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• Spanish Church - Couples

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See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1

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For more information on any of these events, please visit our website at www.neighborhoodchurch.com or contact the church office at 714-952-3001



LETTER FROM PASTOR MIKE



Welcome to February 2024. The month of love!

Love, yes sure of the love of friends, family, husband and wife, and of course the love of chocolate. Did you know over 58 million pounds of chocolate is given on Valentine's Day? But way more than all of these expressions of love is the love from our amazing God.

Psalms 118:1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Lamentations 3:22-23 The <u>steadfast love</u> of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Because of God's great love towards us, we know He will be there for us.

Psalms 92:1-2 It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your <u>steadfast love</u> in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

This 'steadfast love' of God is His HESED: the loyal, unconditional, always-flowing, ever-present, kind love of God. It is also called His lovingkindness. God's love gives, guides, and provides.

Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I (God) am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Since February is called the month of love, it is fitting we take in and remember the God of love and care who will be with us through thick and thin, so we can bravely move on in life.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

So yes, the month of February is a wonderful time to celebrate love, the love of God and love for others. Not only with chocolate will we celebrate love, but millions of roses, cards, conversation hearts (those little hearts with a word or two printed on them), and more. February is also packed full of loving tributes like: National Heart Month, Black History Month, Creative Romance Month, National Wedding Month, and Canned Food Month!?! This month of love also includes Groundhog Day, Random Act of Kindness Day, Skip the Straw Day, Curling is Cool Day, Cherry Pie Day, Canadian Maple Syrup Day, and Dance Day. Wow, what fun-loving celebrations!

Within the pages of this magazine you will find a variety of ministries, events, service opportunities and ways to connect with God on a deeper level. There are many ways to grow in your faith, ways to join with others in community, ways to love others, ways to be part of serving our Lord in and outside our church. February is a month of all kinds of opportunities to thrive in faith. Our hope and prayer is you would thrive as a follower of Jesus. It is not just a thought for us, we have set up our ministries to create an environment for the Holy Spirit to help us grow and experience all that God has for us. So, please join in on what you can.

Enjoying this month of love along with you, Mike

KNOW GOD

STEPPING OUT The Book of Acts



Jesus' disciples learned how to follow Him wherever He led, and He calls us to do the same. We explored this in our Fall Focus, STEPS: Following Jesus Where He Leads. And yet, we may wonder how that is possible since Jesus is now seated at the Father's right hand instead of being bodily present with us as He was for the original disciples.

God, in His wisdom, saw this coming and has shown us the way forward in the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts is also written by Luke and it is about the amazing expansion of the church from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth — by the power of the Holy Spirit as the church "stepped out."

As the Holy Spirit dwells in us, He uses us on His mission. The Book of Acts is all about stepping out in faith, and God is calling us to step out today as well. Join us as we continue to take steps on this journey of "Stepping Out" in the Book of Acts this winter.

PRAYER

Just as the Father has
loved me (Jesus), so-1
have loved you:
Abide in my love
John 15:9

We https://tinyurl.com/
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Would
love to
pray for
YOU...

REQUEST PRAYER HERE:





So you can begin to understand the extent of God's love for you:

Imagine standing at the edge of the South Rim of the <u>Grand Canyon</u> or on the surface of the Pacific Ocean above the Mariana Trench.

The Grand Canyon is 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide and attains a depth of over a

The Mariana Trench or Marianas Trench is the <u>deepest</u> part of the <u>world's oceans</u>. The trench is about 1,580 miles long but has an average width of only 43 miles. It reaches a maximum-known depth of 6.8 miles.

These earthly wonders do not begin to hold a candle to the immensity and surpassing greatness of God's marvelous, divine love for you!

Read the rest of our Prayer Newsletter here: tinyurl.com/febpraynhc

KIDS MINISTRY









Save the Date:
Bible Day Camp
TK-6th | July 15-19
Registration for kids and volunteers coming soon.

YOUTH MINISTRY









COFFEE CONNECT MINISTRY TURNS 1!



