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

## “Fall At-a-Glance!”

A Letter by Pastor Emily

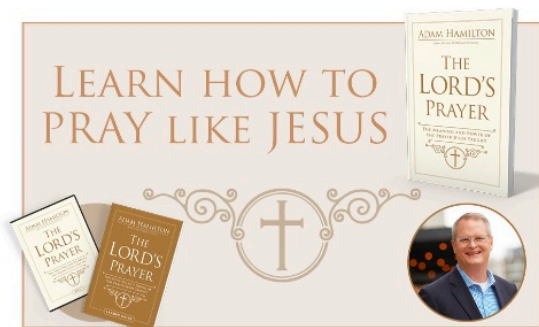
Fall is almost here, and we are looking forward to a beautiful season together! Cheryl Cook, Planning Chair on the Church Council, met with Pastor Jim and I and a few others to consider plans for the church this Fall.

Small Group will resume mid-September. Small group studies are a wonderful way to get to know others in the church, study Scripture, pray and draw close to God. Cheryl Cook did a fabulous job sifting through study options, and a small group of us settled on “The Lord’s Prayer” by Adam Hamilton. In this 6-week study, we will move beyond simply knowing the words of this prayer to truly *praying* the way Jesus invites us to pray:

***“In ‘The Lord’s Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught,’ pastor and bestselling author***

***Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord’s Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.”***

Small Group will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Participants may join us in person in the church office or via Zoom from home. (Continued 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, September 9th*

12-1:30pm, McKenzie Hall

**Guest Speaker:** Gary Rider  
\$12, First Time Visitors: Free

### Fall Small Group Study

Participants will read and discuss “The Lord’s Prayer” by Adam Hamilton.

*Wednesdays at 6:30pm*

*Meeting in the Church Office  
or via Zoom*

Meeting Sept. 18th,  
Sept. 25th, Oct. 2nd, Oct. 30th,  
Nov. 6th and Nov. 13th

# FCCA Updates & Events

## MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL!

The Multicultural Festival on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> was an encouraging event as we gathered to celebrate faith, family and unity. Pastor Grettel Aumua from Unlimited Church did a fabulous job leading the planning team for the festival. The event included multicultural food booths, merchant vendors, resource booths and performers. The planning committee is excited to plan another festival for 2025.



MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 2024

*8 Churches, 5 Languages, 1 God*



## WOMEN'S TEA

On Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Hamann hosted a beautiful Women's Tea at her home! We thank Cindy for her incredible hospitality. It was a relaxing time of fellowship filled with delicious food, a meaningful devotional and time sharing with one another. We look forward to scheduling another women's event for October!

## UPCOMING SMALL GROUP STUDY

Mark your calendars for our Fall Small Group Study! We will read and discuss "The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton. Small groups are a great way to connect with others from the church, study Scripture, pray together and draw close to God. We hope to see you around the table as we learn to more fully understand and *pray* the words Jesus taught us to pray.

***Group will meet on the following Wednesdays at 6:30pm (in the church office or via Zoom):***

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>



# **JOG Luncheon**

## **Featuring Guest Speaker, Gary Rider**



Gary was born in 1954 at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, WA. He is the 3rd oldest of 7 siblings and has a twin brother, Larry. Gary grew up in Norwalk, CA and has lived in Anaheim for over 40 years. He is married to Teri Rider, and they have been married for 43 years. Gary has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

In 1983, Gary completed a 4-year apprenticeship program and earned a Journeyman Card in Toolmaking. He retired in 2020 from Parker Hannifin Corporation in Irvine, CA after 45 years as a Toolmaker.

1990 was a pivotal starting point for Gary when he began attending FCCA and began his recovery in sobriety. Gary had stopped growing emotionally. He didn't feel good stoned. Enjoying the high quit working. Come and hear Gary's testimony of God's transformative work in his life!

**When: Monday, September 9th, 2024**

12:00pm – 1:30pm

**Where: First Congregational Church of Anaheim**

515 North State College Blvd Anaheim, Ca 92806

(Located one block south of La Palma on the west side of State College in the city of Anaheim)

**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 will have an excellent meal planned with tables 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



Of Orange County

**Just Ordinary Guys**

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

# MISSION CORNER

*A Note from Mission Chair, Linda Freud:*

***“Truly I say to you, just as you did it to one of the least of these  
who are members of my family, you did it to me.”***

Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

On July 7<sup>th</sup> the FCCA Missions Board met to discuss the 2024 allocations for missions. The Board unanimously decided to allocate \$6,770.00 in support of these following ministries and missionaries:

- *Mission Ministries Philippines, Dr. Chonabelle Domingo, Director*
- *Mission Ministries Middle East, Rev. Andrew and Karen Bush*
- *CRU in the Middle East*
- *NACCC Christ to the Villages, Nigeria, Rev. Matthew Oladele*
- *NACCC Panamerican Institute, Mexico, Laura Ramirez, Director*
- *NACCC Congregational Mission of Jardin America, Argentina, Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker*
- *The Macedonia Outreach, Greece, Pantelis and Roula Sideopoulos*
- *The Salvation Army, Santa Ana Donation Processing Center*
- *Grandma's House of Hope, Orange County, CA*
- *World Revival Conference in Uganda through Pastor Jim Schibsted*
- *NACCC One Great Hour of Sharing fund for Spencer Iowa flood relief*
- *Royal Family Kids Camp through Pastor Emily and Rick Raasch*

***(Mission Corner Continued on Next Page)***

**(Mission Corner, Continued...)**

We praise God for blessing our church and mission board with the finances to be able to help support these wonderful local and international missions. If your heart leads you to contribute to missions, please mark your check appropriately on the memo line with the word MISSIONS. If you choose to name a particular mission or specific project, that money will be designated to them. Our deepest thanks to all who have given financially and prayerfully to the Lord's mission work around the world.

***“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”***

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

Thank you for sharing your blessings!

The FCCA Mission Board

Linda Freud, Chair

Board Members: Pastor Jim and Penny Schibsted, Pastor Emily Raasch,

Mike Villa-Real, Tom and Susan Fraker, Lois and Dennis Johnson, Zenaida Reyes





## September Birthdays

- 1-Sep Carol Peterson
- 4-Sep Michael Villa-Real
- 5-Sep Jay Ramsay
- 8-Sep Laurie Donahue
- 11-Sep Delores Francis
- 18-Sep Amy Eades
- 19-Sep Jennifer Mc Gonigle
- 20-Sep Billie Honaker
- 24-Sep Stacey Cohee
- 24-Sep James Richard Henri
- 28-Sep Bunnie Haas

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

*(Pastor's Article Continued)*

Group will meet in two 3-week segments, for a total of 6 weeks: September 18th, September 25th and October 2nd and then October 30th, November 6th and November 13th. If you would like to join us for this study, please RSVP to the church office at [fccaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fccaoffice@gmail.com) or (714) 776-0960. If you would like to help cover the cost of materials, we recommend a \$15 donation.

Looking toward the holiday season, we will celebrate Thanksgiving together on Sunday, November 24th with a full Thanksgiving meal to follow worship. This is always a meaningful time to gather with our church family and to give thanks for God's presence and tending in our lives as individuals and as a church. We hope to see you there!

This Christmas, in addition to our regular Advent worship services and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, we are planning a couple of extra events. Join us for caroling on Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm. If you are a church member who lives locally, we just may arrive at your door to sing that evening! We are also prayerfully considering an evening Christmas festival with family friendly activities. We encourage you to keep our plans in prayer, and if you are interested in helping with a station at the event let us know! God truly works through each one of us listening for the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and we would love to hear how God may inspire you.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Emily

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