL IN THE GAPS?

The History Search ladies of the 100th Anniversary Committee are working to fill some gaps in our historical records. If you or someone in your family have past Committee or Council notebooks, Congregational Board minutes, or other papers, and would like to make room in your own file cabinets or boxes, we would be happy to take custody of them. If possible, please bring them to the church office marked "History Search" or email Janet Bruce (grayladies@aol.com) or Barbara Wiles (barbwiles@verizon.net) and we will arrange to pick them up. Many thanks!!!

100TH ANNIVERSARY LIBRARY DISPLAY



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: 100th anniversary display in the library • Pastor Jonathan with new member Tatiana Davidov • 100th Anniversary Committee meeting in the library • Acolyte Romero Hunt with Pastor Tau • Rob Koffski's memorial January 20 – Flowers with a photo of Rob on the easel; Rob's daughter, Ally Domagas with her husband, Jason

photos by Byron Armantrout



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!

HOST A MEET & GREET

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, STUDY GROUPS, FRIENDS

Our Sunday morning Meet & Greets are a great way to become more involved with the church and other members—it isn't complicated and the church will reimburse your expenses up to \$150. If you, your group or family are interested in hosting a Meet & Greet after one of our Sunday morning services, please contact Alberto Sigala for more info at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908.



W2W
WOMEN to WOMEN
7:30pm FRIDAYS

email for Zoom info

W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday Worship Donations \$3,078.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$3,078.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 1/8/24 - 1/14/24

CC GENERAL OFFERING \$1,945.00

Music Fund \$10.00

WEEK (1/14) TOTAL \$5,023.00

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday Worship 10am 142

Sunday Morning Youth 13

Sunday School 36

Sunday Worship Donations \$6,522.00

Sunday School \$5.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$6,527.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 1/15/24 - 1/21/24

CC GENERAL OFFERING \$2,410.00

WEEK (1/21) TOTAL \$8,937.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING (1/14-1/21) \$13,960.00

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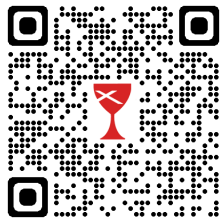
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