The Power of Connection

This February marks one year that Coffee Connect has been up and running. In Psalms 133:1 it reads that it is good and pleasant to dwell in unity, and Acts 2:42 reads that they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread (donuts are pretty similar) and to prayer. There is just something about being around others that brings us closer and even brings ministering. I have had the privilege of meeting new people, prayed with other believers and have made some amazing new friendships.

On December 23, 2023, my husband's aunt passed away at the age of 98. She lived a good, long life and she was a true testimony of God's love. Every year, she would paint or draw us a card whether it was for a birthday or anniversary....every year...without fail. When our daughters came along, she did the same for them. When we broke the news to the girls about Aunt June going to be with Jesus, they were sad and tears were shed. Needless to say, this Christmas was a little heavy for us. But praise God that we know we have that hope of seeing her again in Glory.

Then, on December 24, a beautiful woman I met through Coffee Connect handed me a Christmas card. My initial thought was how sweet of her, she didn't have to do that. When I opened the card, I couldn't believe it. I pulled out a hand painted Christmas card and the tears immediately welled up in my eyes as her kind gesture had ministered to my heart. God can use a card, a cup of coffee or a donut to meet us where we are - we just have to be present.

I know we are past January, and maybe you aren't into making New Year's resolutions... but this could be a year where you try to be more intentional in connecting with others. We were just meant to be together.

LIFE GROUPS

FOLLOW JESUS

FIND BELONGING

FURTHER HIS MISSION





PICKLEBALL + YOUNG ADULTS



We are a humble group seeking to improve our game and have fun with others in the community and city. All levels and varying skills are welcome and we love introducing people to this game.

Come to our church parking lot on Tuesdays and Sundays.





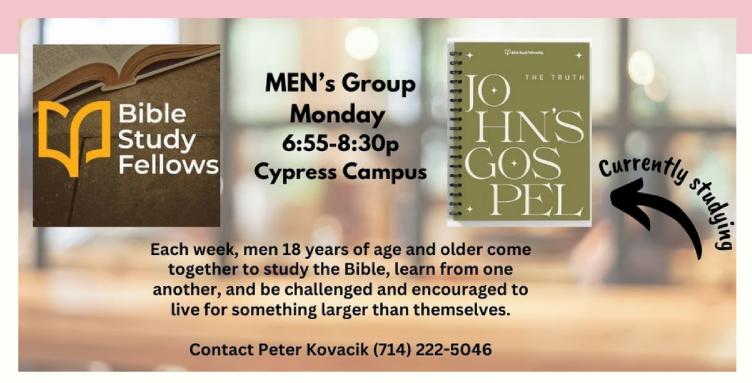
Every third weekend of the month, we are inviting Young Adults (HS Seniors, College, 20+ individuals) to come and HANGOUT! For February we are having a <u>Worship Night</u> here at Neighborhood Church.

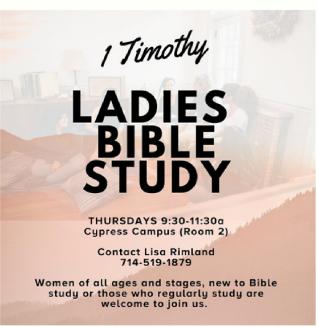
In November we had a hike over by Crystal Cove State Park in Newport Beach. In December we looked at Christmas lights around Naples. This past January we had a beach clean up at Seal Beach Pier! Hope you can make it to our hangouts soon!





GROW DEEPER





Lisa: Ladies Bible Study will be meeting every Thursday in February.

We are contemplating the holiness of God and how to surrender our minds and hearts and lives to Him. This sort of meditation time prepares us for our study time in 1 Timothy which has so much to say about how women influence the Elders and Trustees of the church to maintain balance between home and church, to involve the whole family as the life blood of the church.

During our time together we also praise and pray for one another and our country and leaders. There's always a place in Room 2 for you at 9:30 on Thursday whether you're a seasoned Bible student or want to get your feet wet in the Word. Please join us!

2024 is off to a great start! Are you looking for a place to grow and connect as you begin this new year? Give Quiet Spirits class a try! We have a lot to say, with gentle and quiet spirits, and we will welcome your thoughts.

Quiet Spirits is a fellowship group of women who meet to build community and study the Bible. If you are looking for a caring group of ladies to belong to, please consider joining us on Sunday mornings.



