

FirstChristianNews

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April 17, 2024

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE OUR PLANET

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Our Pastors' Class projects are in full swing. This is part of the Pastors' Class where youth are given \$50 to live out their faith as they try to find ways to make it multiply. It is always meaningful for our youth and adults to see their work toward a more Christcentered world come to fruition!

Similarly, did you know that some employers offer company matches to your offerings at our church? For example, we recently received what I like to call a "multiplication check" from a local studio. If you are employed, please check with your employer to see if they can help you multiply your efforts toward a more Christ-centered world at our church!

In a world that seems to only know division and subtraction at the moment, I am grateful to be part of a church that is multiplying and adding! As we move closer to Pentecost (the birthday of the global church found in Acts 2, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter), we see an impressive church (not just from the idea of math). It could grow because it was radically inclusive. This is not a story of "being woke" by ensuring a diverse group of individuals are in every commercial, etc. Instead, the story of Pentecost shows us that everyone is included - full stop. The list of peoples and countries encompassed the entire known world at that time.

The story of multiplication and addition is due to the radical inclusion of Jesus. This is the heart of our church. So, yes, I want to multiply our efforts to make the world closer to God's dream of creation. Thank you for helping us to add and multiply faith, hope, and love. I hear that the greatest of those three may be love (1 Corinthians 13:13), but I can't help but think about the multiplication!

Together,

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Senior Pastor



WE WANT YOUR OPINION

Pastors Jonathan and Tau will preach multiple sermon series during the summer. They would love to hear your feedback on some of the topics they are considering. Please click here or go to https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHSeries to vote on what you find the most interesting.



10AM • SUNDAY • APRIL 21 "Knowing Yourself When Others Seek to Define You" TEXT: Acts 17:1-9 Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall

Our text for this Sunday, Acts 17:1-9, shares how a group of people accuse Paul and his followers of missing the point of following Jesus. Then, another group, which is normally not on the same side as the first group, chimes in as well. Suddenly, Paul and these new disciples are getting it from all sides. Life can feel that way sometimes. We hope that you will join us as Pastor Jonathan shares his message entitled "Knowing Yourself When Others Seek to Define You."

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TOMORROW • 4:30PM

Jeryd Word, one of the tenors in our Chancel Choir, will be singing his senior recital at CSUN on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 4:30pm. The recital will be held at Shigemi Motsumoto Recital Hall (18236 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325.) Jeryd is a fantastic singer studying opera at CSUN.

CALLING ALL PERCUSSIONISTSI

We need you for Choir Sunday, June 16th. See David Rigsby if you can help out with a tune that needs 5 percussionists (a bass player wouldn't hurt as well!) David can be reached at <u>brewstty@gmail.com</u> or 562-708-6169 (TALK/TEXT OK).



If you walk down the steps and short hallway outside the church office, then turn right into the long hall of classrooms, you'll see ahead the doors leading to the children's playground. The last doorway on the right is home to our youngest Christian Nursery School class, the Grasshoppers. But its history goes farther back. Above the door is a plaque that reads:

> THE MARY KENNEDY NURSERY NAMED IN HER HONOR NOVEMBER 7, 1982

Mary Kennedy (pictured at left) was on our church staff for over 35 years, heading our Nursery and the Mothers Day

Out program. For years on Sunday, the busy Nursery had rocking chairs when needed, toys always, and two levels of cribs against the walls. Miss Mary, in her gruff but kind and loving way, held and rocked the youngest ones in our church family, read them stories, and helped them feel safe and cared for in their church home.

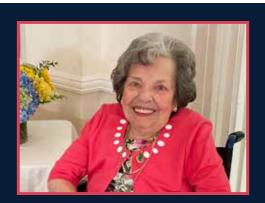
Mothers Day Out may have begun in 1963. It was a godsend for mothers, and often a bridge to Christian Nursery School. For six hours on Wednesdays, mothers could bring their too-young-for-CNS children and trust them to the care of Miss Mary and her assistant Miss Lesley, at a minimal cost. One grateful mother recalled that she could count on an honest report about her youngsters "that may or may not have always been good but was always conveyed with love." Many of those children who went on into CNS are a part of our church family today. Several have also brought their own children to Sunday School and CNS.

Miss Mary was not formally a member of our church family. In one of life's examples of ecumenism, she was a longtime member of St. Charles Catholic Church. Pastor Bob delivered her eulogy there at the request of the family when she passed away in 1987. Our FCCNH church family grieved, too. Members of the First and Second Grade Sunday School Class remembered her in the newsletter with a list of "The 10 Good Things about Miss Mary." Julia Hawkins said, "She was nice and kind, and lived a long life." Alex Haskell remembered: "She helped take care of me when I was little." Together, the children all concluded with, "She was caring and happy and loved God a lot."

The Nursery looks different now. During the week, it is the CNS Grasshoppers' classroom. It is not presently actively used by our Sunday School, since our youngest children share a larger classroom across the hall with children next in age. The cribs are gone, and the toys are different. Whenever needed, however, the room's rocking chair is still ready for any child who needs to be comforted and held. But the plaque above the door is a reminder of how fortunate FCCNH is to have had – and still have – people like Mary Kennedy and so many others who have left their imprint on our children's lives.



