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Garden Grove Greetings

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WHAT GETS AN OLD DOG (OR ANYONE) MOTIVATED

The alarm's going off, the dog is barking, and I'm dreaming about having to work while jumping on a trampoline. As I groggily come to grips with reality I realize only two of the three are real. I trudge down the stairs because the dog apparently, "really has to go!"

As I hit the bottom of the stairs my daughter joins me as she's scrambling to get the dog outside as well. We discover ducks sitting in the pool and they could care less about the crazed dog behind the glass. We know what's coming. We'll let the dog out and the ducks will set to flight.

Except, apparently these ducks have stopped here before. As we let our mutt, Scrappy, out the door he begins sprinting circles around the pool deck barking at the top of his lungs. We haven't seen him this excited in months! He circles, barks and circles again. The ducks just calmly swim to the middle of the pool. Scrappy doesn't like the water and they are perfectly safe. All the frantic barking and frenetic circling doesn't matter.

Because ducks leave behind very messy gifts at the places

they visit, I have to assist Scrappy on his mission. I walk outside, stare the ducks down and they assess that this guy is crazy and we better move along.

As soon as they start flapping their wings Scrappy seems so proud of himself and his service to the family in protecting the back yard. We have a good laugh, praise Scrappy for his bravery and start with the events of another day. He's probably sleeping it off as I write this.

Scrappy is getting older, slower and none the brighter. A walk around the ½ mile block is fine with him. But if you pass the house to go around again he looks at you like you've gone insane.

So what gets an old dog or anyone motivated?

Have a passion for (or against) something. Scrappy has a passion against any kind of birds in his back yard. It overtakes his sluggishness and makes him feel more alive. Without a little assistance he would still be out there doing everything his measly little brain could think of to get those ducks moving. Is there something God honoring and worth-

while that gives you a reason to move, overcome a circumstance and really live?

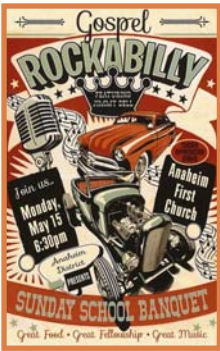
Have someone open the door for you. Very little gets done by yourself. There are some amazing individual achievers out there. But most of us get a lot more done together than alone. God may slide open the door or He may use you as part of a team to get something positive done.

Recover and rest. Living passionately requires rest and recovery. Most of us can't circle the pool endlessly without recovery. Jesus rested from the crowds, God took rest after creation and you need it too. Rest or rest will come and get you! Rest is sweeter when you're resting from doing good things!

Praying to see you soon,

Pastor Dan





ATTEND THE DISTRICT *SDMI BANQUET

Join us in showing your appreciation to all those who, week in & week out, are teaching in our local churches!

When: Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Place: Anaheim First Church (1340 N Candlewood, 92805).

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 per child (if registered by May 6 at District Assembly). Cost will be \$12 per person if registered later.

Contact Chrishanne Sternin (SDMI Chair) or call the church office to register.

*SDMI, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International

May Birthdays

Mike McHargue	03
Avalon Alves.....	12
Blanca Craig.....	12
Dave Kindell.....	15
Pedro Juarez.....	19
Erma Erhart.....	23
Loveta Ravize.....	23
Ashley Guardado.....	28

May Anniversaries

John and Sharrill Johnson.....	13
Mike and Maria Winship.....	18

PRAY! ■ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ■ MAY 4

Are you aware our nation has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May?

“The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.” (Public Law 105-225)

This year’s theme is *For Your Great Name’s Sake! Hear*

Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us! - from Daniel 9:19, which says, “O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...”. Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children’s earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

Pray for our nation, for our world, for your community!



CHURCH BOARD AND NMI COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attention Board Members



Church Board meeting—May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Call the church office before 3:00 p.m. that day if you can’t attend.

NMI Council

Your May meeting will be Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Call Teresa if you can’t attend.

ANAHEIM DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ■ MAY 5 AND 6

The 2017 Anaheim District Assembly will be held at Cerritos Crossroads Multinational Church (12229 E. Del Amo, Cerritos, 90703).

