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Can I just say that this past Sunday, March 5, was so much fun? Each Sunday is fun, obviously; however, there were numerous moments where I thought to myself - "This is fun!"

Some of those moments came in the receiving line. After doing some "Bibliodrama" with members of our youth and mentors from our Pastor's Class during the sermon, I got to hear from some of you as you were leaving the sanctuary. You added to the complexity of the story! For example, someone said that the people who began working at 6 AM had the security of knowing that they would have their "daily bread." For those of us who are often anxious, it could be nice to have that security! Others were wrestling with what is justice and fairness in God's eyes.

I love how our youth and mentors were able to help us see the complexity of this text. We have done other Bibliodramas as part of the Pastor's Class to help youth see what else may be happening in the Bible. I love to change characters or go through the same story with a new group of people to see what new direction it goes! The fun part of doing Bibliodramas is that things come up that I never expected! I can better relate to the text once I hear another person's observations about the text!

This is what it means to be in community together.

There is never just one way to look at scripture. Similarly, there is not simply one way to understand communion, run a meeting, and so on.

We have been in ministry together for six months now! I give thanks to God and each of you because you have helped me see scripture, understand grace, and much more from a plethora of different angles. I would be impoverished without hearing from each of you. I look forward to more opportunities where we can learn from one another with the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

Together,

Pastor Jeth
Senior Pastor

Daylight Savings Time Begins

SUNDAY,
MARCH 12

SET YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD
1 HOUR SATURDAY PM





SUNDAY, MARCH 12 • 10am

Trying to Impress Those Who Could Not Care Less

MATTHEW 22:1-10

In Matthew 22:1-10, Jesus shares a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven being like a wedding banquet that a king plans for his son, but it does not go quite as he had hoped. The king wanted to impress important people. Instead, he realizes that there will be plenty of empty tables and leftovers, so he decides to invite everyone in. Such, according to Jesus, is the Kingdom of Heaven! Pastor Jonathan's message is entitled "Trying to Impress Those Who Could Not Care Less."

Unable to join us in person?
Watch the service on YouTube

Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tues 9:30am & Thurs 3:30pm

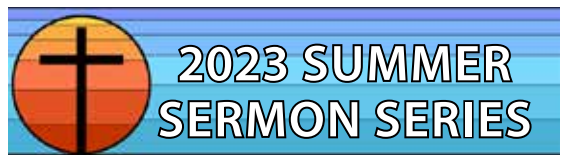
Classes guided by Byron Armantrout.
Freewill donation of \$10 per session.

INVITATION TO BAPTISM

I love the spiritual entitled "Wade in the Water." It is a reference to the Israelites' crossing of the Jordan River into Israel. The story is found in Deuteronomy 30 as Moses speaks to those who are following him to freedom. Baptism has a plethora of meanings. One of them is freedom from whatever enslaves you as you embark on your walk with Christ.

On Easter Sunday, we will have our baptistry filled and warmed for the Pastor's Class participants. I would like to give an additional invitation to anyone who is interested in being baptized! I am happy to talk with you about the significance and meaning of baptism to prepare you for this important step on your faith journey.

-Pastor Jonathan



Pastor Jonathan invites everyone to give him feedback on what topics and/or books in the Bible you would like to hear about! The Narrative Lectionary ends on Pentecost each year (May 28 in 2023), so Pastor Jonathan does a couple of sermon series for a few months until Celebration Sunday in September. Please either contact our office with your idea or use this link www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWQ793L to share your thoughts on what we need to focus on as a church! If you have a particular idea, there is an option for you to write your own series idea!



youthink



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Emarie serving as our Youth Acolyte Sunday morning. • Carter, Rebecca, Leo, Carson, Jackson, Pastor Jonathan, and Landon acting out a skit in theme with Sunday's service. • Anton and Xander getting ready and preparing for their Walter Reed choir concert Wed after school. • Ty Parr, our Youth Choir Director, rehearsing with Garrett, Lucy, and Milana Sunday morning. Youth Choir will be singing in our service March 26th. • Cade welcoming new youth group participant Connor over a game of one-on-one in basketball.



