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Worship the Lord with Us

Sunday Mornings

- 10:00am Adult Sunday School
- 10:30am AMPM Sunday School
- 11:30am Worship Service
- 12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

Tuesdays

- 10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 11:00am New Lifer's -Seniors
1st Wednesday of the month
- 7:30pm Young Adult Ministry
3rd Wednesday of the month

Friday Night Fellowship

- 7:30pm Adults/Family Fellowship
& Kids Club
- 7:30pm AMPM Youth Fellowship
for Middle – High Schoolers
- 8:00pm Ext. 777 College Fellowship
Call church office for information

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Teacher Dedication and Blessing

September 27, 2015



ADULT & HUGS: Ed Joe, Celeste Wong, Ewin Grace

FRESH START CLASS: Helen Park & Sheree Low

EXT 777: Jon & Cheryl Chen, Amy Wong

AMPM: Laura Terasaki

Kids For Christ (KFC): Amy Wong, Crystal Lee & Nick Cota

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Wong, Dianna Wong & Mabel Joe

NURSERY: Cheryl Chen, Karen Wong

Not all the teachers are present in the above photo



Diz, Jazz & FOMO

*The Spirit in me
greets the Spirit in you.*

Recently, my friend, Keith, sent me a recording in which his jazz ensemble played a tribute piece to celebrate the birthday of John Birks Gillespie (better known as jazz legend "Dizzy" Gillespie) who introduced to the world *bebop*—a jazz style known by its fast tempo, harmonies, and improvisations—with his trademark bent-up trumpet.

After listening to the soundtrack, I thought of the book, *Blue Like Jazz*, in which author Donald Miller writes, "Jazz music was invented by the first generation out of slavery. I thought that was beautiful because, while it is music, it is very hard to put on paper; it is so much more a language of the

Welcoming our New Member

November 1, 2015



November 1, 2015, Nicolas Alexander Cota was welcomed as a new member by Pastor Jerry and the Ext 777 group.

soul. And that is the closest thing I know to Christian spirituality. A music birthed out of freedom. Everybody sings their song the way they feel it, everybody closes their eyes and lifts up their hands."

Often in our musical worship, we close our eyes and lift up our hands to God. In doing so, I believe we are called to "Be still in the presence of the Lord and wait patiently for him to

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Missions



On Saturday, September 26th, volunteers from Cornerstone got up early in the morning to help support the **Walk for Independence** (a walkathon and health fair) hosted by Project Independence that was held at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa. Volunteers signed up to help, walk, and donate prizes. After the walk, over 200 clients and supporters earned points for tickets to win the many donated prizes. What a fun day for all! †



Tracy Hall of Project Independence with one of her friendly clients.



Pam Fitch with wonderful coaches Reggie Blanchard and Sue Hewitt who have helped Walter for over 10 years.

Young Adult Ministry

Cornerstone now has a Young Adult Ministry to meet the needs of post-college adults! The group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Jon and Cheryl Chen's home. For more details, email Cheryl at chen.cheryl.d@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child by Celeste Wong

We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. OCC is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization led by Franklin Graham. They distribute gifts packed in shoeboxes to children in third world countries along with the message that God loves them. Here's where you come in:

1. **Pack a BOX to give to a child.**
Go to samaritanspurse.org for detailed instructions.
2. **Bring your box with your shipping donation to church by Nov. 15th.**
3. **If you want to be an extra blessing, volunteer to work in the local OCC Processing Warehouse during the following time slots:**

If you would like to volunteer, please let Celeste Wong know which times you would like to join so she can send you an invitation with all the information. This year, the location will be in Santa Ana, off of MacArthur Boulevard.

- TUESDAY, Dec. 1st, 9 am–1 pm
- FRIDAY, Dec. 4th, 6-10 pm
- FRIDAY, Dec. 11th, 7-10 pm
- SATURDAY, Dec. 19th, 9 am–1 pm
(This one may be canceled depending upon how many boxes are received at the warehouse) †

Meet our New Worship Leader



Stephen Tafoya with wife Ashley and son Benjamin

From the Pastor *Cont'd from Page 1*

act" (Psalm 37:7) so we may marinate not only in the God Tunes, but in the God Things as well. If we're too much in a hurry and skip the "be still" part, we'll experience the millennial angst of FOMO—*Fear of Missing Out*—and fail to see that God is active in and around us. FOMO, then, may cause us to be busier than necessary.