District Assembly opening service will be Friday, May 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

District Assembly business sessions will be Saturday, May 6 beginning at 8:30 a.m. ending at 3:30 p.m.

Ordination Service will also be

on May 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Elected delegates and ex-officio delegates need to attend Friday and Saturday meetings. If you are unable to attend, contact the church office or Debbie Kindell and an alternate will be sent.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the District Assembly services and meetings but only elected and ex-officio delegates are eligible to vote.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Come to Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School, Sunday mornings at 9:00. Donna Alves teaches the younger set, K-Grade 2; she also teaches the preschoolers during church time. I teach Grades 3-6 in the upstairs Children's Department area.

NOTE: The upstairs children's areas are back in working order! We have fresh paint and new carpet. I will again be teaching my Sunday School class upstairs.

Look What's Coming District Kids Kamp

July 17-21, at Oak Glen. See me or Rob McHargue for details

Plans for Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is planned for July 24-28. We will have a special guest speaker, Pastor Angie Hancock. Our theme is *Fun in the Sun*, using 1 John 3:1 as our main verse: *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*"

I will have a meeting soon to discuss and plan this amazing summer event!

Thoughts for May

Where has our time gone? It is amazing to me that we are entering the fifth month of the year. Time for summer plans: swim parties, barbeques, the beach, camping, Bible school. Time also to kick off your

shoes for a lazy afternoon (when you can find one). But maybe that is the point. Plans are great, but we also need downtime. We need to make time to appreciate what is right in front of us, be it a beautiful sunset, a delicious meal or a loved one. Let us not forget to spend time with God in the middle of our busyness. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus tells us: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

So go ahead and make plans for work and fun and relationships; but remember to keep it balanced.

Pastor Pat,
Children's
Pastor



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Ephesians 3:20-21 has been stuck in my head for days. Don't go chasing down your bible, it says: *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."* It always seems after Easter things move quickly. It's a great build up to Easter, then things go crashing down into a busy summer and by fall we are ready to drop. May is already upon us, I have no clue where the first four months of the year have gone, but they are definitely gone! As you are preparing your summer calendars, don't

forget to make time for your relationship with God. We get so busy we tend to forget, or decide we can do that later, only for later to never come. It's rather impossible for God to be able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine when we don't spend time with Him or allow Him to do so. We just had the peak of Easter. Keep in mind that Jesus loves you and wants to spend time with you every day, not just on Easter or on Sundays.

This month the youth have their last **Collide** of the Spring, it is happening **Sunday, May 7**, leaving the church at **4:00 p.m.** It'll be at Bolsa Chica, so make sure you bring your own beach chair, any water games you want, and lots of sun screen!

Our church youth activity for this month will be a **Day Hike** on **May 20**. Look for more info on that to come later.

We also have our much anticipated field event at Point Loma Nazarene University, **Elev8**; the theme for this year is **Restore**; **May 26-28**. This is an event I cannot attend, but I am working it out with other youth pastors from our district to take care of our youth as well as - or better than - I would.

Finally, Sam Nickles will be having his last choir concert this month. If you would like to attend, please let me know so we can get a group together.

~ Pastor Krystal
Youth Pastor

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Rest in the stillness of My presence while I prepare you for this day. Let the radiance

of My Glory shine upon you, as you wait on Me in confident trust. Be still and know that I am God. There is both a passive and an active side to trusting Me. As you rest in My presence focusing on Me, I quietly build bonds of trust between us. When you respond to the circumstances of your life with affirmations of trust, you actively participate in this process.

I am always with you, so you have no reasons to be afraid. Your fear often manifests itself in excessive planning. Your mind is so accustomed to this pattern of thinking that you are only now becoming aware of how pervasive it is and how much it hinders your intimacy with Me. Repent of this tendency and resist it, whenever you realize you are wandering down this well-worn path. Return to My presence, which always awaits you in the present moment. I accept you back with no condemnation.

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”
- Psalm 46:10

“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” - Romans 8:1

-Jesus Calling – Sarah Young

Attend Our Luncheon May 20, 2017

*“I am anchored in Jesus,
anchored in His love”*

We are going on a Cruise to Hawaii and hope that you will join us. Tickets are on sale before and after church. Invite your friends.

