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I HAVE A CONFESSION

I had all the right intentions to preach a series of sermons on worship during the month of August. God has been dealing with me for quite a while that I needed to get into the subject of worship for The Fount and flesh out some of the biblical concepts and discipleship lifestyles that would lead us into becoming a more worshiping congregation. In my three years as your pastor, I have experienced some wonderful times of worship as well as some dry times within myself and the congregation.

But as I settled down to begin the planning for this series, it became more and more evident to me that I am not ready, and if I am not ready, we are not ready. You see, my struggle is not in putting together a sermon series; my struggle is that worship is a balancing act between our heads and our hearts. And while our heads might be ready to explore the topic of worship, I need to re-establish a posture of worship for myself that will translate into something that resembles leadership. In other words, I need to get my worship on!

That said, I'm going to postpone the series on worship for a little while, and instead refocus on living a lifestyle of worship in both my personal and my pastorleader life. And as the time is right, I will invite you to join me in learning to worship God throughout each and every day, in Spirit and in Truth, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us into a deeper place where worship can and will (super) naturally bubble up in us and through us. It is my desire that we begin by worshipping whenever we get together (in small groups, meetings, etc). We have all learned how to read the Bible and pray in our individual devotional times, but do we fully know what it is to worship God in our own prayer closets?

As I prayed and worshipped in preparing this, I listened to a song by Rita Springer, called "Defender" (search for it on YouTube, iTunes, Amazon Music and elsewhere and listen to it). In the song are these lines: "You know before I do | Where my heart can seek to find Your truth | Your mercy is the shade I'm living in | You restore my faith and hope again | All I did was praise | All I did was worship | All I did was bow down | All I did was stay still". It struck me that all of our striving for spiritual growth, vitality, "church growth" etc. is all in vain unless the Lord is the center, truly the center, of our lives and our worship of Him emanates from that center.

So I need more time; time to study, time to pray... to fast... to worship and to listen for God's still small voice in leading me into this very important season. Will you pray with me, and for me? Will you ask God to reveal His plan for The Fount, moving forward, that we can dive deeper into worship, deeper into the Spirit, deeper into the Word, and deeper into the kind of ministry that will truly transform our lives and our world?

I am excited about this next season in our lives and where God is going to take us. I am full of hope and anticipation!

August 2017





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

Hopefully,

Pastor Glen



GIVING UPDATE

Listed below is the financial data for The Fount. The data below is for June 2017.

Actual June Envelope Giving	\$12,297
Budgeted Monthly Envelope Giving	\$22,470
Actual Loose Plate Giving Jan. thru June	\$ 3,320
Budgeted Loose Plate Giving Jan. thru June	\$ 1,800
Actual YTD Envelope Giving thru June	\$120,810
Budgeted Monthly Envelope Giving thru June	\$134,820



AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

Physical Resources Team	August 13	12:15 pm
Witness/Outreach Team Mtg.	August 27	12:15 pm

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



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WITNESS/OUTREACH TEAM

The Witness/Outreach Team will be going out in the later part of September to share the love of Christ in our neighborhood and to pray with people. Come and join the team and be a part of this outreach event! Call George Mulak at home if you are interested in participating: 714-731-4285.





VISION 2020 FUNDING UPDATE

Total One time Gifts Amount Amount pledged—1 year commitment Amount pledged—3 year commitment	\$ 1,000 \$ 1,500/year \$ 12,867/year
Amount Given YTD as of 6/30/17	\$ 6,505
Campaign goal: Year 1—\$100,500 Year 2—\$209,000 Year 3—\$ 38,000	\$347,500



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VISION 2020 UPDATE

Plans are moving along in our Vision 2020 campaign to prepare the church for ministry in 2020 and beyond! If you haven't yet turned in a pledge card for the campaign, call the church office or pick up a Vision 2020 brochure in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

The first project being tackled is a new sign for the front lawn of the church. The design for the sign is being worked on and we are hoping to have a new sign by Christmas!

Some families are pledging toward certain projects in the Vision 2020 campaign, projects that excite them and they want to support. Here are just a few of them for you to consider supporting:

Sanctuary

Air Conditioning Flooring Sound System and acoustical treatment Chancel remodel

Multi-Purpose Room

Acoustical treatment

Baptismal resurfacing

Patio shade

Preschool

Air Conditioning

Painting

New Play structure

Whole Campus

Paint

Parking lot slurry

Front lawn landscaping

Solar electrical system

Fountains

Parsonage

Trim painting Garage door

Main sewer line

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Let Karen Olson know what you would like to support, or just turn in a pledge card! Thanks!

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD CEREMONY

Five young women from Troops 24 and 327 of the Garden Valley Service Unit will be receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award at The Fount on Friday evening the 11th of August. This award is the highest achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. Those receiving the awards are: Lexie Geltman, Josilyn Grant, Danielle Joly, Fiona Lichodziejewski and Marjorie Schlegel.



FVUMP (PRESCHOOL) SET TO RE-OPEN

Our outstanding preschool is set to re-open in September. The staff will host their annual "Meet and Greet" for the families of children who will be attending our preschool this year on Friday September 8th. Classes will begin for the MWF/5 day students on Monday, September 11th, and for the T/TH students on Tuesday, September 12th!



SURF CITY UMC BLOCK PARTY!





Community Block Party!

- Chili Cook Off
- * Bake Sale Raffle
- * BBQ Hot Dogs
- * Tacos
- * Fun Zone for the kids
- * The band "Close Enuff"
- * And... Dunk the Pastor Dunk Booth!



Fun

Food*Game

at Surf City Church 2721 Delaware St HB on August 13th

from Noon to 3pm

Ph: 714-536-3537





PRAYER REQUESTS

We have received requests for prayer for the following people: Mendy Nehrbass, JJ Martin & the Martin family, the Mahler family, Li Garvin, Grace Yamashiro, Bob and Pauline Henning, Merna Young, Nancy Fones, Mercedes Friedrich, Kathleen McFarland, as well as friends/family/ coworkers of many of our church and staff members.

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





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Alex Willems	2
Sue Bohlen	12
Don Garvin	25
Linda Donley	31
Curt McConnell	31

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Ric Seaver Family & Children

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Pat Stoaks Administrative Assist.

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A Biblical family of joyful servants, sharing the love of God in a broken world.

