



## Good News... Forgiveness...

By Pastor Ken Studer

Last month 21 year-old Dylann Storm Roof killed nine people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The victims were attending a Prayer Meeting/Bible Study class.

The all black church had lovingly welcomed Dylann into their midst, even though Dylann was white. Dylann participated in the Prayer Meeting for more than an hour and then suddenly pulled out a gun and started shooting. He explained that he had to do something about the black problem in the U.S. because no one else was doing anything.

Many of us were not surprised when we heard of the shootings because we have sadly become accustomed to mass killings in schools, theaters, shopping malls, marathons, airplanes, airports etc. The shock factor was missing because we have to expect such craziness from time to time.

Roof was a high school dropout who abused alcohol and used illegal drugs. Somehow he became exposed to racist philosophies and committed this horrible hate crime.

What is amazing to me is the response of the black congregation. Nearly all of the victims' families said that even though Roof had inflicted unbearable and irreversible harm to them, they forgive him.

One might expect rioting in the streets or other types of demonstrations, but no—forgiveness.

Why? These people were Christians. They were full of love, not hate. They weren't pretend Christians or so-called nominal Christians. They were legitimate followers of Jesus Christ and under the absolute worst circumstances they were still able to forgive. Thank God for such witnesses.

Roof either had a mental illness or allowed Satan access to his mind and made terrible choices. Either way, legitimate followers of Christ could forgive.

The Good News is that God loves and forgives us even more!

# Viewpoints

DISCUSSION SERIES @ 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

## JULY SCHEDULE:



This month in Viewpoints we will build on our lessons from a few months back on how to stay financially sound. The first step requires us to be content with what God has given us. We will tackle the issue of how to stay connected to God in the midst of our consumer-driven, materialistic, and often shallow culture. We will discuss how to find Biblical yet practical directions toward a lifestyle that results in

great satisfaction without all the "stuff" we are told we need. Join us each week in the church sanctuary at 10:00 AM for Viewpoints!

**July 04: The School of Contentment**

**July 11: The Blessings in Your Life**

**July 18: How to Fast at Spending**

**July 25: The Challenge of Affluence**

## July Worship Schedule

This month Pastor Ken will have a special patriotic sermon on July 4. Then he will begin a sermon series entitled: *Coping in the 21st Century*.

**07/04 The Flag—Just Cloth?**

**07/18 Your View of You**

**07/11 Your View of The World**

**07/25 God's View of You**

# July Birthdays

|                  |         |                     |         |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Stephanie Giles  | July 1  | Cathryn Rodriguez   | July 14 |
| Andrew Nelsen    | July 1  | Lukas Wolf          | July 14 |
| Pat Roccaforte   | July 1  | Stephen Azuogu      | July 15 |
| Roxana Zanjani   | July 1  | Heather Henken      | July 16 |
| Gary Frykman     | July 3  | Elisa Kiser         | July 17 |
| Hazel Perry      | July 3  | Michael Reid        | July 17 |
| Larry Anthony    | July 4  | Marissa Dupee       | July 18 |
| Refugio Loredó   | July 4  | Brandon Ngo         | July 18 |
| Priscilla Borges | July 5  | Dung Dao            | July 19 |
| Anna Boston      | July 5  | Martha Csurilla     | July 20 |
| Margaret Lagos   | July 5  | Lisa Toghia         | July 20 |
| David Dompas     | July 6  | Carter Collins      | July 21 |
| Brittni Freytag  | July 6  | Tony Jones          | July 21 |
| Daniel Drew      | July 7  | Ellen Ong           | July 21 |
| Ingrid Hake      | July 7  | Julio Giles         | July 23 |
| Pam Galera       | July 8  | Shane Schimke       | July 23 |
| Esther Keeler    | July 9  | Crystal Carrillo    | July 25 |
| Delaney Robinson | July 9  | Cheyenne Fisher     | July 25 |
| Gabriele Roehn   | July 9  | Sharon Komorous     | July 26 |
| Gustavo Suarez   | July 9  | Mervin Madolora     | July 26 |
| Tomoki Bermejo   | July 10 | Walter Anderson     | July 27 |
| Jenna Haigh      | July 10 | Beatriz Fowler      | July 27 |
| Brian Jones      | July 10 | Dave Klein          | July 27 |
| Nicole Azuogu    | July 11 | Rachel Page         | July 27 |
| CJ Joya          | July 11 | Reece Chappell      | July 28 |
| Camdra Nelson    | July 11 | Laura Reich         | July 28 |
| Jorge C. Joya    | July 12 | Steven Warankiran   | July 28 |
| Charlyn Machiri  | July 12 | Matthew Keeler      | July 29 |
| Eveliëne Watung  | July 17 | Mary Lou Keighley   | July 29 |
| Tad Marsh        | July 12 | Rafael Reid         | July 29 |
| Matt Purvis      | July 12 | Patricia Schweitzer | July 29 |
| Tawny Coye       | July 13 | Julian Tooma        | July 29 |

