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## Worship the Lord with Us

#### Sunday Mornings

9:00am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:30am Worship Service 12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

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10:00am Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesdays

10:00am New Life Fellowship - Seniors 1st Wednesday of the month 7:30pm BASIC Fellowship for Young Adults 1st & 3rd Wed of the month

#### Friday Night Fellowship

7:45pm TGIF Adult Bible Journaling Class 7:30pm AMPM Youth Fellowship for Middle – High Schoolers

7:30pm EXTRA College/Career Group

Contact church office for meeting locations. Days and times are subject to change.

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The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian and development branch of the United Methodist Church. Although funds received by UMCOR can support a variety of initiatives, our May Mission offering of \$470 was directed to support UMCOR's greatest need to fight hunger and poverty, to assist the displaced, and to support UMCOR's response to disasters. 100% of our gift will be used to support vulnerable people and their communities. Some other areas that churches can choose to designate support for at UMCOR include US disaster response, international disaster response, sustainable development, global migration, and global health.

June's mission offering of \$432 was given to Threshold Ministries for the support of our student in China, Liu Yang. The money we send enables Liu Yang to attend

## **Missions**

Stacey Loy Wong

school, have food and clothes, and provides a future for him that he would not have had otherwise.



Here is a drawing that we recently received from him. Cornerstone also received a letter from Threshold Ministries that expressed their students' appreciation for the support they receive from sponsoring churches. On behalf of the missions committee, we thank you for your loving gifts in support of those in need. **†** 

## Bill Chan's World War II Profile

If you get a chance, go to **https://www.caww2.org/the-project**. Then, click on the "Approved CGM Veterans" tab in the upper right. Select **United States Navy** block, which will open a list of names. Scroll down to find William Chan in Red Font where you can read his profile.

This whole public database supports the legislative bill (Publication L. 115-337) that was signed into law by the President in December 2018 for the recognition of those specific Chinese Americans that served in WWII between 1943 and 1946. Bill Chan is one of those last remaining living WWII veterans. Every one of the submitted stories about the veterans reflect the uniqueness of each veteran and their personal struggles with racial discrimination and survival in America. A formal ceremony in November 2019 by Senator Nancy Pelosi is scheduled for Washington DC, while other regional ceremonies will be conducted around the country where there are many numbers of living Chinese American veterans and/or their families, to be honored to receive a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

Bill Chan's Profile - (Cont'd on pg. 2)

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#### Bill Chan's Profile - Cont'd from Pg. 1

The Chinese Alliance WWII Project is still accepting submission of documentation, if you know of any WWII Chinese American veterans.

Thanks to John & Anita Lee and Betty Loh-Chen for helping Bill submit all the necessary documents and photos to the Chinese Alliance WWII website. **†** 



Happy 94th Birthday, Bill Chan May 16, 1925

May 12, 2019

## **Mother's Day**

Thanks to all the men and kids for a wonderful Mother's Day luncheon. The ladies and all enjoyed the hilarious antics and fun-filled entertainment of the Beeg Cheese Trio and the excellent lunch! We were brought back to the late 70's, for those of us who were around then, with "Stayin' Alive," "How Deep Is Your Love?" and "More Than A Woman." What a joy and a blessing! God is good, all the time...all the time, God is good. †





The Beeg Cheese: Alex Yu, Brad Chinn & Dick Chow





Our Mothers with the Beeg Cheese

## Class of 2019

June 2, 2019

## Congrats and God's blessings to all our 2019 Graduates!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



## **High School Graduates**

#### Christina Lea Boyd

Graduated from Mission Viejo High School and she plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

#### Kiana Brackenridge

Graduated from Dana Hills High School and she plans to double major in Physics and Business Finance at Boston College.

#### Sean Brackenridge

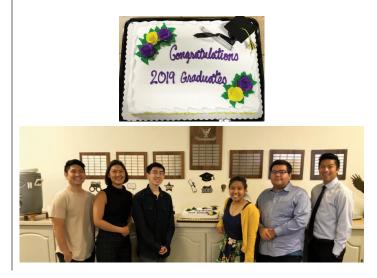
Graduated from College Prep Academy and he plans to study Computer Science and Nutrition at Irvine Valley College.

