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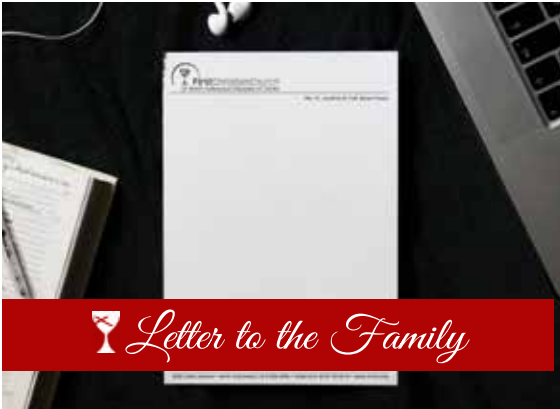
February 7, 2024

His way

is in whirlwind and storm,
and the clouds
are the dust of his feet.

— NAHUM 1:3

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Letter to the Family

We are halfway through the Gospel of Mark, which is 16 chapters long. In the eighth chapter, we see the first person (Peter) name Jesus as the Messiah. Prior to that, we hear about Jesus being the Messiah in the opening of the gospel and some of the demons in the gospel seem to recognize His power. However, nobody seems to fully understand Jesus to that point.

In the eighth chapter, we also get a healing of a man who was blind in Mark 8:22-26. Jesus heals him for the most part. He can see ("people look like trees walking around," but not all the way. Jesus does the healing again. Then, the man has his sight fully restored.

Said alternatively, the eighth chapter is when peo-

ple start to figure out who Jesus is. Before that, people saw Jesus as a teacher or something similar. Within that same chapter, a man can see partly and then fully.

For me, this is life. We can only see part of the picture, especially in the beginning. Eventually, we can see more and more as we walk in the ways of Jesus. Sometimes, we figure it out to the point where we can see, but not all the way. Why stop there?

As I reflect upon the beauty of the eighth chapter of Mark, I see an invitation to be willing to continue to grow, learn, deconstruct, reconstruct, etc. Unfortunately, for some, faith is about getting to a point and staying put. The invitation from Jesus is to keep being a disciple (which means student!). There are countless ways to grow and learn at our church. I hope that you will join me on the journey by volunteering with or becoming part of one of our outreach ministries or small groups. These are fantastic ways to ensure that you don't become stagnant in your faith. If you have any questions such as where you might be able to grow, I am always eager to talk with you!

Together,

Pastor Jeth

Senior Pastor

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.**





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



SAVE *the* DATE
FEBRUARY 25 LUNCHEON

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a luncheon at 11:30am on February 25th hosted by the Stewardship Committee. Lunch will include turkey pot pie, delicious sides, and cake! All are welcome but we ask that you RSVP with Glenda (818.763.8218 or via email Glenda@fccnh.org) to make sure we have plenty of food.



10AM
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11

Resetting After the Fray

TEXT: Mark 8:27-9:3

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor

On Sunday, we will look at the Transfiguration of Jesus in Mark 8:27-9:3. The idea of the Transfiguration has puzzled followers of Jesus for centuries. The idea of transformation means the change in form or appearance of Jesus. To better see the invitation in scripture, Pastor Jonathan will put this story into a larger narrative of Jesus feeling vulnerable, exhausted, and losing His patience amid a difficult conversation with His friends. What would it mean to be transfigured while feeling as if we are coming apart at the seams? Pastor Jonathan will share in his message entitled "Resetting After the Fray."

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Celebrating One Hundred Years:

WILLIAM FOSTER HAYES III, JUNE 5TH 1925- JANUARY 12TH 2024

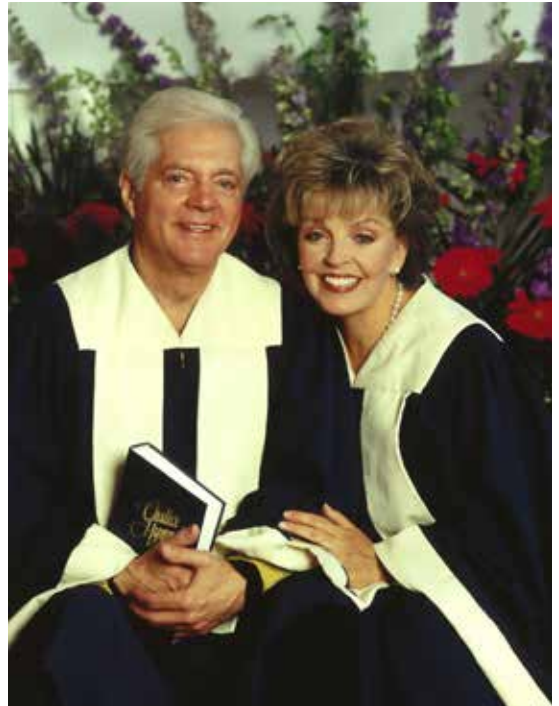
Bill Hayes, handsome singer, actor, writer, tap-dancer, devoted husband, patriarch, and gentleman, was a beloved and unforgettable member of our church community.

Bill came to FCCNH in the spring of 1970. On his first Sunday, he was so delighted with the choir that after the service he asked choir director, Earle Immel, if he could join. fifty years later, in June of 2023, the chancel choir congratulated and honored Bill with a plaque commemorating his years of singing and naming the choir loft after him: the Bill Hayes Chancel Choir Loft.

Bill began his theatrical career on television in 1948. As a romantic boy tenor, he appeared for four seasons on the groundbreaking variety show *Your Show Of Shows*. He starred on Broadway in Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Me & Juliet*. In 1955 his recording of "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" topped the billboard charts as number one for months and earned him a gold record. He appeared on Ed Sullivan, Johnny Carson, United States Steel Hour, Hallmark Hall of Fame, and countless variety shows during television's golden age.

