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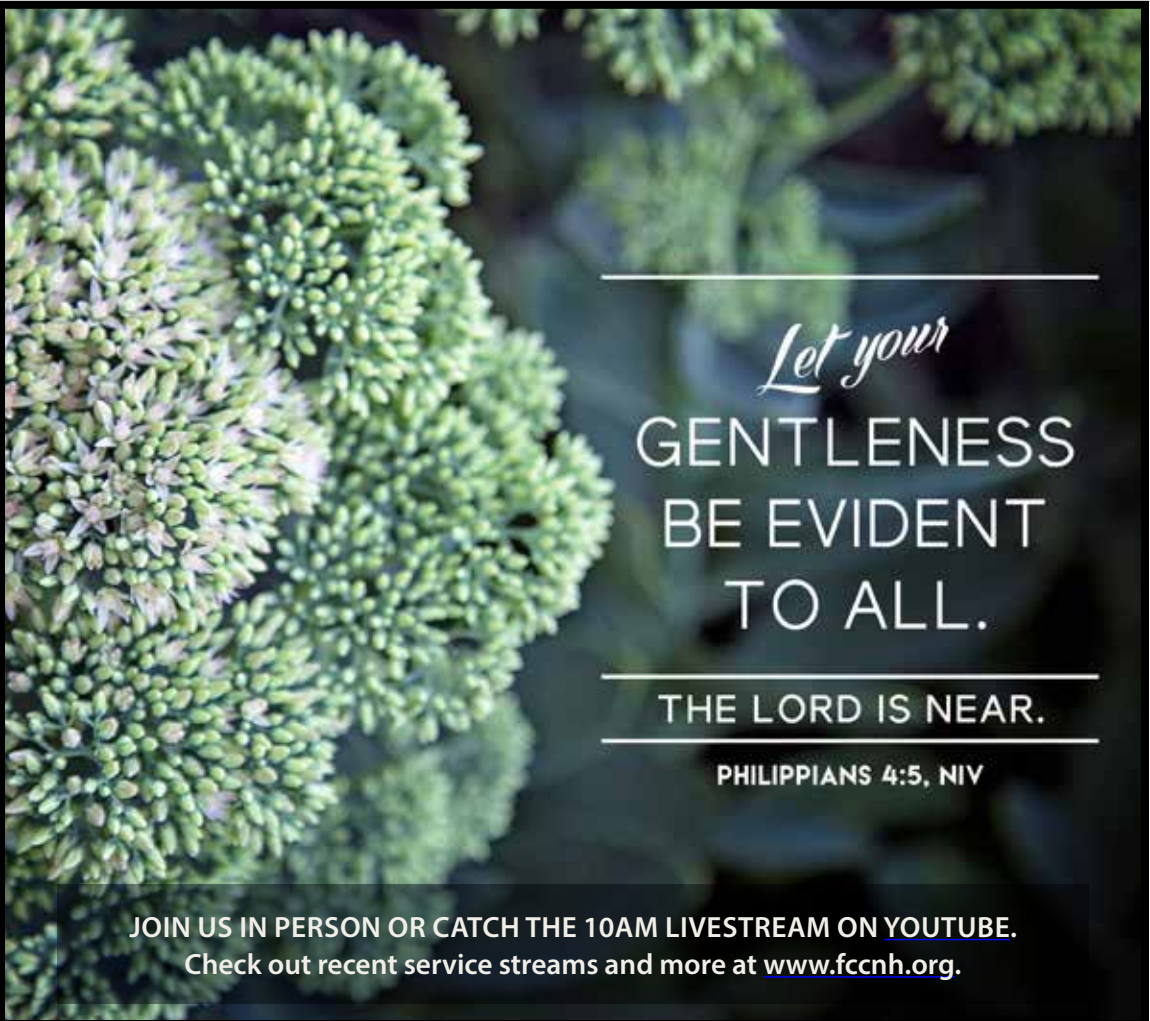
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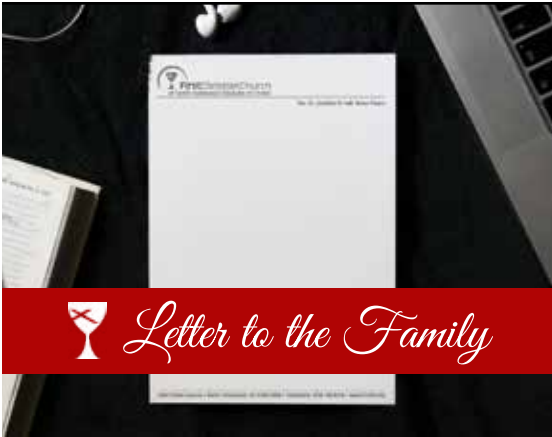
GENTLENESS
BE EVIDENT
TO ALL.

