

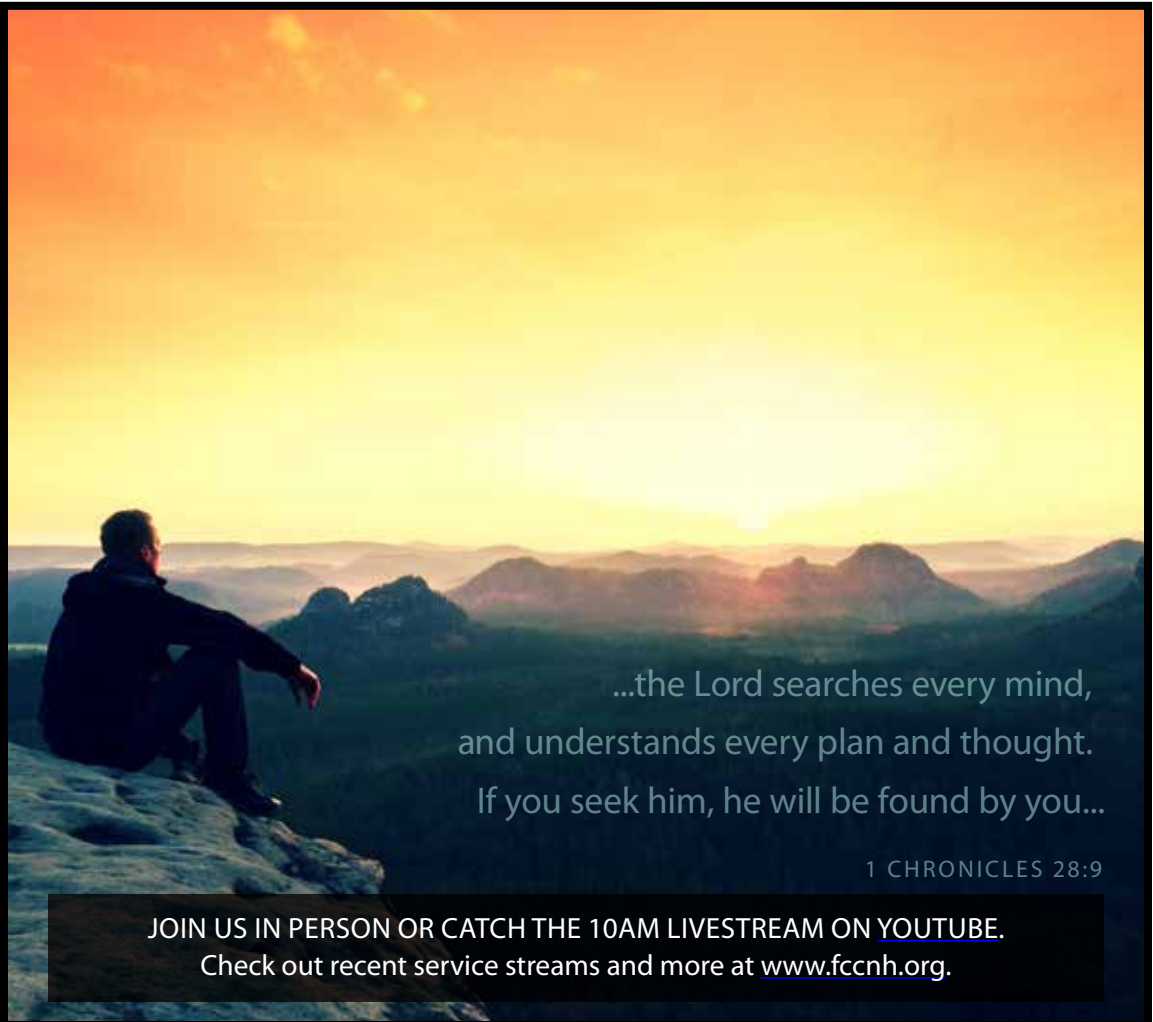


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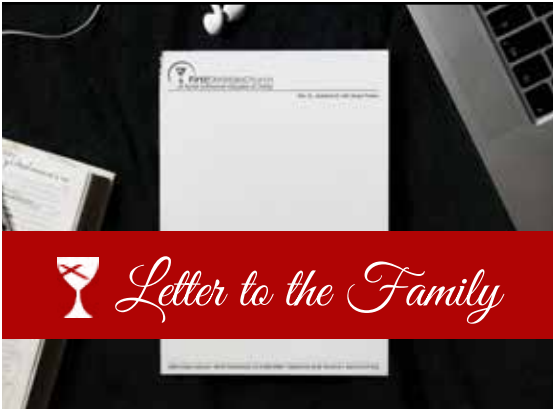
*July 12, 2023*



...the Lord searches every mind,  
and understands every plan and thought.  
If you seek him, he will be found by you...

1 CHRONICLES 28:9

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Check out recent service streams and more at [www.fccnh.org](http://www.fccnh.org).



Our church began on the last Sunday in July 1924. Before that day, it took a group of people asking their neighbors if they were interested in being part of something new that God was doing. Then, the groundbreaking ceremony happened in November 1924. Eventually, on January 11, 1925, the cornerstone was laid. In between all of this, according to our church history book, the disciples of the church built the building, made and sold quilts, and held many dinners to encourage others to be part of this new thing that God was doing.