## July Calendar

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| July 02 | General Conference Begins |
| July 03 | Warehouse 41              |
| July 04 | Independence Day          |
| July 04 | SAC Lunch                 |
| July 10 | Youth InTouch             |
| July 11 | 20/40 Lunch & Beach       |
| July 11 | Youth Game Night          |
| July 11 | General Conference Ends   |
| July 17 | Warehouse 41              |
| July 18 | 20/40 Luncheon            |
| July 18 | Youth Laser Tag           |
| July 25 | Hollywood Bowl            |

## Saturday After Church Lunch



**Saturday, July 4**  
**26951 Molton Parkway**  
**Aliso Viejo**

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# 60th General Conference Session



*Arise! Shine! Jesus is coming!*

**July 2-11, 2015**

[2015.GCsession.org](http://2015.GCsession.org)



Alamodome 100 Montana St., San Antonio, Texas 78203 USA • Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center 200 E Market St, San Antonio, Texas 78205 USA

## GC Broadcast Schedule

Sessions of the General Conference will be broadcast as follows:

Glorystar Channel #124

The Hope Channel app for iOS

The Hope Channel app for Android

The Hope Channel Roku app

Online at [hopetv.org/church](http://hopetv.org/church)

## GC Session Cost

The General Conference World Budget each year sets aside \$1.4 million for the direct cost of the Session venue. That's \$7 million (every 5 years), which is less than 8 cents a year per member. Including indirect costs, such as air travel, lodging and programs of local administrative units, the total cost for the Session is about \$20 million, which is approximately one dollar per member, per year.



# July YOUTH EVENTS



## Laser Tag & Dinner

**Saturday, July 18, 5:15 PM**

Meet at Island restaurant, #P15, 27741 Crown Valley Pkwy., Mission Viejo, at 5:15 PM and then go to Laser Quest for an evening of fun and fellowship. Cost:\$15.

You must sign up for this event. For more information contact Nick Grubbs.

## inTouch

**Youth Meeting**

**Friday, July 10, 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, July 11, 6 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.



**Cost: \$30**

**Sign Up Now**



**Hollywood Bowl—July 25, 8 PM**  
**Los Angeles Philharmonic Presents**  
***Tchaikovsky:***  
**Selections from Swan Lake & Nutcraker**  
**Fireworks After The Concert**

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

# 20/40

## Lunch & Beach

July 11- After Church  
Ruby's Shake Shack  
7703 E. Coast Hwy.  
Newport Coast



20/40  
Dinner  
&

Wednesdays

7:00 PM

Meet At

Church Office  
41 Post, Irvine

**BIBLE  
STUDY**

This Bible Study  
will not meet in  
July.

## 20/40 Luncheon

July 18



After Church  
Tustin Market Place  
13786 Jamboree Road