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ANAHEIM



# The Call

*"To Discover and Grow in God's Grace and Love"*

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## July

**MULTICULTURAL**  
*Festival*  
Unity ■ Faith ■ Family

Resource Booths  
Fun & Games  
Live Music  
Merch Booths  
Food Vendors  
Family Fun  
Kids Jumpers  
Cultural dances  
Entertainment

**AUGUST 3RD, 2024**

VENDORS INTERESTED:  
\$150 - FOOD VENDORS  
\$100 MERCH VENDORS  
FREE INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS  
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

515 N. STATE COLLEGE BLVD  
ANAHEIM, CA 92805

12PM - 6PM

<https://www.unlimitedchurch.org/multi-cultural-festival>

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*"Grateful for the Past—Hopeful for the Future!"*

## **“There is a Time...”**

A Letter From Pastor Jim

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**There is a Time...** was the theme of this year’s 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference held in Spokane, Washington from Saturday June 22 – Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Emily and I had the privilege of representing our church at this conference.

We were asked to participate in a workshop entitled *Every Season Is a Time for Racial Justice: Sharing What We Are Doing to Reflect the Holistic Nature of God’s Family*. It was a joy to reflect on the changes implemented in our church over the years. The PowerPoint presentation highlighting the diversity on our church campus with nine churches worshipping in various languages was very well received. We shared pictures that depicted various aspects of church life on our property, including: our church sign with the ministries listed, the diversity on our church council, the variety of our worship leaders, the “Conversations on Race – A Multi-Cultural Approach to Reconciliation” seminar that we hosted on our campus during the COVID 19 Pandemic, joint worship services with various congregations and our upcoming Multi-Cultural Festival. We also shared a two-minute interview with Irma from N.E. of the Well and photos of the children (*cont. pg. 7*)

## **Connect**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

*10:45am on Sundays*

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School is held every Sunday in the Griffith House during worship. Teachers & students are dismissed from worship to go to Sunday School just before the message.

### **Connect Online**

**Facebook:** Anaheim Chapel at First Congregational Church of Anaheim.

**YouTube:** First Congregational Church of Anaheim

**Instagram:** FCCAnaheim

**Website:** [www.fcca.org](http://www.fcca.org)

### **JOG: Just Ordinary Guys**

*Monday, July 8th*

12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall

### **Guest Speaker:**

John Crawford

\$12, First-time guests free

### **Multicultural Festival**

*Saturday, August 3rd*

12-6pm

Come enjoy performers, food vendors and merchant vendors! We thank Unlimited Church for organizing this event alongside fellow churches that meet on this property. We hope it will be a blessing to many!

# FCCA News & Events

## Women's Lunch

Terry Browning hosted a fun women's lunch at her home in June! It was a special time to gather outside and enjoy homemade lemonade, pulled pork sandwiches, homemade beans, salads and beautiful cupcakes! Carol Peterson led a creative game that encouraged each individual to share stories about themselves from over the years. Thank you, Terry, for being such a gracious host!



## July 4<sup>th</sup> at Peralta Park

A group gathered in Peralta Park to enjoy festivities and fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Peralta Park in Anaheim Hills has been a great way for church members to gather and enjoy the holiday together.

## Multi-Cultural Festival

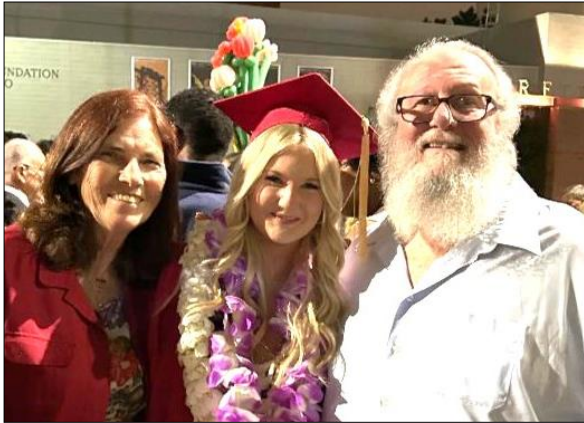
*Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-6pm*

Unlimited Church is spearheading a summer Multi-Cultural Festival for all of the congregations on our property to participate in and enjoy! We look forward to this opportunity to connect with the community on our campus and with the broader neighborhood. Mark your calendars, join us for the fun and let the office know if you would like to volunteer.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Setup, Cleanup, Assist at Water Station, Help Supervise Children's Area

# JOG Luncheon

## Featuring Guest Speaker, John Crawford



John was saved when he was just seven years old and baptized when he was eight. John's family were the original founders of Christian Center Church which would later become Melodyland Christian Center. He attended Vineyard in Anaheim before becoming a founder of Christian Life Fellowship in Orange. He

currently attends Heritage Christian Fellowship in Orange. He is on the Love Orange Volunteer Day planning committee. John attended Cal State University where he received a BS in Business Admin. He spent 36 years in the food business and retired as a supply chain vice president for a major food manufacturer in 2015. Come and hear how relationship with Jesus has been a vital part of John's life!

**When: Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

12:00pm – 1:30pm

**Where: First Congregational Church of Anaheim**

515 North State College Blvd.; Anaheim, Ca 92806

**Cost: \$12**

Enjoy the music of singer and guitar player Bob Goodrich, as well as the humor from Normandy Veteran, Jack Gutman, and football coach, Tom Meiss. We have an excellent meal planned, and tables are always filled with good fellowship.