#### Andrew Jordan Fong

Graduated from Brea Olinda High School and he plans to study Engineering at CSU Fullerton.

#### Caris Park

Graduated from El Dorado High School and she plans to study Biochemistry at Vanguard University.





## **College & Post College Graduates**

#### Monica Chen

Graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Midwestern University, College of Veterinary Medicine. She has an internship at VCA Animal Referral and Emergency Center in Mesa, Arizona.

#### Scott Christopher Lee

Graduated from CSU Fullerton with a BS in Computer Engineering. He will be working at Moxa in Brea as an Applications Engineer.

#### Crystal Janelle Lee

Graduated from CSU Fullerton with a BS in Nursing. She plans to pass the State Boards for her RN and work in the ICU.

#### James M Lowe

Graduated from Fullerton College with an AA in Arts and Human Expression. He works at Radisson Country Inn and Suites in Anaheim.

#### **Baylee Rogers**

Graduated from UC Los Angeles with a BS in Psychobiology and Minor in Global Health. She plans to apply for a Masters in Public Health Programs and works as a consultant for a communications firm.

#### Garrett Ming Wong

Graduated from CSU Long Beach with a BS in Business Finance. He will be working at Morgan Stanley Wealth Advisors and plans to get his Real Estate License.

#### **Kevin Tyler Wong**

Graduated from UC Irvine with a BS in Computer Science and Engineering. He is currently working as a DevOps Engineer at Avetta in Irvine.

#### Joshua William Yu

Graduated from UC Irvine with a Masters in Biomedical Engineering. He plans to work as a Research Engineer on cardiovascular and other medical devices.

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## Father's Day

June 16, 2019



Happy Father's Day and thanks to all the women and kids for the delicious luncheon and all-star entertainment! Thanks to Arleen Hasegawa and Suzy Brackenridge for bringing in the mystery guests: Sonny & Cher singing, "I Got You Dad," the Madonnas with "Cereal World," and the finale of the Village People with "D-A-D-A!" Anything for a laugh and a fun time as we honored all of the amazing men. **†** 











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## Ode to My Father - A Father's Day Tribute

June 16, 2019

Has something happened in your life that left you wondering "why God, why"? Mine occurred when I was three years old. My family owned and operated a small grocery store in San Francisco. One day, my sister went into our store and was headed to the back kitchen for lunch. She was wondering why everyone was so quiet. Our store was in the middle of a robbery. One of the robbers came after my sister and my father tried to protect her. My father was shot and later died at the hospital.

Growing up without a father had some uncomfortable moments. Preparing crafts for Father's Day in elementary school was tough. I had no father to give my item to and yet was forced to make one anyway. By the time I was in middle school, I was old enough to fill out all my own school forms. While filling out the Emergency Card, I'd come across the section on "Father Info". At 12 years old, I didn't know what to write. Should I say "none"? But that was strange. So, I learned how to spell "deceased".

During my college years, I began staying with my brother in Buena Park during winter and summer

breaks. He started attending Cornerstone and brought me along. I was slowly discovering God and eventually moved to Southern California after graduating. I joined YAF, our college group, led by Esther Liu (Chan). One Sunday, Esther was preaching, and she said, "God never takes anything away without filling it up with himself." That one sentence hit me like a ton of bricks. I was crying in the pews because I finally understood why my father was taken away from me over twenty years ago. My mother had accepted Christ when she was living in Hong Kong but gave up her faith when she married my father, who was Buddhist. If my father was still alive, I wonder if my mom and siblings would have ever become Christians or would we be Buddhist? Would I have moved to Southern California and met Bob?

Now that I've answered one of my "why" questions, I am more at peace. God took me on a journey to discover Him and has blessed me with a loving family. I hope it doesn't take twenty years for you to find your answers.

Selina Yee **†** 



# Farewell Pastor SonHye Kim

June 23, 2019 (Cont'd)

We are so thankful and blessed to have had Pastor SonHye Kim here at Cornerstone for the last three years. Please lift her up in your prayers as she departs for her new position, as pastor of the Ala Lani UMC in Maui, Hawaii, on July 1, 2019. Her updated contact info: 41 Wahi Hoolaha St., Kahului, HI 96732. **†** 















