



The River Report

With News of Happenings And Conditions On The River

January/February 2010

Mission and Vision Statement

Living Life Deep
And Wide

- *Relationship
- *Commitment
- *Mystery
- *Care
- *Growth
- *Tapestry



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Congregational Meeting

Our Constitution and Bylaws requires us to have at least two congregational meetings to conduct business per year, whether we need it or not. Most often we need it. This year, it does not appear that there is a need for two meetings to conduct business. When such a scenario occurs we set what we call a two minute congregational meeting during our worship hour to satisfy the requirements of our Constitution and Bylaws. This year that meeting will take place during worship on March 7. Of course, should a need arise for a longer meeting, we will inform the congregation and reschedule the March 7 date. Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation during which we elect officers and council members,

Changes in the Sanctuary

You may have noticed that our property team is working on changes in the Sanctuary. Our stained glass windows, some of them cracked, have been replaced with clear windows to allow more light into the sanctuary. We are presently making shadow boxes for the stained glass panels to mount and back light on the long wall in the front of the sanctuary. This will add even more light and beauty to our worship center. Additionally, we will shortly begin taking pledges for new carpeting and seating. A mock up section, to allow you to see the hoped for change, is being prepared in the area nearest the instrumental team. We will be dividing up the total cost of all chairs and carpeting on a per unit basis for a pledge drive we will begin shortly.

Baptism and Baptism Class

The next Sunday for believers to be baptized or confirm their infant baptism is Palm Sunday, March 28 during our Sunday Morning Service. The Sunday before, on March 21, a class explaining and readying you for baptism will take place at 9AM in the pastor's study. Put it on your calendar.

Thank you!!

The staff would like to express our thanks to the congregation

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Missionary to Thailand

Sunday, January 24th we will take time in our service to bless Kate Pham as she heads to Thailand for 12 months for mission works in refugee camps along the Burmese border. In recent years the Burmese government has carried out a campaign to rid its country of poor ethnic minorities. Finding themselves in impoverished squatter's villages, Kate will be joining a mission organization dedicated to the education and physical well-being of these victims of hatred. With the Thai government being friendly to Christian mission organizations, there exists the strong ability to share the gospel with these poor and dispossessed peoples. Kate is still about 30% short of what she needs by way of support for this year- long endeavor. Leading up to January 24th we will give you some ways that you can be part of her support team, both prayerfully and financially.

Miscellaneous News and Events on the On The River

Free Bible Study Software

If your goals for 2010 include getting a better knowledge of God's word, the free Bible software E-Sword may help you get started. The complete text of many different translations, study resources such as dictionaries, commentaries, maps and charts, are presented in fully customizable tiled windows. A search engine enables you to easily find topics, words, cross-references, and definitions. A calendar function will help you track your reading and study plans and prayer journals. Additional translations and resources can be added for nominal cost. Go to www.e-sword.net for this wonderful Christian growth tool.

Irene Pham

River Ladies:

We meet twice a month for lunch and dinner at different restaurants. Ladies of all ages are invited, so come join us and meet the ladies of our church! This month we are meeting at Don Ricardo's, located at 1230 E. Katella in Orange. Dinner is Jan. 7 at 6:30 pm and lunch is Jan. 21 at 11:30 am.

In February, we will be meeting at the Lazy Dog Café, located at 1623 W. Katella, Orange. Dinner is Feb. 4 at 6:30 pm and lunch is Feb. 18 at 11:30 am. Hope to see you there!

For more information call Diann Smith at (714-633-1514) or email her at timdiann@surfside.net.

Prayer Focus Meeting

Colossians 4:2 states "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving." Keeping alert refers to praying for specific needs rather than vague, unfocused generalities. Our next Prayer Focus gathering will be January 17 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. If you have a prayer request or want to join us please come or send your request to ehhess@iname.com.