ABOVE FROM LEFT: Jason celebrating yet another promotion to Corporal in the California Cadets. We shared the news with Captain Brad Bock who Jason met while volunteering at the Christmas tree lot. • Jackson and Westley celebrated their 18th birthday. They are now young adults. They have both grown up here at FCCNH. • Leo debuting his upright bass playing skills during our morning service and performed double duty as a diaconate. Leo also served communion to his peers in Youth Group.

FCCNH YOUTH PROGRAM HOURS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:30PM-7:30PM
High School

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

3:00PM-5:00PM
Middle School



ADDITIONAL RISK TO HOMELESS IN WEATHER EMERGENCIES

The Emergency Network of Los Angeles has reached out to us for help with the homeless during weather emergencies like we faced this and last week. In response we will be supplying hygiene bags and cooking food and are asking our congregation to donate items for at least 50 additional hygiene bags and volunteers to help cook and transport the food and bags. Donations can be made at the church office during normal business hours or before Sunday services. To volunteer your time to cook, please contact Deborah Luster at 323.854.6707 or diluster@yahoo.com.

The items needed for the hygiene bags:

- Toothpaste/ Toothbrush
- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Shaving Razor
- Body Wipes
- Small Brush/Comb
- Small Shampoo/Conditioner
- Small Hand Towel
- Mylar Emergency Blankets



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:

3/19	3/26	4/2	4/9	4/23	4/30
5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28	6/4	6/11

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.



GRIEF CIRCLE

Tuesdays • 7 - 9pm *in the Youth Hut*

Although we grieve differently, it's comforting to be with others who understand. In this safe circle we'll share our lost loved ones, all the twists and turns grief brings us as well as things to consider to ease the pain. Moderated by Sally Hallada and Deborah Dietrich. **Please RSVP to sallyhallada@gmail.com or call 818-421-7848.** Whether your loss is recent or years passed, and/or you're not a member of FCCNH – **All are Welcome!**

W2W
WOMEN to WOMEN
 7:30pm FRIDAYS
 NEWCOMERS WELCOME
 email for Zoom info
W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com



north
hollywood
interfaith
food
pantry

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF

- Granola bars/snack items
- One pound bags of white rice
- One pound bags of beans
- Diapers in sizes 3/4/5/6
- Diaper wipes



ONGOING NEEDS
— FOR —
SEASONAL CLOTHING

The Human Needs Committee can always use new or gently used clothing to distribute to the homeless in the community at our **Lunch in the Park** events. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these much-needed items:

- ▣ jackets
- ▣ sleeping bags
- ▣ jeans
- ▣ t-shirts
- ▣ socks
- ▣ sweatshirts
- ▣ gloves
- ▣ sweatpants
- ▣ tents
- ▣ rain ponchos

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



ORDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 31st
Thank you for your cooperation.

In celebration of Easter, we will once again place lilies on the chancel for Easter Sunday, April 9th. The cost of the lilies is **\$15** each. If you would care to give a lily, either as a gift or as a memorial, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate with your check marked "Lilies" or send the completed form to the church office. **The last day for orders is Sunday, March 26th.** We will print all dedications received by that date in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Given in

Memory of Honor of Celebration of

Total number of plants _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

MUSICAL THEATRE • 06/19/23 – 06/23/23

Do you like to sing and dance or to act? Then this is the camp for you! Join us as we sing, dance, and act our hearts out on stage! This camp combines the joy of music, the excitement of dance, and the imagination of acting into a special musical theatre experience for young performers. Cast members will get an opportunity to share their own unique talents through rehearsing and performing a totally original musical theatre production. We will have a performance Friday night June 23. **Open to students entering 3rd grade through 12th, and runs from 9a-3pm. Director Jennifer Le'au 818-321-3708 or coliainc@mac.com. Grades 3 -12 Early: \$220 Reg: \$245.**

VBS • 06/26/23 – 06/30/23

At Hero Hotline, kids are invited to learn from the heroes of the Bible! Our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us. As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and in every area of their lives. **Open to kids 3+/potty trained to 6th grade, and runs from 9a-12noon, with aftercare available from 12-3pm. 3+/potty trained to 6th Grade Early: \$120 Reg: \$145 Aftercare: Additional \$99.**

