

20's, 30's & 40's
December
Activities

20/40



You Must Sign Up & Pay In Advance

**New Year's Eve
Harbor Cruise**
9:30 PM - 12:30
Newport Beach
Cost: \$40
All Ages Welcome

**20/40
Dinner**

Wednesdays

7:00 PM

&

Meet At

Church Office

41 Post, Irvine

**BIBLE
STUDY**

**This group Will Not
Meet This Month**

20/40 LUNCHEON
Dec 19, After Church



5485 Alton Parkway
Irvine

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Newsletter

December, 2015



Good News... The Good Old Days...

By Pastor Ken Studer

In the U.S., in the 1960's Mayberry was the mythical television town of Andy Griffith and Barney Fife. Times were simple, safe and slow. Andy and his television family would often sit on the front porch in rocking chairs and communicate. I mean they actually talked to each other.

In the 1970's, the television Waltons became an overnight sensation by depicting a family living in the 1930's and 1940's. John Boy and his family, including grandma and grandpa, lived in a Virginia farmhouse and sometimes they went to the nearby general store. Times were simple, safe and slow.

Those simple, safe and slow days were real. There were no computers, cell phones, video games, Star Wars or Dancing With The Stars. Life was tough without all the automations but it was simple, safe and slow.

Those days are gone forever. They are but a distant memory of a time that once was, but will never be again.

Since 9/11/01, things got complicated in the U.S.— metal detectors, airport security, random acts of gun violence, terrorist threats and attacks.

The recent terrorist attacks in Paris show just how vulnerable the world is. If it could happen in Paris, it could happen in Los Angeles! The simple, safe and slow days are no more. The world has changed and those of us who were fortunate enough to have lived during those simple, safe and slow days were truly blessed.

In the good old days, store personnel would often say, "Merry Christmas" at this time of year. Now, it is, "Happy Holidays."

Yes, modern life is quite different than it used to be. I think it makes believers long for a simple, safe and slow time again. We know, however, that heaven is the only place that will be better than the good old days. It is Good News that we have the Prince of Peace.

Viewpoints

DISCUSSION SERIES @ 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

DECEMBER SCHEDULE:



This month in Viewpoints we continue our series on how to answer some of the difficult questions about Christianity that people ask. How are we sure there is a God? Why does it matter which religion you belong to? Why is there suffering in the world? Our video series is

The Reason for God by Tim Keller. Join us each week in the Church Sanctuary at 10:00 AM for Viewpoints!

Dec 05: Why Does God Allow Suffering?

Dec 12: No Viewpoints—Feast of Breads

Dec 19: No Viewpoints—Children's Christmas Program

Dec 26: Why is The Church Against So Many People?

December Worship Schedule

This month we have two special Christmas programs for our worship service. On the 12th we have our annual Christmas Concert and on the 19th we have our annual Children's Christmas program.

12/05 Ask The Pastor

12/12 Christmas Concert—La Sierra University Chamber Singers

12/19 OCC Children's Christmas Program

12/26 Communion Service

Christmas Need Drive

Assisting the Eli Home

Which Provides Shelter Homes For Abused Women & Children In O.C.

Breaking the Cycle of Child Abuse

Needs List

Toilet paper, Paper towels

Antibacterial hand soap,

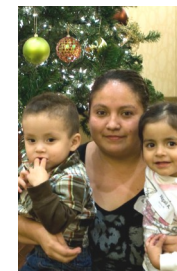
Shampoo and conditioner

Antibacterial hand sanitizer, Dish soap

Toothbrush, Toothpaste

Laundry detergent, Dryer sheets,

Any non-perishable food items



Fill a red shopping bag and return it to the church. Bags may be picked up at church on December 5 or 12 or any time prior to the 20th at the church office.