GROW IN COMMUNITY



We meet the first Tuesday of every month for fellowship and coffee. This is a time for the women of the church (and their friends!) to get to know one another. All women are welcome!

> Location: Panera Bread 12241 Seal Beach Blvd. Seal Beach, CA 90740



Contact Debbie Wyatt (debbiehwyatt@gmail.com)
Thursdays (9:30a)@ Cypress Campus

Seeks to offer mothers of infants, toddlers, preschoolers as well as elementary age and beyond a place to connect and care for one another as well as receive helpful tools in their journey as mothers and wives.



If you are a widow, long-term or recent, this is a group for you. If you are ready to take the next step and meet some new friends who are traveling the same road as you. Lunch will be provided. Meet at 12:00p.



SERVE TOGETHER



Maria Falcone: Love N Loomers will resume the last Thursday in February, the 29th. We will meet in Room 3 aka The Prayer Room at 6:30 pm. No experience or skill level needed. We will teach you! It's very easy! Please bring a 9.5 inch circular loom, a pick and a needle. We have yarn. Please consider coming but if you're truly not interested, please know that your donations of medium thickness yarn is always appreciated!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10 NIV)

Any questions please text or call and leave a message.



WAYS TO SERVE









Senior Outreach Ministry: This is a new minsitry designed for seniors who could benefit from a friendly and encouraging card, personal contact, and prayer.

Let the caring team know the name, address, telephone/cell number and any additional information that may assist us in reaching out to our precious and valued seniors.

Email Sharon Sackett at grandkids1943@socal.rr.com

LOVE LIKE JESUS

ELDER BOARD



Elders continue the work of overseeing and defining the goals of church and are focusing on better ways to measure our progress towards fulfilling each of them: Worship, Belong, Grow, Serve, Reach and Helping the Hurting.

TRUSTEE BOARD



Trustees continually watch over the maintenance of our facilities and the financial soundness of our church.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have a heart to help grow God's kingdom? Join the Kids Ministry Team!

Contact Pastor Lorena at lorena@neighborhoodchurch.com for info on service opportunities

SERVE ONE ANOTHER



SERVING WITH JOY



Looking for Graphic Design Interns and Contributors!

WANT TO BE PART OF CREATING BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS TO SHOWCASE ALL THE MINISTRIES AND FUN EVENTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH OFFERS TO OUR GUESTS AND COMMUNITY?

DO YOU LOVE POSTING THINGS ON INSTAGRAM AND CREATING WITH CANVA?

CONSIDER JOINING OUR CONNECTION MAGAZINE TEAM.

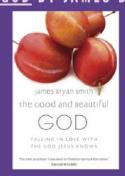


-Contact me Jericho@neighborhoodchurch.com

NEW STARTING IN MARCH 2024

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS FOR WOMEN

WE WILL BE READING <u>THE GOOD AND</u>
BEAUTIFUL GOD BY JAMES BRYAN SMITH.



Saturday, March 2, 9:00-11:00a Contact Helena Loven 714-305-0436 **NEW DISCIPLESHIP + BOOK Study.**

Please contact Helena if you would like to join us starting the first Saturday in March.

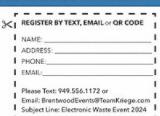
ELECTRONIC WASTE EVENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24th | 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH, 6143 BALL RD, CYPRESS

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Computers, Monitors, Laptops, keyboards TVs, Telephones, Cell phones Microwaves & other SMALL Appliances Printers, scanners, fax & copy machines Steree Equipment, Radios, calculators DVD & CD Players Cassettes, Videos, Beta, DAT Tapes, Power supply units & much more.







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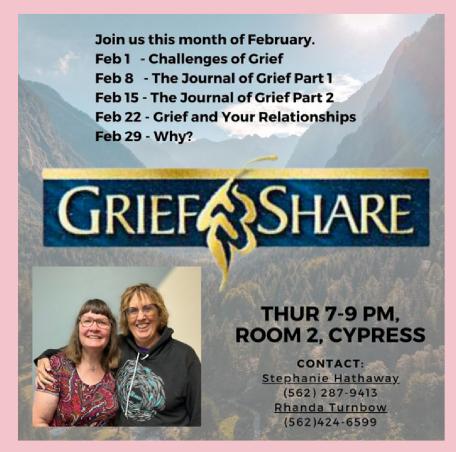
to the journey

Cancer Companions wants to bring spiritual encouragement, knowledge, resources and especially hope to those who struggle in their battles. Cancer Companions is open to anyone in treatment, post-treatment, loved ones and caregivers. We do not want anyone to go through cancer alone!

