Newsletter May, 2015



Good News... Handicapped...

By Pastor Ken Studer

Those blue handicapped signs you see painted on the asphalt at the shopping mall or grocery store alert us to the fact that those parking spaces are reserved for people with mobility issues. But now, the handicapped sign is getting a makeover—at least in New York. And it may soon be everywhere.

The traditional sign shows a handicapped person in an unnatural stiff position. The new signs



show a person in action, not helpless but active. It's truly about people with ability. It's not about people with disabilities.

Many people will probably not even notice that a change has been made. The colors and size will remain the same. For most, the handicapped sign will probably be taken for granted.

Signs and symbols are important. A hefty fine is imposed if you park illegally.

Originally, Christians used the symbol of a fish to symbolize their faith. But after a century or two it was noted that the fish symbol needed to be updated.

The symbol of the cross has been used for at least 1800 years. The cross symbolizes the crucifixion of Christ, which is central to Christianity.

Unfortunately, to many, the cross is just another symbol. For some it is just a piece of jewelry to wear around the neck. For others it is something to wear just because everyone else has one. It is just a fashion accessory.

It wasn't always that way. In early Christianity displaying the cross was a testimony of their faith. The cross redefined death. It symbolized that there is resurrection life beyond death.

The Good News is that although we all have been disabled by sin, we are all saved by the cross. The cross never needs updating.



DISCUSSION SERIES @ 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

MAY SCHEDULE:



This month in Viewpoints we will get ready for summer vacation by taking a tour of important parts of the world where the events in the Bible actually took place. We will visit Egypt, The Dead Sea,

Jericho, Samaria and others. While we may not be able to travel to these places in person, we can visit these places each Sabbath in the church sanctuary. Join us at 10 AM every Saturday for Viewpoints!

May 02: The Bible Lands: Egypt, Lachish and Beersheba

May 09: The Bible Lands: The Dead Sea, Sodom & Gomorrah

May 16: The Bible Lands: Jericho & Hazor

May 23 To Be Announced

May 30 The Bible Lands: Samaria, Shechem & Shiloh

May Worship Schedule

This month Pastor Ken continues his sermon series from last year—Major Lessons From The Minor Prophets. On the 9th, Chaplain Sam Leonor from La Sierra University is our guest speaker.

05/02 Lessons From Nahum

05/23 Lessons From Zephaniah

05/09 Guest: Sam Leonor

05/30 Lessons From Haggai

05/16 Lessons From Habakkuk

May Birthdays

Sue Chang	May 1	Star Aherns	May 17
Ricardo Graf	May 1	Judy Chung	May 17
Krysti Hall	May 1	Bryan Do	May 17
Curtis Pai	May 1	Andrew Lagos	May 17
Kay Paulson	May 1	Margaret Lopez	May 17
Jie Yu	May 1	Johnathan Gopen	May 18
Shondah Donato	May 2	Al Jr. Martinez	May 18
Johann Van Bel	May 2	Matt Wolf	May 18
Jayantiti Ravindran	May 3	Bailey Blom	May 19
Chris Cornforth	May 4	An Crisca Fleming	May 19
L. Allan Martin	May 4	Cherie Byfield	May 20
Scott Roberts	May 4	Stephanie Pelletier	May 20
Gama Chavez	May 5	Dale Proctor	May 20
Roger Lang	May 5	Andrew Clark	May 21
Camila Noteras	May 5	Amy Evans	May 22
Jerry Petrofsky	May 5	Samuel Giles	May 22
Janene Chrispens	May 6	Ron Hebert	May 22
Justin Schulze	May 6	Sydney Madolora	May 22
Tonya Jones	May 7	Gisela Riffel	May 22
Ankita Nelsen	May 8	Cristina Clarke	May 23
Emma Varela	May 8	Susan Cowdrey	May 23
Wanda Anderson	May 9	Tyler Farr	May 23
Brett Byfield	May 9	Larry Fleming	May 23
Ed Clark	May 9	Jeff Horne	May 23
Vanessa Clark	May 11	Vivian Pedzy	May 23
Linda Moyer	May 11	Alise Weber	May 23
Eric Rangel	May 11	Sophia Chun	May 24
Maria L. Joya	May 12	Lanie Miller	May 24
Joo Lee	May 12	Tony Moore	May 24
Gabriel Gamez	May 13	Chad Blais	May 25
Marilyn Haigh	May 13	Stephanie Mensah	May 25
Caytlin Noelle Loggins	May 13	Susi Conner	May 26
Marc Morin	May 14	Ian Thompson	May 26
Nasser Nasralla	May 14	Nathan Buhrke	May 27
Linda Astrero	May 15	Samuel Dompas	May 29
Nothani Bryant	May 15	Nicolas Dunn	May 29
Kimberly Ramos	May 15	Lindsay Moyer	May 29
Nicholas Vence	May 15	Laura Carrillo	May 30
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May Calendar

