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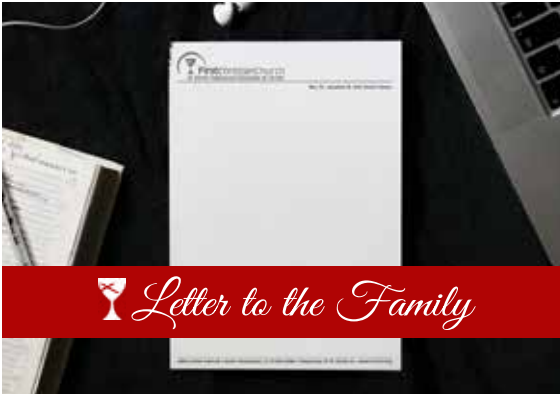
"You are the
light of the world.

A city built on a hill
cannot be hid."

MATTHEW 5:16

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



I would like to join the many voices proclaiming that we had an amazing Easter together! The key word for me would be “together.”

During the baptisms at the sunrise service, I spoke about how being baptized can mean that we participate in the life, death, and resurrection of baptism. This understanding of baptism is particularly beautiful in our tradition since we practice immersion baptism where we act out the living, dying, and resurrection of Jesus.

I believe in a participatory understanding of baptism. I also believe that the same is true when it comes to the resurrection. Together, we helped hundreds of people experience the resurrection of Jesus this past Sunday.

The participants include Pastor Tau, our Music

Director David, our Children’s Ministry Director Jen, our elders, our worship leaders, and the choir. Of course, those are only some of the people who you can see on the chancel. Behind the scenes, our Ne’e ensures that our message can be experienced by those online, Greg and Jacob ensure that everyone can hear the Gospel in the sanctuary and online, Byron sets many things in place ahead of the service, our greeters help everyone feel God’s hospitality, and our deacons ensure that all can experience communion. Of course, we can’t forget Terri who makes our bulletins, Glenda and Gabby in the office, and Elmer and Sergio who ensure that our church is welcoming. I could go on and on!

Together, we can participate in the resurrection of Jesus. As many of you were leaving the sanctuary on Easter, I thanked you for participating in the service and helping to make the service meaningful for all. We can only do “greater things” when we do them together and all of us participate—those seen and unseen.

Thank you for making this ministry possible!

Together,

Pastor Jotter

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 go to <https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHSeries> to vote on what you find the most interesting.





Passing on the Baton **TEXT: ACTS 1:1-11** **Pastor Taulau Tupua**

This first chapter in Acts recollects what happened after Jesus' resurrection. As you can imagine, the resurrection fueled faith in the ancient world. However, it was only limited to those who were witnesses. For everyone else, they had yet to discover who Jesus was. This week, we will revisit the Good News and the passing on of the baton from one leader to the next. Do you hold a baton in your hands? Have you passed it on to the next person? Join us for worship this Sunday, April 7th, as Pastor Tau preaches "Passing on the Baton."

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WHERE TO FIND FCCNH MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from our most recent board meeting (March 12) and our congregational meeting (March 17) can be found in the narthex, copier room, and via the following links -
<https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHMinutes3-24>
 & <https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHAnnual2024>.



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!



Have you ever had an unexpected financial emergency or set-back and just didn't know where to turn?

Back in 1973, John Avent, an active and generous member of our church, had a dear friend who lost his job and was struggling to keep his head above water. John wanted to help the family and then began to think how the church could help its members in times of temporary crisis. He gathered some other church leaders and formed a committee to explore ideas to create an emergency fund for temporary assistance for financial duress and counseling for our church members. Thus was born a new ministry, called The Good Sam Fund, appropriately named after the story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan.

They envisioned providing help like transportation, counseling, home repair, medical emergencies, and visitations as well as monetary aid. They began a campaign with board and minister approval to present the program to the congregation over the next few months to build the fund with their donations. It would be a revolving fund available for short term loans with little or no interest to be repaid as soon as recipients were able. All transactions would be completely confidential and approved by the trustees.

Over the years this fund helped many of us and in some cases became outright gifts when the recipients couldn't repay. Unfortunately, the fund eventually went too far into the "red" and was dormant for some time. But the good news is that a generous donor has resurrected the Good Sam Fund and brought it back into the "black" and it is providing that "Helping Hand" to members in need.

There are several ways YOU can help to keep this ministry that has such a rich history of helping people in need...going: outright donations, designated funds from Memorial Endowments, and pledges. And they are tax deductible.

– The 100th Anniversary Team

Tai Chi

breathing techniques • simple stretching exercises • meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays at 9:30am • Thursday at 3:30pm in the Youth Hut

CLASSES GUIDED BY BYRON ARMANTROUT • FREEWILL DONATION OF \$10 PER SESSION

THE ACOLYTES OF MARCH



March was a busy month at FCCNH as Lent 2024 ended with Easter Sunday on March 31st and, before that, Palm Sunday on March 24th.