Ash Wednesday

Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Dust, Fasting and Lent! What does this have to do with a special day on the church calendar called Ash Wednesday? Join us, Wednesday, February 17th from 7PM – 8PM for a special Ash Wednesday service. For those in the know, this will include the imposition of ashes.

Attendance & Finances

Date	Attendance	Gen. Fund
11/01	207	\$ 5,095.10
11/08	189	\$ 6,612.81
11/15	234	\$ 4,172.81
11/22	196	\$ 3,840.33
11/29	212	\$ 5,126.40
12/06	237	\$ 9,313.00
12/13	205	\$12,613.00
12/20	217	\$10,110.00
12/27	177	\$ 6,820.38

Weekly Offering Needed to Make Budget: **\$6,000.00**



Cora Riley	Jan 2
Stefanie Carlson	Jan 3
Kim Davis	Jan 3
Sandra Yungblut	Jan 4
Meghan Thomas	Jan 7
Greg Gremling	Jan 10
Michael Davis	Jan 12
Frank Riley	Jan 14
Jack Riley	Jan 18
Donna Pederson	Jan 23
Ed Hess	Jan 31
Bailey Meyer	Feb 2
Alice Fang	Feb 4
Elizabeth Maranon	Feb 7
John Verdugo	Feb 7
Mina Maranon	Feb 10
Sam Stenson	Feb 10
Bo Wooden	Feb 11
Sharon Aguilera	Feb 15
Elizabeth Rice	Feb 22
Stan Byrne	Feb 25

Happy Anniversary!!



Jim and Joanne Allen Feb 14

Get us your special dates:
New to the congregation?? Call the church office with your birthday and anniversary.

Giving

Giving for the month of December exceeded our budgeted weekly need for the month by approximately \$12,000.00. While this is good news for December, our income for the month also included all end of year giving was \$20,000.00 below the giving rate of last December. Our normal trend has been to see end-of-year giving catch us up on summer budget shortfalls, in addition to giving us a financial buffer heading into the new year. This year we find ourselves heading into the first week of the new year still \$9,000.00 short of our projected budget and heading into January with no buffer for the coming months. While it is a bit disconcerting to realize that end-of-year giving is definitely down this year, if we can keep our weekly average giving at \$6,000.00 we will be OK. Yes, your regular giving continues to be more important than many may realize.

Sunday Mornings

New Series: What Every Christian Should Remember

As we move into the New Year, there are some basics in our life with Jesus and each other that can be easily forgotten or pushed to the side. These basics have to do with how we look at God, ourselves and each other with regard to our own weaknesses, infirmities and failings. Ezekiel 47:9 says that "Where the River flows, everything will live!" If we are truly to be that church bringing life to all we touch then these basics will not only be ready reminders for our own lives, but life giving truths for the lives of those the Lord will use us to reach.

January 10 Remembering Mercy and Grace

The Lord is both merciful and gracious. These words are not synonymous. Do you know the difference?

January 17 Remembering Patience

People are going to irritate, fail and let you down. And while patience is a virtue, many believers forget a central reason for motivating patience for others and even ourselves.

January 24 Remembering the Prize

"Keep your eye on the prize!" That is how the saying goes. Still many of us really do not understand what the prize is, let alone how to keep our eye on it.

January 31 Remembering Time

Life has a way of just slipping past us. By the time of this sermon already one full month of 2010 will be gone. Sometimes it seems that life just happens and we forget to be purposeful in the use of each day the Lord gives us.

New Series: Love and Marriage

We thought we'd open February (Valentine's Month) with a sometimes fun, sometimes crazy, sometimes brutally honest series set to further strengthen marriages. A little out of the box at times, each message will begin with your pastor, singing (hopefully well) a standard love song and with our worship team and others bringing some creative offerings of their own. This is a series that every couple may benefit from.

Dreaming *Someone to Watch Over Me*

Focus: Singles looking for the day when they will meet and marry.

Celebrating *The Way You Look Tonight*

Focus: Song of Songs and descriptors of Bride and Groom as fun permission is given to really take your spouse in.

