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Love is patient and kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4

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Pastors wear stoles to symbolize the shepherd's hook of Christ. We also wear them because they symbolize how we are called to carry the wounds of our community. As I think about the symbolism behind stoles, I think about all of the difficulties that our congregation has faced this year. We have already lost some faithful disciples in this short year. We are also remembering our fellow disciples who are under hospice care at this time. On top of that, individually, many of us are struggling. Communally, we are wrestling with numerous wars in our world and politicians who - to quote the artist formerly known as Prince - need to "act their age, not their shoe size."

I share these words not to solely lament with you, but to come alongside you to encourage you to take care of yourself during these times. As a reminder, we are human beings, not human doings. Instead of focusing on all that there is to do, what if you could focus on being present? Do you need to have an extra hour of sleep one night this week? Do you need to go for a walk? Do you need to disengage for a moment so that you can be better en-

gaged in the needs of our community and world?

We can be tempted to go faster, harder, and longer during such seasons. As we reflect upon the way of Jesus, we can see the moments when He took time to be alone with God in prayer. He modeled what it looked like to acknowledge that He could not do it all, so He had to go to others to ask for help (Mark 6:5ff). If Jesus was aware that He could not do it all, what if you did too?

Jesus said it best - "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew. 11:29). May it be so!

Together,

Pastor Jeth

Senior Pastor



**10AM
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 4**

Unable to Listen Because of the Source

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor

Mark 6:1-13 is a story of people not being able to listen and participate in a new thing that God was doing in their lives. The source was suspect to them for a variety of reasons. Pastor Jonathan will lead us in looking at this story as we wrestle with the places where we may need to listen because the Good News was directly in front of us. His sermon is entitled "Unable to Listen Because of the Source."

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WE'VE LOST A FRIEND

We're sorry to announce that John Kreitler passed away this past Sunday, January 28th. As you may know, John and Patsy Kreitler were long-time members of the congregation and contributed greatly to our music ministries. The family had been living in Kentucky for the past few years. There is no information available about services at time of printing.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024 PASTOR'S CLASS

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.

CLASSES DATES & TIMES

The first Pastor's Class will take place in two weeks—on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 5:30pm. Remaining classes will be in the Annex each Sunday, February 18th thru March 24th, 11:45am - 2:00pm.



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!*



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.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

meets online weekly at

7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com

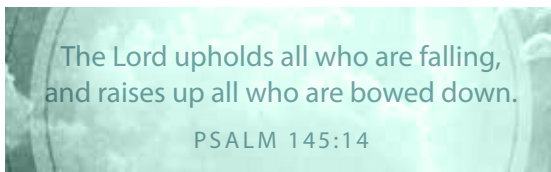
SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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





Memorial Service
FOR
Bill Hayes
Saturday,
February 10, 2024
1:00pm in the Sanctuary
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
in the Social Hall



The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
PSALM 145:14



INGATHERING
SUNDAY
is FEB
18TH

IN SUPPORT OF THE
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry serves roughly 5,000 people each month, and we are in need of wholesome, health giving food—high protein foods are especially needed. Our next Ingathering Sunday is **February 18th**. Please bring your donations to the Narthex or the Church office.

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and my family, I'd like to thank our church family as we've navigated the death of my father, Stanley Sarkisian, and prepared for his services. This month we were overcome by grief. We have also been overcome with gratitude for your presence manifesting in so many ways, from your attendance at my Dad's service to your cards, prayers and hugs. Thank you to Team FCCNH for helping with the service – Pastor Jonathan, David Rigsby, Trudie and Greg Kirkland, Terri Burton, Gaye Coffman, Byron Armantrout, Glenda Morgan, Gabriela Dorantes, Jacob Beam and Elmer Maldonado. Thank you as well to the powerful Prayer Group for their devoted prayers. We also extend a big Texas thank you to the Hunt family – Matt, Vivian, and Romero – and to Charles and Diane Hirsch and Craig and Jenny Harris for volunteering their time and help with the reception. If I missed anyone, my apologies and many, many thanks for all of your support.

With love,
Nola, Dan, Alex and Carson Miller



Celebrating One Hundred Years: THE STRENGTH OF A CABLE



When Bob Bock preached a sermon titled, “The Strength of A Cable” on the first Sunday in January 1970, he had no idea that it would resonate loudly enough to be preached annually for 51 years.

He loved starting off his stories with the science of it: The principle of synergy says that a single strand of wire wrapped around another single strand multiplies its strength, not twice, but 20 times. Heavy cables begin with seven small wires wrapped around each other, then another seven, and so on until the desired strength and size is achieved. Sometimes, he punctuated the lesson by wrapping his big hand around and holding up a thick piece of cable like the ones that keep the San Francisco Bay Bridge safely in the air.