Our two acolytes earlier in the month were **Anton Shervakov** (left) on March 3 and **Carter Williamson** (right) on March 10.

Youth group members who wish to volunteer for acolyte service can contact Pastor Tau (Tau@fccnh.org).



Ingathering Sunday IS APRIL 21st

The food pantry is in need of canned proteins (preferably tuna or chicken) and canned dog and cat food (no bagged food please, only cans).

Donations can be placed

at the front of the church on Sunday, April 21st.

To learn more about the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry and the great work they do go to www.nhifp.org. While you're there click on the newsletter to sign up and get monthly updates.



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.

EASTER SUNDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



THIS PAGE - CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The sanctuary dressed for the Easter Celebration service • Jeff Henderson and Glenda Morgan Brown • Matt Hunt, Jack Mazepink, Axel Sobel • Sage Elliott, Stellan Arnold, Kira Davis, Miles Pitts, and Chase Carson

photos on both pages by Byron Armantrout and Pastor Tau Tupua

THIS PAGE TOP ROW FROM LEFT:
Rebecca Owen and Milana Resta • Stellan
Arnold & Aislyn Speakman

MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT:
LooLoo Tupua & Romero Hunt • Dean
Mazepink & Rebecca Owen • Emarie
Vallero, Ivo Resta, and Axel Sobel

BOTTOM ROW FROM LEFT:
Amber Moss, Olympia, and Maximos with
his new donkey friend • Rebecca Owen,
Emarie Vallero, Vincent Galbete, Isabella
Batts, Chase Carson, and Axel Sobel •



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:

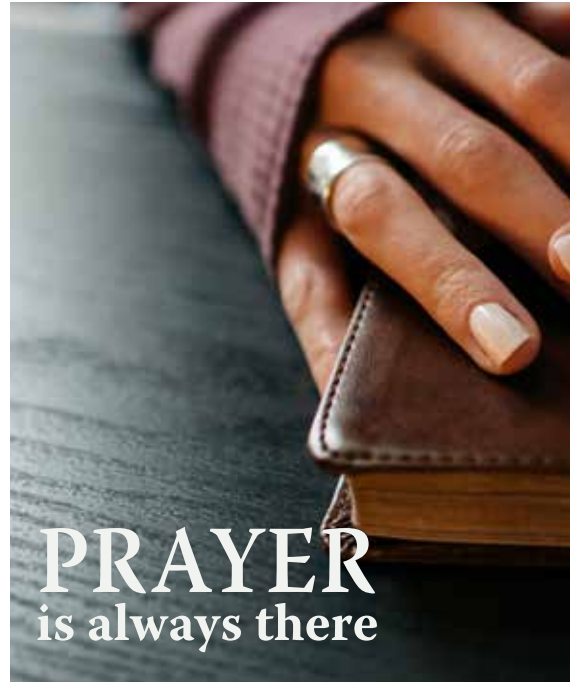
- Via email on the church website:

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. 🌸



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

LOCH LEVEN SUMMER CAMP



June 23-28 CYF Camp

(Entering Grades 9-12, & Recent Graduates)

July 7-12 Chi Rho Camp

(Entering Grades 6-8)



**July 21-26
Jubilee Camp**



**July 21-24
Wee Camp**

(Ages 3-Kinder;
Child attends with
parent/guardian)

**July 21-24
Mini Camp**

(Entering Grades 1-3)

**July 21-26
Junior Camp**

(Entering Grades 4-5)



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW AT www.lochleven.org



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





HUMAN NEEDS
**WARM CLOTHING
 & BLANKETS**

The need for warm clothing and blankets continues 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
- sleeping bags
- jeans
- men/women underwear
- socks
- sweatshirts/pants
- gloves
- rain ponchos
- blankets
- and we're still collecting **hygiene products**

Due to hygiene issues, please donate only new socks/underwear. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours.

Thank you!



**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 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 Matt Hunt at matthewhunt@gmail.com.



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!!!



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!

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

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

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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 camps@fccnh.org.



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



Loch Leven
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Save the Date

FOR THE

Men's Retreat at Loch Leven

NOVEMBER 1-3

More information to be announced later. Questions? Contact Ne'e at menoncorner@gmail.com.

MEET US ONLINE
for our VIRTUAL
BIBLE STUDY



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.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Maundy Thursday	29
Good Friday	30
Easter Sunday 6am	58
Easter Sunday 9am	158
Easter Sunday 11am	227
Sunday School 9am	32
Youth Sunday am	17
Sunday School 11am	21

Easter Sunday 6am	\$1,037.76
Easter Sunday 9am	\$1,750.00
Easter Sunday 11am	\$2,958.00
Sunday School	\$10.00

Disciples Mission Fund	\$205.00
Youth Easter Breakfast Fund	1,084.16
Kroger e-Scripts Ralph	\$122.16

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$5,755.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 3/18/24 - 3/24/24

CC GENERAL OFFERING \$1,892.00

Youth Breakfast Fund	\$250.00
Music Fund	\$20.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING \$7,647.00

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