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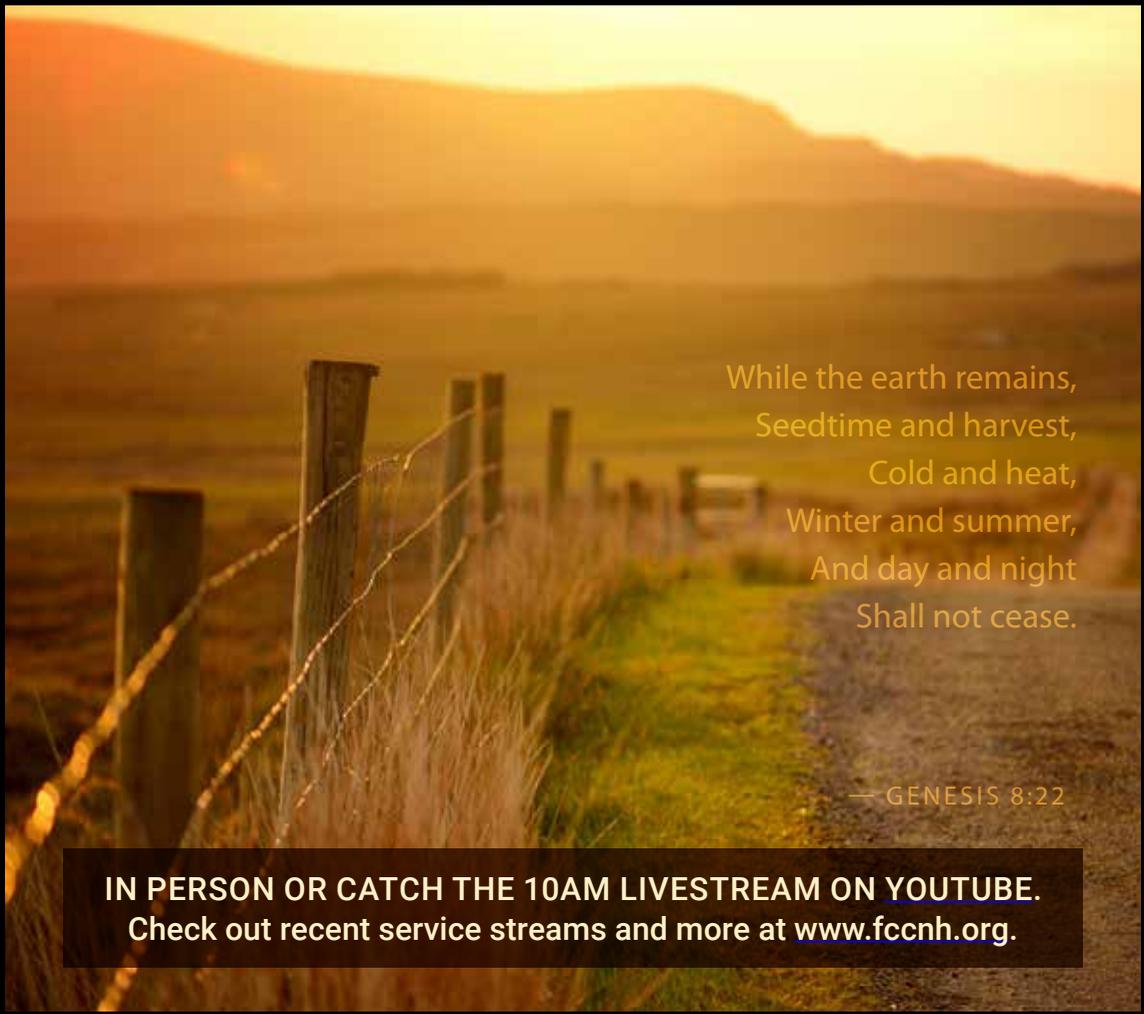
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While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
Cold and heat,  
Winter and summer,  
And day and night  
Shall not cease.

— GENESIS 8:22

**IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](#).**  
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I just returned from my second trip in as many days to LAX. The first was to put Ann on the airplane, a quick trip home before our permanent return in September. The second was to retrieve an item from lost and found. As I write, I hear a collective groan. It is the universal response about LAX. For many, it is an infuriating experience. I have a different perspective. It reminds me of us.

LAX is under construction; I have never known it not to be. When we lived here in the late seventies and eighties, it was under construction. The projects of note were the second level roadway, terminal one, and the Tom Bradley international terminal. It was a big push for the 1984 Olympics. Sound familiar? The current construction is another big push for the 2024 Olympics. It includes updating terminals and some nifty things, like the Automated People Mover.