Please contact us and we will arrange various opportunities to get together and/or pray for you.

Contact Pat at 714-404-4893





If you have recently lost a loved one and need someone to help you with the process of mourning or need a listening ear and caring heart, come join us as we learn how to mourn our losses.

Groups run for 13-week sessions and are intended for ages 16 years and over.

Grief Recovery Support Group: From Mourning to Joy

HELP FOR THE HURTING

THERAPY

For over a decade, Neighborhood Church has provided professional counseling services for its members and the community. Anyone who struggles with the stress of our hectic life can find solace in the therapeutic services provided here. Issues of depression, sadness, grief, marital discord, separation, divorce, relationship issues, job stress, parenting and premarital counseling are a few of the areas we cover with our counseling services.

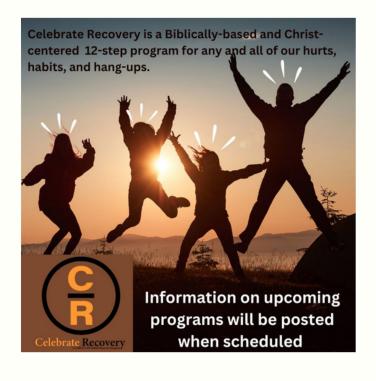
Neighborhood Church is a safe and confidential place to work out your personal questions, losses and hurts. Professional Therapy fees are reasonable; please feel free to call for a quote.

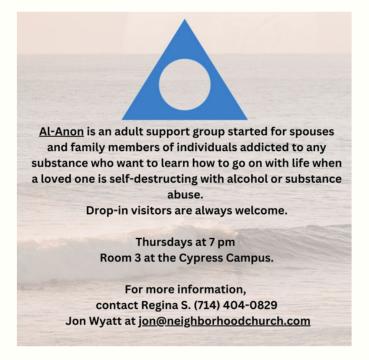
RON J JACKSON MA, MS, LMFT (#46561)

HOURS: Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 AM through 7:30 PM. *Please call 714-952-3001 (ext. 212) for an appointment.

LOCATION: Cypress Church, 6143 Ball Road, Cypress, 90630

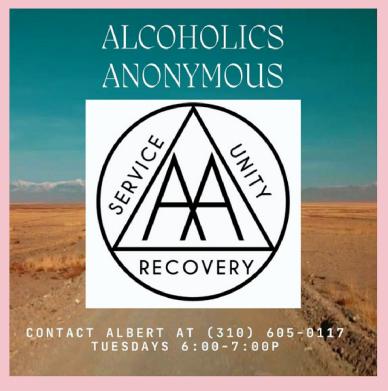


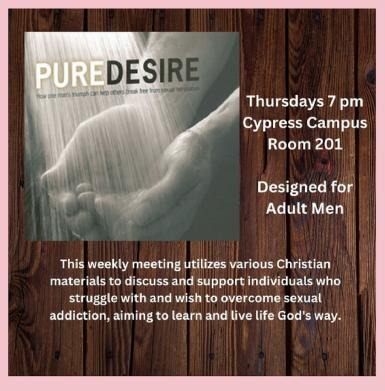




RESOURCES







LOS ALAMITOS CAMPUS



4000 Green Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90720







Pastor Justin: In addition to celebrating Jesus' birth together on Christmas Eve, Neighborhood Los Al, First Baptist of Los Alamitos, and Thai Baptist Mission assembled to celebrate a great honor for Pastor Mike Wilson of First Baptist. He was one of the inaugural inductees of the Gerald Squyres Hall of Faith, which is a recognition of faithful service by the OC Southern Baptist Association. To make the honor even more meaningful, Gerald Squyres is Pastor Wilson's father-in-law who has recently gone to his heavenly reward. If you see Pastor Wilson, be sure to congratulate him!



