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*A gracious woman
gets honor...*

PROVERBS 11:16

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

JOIN US ONLINE FOR WORSHIP AT 10am - plus weekly group studies, game nights, special events and more at www.fccnh.org.



I am going to miss them and for this, I thank you. They are nasty, terrible, noisy creatures. This batch is the worse. When I met them in 2004, I could not wait for them to leave.

Trillions of Brood X cicadas are about to emerge from the ground in the Midwest. They will shed their skins and climb trees. Using their wings to crack and pop incessantly, they are generating 100 decibels of noise. Imagine for four weeks, a non-stop jack hammer in your back yard. They give you a headache.

Brood X is considered one of the largest and makes its appearance like clockwork every 17 years. There is mystery behind arrival. A biochemical cascade extends a call to a month-long mission. They must work fast to accomplish their task with their God-given gifts.

As thankful as I am that I will miss this seventeen-year cycle, I am also grateful for the similarities. Like a cicada, I have emerged, not from 17 years of being out of sight; rather 36 years. I too have experienced a call

to a mission, longer than a month but likely less than a year. We must work fast to accomplish the task using our God-given gifts.

How surprised I am that God called me to be your interim pastor, to re-emerge in southern California minutes away from where I began my ministry. How grateful I am to serve a church which I admired as a neighboring congregation and whose pastor, Bob, was a great source of encouragement and support. I did not imagine four decades ago a call to such a special place.

I am honored and humbled, eager to share my spiritual gifts to strengthen you, care for you, to be a bridge to the future. I am confident that we will be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. I hope and pray that the similarities are not fully realized and that the noise I make will not be loud and painful. Rather, it will be God's word among us.

COFFEE ON THE CORNER: CELEBRATING MOMS DRIVE THRU



FCCNH MEN ON THE CORNER 818-298-4037

SUNDAY, MAY 9 FROM 10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM PT

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD 4390 COLFAX AVE. STUDIO CITY, CA 91604



REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

For those of you who know someone serving in the armed forces, as well as people serving in other capacities, we want to lift them up in prayer... please let us know when they come home!

Chris Diaz • Joshua Bigbee • Steven Zaun

We also want to continue to pray for peace, for wisdom for the world's leaders, and for the people of all war-torn areas of our world.



My dear church family,

There are not enough words to express my appreciation for all your many kindnesses in these past weeks since Bob's passing. Your wonderful and heartfelt cards and notes of sympathy, as well as the emails, texts, and phone calls, have all meant so much to me. Until I have a chance to answer you each personally, please know that I am sending you my love and gratitude. How blessed I am to have such loving, supportive and thoughtful friends and family. I greatly appreciate your prayers, and I of course, continue to keep you in mine. I look forward to seeing you soon.

With much love,
Peggy

WE NEED HELP!!



After serving the homeless for eight years, Shelley and Chris are stepping down and will no longer be distributing clothes and gear to our homeless in the park. It's a big, big job, and they accomplished it without fail, rain or shine.

I cannot coordinate, cook food, and distribute the clothes as well.

If anyone is interested in continuing the clothes distribution, please let Shelley or me know. If no one steps up, we will unfortunately have to quit this part of the ministry.

Thanks,

Deborah Luster (diluster@yahoo.com)

Shelley (champs1girl@yahoo.com)

POSITION AVAILABLE

We have an opening for the position of Wedding Coordinator for FCCNH.

If you are interested or want more details, please contact Staff Council

Chair Kevin Bailey via email:

kevin@lakesidegolfclub.com.

youthink

I greet you in the Wonderful Magnificent name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to update our youth and families on anticipated protocols as we move in the direction of reopening the Church on June 6, 2021. The Youth Hut will be a space to gather on Sunday mornings depending on the California color tier requirements (the number of people allowed in a space based on the capacity). Additional space will be available in the Social Hall to ensure we are in compliance with the state-mandated order. This approach will also apply to mask mandates and social distancing requirements. As we move closer to the date of reopening, these rules will become clearer for us. For now, plan to observe the protocols that require a limitation on the number of people in a space, wearing a mask, and remaining socially distanced.

Our summer plans will consist of local mission trips, fun Friday gatherings, pop-up mission trip gatherings, beach day gatherings, Bible studies, youth Sunday, and a recognition Sunday for our high school graduates and other students.

I'm sure many of you have read or heard the news that we have an Interim Pastor and his name is Rev. Randy Spleth. He has been called to help lead us through this time of grieving as we search for our new full-time pastor. I look forward to working with him and sharing all the wonderful experiences our cherished youth have to offer. He has a long history of ministry

and service as a pastor within our denomination. With his support and guidance, I believe we will discern the direction to which God is calling FCCNH.

FCCNH youth are to be celebrated! It is important to know that our youth have remained connected and hopeful during this pandemic. For example, through it all our youth have remained involved and successful in school, engaged and connected to their church, and have continued to work on being kind and caring people. This is no small feat given the reality of their circumstances this past year. I await the day we can celebrate them and their accomplishments in person. They inspire me.

Finally, this Sunday is Mother's Day and we want to celebrate and honor our Mothers with joy. A Mother's love can be unshakable, undeniable, and a fierce example of unwavering support. We lift up and celebrate birth mothers, adoptive mothers, and those who have represented and served as mothers in our lives. We lift up and celebrate their love, support, sacrifice, care and prayers. On this Mother's Day, take time to thank your mom and/or remember your mom with a prayer if she is no longer with us. Take time to really tell your mom how much you love and appreciate her. To our moms: *Happy Mother's Day.*

With Love,
Jeremy Gillett
Director of Youth Ministries



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facebook

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Did you know FCCNH has a Facebook page? Please check it out and Like us on Facebook. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on in the life of the church.