To Bob, however, the cable strand was only an object lesson illustrating a more important human one: By ourselves, we are often limited or even defeated by our own frailties and other constraints. When we come together and dedicate ourselves to working as one on something that is only a dream, our quantified strength can bring it to reality. Faith, resolve and common direction can literally change our world. Our church has a hundred years’ worth of stories that prove the point.

The moments when we came down the side aisle toward the Chancel area to leave our offerings, partake of Communion, then receive our cable strands from him were often the most personal, connective time in the service. Widening the reach of synergism, many of us asked for extra strands to take or send to others.

We gathered to celebrate our 51st Strength of the Cable Sunday on January 12, 2020, just two months before COVID shut down so much in our lives. Bob had hoped we could gather in the Sanctuary for Cable Sunday once again in the spring of 2021, but his illness overtook him. He left us that year on Good Friday, April 2nd.

Now, all of us are the storytellers. We are the ones to continue sharing the lessons in the Cable Sunday stories, as well as those of countless others who have made this church what it was and what it is. At the same time, we are living and sharing in the life stories that may well be what the First Christian Church of North Hollywood will be in the future.

– The 100th Anniversary Team

THIS PAST WEEKEND AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:

- At Sunday's Meet & Greet Matt Hunt and Eunice Cox put together a luncheon in honor of Ernest Blakely's life. Matt and Eunice are pictured here with mementos from Ernest's home.
- The sanctuary beautifully set for the memorial service of Nola Sarkisian-Miller's father, Stanley Sarkisian, on Saturday afternoon.
- A poster of Stanley Sarkisian on display at the Saturday memorial service.





FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Craig Brooks
Jason Ross
Ryden Speakman
- 2 Tanya Lewis
Ellie Parrish
Miles Pitts
Alexandrea Young
- 3 Janet Bruce
Oleta Diamond
Mateo Kai Hodgson
- 4 Jennifer Beristain
Emily Charouhas
Georgianne Conti
Patrick Fitzsimmons
Indigo MacConnell
Lorraine Melendez
Reace Rushing
- 5 Madison Carden
Deborah Dietrich
Chris Maseredjian
Jack Polhemus
Betty Saliba
- 6 Evelyn Hiatt
Zakiyah Hiatt
- 7 Paul Chyba
Ben Ellis
Michael Heatherton
Shelley Herman Carver
Marion Hodges

- 7 Sara Marble
Kenneth Mundy
Matt Reason
Toni Rossi
- 8 Allison Conte
Matthew Hamm
Craig Harris
Emily Mount
- 9 Helene Beal
Luis Oliart
Jimmy Smith
James Anle
Everly Anle
- 10 Addison Briggs
Joanne Mello
- 11 Lauren Lewis
Don Morgan
Phil Wangenheim
- 12 Kyla Speakman
Adelida Trevino
- 13 Brendan Friedrich
Rick Luster
Ryan Rakicevic
John Towey
- 14 Magnolia Elson
- 15 Mavrik Farris
Ruth Myers
Luca Pino
Fred Sloan
- 16 Nico Frugone
Ellen Hodges
Molly Niles Renshaw
Alexandra Richard
Elisabeth Stassen
Grady Staton

- 17 Lee Arter
Maria Rose Lenz
Chris Ray
Hunter Wedaa
- 18 Luke Suda
- 19 Mason Friedrich
Dru Reed
Ronan Will
- 20 Charly Frost
- 21 Judy Clark
Natalie Johnson
Griffin McKinzie
- 22 Jesse Arnold
Gaye Coffman
Suzanne Flores
Tasnim Hanafy
Penny Hendrix
David Wheeler
- 23 William Bininger
- 25 Trisha Drossin
- 26 Drew Brown
Lennon Johns
Rowena Murray
- 27 Frank Sakata
- 28 Tricia Crosby-Cooper
Jim Dalesandro
- 29 Joaquin Johnson



FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Danny & Lilly Pino



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:

<https://www.fccnh.org/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. 🌿



We have three events happening on Ash Wednesday, February 14. From 12pm – 1pm there will be a "Grounds & Ashes" drive-thru in the parking lot to receive ashes (and a cup of coffee or tea if you like). We also have an All-Church Potluck Simple Supper of soup & bread at 5:45pm in the Social Hall. We ask everyone attending to please bring a soup to serve 4 people; bread will be provided. The supper is followed by an Ash Wednesday service including the imposition of ashes. If you wish to skip the supper, the service is scheduled to start in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm.

****Please RSVP to Glenda at 818.763.8218 or glenda@fccnh.org.**



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 28, 2024

Sunday Worship 10am	129
Sunday Morning Youth	12
Sunday Evening Youth	2
Sunday School	26
Sunday Worship Donations	\$3,547.00
Sunday School	\$11.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$3,558.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 1/22/24 - 1/28/24

CC GENERAL OFFERING \$725.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING \$4,283.00



**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

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO FCCNH

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Zelle to

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scan the code at right



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