May 1 Warehouse 41

May 2 SAC Lunch—Urban Plates

May 3 20/40 K1 Go-Karting

May 5 Cinco De Mayo

May 7 National Day of Prayer

May 8 Youth InTouch

May 9 Guest Speaker—Sam Leonor

May 9 Youth Game Night

May 10 Mother's Day

May 12 Church Board

May 15 Warehouse 41

May 16 Meltzer Baby Shower

May 16 20/40 Luncheon

May 25 Memorial Day

May 30 50+ Luncheon

May 30 Birthday Bash

Saturday After Church Lunch May 2



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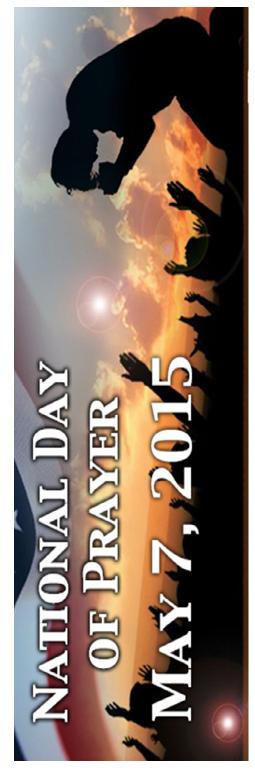
Saturday, May 30, 6:30 PM Village Church Hub

There will be a Birthday Party celebration for everyone on May 30th. Birthday cake, veggie dogs & chili and beverage will be provided.

Bring an item that represents your birthday month. For example, if you were born in May you could bring something that represents Mother's Day or Memorial Day. If you were born in July you could bring something that represents Independence Day. This is to decorate each month's table.

Also bring a wrapped gift for a white elephant (recycled gift) or a wrapped gift costing no more than \$3. This is for a birthday gift exchange. There will be games for everyone and prizes.

This is a get acquainted mixer for all ages. Please sign up. Sign up sheet will be in the rear of the church. For more information call Susi Conner at 949-305-8376 or call the church office at 949-769-6777.



May YOUTH EVENTS



On April 18th, nine OCC youth spent their Saturday night at Irvine Lanes. They enjoyed an evening of pizza and bowling. The OCC youth Coordinator, Nick Grubbs, took this picture!

Saturday, May 16



Supper is at the Spectrum's Ruby's Diner at 6 PM. Movie follows supper.



Sat, May 9, 5 PM Youth Game Night



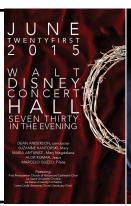
Bring your favorite card, board, dice, or domino game. Meet at the church office, 41 Post, Irvine. Food Provided. Cost: FREE.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 13, 3 PM
Fishfest—Irvine



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Sunday, June 21, 2015
7:30 PM
Oh, My Son
Dean Anderson, Conductor
Disney Concert Hall
Los Angeles, CA





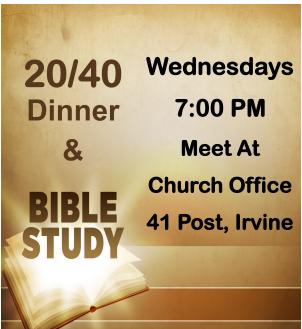
Fifty Plus

May 30, After Church @ 2825 Main St., Irvine Cost: Free Soupher Souphe

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

20/40





20/40 Luncheon



Papaya Thai Bistro May 16, After Church 2700 Alton Pkwy, Irvine