The 100th Anniversary Team



WE'VE LOST A FRIEND

Sue Malotte passed away on March 21 in her home; Sue was 100 years young. Her celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 PM. We will publish more details as they become available.





David Rigsby recently announced his retirement at choir rehearsal. His last Sunday with us will be September 15, 2024. He will be moving to Savannah, GA.



Ingathering Sunday IS APRIL 21st

The food pantry is in need of single-serve snacks (like chips, cookies, dried fruit). As always, donations can be placed at the front of the church on **Sunday**, **April 21**st.

To learn more about the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry and the great work they do go to <u>www.nhifp.org</u>. While you're there click on the newsletter to sign up and get monthly updates. Of course, we thank God for David sharing his gifts at our church since January 1, 2006! We are grateful that he gave us six months to do the difficult work of finding a new Music Director. We will be forming a search committee. Their first step will be to put together a questionnaire for our congregation to help us discern the desired gifts of our next Music Director. After receiving this information, we will formalize the position's details, share the job listing widely, and begin to receive applications.

David will be very busy until September 15. He will be retiring from his school at the end of the school year. David will be helping to lead *Godspell* at our church in August. Finally, he will be an integral part of our 100th Anniversary on September 8.

Please join us in thanking David for his service and the gift of time for our church to find our next Music Director!



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:

4/21	4/28	5/5	5/12	5/19
5/26	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23

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.



After a 5-year absence, The Advent Theatre is going to be "putting on a show"! What better way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of FCCNH than to bring back the musical that started it all—GODSPELL!

We'll be doing the updated Godspell 2012, and the performance dates are Friday, Aug. 2, Saturday, August 3 (matinee and evening) and we'll be closing with a matinee on Sunday, August 4, so be sure to MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Meanwhile, we are in the planning stages and we are inviting anyone who would like to work on behind-the-scenes duties to attend a Production Meeting this Sunday, April 21, at 11:30 am in the Bride's Room. We need a Set Designer, a Costume Designer, Lighting Designer, Sound Designer, Props Master, a House Manager and a Box Office Manager. Additionally, we need volunteers willing to work in any of these areas—even if you have no experience (don't worry, we'll train you). It's going to be exciting, so jump onboard!



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW AT www.lochleven.org

OUR YOUTH GROUPS HAVE BEEN BUSY



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Feeding in the Park with veggie dishes (left to right): Rebecca, Emarie, Stellan, and Romero • Feeding in the Park with desserts (left to right): Kira, Jax, Georgi and her friend • Wednesday Youth Group (from left to right): Ostap, Santiago, Tyler, Alistair, Bentley, Rhys, Liam, Dillon, Stellan, Anton, and Kai. All students at Walter Reed Middle School.

photos by **Pastor Taulau T**upua

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:

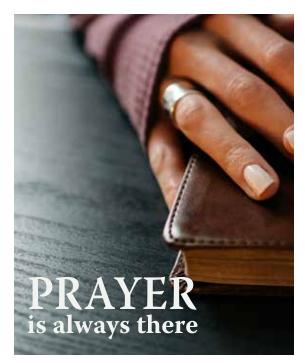
• Via email on the church website:

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.



FCCNH YOUTH GROUP HOURS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

SUNDAY EVENINGS 11:15AM-1:00PM High School

> WEDNESDAYS 3:00PM-5:00PM Middle School



LEFT TO RIGHT ARE This past Sunday's acolyte, Carter Williamson, Emarie Vallero (nice photo-bomb, Emarie!) and Pastor Taulau Tupua.

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 APRIL

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all._. — ACTS 4:33

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!!!

BE A VBS HERO ASSISTANT

VBS is looking for volunteer assistants for our *Hero Hotline* VBS Camp this summer. The camp runs from Monday, June 10th to Friday, June 14th. Camp hours are from 9am to 12pm and will include campers 3-years-old to 6th grade. All information and supplies will be provided.

> No cape (or prior camp experience) required. For more information contact Jen at <u>jleau@fccnh.org</u>.



MEET & GREET VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED

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 <u>the church will reimburse</u> <u>your expenses up to \$150</u>. If you, your group or family are interested in hosting a Meet & Greet after one of our Sunday morning services, please contact Matt Hunt at matthewhunt@gmail.com.



TUESDAY MORNINGS 10am • via Zoom

If you're interested in 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.



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

JUNE 10 - JUNE 14 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

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.

VBS is open to children who are ages 3+ and potty trained to 6th grade, and runs Monday, June 10th - Friday, June 14th from 9a-12pm. Aftercare from 12-3pm is available.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:

Jennifer Le'au has been the director of Children's Ministries at First Christian Church of North Hollywood for the last 8 years. As a teenager, she began teaching music, dance and acting classes as well as helping create and teach Broadway-style shows for summer camps. For over 35 years, she has brought her love of the stage to thousands of kids of all ages and talent levels. Jennifer has also choreographed for many popular TV shows on the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon. A member of SAG-AFTRA, she has a lot of professional work under her belt. She is the proud mother of two adult children. Her daughter Bird, who will be a senior this fall at NYU, will be her assistant.