THE LORD IS NEAR.

PHILIPPIANS 4:5, NIV

JOIN US IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](#).

Check out recent service streams and more at www.fccnh.org.



Wow, Sunday was fun! Many thanks to all who came to make our "Greater Things" luncheon special. I would also like to thank Matt, Vivian, Romero Hunt, and our CWF for the wonderful food. Ne'e Le'au, Greg Kirkland, and Joe Vallero did a fabulous job on our video. I appreciated our President, Sally Hallada, and Rodney Gould, our Stewardship Chair, for speaking at the event alongside Pastor Tau and me.

I could keep listing names of people who helped to make this past Sunday a meaningful experience. It is, yet again, another example of how we do greater things as a church!

I enjoyed having fruitful conversations about how we are able to magnify the offerings that come into our church to do "even greater things" than Jesus. Again, Jesus believes in us likely more than we be-

lieve in ourselves to make a positive impact in our world (John 14:12)!

Did you catch the hashtag for our church? It is #FCCNHGreaterThings. I would like to invite you to share the video about "Greater Things" on your social media accounts. You can find it on our Facebook page, YouTube page, and website! As you participate in the ministries of our church, please share those with your friends and family online and use the hashtag. A hashtag is a great way for people to connect with our church and help others find relevant content that is discoverable to a wider audience. In other words, it is a great way for people to find us and a greater reminder of what we feel called to do - even greater things than Jesus.

As I shared at the event, the prophet Habukkuk shared these words - write your vision on the tables so that a runner can easily see it. Throughout our social hall, we had pictures and stories about some of the various ministries that we do at our church. I hope that you discovered something new about the variety of ministries that we offer. Further, I hope that you will find yourself more involved in at least one of them as we continue to do greater things!

Together,

Pastor Tau

Senior Pastor

INTENTIONS TO GIVE

As you may know, it helps our stewardship committee plan for the upcoming year if you are able to notify us of your Intention to Give in 2024. This amount can, of course, be adjusted later, if needed. If you need an intention to give card, they can be found in the narthex. You can mail it to the church or turn it in via the offering plate. You can also submit this information confidentially and securely via our website at <https://www.fccnh.org/Intentions-to-Give>. We would greatly appreciate knowing this information by November 19 as we look to start implementing our Plan for Ministry and Mission (budget) for 2024!

10AM • SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12

Gut-Wrenching Relationships - Choosing the Better Way

SCRIPTURE: Hosea 11:1-9

Our text for Sunday, Hosea 11:1-9 is one of the most poignant testimonies of God's love for us in the Hebrew Testament, if not the entire Bible. This text is about being in gut-wrenching relationships. We will discover how God handles being in a gut-wrenching relationship with us. Finally, we will also be invited to follow God's lead in the relationships that we cherish. We hope to see you on Sunday as Pastor Jonathan shares his message entitled "Gut-Wrenching Relationships - Choosing the Better Way."

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall
— PREACHING —

Unable to join us in person?
Watch the livestream at
YOUTUBE or on **FACEBOOK**

THANK YOU
SERVING **FOR** OUR COUNTRY
PROTECTING **OUR** FREEDOMS

THIS SUNDAY
NOV 12 • 11:15am



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
VETERANS

The Men on the Corner Men's Group will be hosting the Meet & Greet on Sunday, November 12th in honor of Veterans.

On that day **please bring mementos of your veterans** (pictures, medals, keepsakes, etc.) to be displayed in the Social Hall during the Meet & Greet and help us honor those who served.

The Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament

We are bringing back the annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament, which has been on hiatus since the beginning of the pandemic. As in the past, it will be a scramble format and we're holding it the Monday prior to Thanksgiving, November 20th, at 10 am in Sylmar. We invite golfers of all abilities—men, women, youth (with some experience of the game)—to participate. Fees have generally been around \$35-\$45 per player in the past.

Please contact Fred Sloan at 818.985.3278 or FRED_TED98@yahoo.com to indicate your interest so he can make the reservation.



youthink

TAU TAPUA, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF YOUTH AND MISSION



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT ARE: Beth Owen, Diane Hirsch, and Ellen Dobbin • Mary Lynn Jackson, Brett Elliott, Sage Elliott, Jane Elliott, Sutton & Sean Santiago • Nancy Keene Arnold, Virginia & Larry Keene, Trudie Kirkland • These past few weeks, the high school youth have banded together to help Miss Barbara Ann Meade sell her antique collection. Her antiques are making it to good hands and the youth are raising funds for our next Mission Trip. Thanks to this partnership, we have successfully raised \$125!