Longing *Beyond the Sea*

Focus: Longing to have your spouse long for you. Yes, we will be speaking of some areas of dysfunction. For this message all students through high school will be excused to a different class.

Refreshing *Help Yourself to My Love*

Focus: Keeping marriage fresh through the years. We are hoping this message is an absolute riot and are working to solidify a guest speaker. Depending on that speaker, we have not decided yet whether students will be excused to an alternative class.

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School starts up again on January 10th! Be sure to make the two hour commitment to go deeper into the Bible!! These classes are every Sunday at 9AM. See you there!





The Creek Preschool News

Preschool News



Chapel Days

We have a lot of fun at chapel! The kids have a blast learning more about Jesus at Chapel every other week! Throughout the school year, each class will have a turn leading the chapel services. Chapel begins at 11:40am and parents are always welcome to join us.

January 20th & 21st - The Orange Room will lead Chapel and tell the story of "The Man Who Said Thank You!"

February 3rd & 4th - The Purple Room will lead Chapel today. They will read the story of "The Wind that Obeyed".

February 17th & 18th - The Blue Room will lead Chapel today and read the story of "The Man Who Helped."

Music

Mrs. Karen, our beloved music teacher will be here on January 11th, 12th, 26th & 26th. She will also be here on February 8th, 9th, 22nd, & 23rd. The kids have enjoyed playing the glockenspiel, Indian drums, playing with finger-puppets, and other hand-made instruments.



Time to Register for Next Year!

February 1st is our in-house registration begins! Enjoy a discounted registration fee and guarantee a spot in our preschool or Kindergarten class next year by registering early! Spots go fast so come in today to enroll your little one 2 ½ years old through Kindergarten.

NO SCHOOL

January 18th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day - The Creek will be closed.

February 12th and 15th are Presidents Days - The Creek will be closed.

Daddy and Me Night

February 9th is our Daddy & Me Night at 6:30pm! This is a fun evening for your little ones to bring their Daddies (or special friends - Grandpas and Uncles are fun too!) to school to make a special craft, eat some munchies, and show off their classroom and all the things they have been doing in school!

Party Days

February 10th & 11th are Party Days! We will have our Valentines' Day parties at 11:15. Please sign up to bring something for the party!



Bake Sales

Each month, a different class hosts a Bake Sale. All donations earned go directly to the classroom hosting the Bake Sale! This is a great opportunity for you to help the classrooms purchase items on the teacher's wish lists that will directly help the children in her class.



Upcoming Bake Sale Dates are:

January 28th & 29th - The Blue Room

February 25th & 26th - The Orange Room



Children's Ministry

Children's Church:

	Preschool & K	1 st - 3 rd grade	4 th - 6 th grade
January 3	Greg & Nakki Sagehorn	Bob & Melissa Murphy	Paul & Dorene Gomez
January 10	Yolanda Byrne & Jack Riley	Glenn & Amy Thomas	Kim & Michael Davis
January 17	Jon & Rachel Verdugo	Jennifer Harvey & Amanda Gremling	Luc Sutherland
January 24	Greg & Nakki Sagehorn	Bob & Melissa Murphy	Paul & Dorene Gomez
January 31	Yolanda Byrne & Jack Riley	Glenn & Amy Thomas	Kim & Michael Davis
February 7	Jon & Rachel Verdugo	Jennifer Harvey & Amanda Gremling	Luc Sutherland
February 14	Greg & Nakki Sagehorn	Bob & Melissa Murphy	Paul & Dorene Gomez
February 21	Yolanda Byrne & Jack Riley	Glenn & Amy Thomas	Kim & Michael Davis

Nursery Schedule:

January 3	Tawnya Rybarczyk, Melita Sutherland, Val & Sandra Yungblut & Susan Richardson
January 10	Nelda Snow, Cora Riley, Dan & Angelica French, Vera Gremling, & Jenna Aquino
January 17	Debbie Licata, Elizabeth Rice, Eva & Holly Luttrell
January 24	Tawnya Rybarczyk, Melita Sutherland, Val & Sandra Yungblut, & Susan Richardson
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Sunday School

Sunday School is a great time for the kids to experience an intense hour of Bible teaching where they will be challenged in their Bible basics and knowledge. What could possibly be more important than teaching our children about the great God we serve? Not to mention the fact that the kids have a blast! If you haven't started joining in on Sunday School yet - now is a GREAT time to start!