He was cast on NBC's soap opera, *Days of Our Lives*, creating the character of Doug Williams, that ran deliciously for 54 years. His last appearance will air on Peacock on July 11th 2024. Also in the cast was Susan Seaforth. Their romance on-screen flourished as it did in real life. They were married by Pastor Bob Bock in 1974 "off-screen" and in 1976 "on Days." This unusual example of art imitating life earned them the cover of Time Magazine, January 12th, 1976. They both received Lifetime Achievement Daytime Emmy Awards in 2018.

During their five decades of church attendance with First Christian, they both performed in numerous Advent Theatre shows. Bill starred as Scrooge in the 1988 memorable production of Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*,



Bill and Susan Hayes in their Chancel Choir robes.

beautifully scored by Stephen Reinhardt. Bill gave many fundraising concerts for the church: The 1972 Pop Concert for the chancel organ; the 1980 benefit concert for the Haitian Mission Fund and the FCCNH building fund which helped install much needed A/C in our Sanctuary & Social Hall; the 1994 concert to fund repairs from the Northridge earthquake followed by a cabaret Thank You Benefit with church members Lillian and Morgan Stoddard, Jon and Susan Joyce, Alice Kawan and others, to reward the congregation for raising more than \$414,000 to "Raise the Roof" again.

He will long be remembered for his theatrical accomplishments, faith in God, and love for this church.

His longtime agent, Gregory Mayo, said of Bill, "He is simply the best that a person could ever hope to be."

– The 100th Anniversary Team



INGATHERING SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 18

IN SUPPORT OF THE
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

DID YOU KNOW
the Interfaith Food Pantry
also helps to feed man's
(and woman's) best friends?

For this month's Ingathering Sunday (February 18th) we're asking for canned dog and cat food (no bagged food please, only cans). And for our furry friends' owners we need single-serve snacks – chips, crackers, dried fruit, etc.



Pastor Jonathan will be offering a different Ash Wednesday experience on **February 14**. During your lunch break (12pm to 1pm), you are invited to come to the church parking lot for a drive-thru spiritual experience! Free coffee and tea will be offered as well!

Most people associate "drive-thru" with burgers and fries, car washes, or coffee. The most spiritual experience for some in a "drive-thru" is getting coffee on a Monday morning. However, First Christian Church is offering "drive-thru" ashes on Ash Wednesday! This alternative to the traditional Ash Wednesday supper and service, which will begin at 5:45, is great for those who are unable to make the evening events.

Pastor Jonathan makes two unique options available for ashes. The first option is traditional ashes mixed with olive oil, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The latter three parts honor the gifts that were given to Jesus by the magi. The second option is the same as the first with the addition of glitter as a way of publicly proclaiming faith and unity with the LGBTQ+ community.

Receiving ashes on your forehead or the back of your hand using the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service is a way of reminding yourself that you are a human being. Most of us are good at being "human doings" with deadlines, to-do lists, etc. Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to remember that you are a "human being." Saying that, we need to remember the opportunity of being a better parent, colleague, friend, family member, etc.

After receiving the ashes, all are welcome to enjoy some silence in the prayer garden, chapel, or sanctuary. If you prefer not to receive ashes for any reason, you are welcome to simply pray with Pastor Jonathan.

2024 PASTOR'S CLASS

BEGINS NEXT 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 NEXT 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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



This past Sunday's acolyte, Carson Miller, pictured above alone and with Pastor Taulau Tupua.

photos by Byron Armantrout

YOUTH GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY AM
 9:30AM-11:00AM
 Middle & High School

MONDAY PM
 5:00 PM-7:00PM
 High School

WEDNESDAYS
 3:30PM-5:30PM
 Middle School



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 FEBRUARY

...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. —MARK 12:30





HUMAN NEEDS WARM CLOTHING & BLANKETS

The need for warm clothing and blankets is increasing as winter weather is here. 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.



W2W

WOMEN *to* WOMEN
ZOOM MEETING
FRIDAYS AT 7:30pm

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com



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. 🌿

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.



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)

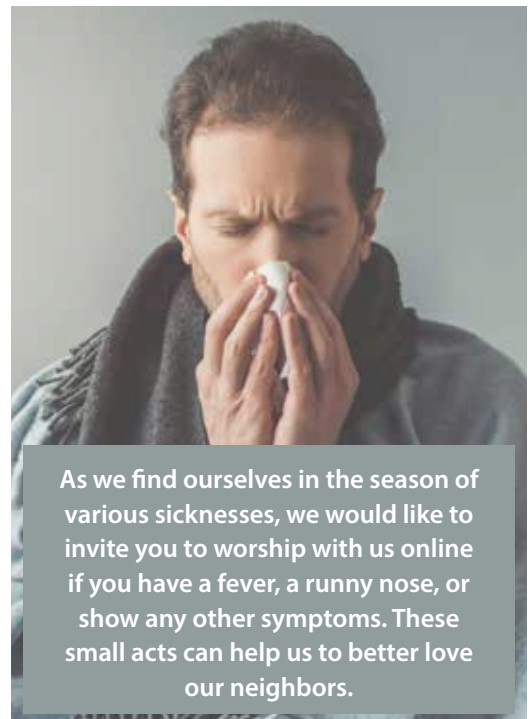
JULY 7 - JULY 12
CHI RO (GRADES 6-8)

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!



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.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sunday Worship 10am	156
Sunday Morning Youth	16
Wednesday Youth	14
Sunday School	29

Sunday Worship Donations	\$8,352.00
Sunday School	\$10.00

Newsletter Postage Fund	\$34.00
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SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$8,362.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 1/29/24 - 2/4/24

CC GENERAL OFFERING \$3,402.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING \$11,754.00

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**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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scan the code at right



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