

The Source

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DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

Evangelism is a scary word. It is scary because many of us are uncomfortable talking about our faith with others, especially if they might reject us because of our faith. We don't practice enough with fellow believers, and so the thought of sharing our faith with unbelievers frightens us.

But it doesn't need to be this way. Sharing our faith with others should come as naturally as any other conversation. Now, if you're afraid of talking to others in general, that's another matter!

Reflect for a moment on Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4. He is on a rather long journey, and stops at Jacob's well to rest and refresh Himself. When the Samaritan woman comes to the well, Jesus doesn't look up and say, "Do you know Me?" And He doesn't make her uncomfortable by betraying an agenda. He simply says, "Give me a drink." (John 4:7) He lets the conversation continue naturally, until she opens up the spiritual dimension by asking Him for the "living water." It is a classic example of natural evangelism!

So, walking up to someone on the street and asking, "Do you know Jesus?" isn't the best way to begin the conversation! The best way is the natural way. The way that Jesus spoke with the woman at the well.

Are you having coffee with a friend? Are you standing in line at the check-out? Sitting next to someone at the game? Pray under your breath for God to lead, and then just strike up a conversation. See where it goes, follow any nudges from the Holy Spirit, and just watch what God does!

Oh, and invite someone to come to church with you on Easter!

Blessings,
Pastor Glen



THE FOUNT

A United Methodist Community

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am—Classes
- 10:15 am—Awakening Hymn Sing
- 10:30 am—English Service & La Cima Service
- 10:50 am—Children & Youth Sunday School
- 3:00 pm—Vietnamese Evangelical Church of Fountain Valley



GIVING UPDATE

Listed below is the financial data for The Fount. The data below is February 2017 year to date.

Actual Envelope Giving Through February	\$18,003
Actual Loose Plate Giving Through February	495
Budgeted Envelope Giving Through February	\$22,768
Budgeted Loose Plate Giving Through February	300

The events below are currently listed on the church calendar. Please check with the team leaders to confirm the dates/times of these meetings.

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE

UMM Breakfast	April 1	7:30 am
Physical Resources Team Mtg.	April 9	12:15 pm
Messy Church Team Meeting	April 16	10:00 am
Preschool Board Meeting	April 18	6:00 pm
Nurture Team Meeting	April 23	12:15 pm
Witness/Outreach Team Mtg.	April 23	12:15 pm



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY—APRIL 2ND

Come and join the celebration as we welcome families from our wonderful Preschool on Sunday, April 2nd. We will celebrate the teachers, students and their families, hear the children sing and engage in festivities after worship. Come and help make this a special day for all!

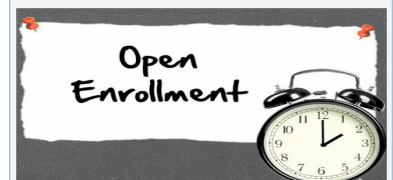
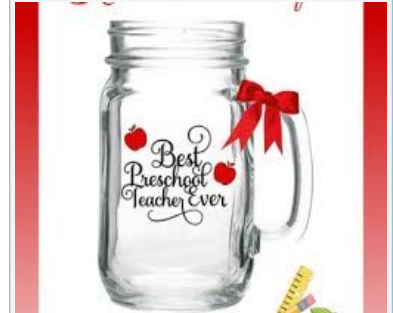


FVUM PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hippity Hoppity Easter's on its way! The preschool children are getting ready for their annual *Spring Sing* on April 12th and 13th. Please come and watch them perform and enjoy hearing the children sing. The program will begin at 9:15 AM and should end around 9:45 AM.

The preschool will be closed for Easter Break starting on Good Friday, April 14th with the school reopening and students returning on Monday, April 24th.

Students are currently being enrolled for the fall 2017-2018 school year. Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested in having their children/grandchildren attend FVUMP.



MESSY CHURCH

Creatively build your family's faith

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Last Month our Messy Church family learned that God forgives us no matter how much we owe. Our message was about the servant who's master forgave him a huge debt but threw another servant in jail for a small debt he was owed. We built a cardboard jail and talked about how we would feel if we'd been thrown in jail like the servant and how we need to forgive others in order to be forgiven. We welcomed a new family from our pre-school for the first time. Tom and his daughter Tatiana had a great time.