OPPOSITE PAGE: Romero and Matt Hunt

– photos by Pastor Tau Tupua



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Do Jesus' work this holiday season for those less fortunate! The local homeless population has doubled in the past few years and they are really suffering. The Human Needs Committee is looking for help feeding the homeless of North Hollywood on November 19th – the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We plan to feed at least 130 people. We request that if you donate a turkey or ham that it be COOKED.

Drop off the following prepared foods on:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th • 10:30am–1:00pm or

***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th • 8:30am–11:00am**

***PLEASE HEAT SUNDAY MORNING DROP-OFFS BEFORE BRINGING TO THE CHURCH.**

Lots of COOKED AND CARVED Turkeys and Hams; Side Dishes: cornbread stuffing, rice stuffing, vegetables, mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, yams, rolls, butter, mac & cheese, soup, pies (store bought ok), whipped cream, sodas & bottled water – or cash to purchase needed items

Please call us and let us know what you are donating – this will help us to plan any shopping we may need to do in order to fill the gap in supplies.

Call Deborah Luster at 323.854.6707 or email diluster@yahoo.com so we can add your item to our list, or with any questions.



HUMAN NEEDS

BLANKET DRIVE THRU DECEMBER 10th

The need for warm blankets and clothing is increasing as the weather turns cold. The Human Needs Committee regularly distributes donations at our *Lunch in the Park* events to those in need but the need often exceeds our supply. Please consider donating warm blankets or gently-used winter clothing by dropping off at the church during business hours or on Sunday mornings before the service. **Thank you!**



TUESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
 10am • via Zoom
 JOIN THE CONVERSATION

If you're interested joining the Tuesday morning 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.



in support of the
 the interfaith food pantry

Every third Sunday is "Ingather Sunday" in support of North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. NHIFP serves roughly 5,000 people each month, and we are in need of wholesome, health-giving food. In addition to typical donations, we've created a handy wallet cutout reminder of special needs. Our next Ingathering Sunday is **November 19th**. Please bring your donations to the Narthex or the Church office. Thank you!



cutout
 wallet reminder
 this month

the pantry is in need of:



meals in a can
 chili • ravioli • stews
 non-condensed soups



W2W
 WOMEN *to* WOMEN
 ZOOM MEETING • 7:30pm FRIDAYS
 NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP JEWELRY BOUTIQUE SUNDAY • DECEMBER 10

The Ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) are excited to announce the return of our Jewelry Boutique! But we need your help.

If you, or any of your friends, are downsizing, please consider donating jewelry you no longer want or wear to our Boutique. If you have small gift bags/boxes, those would be greatly appreciated too.

You can drop off items in the Narthex at Sunday Services or the Church Office on weekdays from 9am to 3pm. You can also contact Mary Heiss (tauruscook@aol.com) or Linda Wolf (lindawolf1516@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

So, save the date of December 10 for our amazing Christmas Bake Sale and newly revived Jewelry Boutique in the Social Hall during Meet and Greet. See you there!!

First Christian Church of North Hollywood

PRESENTS

IMAGO DEI

an inspirational
multimedia video

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3
5:30pm**

in the Social Hall

written and performed
only once in 1985,
IMAGO DEI is a
contemporary Christian
mass for the Christmas
season. IMAGO DEI:

Latin for "the image of God"

SPONSORED BY: Roz Noziska, Ted Mantz, and Richard Follett as a Christmas gift to the members and friends of FCCNH. Refreshments to follow. In the tradition of Ken Burns and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the 46-minute IMAGO DEI now has 373 glorious visuals giving it a new breath of life. Join us to be imbued with this Holy Wonder!

www.ImagoDei1985.com



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 NOVEMBER

I will praise the name of God with song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving. — PSALM 69:30-38



A LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY . NOVEMBER 5



FROM TOP LEFT:

- Pastor Tau with Acolyte Carter Williamson.
- Board President Sally Hallada picking up her Intention to Give envelope from Eunice Cox.
- Executive Chef Matt Hunt whipping up amazing culinary delights in the kitchen.



- Nancy Arnold with her parents Virginia & Larry Keene at the *Greater Things* Luncheon. It was Virginia's birthday!
- Pastors Jonathan & Tau speak at the *Greater Things* Luncheon.

photos by Byron Armantrout

Celebrating One Hundred Years



What have the women of the church aka CWF (Christian Women Fellowship) meant to FCCNH over the years? As previously published, women gave pivotal support to the founding of the First Christian Church of Lankershim (North Hollywood). As the years passed the women continued working hard in supporting the church in its larger needs and wants as it grew in membership size and in campus size. For example they are able to support scholarships for the youth, special service projects for the church and local communities, local schools, the Food Pantry, hygiene kits/baby kits and the support of church ministries on national and international levels.