One of many authors I follow is John Ortberg (can you tell I like reading books?). In *The Life You've Always Wanted*, Ortberg describes the fast pace of his life and asks his spiritual mentor, Dallas Willard (author of *The Divine Conspiracy: A Guide to Living the Life Jesus Intends for Us*), for advice. Willard simply says, "You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life." That's it.

This wise friend could have given Ortberg a laundry list of things to do that would have aligned his spirit with the Almighty. But that's all he suggested. There's nothing else but to ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life. Brilliantly simple, don't you think? But what would that look like and, maybe more importantly, *how* would you accomplish that when we live the paradox of being Christian in a success-driven world?

We live a hurrying world; and yet, God commands us to be *still*. In Christian monastic practice, there is something known as *statio*. This is the moment between moments, or the pause between those times when you are doing things. You already experience this several times a day when you are figuring out what to do next or when you take a momentary break to regroup. With *statio* you make the pause intentional.

So, rest in the now-moment. Enjoy some *bepop jazz*. And transition FOMO to a single mindful, desire-free breath and recognize there is no other time but this to cherish with God and one another.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Jerry †

Missions

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Thank you for your generous support of Project Independence. We were able to present your mission gifts of \$668.00 to Debra Marsteller, the Executive Director of PI after the delicious lunch prepared by the Purple Connection group. They were very appreciative of our volunteers who helped wrap and prepare the gift baskets for the walk as well as

the volunteers who manned the Opportunity table at the Walk for Independence on Sept. 26th. The PI staff enjoyed the music, the service, the message and they also couldn't believe that we have lunch every Sunday after service!

Thank you all for caring and for your generosity to help enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Blessing to you all, Wei-ling Louie †



**Sept 26, 2015
Mission Project**

We had 19 volunteers from Cornerstone UMC help with the Walk for Independence in September. Several helped with filling and wrapping gift baskets, and others helped at the Walk, manning the Opportunity tables and the Food tables. It was a really fun day. Tracy Hall, the Development Manager, along with Debra Marsteller, the Executive Director, and staff member, Vincent, came to Cornerstone on October 11th to give a short presentation about Project

Independence and how this non-profit group helps adults with disabilities become more independent ... the Life Coaches help each individual with everything from helping them to learn how to handle their own finances, organize their apartments, shop, find employment, and manage their own lives. Your October Mission gifts of \$668.00 was presented to Project Independence, and they were extremely thankful for your generosity. Thank you so much. †

AMPM Happenings

by Laura Terasaki

Christmas Grams

It's that time of year again...Mark your calendars for AMPM's Annual Christmas Grams Fundraiser. Each year, the youth sell and collect Christmas cards that you write to your beloved friends and family in the church and then work diligently like Santa's elves to deliver them during our Sunday lunch fellowships in December. The Youth Group will be selling them on November 22nd and 29th, and then distributing them the first few weeks of December. Last year, some people asked us to distribute gifts as well but this year we are keeping it to just cards. Thank you for supporting the Youth Ministry program.

Sunday School

Growing up, my dad was my Sunday School teacher for many years. As a young teen, I always was embarrassed to have my dad teaching us the Bible story year-after-year. Now, looking back, I am grateful for his service because even though I thought he was very "uncool", those stories were planted in my heart, and helped shape me to become the person I am today in my walk with the Lord. Now, decades later, I follow in his footsteps and enjoy teaching Sunday School each week.

This Fall, the youth have begun a series called "The Way I'm Wired." The goal of the series is to help see how God has intentionally prepared

and designed each of the youth to make a difference in the Kingdom of God. The series calls for deep personal reflection on the values, qualities, and spiritual gifts that God has given to each one of us. Each week, we watch a DVD lesson, and then complete worksheet activities to help us think deeply about who we are and how we can grow more fully into becoming the person God wants us to be. I've been so impressed with the thoughtful discussions and sharing that have been happening each week.

If you are a teen and this series sounds fun to you – it's not too late to join! We would love to have you any Sunday at 10:30AM in the Youth Room. †

Trunk or Treat!