Miss Pat and Miss Betty served up a delicious baked potato bar. Thank you guys



PASTOR GLEN TO ATTEND WCA CONFERENCE

The Wesleyan Covenant Association will hold a two-day conference in Memphis, Tennessee on April 28-29 and Pastor Glen will be attending. As a charter member of the WCA, Pastor Glen is committed to supporting and participating with the WCA as our denomination heads into troubling waters. Your prayers are appreciated as he represents The Fount at the conference. If there are any others who would like to go (The Fount is a member congregation), please contact Pastor Glen.



**WESLEYAN
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ASSOCIATION

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

We are going to need palms for our Palm Sunday service. If you have a palm tree in your yard, can you please bring palm branches to church on Palm Sunday. **Please do not cut them prior to that weekend, we would like them to be fresh.** Notify the office if you are able to do so, so we can ensure we will have enough palms for everyone. Service will begin at the usual time, 10:30 am.



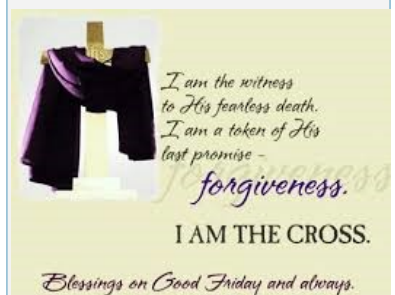
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On Thursday, April 13th, come and experience a very special service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae (darkness). Marking the events of Holy Thursday (also known as Maundy Thursday, *Maundy* is from the Latin referring to Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet) when Jesus and His disciples experienced the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. This service will be deeply moving. It starts at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and all are welcome.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Come by the church on Good Friday (April 14th) all day, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and engage in a self-guided time of prayer and meditation along with self-served Holy Communion. There will be meditation/prayer guides along with gentle music played throughout the day. Come whenever you can and stay as long as you like. Let us observe this most holy day with reverence and prayer.





EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Make plans now to be in church on Easter Sunday, April 16th! Easter is the day we celebrate the most important event in the world's history: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! There is no more important day for Christians!

Pastor Glen will preach a sermon titled "What's the Point of Easter?" based on Acts 10:34-43. The choir will prepare a special anthem, there will be visitors, old friends and lots of excitement. An egg hunt for the children will follow the service out on the lawn!

We'll see you on Easter Sunday!



SPECIAL OFFERING AT EASTER

Special offerings on special holidays is just another way to celebrate! When the people of Israel celebrated holidays (Holy Days) they always gave a special offering to the Lord. In continuing that tradition, you are invited to make a special offering on Easter above and beyond your regular tithe. If you mark your gift "Easter", it will go into a special account. The Church Council will decide where the gifts will be spent. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THANK YOU FROM SAMARITAN'S PURSE

From Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse newsletter: "We thank God for nearly **11.5 million** shoebox gifts Samaritan's Purse collected last year through our Operation Christmas Child project. (***Our preschool and The Fount delivered approximately 50 shoeboxes to the distribution center!***) We are now in the process of handing them out through church partners in 113 countries. Every one of these gifts is an opportunity to share the Gospel. Churches tell children about Jesus as they hand out the gifts, and as God opens doors they also invite the boys and girls to return for 'The Greatest Journey'. This is a series of 12 Bible lessons developed by Samaritan's Purse especially for shoebox recipients to help them grow in faith and learn how to share Christ with friends and family members.

This coming year, we are trusting God for the resources to offer 'The Greatest Journey' to 4.4 million children--almost a million more than last year. It costs only \$6 per child, including the New Testament in the local language. Please pray for the churches, the volunteer teachers, and the children and their families who are being transformed through this global Gospel outreach.

All of us at Samaritan's Purse are thankful for your prayers and support as we work around the world to help spread the Good News of God's love.

May the Lord bless you.
(signed: Franklin Graham).



PAINTING DAY AT THE FOUNT!

Mark your calendars for April 22nd and come and assist some of your friends in painting the three classrooms upstairs (Rooms 201, 204, and 205). Behr Paint has donated the paint so all we need are some willing participants to come on that date from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (or a portion of that time) to help make our classrooms look more inviting and presentable! Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping out with this project!





AMERICAN SEWING GUILD'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

The American Sewing Guild will hold their annual yard sale on our front lawn on Saturday, April 29th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

April 29th has been designated Community Service Day in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. There will be volunteers on campus to assist with the Welcome Home program as well as doing work around the church grounds. You can check out the planned projects on justserve.org.



CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Come join in the fun and honor not only the City of Fountain Valley (who is hosting a 60th anniversary celebration) but also The Fount by being a part of their parade on Saturday, June 24th. The parade will begin at 9:00 am (lineup at 8:00 am) on Heil Avenue at Magnolia Street and conclude inside the FV Sports Park. The City is inviting groups to participate and show their pride! We will walk as a group (approximately 2 miles).