CWF has raised funds in numerous ways in support, via bazaars, holiday fairs, rummage sales, white elephant sales, jewelry sales, cookbooks that featured tried-and-true favorite recipes of members, fundraisers with See's candies and Equal Exchange Fair Trade products, selling greeting cards and book fairs. The biggest fundraisers of late have been the bake sales on Palm Sunday and the December Christmas bake sale. Start thinking of and getting your stomach juices flowing for this year's December sale to come. Maybe there will be some special treats made from recipes of people and times from the past. Yum Yum.

– The 100th Anniversary Celebration Team

It's a Boy!

Linda and Ken Walmsley welcomed their first grandchild on November 1st—grandson *Fin Furey*.

Proud parents are Elise and Sean Furey. Congratulations, all!

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Offertory Meditation

by RICHARD FOLLETT, Elder
on 5 November 2023

In an autonomous congregation such as ours, it's important for each of us, as members, to be aware of what's happening here. If you're not currently receiving our weekly Newsletter online or by snail mail, please call the church office and start reading it. Every week, we publish the weekly giving toward the back of the Newsletter, and those of us who read it are concerned that our current giving is lower than our budgetary needs of about \$11,000 per week.

A few weeks ago, my good friend and choir seat-mate John Currin directly challenged me by name from this lectern to give a very, very large check to the church. Thanks, John! Unfortunately (a carefully chosen word), I don't have that ability—now. However, I have been fortunate as a 5-year high

school teacher and 40+ years college professor to have been able to pay off a house and amass some funds into a comfortable estate. So, John, when I pass away, FCCNH will receive a goodly amount of my estate at that time. (I encourage others to include FCCNH in your estate planning, too.)

Estate benefits, however, don't fit into this morning's call for continuing, weekly funding for FCCNH. So, please give as you are able in the offering plates here in the sanctuary and through several means online. You may, like I do, give a little here each week and a larger monthly sum through a credit card which also gives me frequent flier miles or other rewards—something that may be called the three Ds: "double duty donating for Jesus"! Jesus won't mind. Please give as you are able.

NEW 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://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3M150OOZO59FV?ref=wl_share

Meet & Greet VOLUNTEER HOSTS



- 11/12 Men's Group
Honoring Our Veterans
- 11/19 OPEN
- 11/26 OPEN
- 12/10 CWF Jewelry/Bake Sale
- 12/17 OPEN
- 12/24 OPEN
- 12/31 OPEN
- 1/7 OPEN
- 1/14 OPEN
- 1/21 OPEN
- 1/28 OPEN

HOST A MEET & GREET

Interested in volunteering to host a Meet & Greet after one of the upcoming Sunday morning services? It isn't complicated and doesn't need to be anything fancy.

If your family or club or group would consider hosting one of the open dates contact Alberto at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908 to add your name to the list or answer your questions. Thank you!



Seeking Managing Director of Domestic Operations

Our ministry partner, the Week of Compassion, is looking for a full-time Managing Director of Domestic Operations. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jonathan (Jonathan@fccnh.org).



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Pastor Jonathan and other community faith leaders will take part in the Service of Thanks & Giving. All are welcome! Please note that security will be in place for this event at Temple Beth Hillel. If you are interested in attending, security will be MUCH FASTER if you RSVP ahead of time. Please send your RSVP to Glenda at Glenda@fccnh.org by 12 pm on Nov. 15. If you do not RSVP, you can still participate, but the security line will move more slowly. Please be prepared to show your photo ID for the event.



Trees for Kids
Buy a tree. Help a child.

**RAISE THE TENT
HELP NEEDED
SUNDAY . NOVEMBER 19th**

We're looking for strong men and women to help us November 19th, to put up the tent for this year's Christmas tree lot. We'll begin immediately after church in the parking lot. Please help us!



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:

11/12	11/19	11/26	12/3	12/10	12/17
12/24	12/31	1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28

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.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. 

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023_

Sunday Worship 10am	169
Youth Sunday AM	15
Youth Sunday PM	2
Youth Wednesday	12
Sunday School	30

Sunday Worship Donations \$7,394.00

TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$7,394.00

Sunday School Home Again LA	\$100.00
WOC in Honor of Pastor Jonathan's Iron Man Competition	\$100.00
Tree Lot	\$500.00
Youth Group	\$50.00
Thanksgiving in the Park	\$40.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 10/30/22 - 11/5/23__

General Offering	\$3,959.00
Sunday School Home Again LA	\$250.00

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