9am Sundays.
Interested?

Email:
menoncorner@gmail.com
for Zoom info



"I believe; help my unbelief!" – MARK 9:24
MEN ON THE CORNER SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Christian Nursery School
is now ENROLLING

for more information email
Amanda@fccnh.org



**NEW
START
TIME**



WOMEN *to* WOMEN
ONLINE WOMEN'S GROUP
Meets Fridays via Zoom • 7:00 pm

Hosted by: Sheryl Fitzpatrick, Jenny Harris
Trudie Kirkland, and Diane O'Brien

For Zoom info email:
W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com
(ALL CAPS - Case sensitive)

Volunteer Needed

The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry needs a volunteer for packing bags every other Monday from 12:15 –1:45pm, beginning immediately. To volunteer go to www.NHIFP.org.



NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

SIZE 4 & 5 CHILD DIAPERS NEEDED

(Loose or open bags are ok)

FOOD REQUESTS

Rice • Dry cereal • Peanut butter
(no glass or giant-sized items)

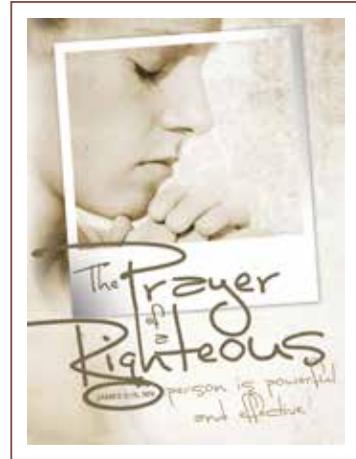
NEW SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Who loves to write and share information on social media? The Food Pantry would like to reach more people via a Vlog or Blog postings.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Public Relations Lead - Can be done from home! We have connections with various neighborhood councils. We have some school connections. We need other civic groups, major corporations, realtors or TV networks to embrace us!

Rae Eiklor,
FCCNH Food Pantry Liaison



PRAYER

is (still) always there

There Are Several Ways Your Prayers Can Reach Us

- Via direct email to one of our Prayer Group leaders:
Janet Bruce (grayladies@aol.com)
Eunice Cox (ec4prayer@aol.com)
Irion DeRouen (dashsmom@aol.com)
- Via e-mail via 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, via prayer cards that 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.

Unless urgent, Janet will compile prayers submitted on Saturday and Sunday and for the weekly list. Midweek prayers will be sent out as received. We will continue to hold you close to our hearts throughout the coming days and weeks. 

BY WAY OF REPORT

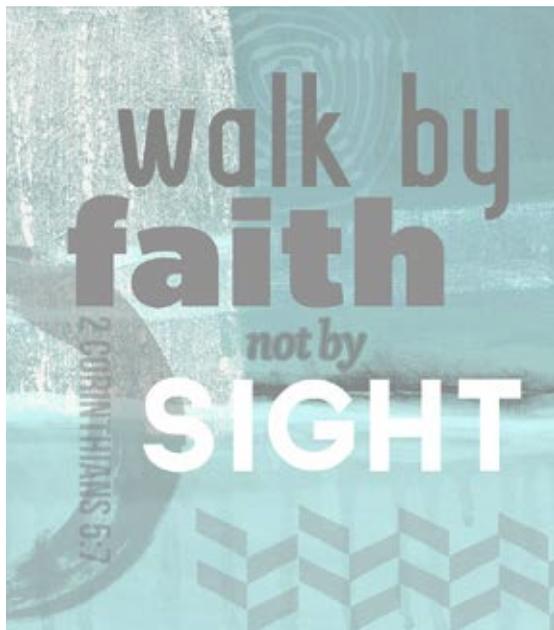
WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 _____

Total General Offering \$8,116.10

Bock Youth Scholarship Fund in Memory
of Pastor Bob Bock \$200.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERINGS 4/27/21-5/3/21 _____

General Offering \$3,663.84


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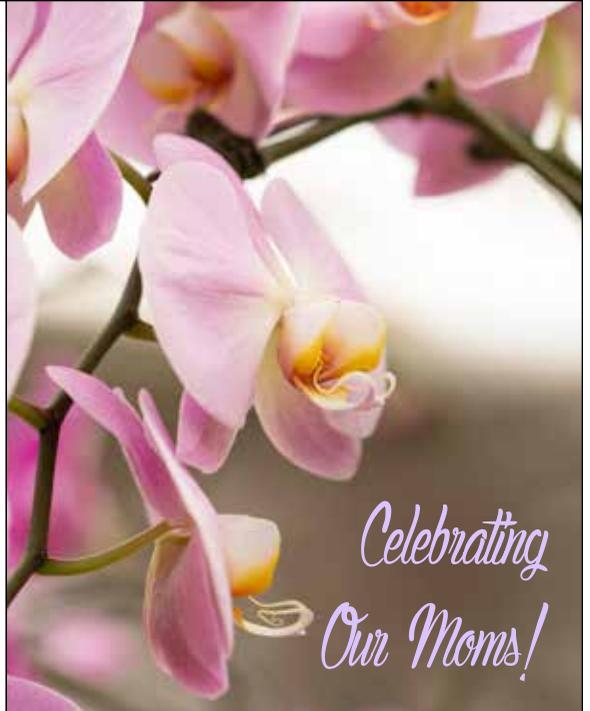
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*Celebrating
Our Moms!*