We need to notify the city by June 9th if we plan, as a group, to represent The Fount and participate in the parade. Please let Pat in the office know if you are interested in joining us in spotlighting The Fount and give her any ideas you might have on how to best highlight The Fount in this fun activity!

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

DATE: Saturday, May 13, 2017

TIME: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

**LOCATION: Applebee's
18279 Brookhurst St.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708**

The annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Men of the Fount's activities will be held again this year on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend (May 13, 2017) from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Tickets are on sale now.

\$10.00 per person **(including tax and tip)**

\$5.00 per child 3-5 years old

Come out and support the men in this great fundraiser and enjoy a pancake breakfast with eggs, breakfast potatoes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee as well!

For information/Tickets contact:

FVUMC Office—phone 714/962-2593

Bob Henning—714/962-7867

Dennis Olson—714/847-6353

Ric Seaver—714/418-7340

SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

After Easter, Pastor Glen will be giving a series of sermons based on the Lord's Prayer (from Matthew 6 and Luke 11). The series, titled "Our Father", will begin on April 23rd and conclude on May 28th.

Is the Lord's Prayer a pattern for prayer, given by Jesus, for the Church to learn how to pray? Or is the Lord's Prayer a model prayer, given by Jesus, to be recited by the Church? Or is it something else?

Come and hear this important series during April and May!





AN INVITE TO THE BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)

BSF is an in-depth, interdenominational Bible study that helps people know God and equips them to effectively serve the church through out the world. In 1,100 classes in 39 countries, people of all ages, races and cultures participate in BSF, whether they are discovering God's Word for the first time or have studied the Bible over a lifetime.

In our area we have classes for day women and children (infants - thru kindergarten); evening women (1st grade children through high school) and evening men (1st grade children through high school).

In the more than 50 years since the founding, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have participated in BSF. Many have gone on to assume leadership positions in their churches and to serve God in other ministries.

There will be an introductory class for the next year study of Romans in the first week of April. Please go to the web-site bsfinternational.org for class locations and more information about the study and the programs offered. BSF has 10 studies each taking 30 weeks to complete.

Also contact: Peggy Ashcraft, Peggy Jensen or Karen Olson with questions or other information. Mikki Ramirez also can give information.

BSF's approach is four-steps and brings a clarity to your study of the Bible, producing life changes as you apply God's truth.

1. Answer daily lesson questions from Scripture.
2. Discuss your insights in a conversation with members of your discussion group.
3. Listen to teaching that explains what you studied and shared.
4. Gain additional insight by reading lesson notes that further elaborate on the Scripture.

VISION 2020

Join us on Sunday, May 7th, as we launch our Vision 2020 campaign! After worship we will have a “town hall” type of meeting where questions can be asked and answered and the list of projects explored. The opportunity to make commitments (both financially and spiritually) to the on-going vision of The Fount will be given.

And then, we will all enjoy a lunch together out on the lawn. Salads and side dishes will be potluck and the Men’s Group will be grilling up the main course! A change in the date was made to allow Pastor Glen to attend the WCA Event in Memphis.

Plan now on participating in the Vision 2020 Launch on Sunday, May 7th!



PRAYER REQUESTS

We have received requests for prayer for the following people: the Marbut family, the Occhino family, Jerry Jensen, the Slank family, the Riley family, Mercedes Friedrich, Merna Young, Kathleen McFarland, as well as friends/family/coworkers of many of our church members.

Please also pray for our church, La Cima, the Vietnamese Evangelical Church of Fountain Valley, those serving in the armed forces, our church staff, the preschool staff and the small groups worshipping at The Fount.

A banner with a dark background and a sunset or sunrise scene over a horizon. The words "Prayer Requests" are written in a bold, orange, serif font with a slight shadow effect.

**Prayer
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Seaver	1
Merna Young	1
Pauling Henning	2
Mary Slank	2
Mercedes Friedrich	3
Li Garvin	4
Dominic Laffoon	6
Bill Speicher	6
Mandy Martin	14
Nancy Whitmore	21



The ministers of our church are its members. They are assisted by:

Rev. Glen Haworth

Lead Pastor

Rev. Al Ramirez

La Cima Pastor

Jonathan Kupper

Worship and Music

Ric Seaver

Family & Children

Coleen Kaae

FVUM Preschool Dir.

Pat Stoaks

Administrative Assist.

Stephanie Parsons

Nursery Attendant