COOKING CAMP I • 07/10/23 – 07/14/23

A week-long camp for younger kids that teaches how to select and prepare America's favorite comfort foods from scratch. Kiddos will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, and so much more! Each day we will focus on different entrees from baking to savory foods! **Open to Grades 2-5, and runs July 10-14th from 9:30a-12:00pm. Grades 2-5. Morning session - Early: \$175 Reg: \$195.**

COOKING CAMP II • 07/10/23 – 07/14/23

A week-long camp for older kids that teaches how to select and prepare street foods from around the world, from scratch! Our goal is to challenge the children to use the skills they have developed during the week and to gain the culinary confidence they need to work independently of you at home. On Friday, the kids will be cooking one sweet and one savory dish by themselves! (We do not want the children to get overly anxious about this experience, so instructors will be there to offer guidance, as needed.) **Open to grades 6 and up, and runs from 12:30-3pm. Grades 6+. Afternoon session - Early: \$175 Reg: \$195.**

PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP • 07/17/23 – 07/21/23

Photography Camp is a half-day adventure between 9am-12:30pm. Additionally, campers can enroll in Advanced

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Photography from 12:30-3pm. All campers have the opportunity to learn the basics of digital photography through daily demonstrations and hands-on sessions in camera operation, composition, lighting, and seeing with an artistic eye photographing the church campus indoors and out. Also, there will be a stop motion workshop for those with phones. Campers should plan on bringing their own camera if they have access to one so they can learn its functionality. If not, we have cameras to share. SD memory cards are provided. Snacks are provided (Plan on packing a lunch IF you are in the advanced camp portion that stays later). Camp concludes with a gallery showing on Friday at 12:00pm. Aftercare is not available for this camp. **Open to Grades 3-12. Early: \$165/half day \$245/full day. Reg: \$195/half day \$275.**

MARTIAL ARTS CAMP • 07/24/23 – 07/28/23

Martial Arts Camp includes athletic development, Taekwondo-based techniques & activities, self defense, board breaks, life skills and more. Not only will it be loads of fun, martial arts increases Self-Esteem and Confidence: When a child masters a new skill or move, it will boost their confidence and give them a sense of achievement. Aftercare is available from 12:30-3pm. **Open to kids ages 6 and up and runs July 24-28th from 9a-12:30pm. Grades 3-12 Early: \$175 Reg: \$195 Aftercare Additional \$99.**

ART CAMP • 07/31/23 – 08/04/23

Sign your kids up for a creative endeavor this summer. Each day for a week, your son or daughter will have classes in painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. At the end of the week, an art show will display the kids' masterpieces. We are looking forward to having fun this summer. **Open to artists in grades 2-12 from 9am - 3pm. Early: \$245 Reg: \$275.**



EARLY REGISTRATION TUITION UP TO 2 WEEKS FROM BEGIN OF EACH CAMP.

More info and secure registration may be accessed with the QR code or by emailing Camp Director, Kristina Frost camps@fccnh.org.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN • SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Coffee on the Corner Men's Group meets online weekly at

7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com



SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. – JOHN 13:34



For more information or to reserve your place, email Jason Peterson at membership@fccnh.org and Jason will send you the Zoom login for the games.



HOST A SUNDAY 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—and it isn't complicated. 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 information at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

No experience required.
Every other month rotations can be arranged.

Curriculum, snacks and all supplies are provided.

For more information or to volunteer contact Jennifer at coliainc@mac.com.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 _____

Sunday 10am	169
Sunday School	41
Youth Group Sunday AM	12
Youth Group Sunday PM	2
Wednesday Youth Group	9

Sunday 10am	\$7,702.65
Sunday School	\$29.89

TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$7,732.54

Week of Compassion (earthquake) \$20.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 2/27/22 - 3/5/23 _____

General Offering \$3,380.00

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But the fruit of the Spirit is

love
joy
PEACE
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
GENTLENESS
self-control