I would love to know all of the other things that were done - seen and unseen - to help make our church possible. It is the same with scripture. We do not get all of the details, just the highlights in most cases. I like to call this playing with the space in between the words by incorporating other stories from the Bible, history, culture, etc. Our siblings in the Jewish faith call this act midrash.

What do you think we would find in between the spaces of the aforementioned words of the early days of our church? Did everything rely on one person? Were there moments of "What if we tried...?" How many people made the quilts and are there any still around? I have a plethora of questions!

Regardless of what you think is in between the words of our early church history, I hope that you can

find yourself in those moments! Many of these situations were full of possibility and uncertainty, much like today. I believe in reexamining these stories because I see echoes for us today. God made a way 99 years ago thanks to the hard work of dedicated disciples; I believe that God is looking for those same dedicated disciples today! Because of who we are and today's technology, we have the ability to share the Gospel not only in southern California, but around the world!

Together,

*Pastor Jonathan*  
Senior Pastor



The Israelites are trying to get from here to there. It is difficult. It is easier to stay where we are than venture out to the unknown. Many of us know this feeling! It is so much the case that the Israelites seem to form a "Back to Egypt Committee" after six weeks of being in the wilderness. On Sunday, July 16, Pastor Jonathan will share his message based on Exodus 16:1-10 entitled...

## **"Leaving Certainty Behind"**

**Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall**  
**PREACHING**

**Unable to join us in person?**  
**Watch the livestream at [YOUTUBE](#)**



## *Communion Meditation*

by Dan Miller, Elder  
on Sunday, July 2, 2023

Church, please join me vicariously as I share a childhood memory. Let's step into the time machine and realize it's July 24th; mortgage rates are at 9% and the Bee Gees are on the radio. On this day I'm excited: it's my birthday.

My parents have made a ladybug cake, similar in shape to this bread, red frosting for the wings, peppermint patties for the spots, and black shoelace licorice for the antennae. Stay with me church, Meet & Greet is just 20 minutes from now!

In our mind's eye, see that we're having a party on the backyard patio. Notice that there are no walls, fences, or Hollywood hedges. It opens to all the other grassy backyards to our neighbors around us. Yes, this may be scary for some. But trust me—we're safe.

As the party unfolds, see other kids walking through the yards and noticing our party and then coming over to join in. They're not turned away—they're kids just like us. We hear one of our parents loudly whisper to the other, "More kids are coming, cut the cake slices thinner!"

Lastly, imagine 30 or so kids sitting all over the surrounding grass happily eating cake together in community.

As we step out of the time machine, let's appreciate that like all those kids, we come together—every Sunday—here at this table where everyone is welcome, and everyone is fed. Amen.



This past Sunday's Acolyte, Carson Miller, pictured alone in the above center photo. Pictured above left with Associate Pastor of Youth and Mission, Tau Tupua, and above right with Senior Pastor, Jonathan Hall.



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](http://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. 🌿

**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—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 info at [asigala480@gmail.com](mailto:asigala480@gmail.com) or 310-569-9908.



## 2023 SUMMER CAMPS

### 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 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. Reg: \$195/half day \$275/full day.**

### 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. Reg: \$195 After-care 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 Bird: \$245 Reg: \$275.**



MORE INFO AND SECURE REGISTRATION MAY BE ACCESSED WITH THE QR CODE, AT LEFT, BY GOING TO [HTTPS://WWW.FCCNH.ORG/FCCNH-SUMMER-CAMPS](https://www.fccnh.org/fccnh-summer-camps), OR BY EMAILING CAMP DIRECTOR, KRISTINA FROST [CAMPS@FCCNH.ORG](mailto:CAMPS@FCCNH.ORG).

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN • SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**



## MEN'S GROUP MEETING

meets online weekly at

## 7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: [menoncorner@gmail.com](mailto:menoncorner@gmail.com)

**SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. — 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17





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:

7/30	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27	9/3
9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15

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 ...

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Check enclosed for arrangement (\$40)  
 Arrangements are supplied by Floral Crush Studio.  
 Checks should be made payable to FCCNH.

### PANTRY IS IN NEED OF

**hearty soups • canned fruit • cereal**

If you are able to assist with donations they may be dropped off during distribution hours on Mondays and Fridays, 7:30 am to 11:00 am at:

**11634 Moorpark Street, Studio City**



## HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED

Please consider donating one or more of the following; gently used items okay unless otherwise indicated:

- white/gray socks
- tank tops
- new hygiene bags
- pants
- t-shirts/light shirts
- shorts
- tennis shoes
- sandals

Please contact [jaymmouse@aol.com](mailto:jaymmouse@aol.com) with questions or clothes can be dropped off in the church office between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday through Friday.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Worship 10am	121
Youth Sunday AM	11
Sunday School	22

Sunday Worship 10am	\$5,760.00
Sunday School	\$6.00

**TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$5,766.00**

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 7/3/22 - 7/9/23\_

General Offering	\$1,220.00
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**W2W**  
**WOMEN to WOMEN**  
**7:30pm FRIDAYS**  
 email for Zoom info  
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