VBS, Full Week June 10th - 14th • \$120 VBS, Partial Week June 12th - June 14th • \$90

JUNE 17 - JUNE 21 MUSICAL THEATRE

This camp is a place to discover talents, build confidence, and find inspiration. Dance, music, and drama techniques will be introduced, developed, and applied to an original Broadway-style show called "Sweet Dreams"; where dreams are made of junk food cravings, with songs like "Pizza Love", "Gummy Bear", and "Hot Chocolate". This is an intense, exciting and unique experience full of fun and high energy!

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Come 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 into a special musical theatre experience for young performers. We will have a performance Friday night June 21. This camp is open to students entering 3rd grade through 12th grade.

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Musical Theatre Camp, June 17th-21st • \$220

JUNE 24 - JUNE 28 MARTIAL ARTS CAMP

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. This camp is open to kids ages 6 and up and runs June 24-28th from 9a - 12:30pm. Aftercare is available from 12:30-3pm.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:

Ms Willis is a 5th degree black belt, Owner and Chief instructor for Vortex Martial Arts, as well as Qualified Instructor with the NMAA, (National Martial Arts Alliance). She is also a competitor and 2023 Shimsan Sponsored Team Athlete. Ms Willis has been training for 24 years.

"Martial Arts is not just something I do, but who I am, and I love being able to share my passion with others through teaching."

Martial Arts Camp, June 24th - 28th • \$120

JULY 1 - JULY 5 COOKING CAMP

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! Cooking Camp (AM) is open to Grades 2-5 and runs July 1st - 5th from 9:30a-12:00pm. **NO CAMP ON THURSDAY, JULY 4th.**

For younger children, we have designated the morning slot from 9:30 AM to 12 noon. This timing is chosen because younger children often benefit from engaging in activities earlier in the day when they are most alert and energetic.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:

Hello, I'm Chef Sandra; at my vibrant summer camp, children and teens dive into plant-based cooking, blending culinary skills with fun and creativity under the guidance of a trained chef and experienced teacher. My program is designed to inspire young minds to explore the flavors and nutritional benefits of plant-based foods, all within a lively and supportive camp environment. With a strong background in culinary arts and education, I bring expertise and passion to every lesson, aiming to cultivate a new generation of health-conscious and environmentally aware cooks.

Cooking Camp w/Cookin' Kiddos, 1 - 5 • \$140

JULY 1 - JULY 5 COOKING CAMP

A week-long camp for older 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! Cooking Camp (PM) is open to Grades 6+ and runs July 1st - 5th from 1-3:30pm. There will be NO camp on Thursday, July 4th.

Older children, specifically those in the higher grades of middle and high school, are scheduled for the afternoon session from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, allowing for a more focused and mature learning environment conducive to the interests and developmental stages of older students.

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JULY 08 - JULY 12 ART CAMP

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. This camp is open to artists in grades 2-12 and runs July 8th -12th from 9am - 3pm.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:

An artist, with a Bachelors degree in Medical Illustration followed by an MFA in painting and drawing, Cheryl Goettemoeller has been directing and teaching art camp for about 10 years at FCCNH. Cheryl has illustrated medical/biological books along with a few children's books over her 25-year career. Every year she looks forward to encouraging artistic development and vision in art camp attendees.

Art Camp Art Camp, July 8 - 12 •\$245

JULY 15 - JULY 19 PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

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

Cooking Camp w/ Cookin' Kiddos, July 1-5 • \$140

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. This camp is open to Grades 3–12. Aftercare is not available for this camp.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:

Scott Lewis has a passion for photography that spans over 40 years. He has worked as a corporate photographer and in the film industry, and has shown in galleries in the LA area. He works year round with other creatives to help advance vision and skills. As a teacher his hope is to help bring out an individual's creative potential, sharpening skills, and encouraging the freedom to express.

Photography Camp, July 15-19 • \$175

DON'T WAIT TO REGISTER AS SPACE IS LIMITED AND SOME OF OUR CAMPS TEND TO FILL UP QUICKLY.



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



Joshua 24:15, NLT



CHURCH KITCHEN NEEDS BOWLS AND SPOONS

If anyone has any earthenware bowls and/or stainless steel spoons and/or soup spoons that you are not using, the church kitchen would welcome your donations! We'd like to augment our supply as we are a little short on these items. Please call the office (818-763-8218) if you can help. Thank you!

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BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APR	IL 14, 2024			
Sunday Worship 10am	131			
Youth Sunday AM	16			
Youth Sunday High School	3			
Youth Wednesday	17			
Sunday School	34			
Sunday Worship Donations	\$4,885.00			
Sunday School	\$7.00			
SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING	\$4,892.00			
CREDIT CARD OFFERING 4/8/24 - 4/14/24				
CC GENERAL OFFERING	\$2,520.00			
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CUMULATIVE GIVING

\$7,412.00



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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At **<u>www.fccnh.org</u>** or scan the code at right



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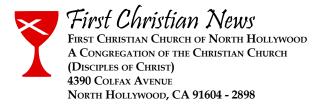
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