Construction won't be over by the Olympics. The Infrastructure Bill granted LAX \$50 million to improve the roads leading into the airport. But that work won't begin until after the Olympics and isn't scheduled to be completed until late in the decade.

Construction won't end. It never does, on airports, in churches, in individuals. We are always building and rebuilding. Spiritually, we are always in process, a construction project that seemingly never ends. God works within us to build lives and

community, to address a time and a need. But the times and needs are always changing. So, there is always a need for upgrades, changes, and reconfiguration of heart and mind.

God is building something holy and sacred in our lives, our church, and our world. The more attentive we are to the construction going on around us, the more we will begin to see and hear God's presence. The thought of being continually under construction might make you groan. But as promised by Paul, "the Spirit will intercede with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

*Blessings, Randy*

## Tai Chi

breathing techniques  
simple stretching exercises  
meditation to reduce stress

**Guided Tai Chi Classes**  
**Tues. 9:30am & Thurs. 4:00 pm**  
**in the Youth Hut**

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



Luis Oliart was able to capture the above photo of the neighborhood white owl on the church steeple this past Monday evening. The above photo shows the owl taking off from the top of the steeple cross. Thank you Luis!



10:00AM WORSHIP  
Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
**“ELIJAH:  
Whispers in Silence”**  
Pastor Randy Spleth  
PREACHING  
Unable to join  
us in person?  
Tune in to the  
livestream on  
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Teaching  
is a work of  
heart



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**TOP LEFT AND BOTTOM RIGHT:** Bonding through bike ride adventures **TOP RIGHT:** Water break  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Finish line celebration at McConnell's Ice Cream.



# MEN'S GROUP MEETING

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME**  
meets online weekly at  
**7PM WEDNESDAYS**

Interested in joining? For info Email:  
[menoncorner@gmail.com](mailto:menoncorner@gmail.com)

## SCRIPTURE *for the* MONTH *of* AUGUST

**Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.**

– ROMANS 12:12 –



# W2W

## WOMEN *to* WOMEN

**7:30pm FRIDAYS via ZOOM**  
**NEWCOMERS WELCOME**

email for Zoom info

[W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)



# 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:

8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/18
9/25	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30

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.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> REPORT FROM THE pulpit committee

The Pulpit Committee you elected on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, continues to serve even after you have unanimously affirmed the selection of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hall as our new Senior Pastor beginning on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He'll be coming directly to us from a previously scheduled DOC conference in New Orleans, and you'll have a brief chance to meet him in the Meet 'n' Greet after worship before he flies back that afternoon to Colorado Springs to drive his entire family to North Hollywood.

Kevin Bailey, Chair of the Deacons, reports that interest in meeting Pastor Jonathan is running high as people come into worship each week. In our interview questions for all the candidates, one question we asked was "How do you plan to meet the congregation in your first few months with us?" Pastor Jonathan affirmed the DOC's table ministry most effectively when he told us he'll immediately begin meeting several groups of about 12 people plus the 4 Halls in potluck dinners in our homes (or in the Social Hall). (Unfortunately, Leonardo da Vinci will not be on hand to paint any of the pictures.) His first full week on campus will start Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and he'll begin the Tuesday and Thursday dinners on the 20<sup>th</sup>. (He doesn't waste time.) We're planning to have him meet the elected congregational leaders first and then move through the general congregation. (If you want to be on the priority list, volunteer for a ministry—I believe the diaconate needs folks.)

We'll notify you about how you can participate when we get the general congregation dates and times set up through the church office.

What can you do now to help in the transition? First, continue your prayerful support for our congregation; that has sustained us over the past year. Second, be patient in the transition as we try not to bombard our incoming pastor with too many immediate issues. Third, please keep in mind these words from Rodney Gould, our Stewardship Chair, in his letter at the end of June regarding our financial support:

"Our overall giving this year is lagging. A lot of the drop in giving can be explained by people moving away and economic uncertainty. It is hard to maintain a tithe when we are inundated with seemingly bad news. But keeping faith and maintaining cheerful giving is an important part of our spiritual journey. Not to mention that as we welcome a new pastor, we want to show him... that we are a robust community of faith that lives by words and deeds."

A top priority identified through your surveys and our interviews is finding a Youth Minister, and adequate funding will be needed for that.

We look forward to September 11<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Jonathan in our pulpit for the first time.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Richard Follett, Chair  
The FCCNH Pulpit Committee

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022\_\_\_\_\_

10:00am Worship	114
Sunday School	10
Youth Morning	2
Youth Evening	1

10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$3,652.26
Sunday School Offering	\$1.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 7/25/22 - 7/31/22 \_\_

General Offering	\$1,221.00
Youth Fund	\$20.00

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