Youth Group Calendar



Junior High Tuesday and Wednesday Nights:



Students 6-8th grade, join us for Youth Group on the following nights and times:

Wednesday, January 13, 7:30-9:00PM

Tuesday, January 19, 7:00-9:00PM

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-8:30PM

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00-8:30PM

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30-9:00PM

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00-8:30PM (Ash Wed. Service)

Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-9:00PM



Junior High Winter Retreat::



Junior Highers are headed up to Alpine Camp and Conference Center in the Lake Arrowhead area for Winter Retreat January 8-10 with brother sister counseling duo, Rachel and Josh Wooden. Talk about fun! It may still be possible to register, but you need to call the office right away to see about space availability. We leave from the church parking lot at 1PM on Friday January 8. Think Snow!



High School Wednesday Nights:



We meet each Wednesday Night for Youth Group January 13th through February 24th from 7:30-9:00PM. The exception will be Ash Wednesday (February 17th) when we will all gather at 7PM for an Ash Wednesday Service.



**ALL MID-WEEK MEETINGS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 12th & 13th
AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK IS OVER. SEE YOU SOON!!**

Adult Ministries & Miscellaneous

Small Groups Lessons

Small groups have now been put together for the our January – March session, as our groups undertake a DVD based Small Group Study every other week for a total of six sessions. Our next small group session will begin in April, from the week after Easter to Father's day in June. That final study will be a verse-by-verse study of a book of the Bible still to be selected. If you are not now presently in a small group, or have taken a break for this quarter, consider being a part of small groups for our April session.

Deepen the Love in Your Marriage

In addition to our sermon series on Love and Marriage, we will begin a six week series for couples based on the Song of Songs (written by Solomon). The Bible teaches that God's spiritual love, intimacy and oneness is in the husband and wife relationship of marriage. In this six week seminar, you will learn how to apply biblical truths about the deep intimate relationship God wants for married couples. Taking place Friday nights from 7PM-8:30PM in our sanctuary, join us for six challenging 90-minute sessions beginning February 19.

Adult 9am Class

Dave Holland: An Overview of Hebrews

With a comprehensive overview of Hebrews one to ten, David Holland will continue teaching on the Inductive Method of Bible Study working through the remainder of Hebrews. This Bible study, will begin again on Sunday, January 17 and will run through February. All are welcomed to this profitable series.

Adult Sunday school resumes Sunday, January 10 at 9 am.

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Dated Material

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Darren Scott, Chairman

Fellowship And Fun

Lunch After Church @ In-N-Out on Sunday, Jan 17: Right after service we'll head over to In-N-Out on Chapman for grub and fellowship. That's what a church is all about!

Family Bowling Night - Sunday, January 24 @ 4:00 - 6:00 pm: Kids, show the old man he's over the hill once and for all. Parents, show your kids who's still got it in the ultimate test of athleticism. That's right ...Bowling! Win generational honor and respect and other small prizes organized by the Fellowship Team. Estimated cost will be \$13.00/person for 2 hours plus shoes. (Final cost may vary slightly depending on the number of people who sign up.)

Winter Potluck - Sunday, Jan 31: Immediately following the Sunday service, join our church family for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Look for the flyer in the church bulletin for what to bring.

Watch the bulletin for more upcoming events!

*Come and join the Fellowship Team, helping with special events or serving coffee!
If you are interested, please call Brad Nygren, Council Chair for Fellowship (714-633-7622).*