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Servicio de Adoración, Domingos 10:30a Escuela Dominical 12:30p

Reunión de Jóvenes, Martes 7:00p

Estudio Biblico de Adultos, Miércoles 7:00p Ministerio de Niños 6:45p

Reuniòn de Jóvenes Adultos, Viernes 7:30p El 17 de febrero,
comenzaremos reuniones
de parejas. Nos
reuniremos y
conviviremos e
incorporaremos temas
para discusion, estudios
de la vida de pareja, y
tendremos tiempo para
preguntas. Para mas
información contacte
Pastor Manuel.

Esta foto es de una de nuestras reuniones como parejas celebrando el día de San Valentín.







El grupo de varones comenzara sus reuniones la primera semana de febrero. Esto sera un estudio y tiempo de convivio. Nos reuniremos a las 7:30 pm ya sea el viernes o sábado. Para mas información contacte Pastor Manuel.

En febrero comenzaremos nuestros servicios con oración de 10 a 10:20 am.

(1 Cron. 4:10)

Come join us, the Khmer ministry on Sundays as we study God's Word together, sing worship songs in Khmer and fellowship with one another.

Kids welcome and join Neighborhood Church Kids downstairs.



Sunday 10:30am Room 206 at Cypress Campus

Worship Gathering in Khmer (Cambodian) Language

HOW TO LIVE MISSIONALY?

As we seek to live missionally this year, <u>Neighborhood Los Al</u> has been looking to give handles to missional living.

<u>Surprise the World!</u> by Michael Frost shares "five habits of highly missional people." It's easy to remember them with the acronym B.E.L.L.S.

B is for Bless. We bless people by sharing a word of encouragement or doing an act of kindness for them. This helps us to learn to live beyond ourselves.

E is for Eat. How great is this?! Breaking bread can be a great way to live on mission. Most of us eat 21 times per week (or so). Try to include those outside your household in three of those meals. Try to make at least one of those meals with someone from the church family and another with someone who doesn't yet know Jesus. Grab a bite and let the relationship develop.

L is for Listen to the Holy Spirit. A missional life is a life of responding to the Holy Spirit's leading. Take some time to listen to Him and write down what you think He may be saying.

L is for Learn Jesus. We want to become like Jesus, which means we need to know Him more clearly and, as we do, we will grow to love Him more deeply. Take some time to draw nearer to Jesus through the Scriptures. What are you learning?

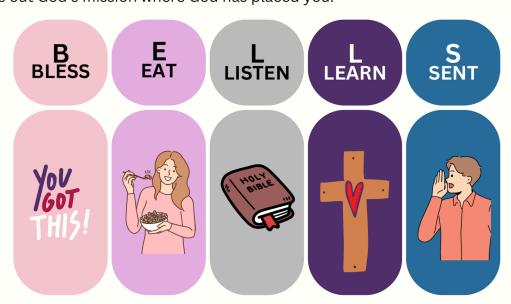
S is for Sent. We are sent to testify of God's goodness. Tell someone about Jesus and how much He loves them. Point people to God's mercy, justice, and/or beauty.

Each week we encourage one another to pick one of the BELLS practices and do it in the name of the Lord with three people (1. to someone at church 2. to someone outside the church and 3. to anyone else the Lord might highlight).

For example, one week we picked BLESS. Share a word of encouragement to someone in your Life Group, to someone in your neighborhood, and maybe a coworker.

We hope you are encouraged to live out God's mission where God has placed you.

Pastor Justin McElderry





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Lead Pastor: Mike McKay 6143 Ball Rd., Cypress 714.952.3001 Worship Gathering at 9:00 and 10:45a



Branch Pastor: Justin McElderry 4000 Green Ave., Los Alamitos 714.952.3001 Worship Gathering at 9:15a



Branch Pastor: Manuel Gonzalez 6143 Ball Rd., Cypress 714.523.0112 cell Worship Gathering at 10:30a



Branch Pastor: Nareth May 6143 Ball Rd., Cypress 714.952.3001 Worship Gathering at 10:30a



We endeavor to live and love like Jesus as we compassionately relate to our community and beyond so that all will thrive as followers of Christ!