Ticket prices: age 5-12 is \$10, age 13 and up is \$17.

We are accepting donations for door prizes until May 14. Please see me if you have questions.



Secret Pal

Please keep your Secret Pal in your prayers and thoughts and remember that the reveal is on May 20 at the luncheon.

Book Club

Current book: *Every Waking Moment* by Chris Fabry: Treha Langsam is a mysterious

young woman who has fallen through the cracks, much like many of the elderly people she works with at the retirement Home. The director of the facility, Miriam, sees her special gift and untapped potential. Treha is a whisperer of sorts, calling those who have slipped into dementia back to a life of vibrant, if only temporary, clarity.

When Treha and Miriam's stories intertwine with a documentary team looking for stories of the elderly, Treha's gift is uncovered, and the search begins for answers to the mysteries of her past.



Thanks,
Michelle Ruth,
Women's Ministries President

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NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (NMI)

We have chosen "God is on the Move" as the theme for our Missions Council this year.

As I read mission books, I am amazed at the evidence of God's work around the world. Humans are called, humans obey, humans pray and give. But what we do is miniscule compared to the power of God to MOVE to accomplish His will. And His will is for "all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (2 Timothy 2:4) He uses ordinary people to do the extraordinary.

This past year, with your prayers, giving and serving, your council has been blessed with opportunities not only to be involved in world missions but also in serving in our community. Our monthly homeless ministry delivers an average of 45 lunches in Garden Grove. We were able to buy and do-

nate a hot water heater to a local church that provides showers for the homeless. We have packed dozens of Crisis Care Kits to aid people affected by disaster. Faith Promise and Alabaster giving as well as your support at the WinterFest and our annual Christmas Post we, as a church, continue to support world missions and compassionate ministries.

I thank you for the privilege to serve as your missions president. With a great council behind me, and the support of our church, it's going to be a great year!

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light.

Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight.

Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees.

Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free.

Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word.

I know God is on the move Hallelujah!

--God is on the Move, Seventh Time Down

Teresa Stauffer,
NMI President



OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

- Sunday School9:00 a.m.
- Hispanic study.....9:00 a.m.
- Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
- Hispanic Worship 10:00 a.m.
- Arabic Worship..... 12:00 noon
- The Huddle study.....4:30 p.m.
- Huddle Worship5:00 p.m.

Monday

- Academia Bíblica6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

- Hispanic prayer7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- Adult Bible study7:00 p.m.
- Huddle Bible study7:00 p.m.
- Teen Bible study7:00 p.m.
- Worship music7:00 p.m.

Thursday

- Academia Bíblica6:00 p.m.

Friday

- Hispanic study.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday

- Huddle rehearsal 10:30 a.m.

(If not specified, these times apply to our original English language congregation.)

God Bless the USA! Memorial Day - May 30, 2017



The Battlefield Cross

The helmet and identification tags signify the fallen soldier, their name never to be forgotten.

The inverted rifle with bayonet signals a time for prayer, a break in the action to pay tribute to our friend.

The combat boots, worn and dirty, represents the final march of the soldier's last battle.

Never forget...Some gave all!

MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1. Women's Ministries Meeting 6:30 PM	2.	3.	4. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5. Lunches for Homeless 9:30 AM District Assembly 7:00 PM	6. District Assembly 8:30 AM Ordination Service 6:00 PM
7. Arabic Feast (After their Worship) Collide 4:00 PM	8.	9. Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM	10.	11.	12.	13. The Huddle Prayer 7:00 AM
14. MOTHER'S DAY	15.	16.	17.	18. Women's Ministries Meeting 6:00 PM	19.	20. Ladies' Luncheon 10:30 AM Youth Day Hike (Time to be announced)
21.	22.	23. NMI Council Meeting 6:30 PM	24.	25.	26. Elev8 at PLNU	27.
28. Hispanic Lunch 11:30 PM Elev8 at PLNU	29. MEMORIAL DAY	30.	31.	<div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> This calendar reflects special events for the month as well as <u>new</u> studies, group meetings, or services. </div>		