Please RSVP via email at [chuck@penningtons-inc.com](mailto:chuck@penningtons-inc.com) or

call Chuck at 714-350-8983

# JOG



Of Orange County  
**Just Ordinary Guys**

Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month

# Missions' Corner

## Featuring Royal Family Kids

At the end of this month, Pastor Emily and her husband, Rick, will be volunteering at the Royal Family Kids camp that is hosted by Rock Harbor and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Each RFK camp is part of the larger organization, "For the Children," which exists to create life-changing moments for children who have experienced relational trauma. Most of the kids who attend camp have been in foster care or are currently in foster care.

*"Royal Family KIDS Camp fosters resiliency, self-esteem, hope and positive memories. The camp curriculum and activities are woven through the modality of Trust-Based Relational Intervention to ensure our children are experiencing truly life giving activities throughout the 5-day experience"*

([www.forthchildren.org](http://www.forthchildren.org)).



Campers enjoy typical camp activities like swimming, field games, archery, zip lining, wood working, crafts, tea parties and a talent show. Each day, campers enjoy chapel time, during which they sing worship songs and hear a Bible story. This year, the theme will be: *"You are fearfully and wonderfully made."* Kids learn about the Christian family that we are part of through our faith. Campers hear about a heavenly Father who loves them. A camp aunt and uncle and a camp grandma and grandpa are present throughout the week to host activities like ice cream time. A therapy dog is on site during the week,

### **(Missions' Corner Continued...)**

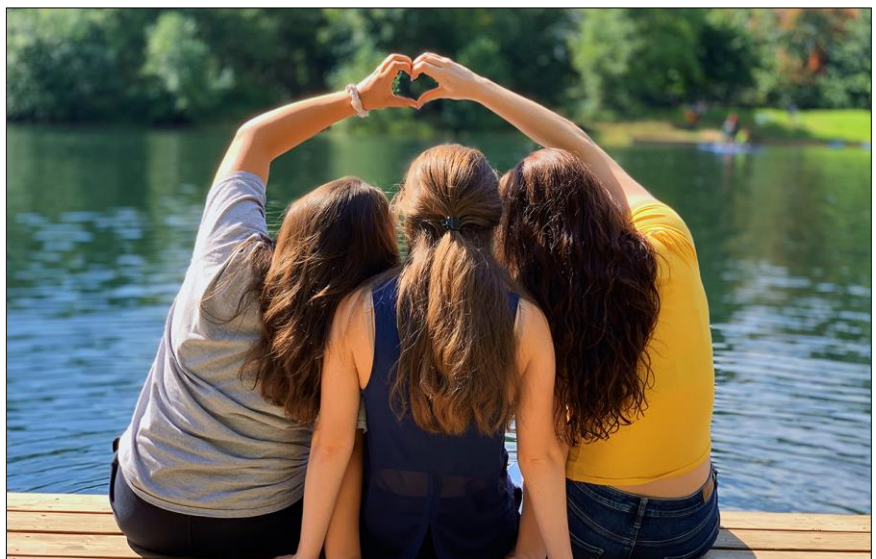
which is always a hit. Each night before bed, campers receive mail from their own personal mailbox. They read letters of encouragement from their counselor and from other adults who interacted with them that day. Another highlight of camp is the camp wide birthday party. There are always a handful of children who have never experienced a birthday party before. At the end of the week, each camper is given a personalized photo book from the week that they are able to take home.

*“The overall effectiveness of Royal Family KIDS camps that I have experienced is that one week at camp can be as effective as 1 year of counseling sessions.”* Becca C. Johnson, Ph.D. ([www.forthchildren.org](http://www.forthchildren.org))

In order to provide adequate care and support for each child, the camp goal is to have close to a 2-1 ratio of adults per camper. Roughly 100 volunteers make the Rock Harbor-St. Andrew's Presbyterian RFK camp possible for 60 campers. Each volunteer is background checked and is required to complete training before camp. Two therapists and a nurse are on site throughout the week to provide support and daily care as needed. It takes a village to provide this incredible service for the children!

As you can imagine, hosting camp for 60 campers and 100 volunteers is not a cheap endeavor. Each adult volunteer is asked to

fundraise \$500 to help make camp possible. Therefore, Pastor Emily and Ricky have a fundraising goal of \$1,000. Thanks to family donations, they already have \$500. If you would like to give, you may give to FCCA and designate your donation “Royal Family Kids.”





## July Birthdays

- 2-Jul Nina States
- 5-Jul Fernando Diaz
- 7-Jul Helen Eliason
- 9-Jul Christina Richey
- 12-Jul Terri DiCamillo
- 15-Jul Jim Schibsted
- 17-Jul Raul Caicedo
- 19-Jul Jerry VanderZyl
- 21-Jul Jennifer Brunson
- 22-Jul Teresa Davies
- 23-Jul Ramina Swanson
- 24-Jul Ray Craig
- 25-Jul Henry Honaker
- 27-Jul Janice Bowers

*(Pastor's Article Continued)*

dancing during the Montessori School graduation. It opened some leaders' eyes to the possibilities of collaborating with other ministries on their respective church campuses.

On Sunday night during a meeting for the American Committee for the International Congregational Fellowship, a video was shared that featured Pantelis Sideropoulos. Pantelis invited everyone to Greece for the International Congregational Fellowship meeting from May 22–26, 2025. An optional tour will be offered following the main conference, "Following the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul," which is scheduled from May 27–31. The cost for each part of the trip is approximately \$1350 which includes lodging, 2 meals per day, visiting the various sites and transportation excluding airfare (which was \$800 round trip from LAX when I traveled to Greece last month). The meeting with the American churches went very well and many people expressed interest in attending next year's International Congregational Fellowship Conference in May.

Finally, plans are coming along nicely for our Multicultural Festival on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon until 6pm. Save the date and invite a friend or two.

In His time,  
Pastor Jim

If you would like to have your birthday included in the CALL, please contact the church office at 714-776-0960 or [fccaooffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaooffice@gmail.com).

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