October 30, 2015

Happy Halloween!! Cornerstone hosted a successful "Trunk or Treat" event this year. If you don't know what "Trunk or Treat" means, it's an event where cars with open decorated trunks are lined up in the parking lot. Kids come around in their Halloween costumes and "Trick or

Treat" for candy going from trunk to trunk. More than a hundred kids came to "Trunk or Treat" with us, and stayed for Arts & Crafts, Face-painting, and basketball. A scrumptious dinner was served for everyone who worked so hard to prepare. There were lots of spooky, Halloween-themed car decorations but we also

had a smoke-breathing dragon (courtesy of Anita), and a Camp Retreat-themed car (Pastor Jerry & Julie) where you could toast marshmallows over a campfire for S'mores. We had a great turnout from the community, friends, and family, and enjoyed fun and fellowship with all. †



Extension 777 Sunday – October 25, 2015

Our college group, Extension 777, led worship one Sunday in October with songs of praise, skits, videos of personal testimonies (by Alina Viera, Matt Chai, and Jillian Lees), and a sermon on Vulnerability by Nick Cota.



Introducing the Ext. 777 Leadership Team!



Exciting things are happening in Cornerstone's college group. I would like to introduce you to Ext. 777's new leadership team: Matt Chai, Nick Cota, Katie Low, Ryan Low and Karen Wong.

Jon and I wanted to train future leaders of both Ext. 777 and Cornerstone, and set out by selecting these five to help manage, lead, and direct the group. We're very excited to be mentoring these five as we continue exciting things with our college stu-

dents. We prayerfully considered the gifts, talents, and passions of the members of our group before deciding on these final five.

We ask that you continue to pray for them as they stretch their wings. Also, help them develop their individual leadership skills by giving them the same respect as you would any other leader at church! These young adults have a lot to offer, both spiritually and emotionally! †

New Lifers

October 7, 2015

New Lifers learned so much about themselves when Clarice Lew and Judy Dickerson presented important information on Alzheimer's, Care Giving,

and Long Term Care. Recognizing the subtle symptoms of Alzheimer's can be slow and bewildering. Action and research on the part of the family is imperative. Ideally, problems need

solutions before you need answers! Does that make sense?! It sure does! Thank you, Clarice and Judy, for sharing your experiences. †

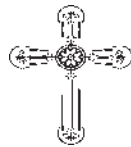


All Saints' Day



November 1, 2015

Absent from the body...present with the Lord!



Chan, Cook Chor

Brother of May Quon
Entry to Earth: April 11, 1939
Homegoing: October 27, 2014

Hon, Thomas W.

Brother of Myrna Chow
Entry to Earth: January 13, 1920
Homegoing: December 12, 2014

Hawkins, Blanchette

Mother of Betty McGill
Entry to Earth: October 27, 1932
Homegoing: November 25, 2014

Mew, Elizabeth C.

Wife of Raymond Mew
Entry to Earth: March 8, 1942
Homegoing: December 29, 2014

Kashiwagi, Brent Arthur

Cousin of Cheryl Hasegawa & Kevin Okada
Entry to Earth: April 9, 1959
Homegoing: December 24, 2014

Gardner, Lindsay & daughter Hailey

Niece & great niece of Ewin & Robert Grace
Entry to Earth: April 6, 1987 & December 1, 2013
Homegoing: January 13, 2015

Chinn, Ebert M.

Brother-in-law of Eleanor Wong
Entry to Earth: March 20, 1927
Homegoing: February 2, 2015

Louie, Sherry Eng

Sister-in-law of Bock Louie
Entry to Earth: November 15, 1936
Homegoing: February 21, 2015

Lee, Don Wai

Father of John Lee
Entry to Earth: October 25, 1925
Homegoing: February 26, 2015

Yee, Eugene

Nephew of Minnie Lou
Entry to Earth: January 10, 1959
Homegoing: February 17, 2015

Byrne, Christopher

Nephew of Ewin & Robert Grace
Entry to Earth: June 28, 1986
Homegoing: March 29, 2015

Sam, Annie

Sister of Arthur Yee
Entry to Earth: November 27, 1925
Homegoing: July 27, 2015

Hunter, James

Nephew of Joyce Wong
Entry to Earth: May 26, 1959
Homegoing: September 17, 2015

Shum, James

Brother-in-law of Joyce Wong
Homegoing: September 17, 2015

Tang, Edward F.

Uncle of Stacey Loy Wong
Entry to Earth: May 27, 1945
Homegoing: October 21, 2015

...and all whom we name in our hearts and now rest in God's glory. †