(Return bags at the December 19th Service)

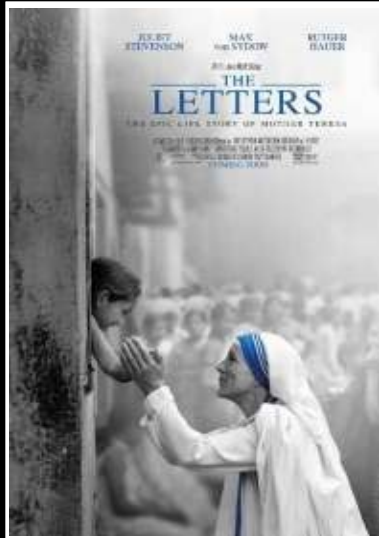


OCC Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13, 4-7 PM

This year's Christmas party will be at Dr. Gus and Lara Tooma's home, 251 South Peralta Hills, Anaheim. We will have great food, fun and fellowship. Come anytime between 4-7 PM. Please sign up. Printed directions to the Tooma home are available in the rear of the church on Saturdays and at the church office. We can also email or text them. Each family attending should bring an appetizer to feed 24.

December YOUTH EVENTS



Saturday, December 5, 5 PM

**Dinner & Movie
At
Irvine Spectrum
Meet At Ruby's Dinner
Cost: \$10**

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Youth Meeting

Friday, December 11, 7 PM

Recycling

The youth and young adults are collecting aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles for recycling. Items must have California CRV. This is a fund raising project. Please bring recyclables to the church office.



**Sat, Dec 12, 5 PM
Youth Game Night**



Bring your favorite card, board, dice, or domino game. Meet at the church office, 41 Post, Irvine. Food Provided. Cost: \$5.

December Birthdays

Johanna Rath	December 1
Levi De Souza	December 2
Claudia Selmi	December 2
Anna Galera	December 3
Wynter Pepper	December 3
John Carrillo	December 4
Edwin Dompas	December 5
Pedro Marinotti	December 5
Carlos Ramos	December 6
Kelsi Weathers	December 6
Lanie Miller	December 7
Gerry Rosario	December 7
Brian Case	December 9
Franco Dennis	December 9
Joshua Chung	December 10
Bonnie Lee	December 10
Vanessa Cheng	December 11
Sheeva Lotfian	December 12
Kristi Allen	December 13
Isabelle Howard	December 13
Linda Suarez	December 13
Faith Azuogu	December 14
Cason Collins	December 14
Ched Nwagwn	December 14
Brad Blackburn	December 15
Juliette Ramirez	December 15
Nicholas Sims	December 15
Angela Wilson	December 15
Melinh Do	December 17
Liz Kryger	December 17

Gracelyn Reece	December 17
Myrna Esposito	December 18
Chris Jones	December 18
Carissa Thompson	December 18
Julie Cohen	December 19
Oliva Guillen	December 19
Benji N. Ortiz	December 19
Judy Tarr	December 20
Christian Caputo	December 21
Sheena Chappell	December 21
Wayne Kennedy	December 21
Collette Currie	December 23
Keaton Currie	December 23
Cliff Merkel	December 23
Beverly Purvis	December 24
YuAn Chang	December 25
Rhonda Cort	December 25
Kirkham Hake	December 25
Christopher Keeler	December 25
Bryan Suarez	December 25
Yelena Nielson	December 26
Delwyn Pickering	December 26
Greg Walters	December 26
Patrick Clark	December 27
Pete Frey	December 27
BichDu Do	December 28
AJ Kon	December 29
Miguel Lagos	December 29
Nikta Lotfian	December 29
Kimia Fahimi	December 31

December Calendar

Dec 5 SAC Lunch
Dec 5 Youth Dinner & Movie
Dec 12 No Sabbath School Classes
Dec 12 Feast of Breads
Dec 12 Christmas Concert @ 11 AM
Dec 12 Youth Game Night
Dec 13 OCC Christmas Party
Dec 19 Kids' Christmas Program
Dec 19 No Sabbath School Classes
Dec 19 Eli Home Emphasis
Dec 19 20/40 Luncheon @ CPK
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Cruise

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Saturday After Church Lunch



December 5
14952 Sand Canyon
Irvine

Feast of Breads December 12



This year's Christmas concert will be preceded by the ***Feast of Breads*** at 9:45 AM. The ***Feast of Breads*** is an elaborate brunch in the Hub. Each family is asked to bring their favorite holiday beverage, pastry or other goody to share. Bible study classes and *Viewpoints* will not meet on December 12. Instead, please enjoy the Feast of Breads!

OCC Christmas Concert Saturday, Dec 12, 11 AM



This year's Christmas concert features the La Sierra University's Chamber Singers.