

October 2017

# The Source

## A GRIEF EXPERIENCE



We were all affected by the recent death of Dominic Laffoon, one of our own, just 18 years old, recently became an Eagle Scout, beloved by all. The shock of it, its suddenness, and the over-whelming heaviness was felt by all at worship on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and will continue for the foreseeable future. His memorial service (still pending at this writing) will continue the grieving process.

What can we say about this? It isn't fair, but then much of life is not fair. Can we even begin to know the reasons why Dominic passed? We can know the medical reasons, but what about the spiritual reasons? People like to say "Everything happens for a reason," and yet, do they? I don't believe that God caused Dom's death, except to allow it to happen. Cancer caused his death, and cancer, like all of the other evils in this world, is a direct result of our sin. And sin is the product of human free will to turn against God. So it would be more correct to say that we (humanity) caused his death.

I prefer to say, with St. Paul, that "all things work together for good, for those who are called according to [God's] purpose" (Romans 8:28). That is to say, that as gut-wrenchingly horrible as Dom's death is, God is able and will bring some good out of it. I don't know what it will be, and it may be many years before we perceive it, but I trust in God. In the mean time, we need to comfort one another, especially the Laffoon family. And we need to hold out the possibility of God's redemption of this tragedy. Not that it will ever be "ok", but that in some distant time, perhaps, we will see the goodness of God revealed through it all.

I invite you to hold on to this hope.

In Christ,

Pastor Glen



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. This data through August 2017.

Actual August Envelope Giving	\$ 21,647
Budgeted Monthly Envelope Giving	\$ 22,470

Actual Loose Plate Giving Jan. thru August	\$ 4,440
Budgeted Loose Plate Giving Jan. thru August	\$ 2,400

Actual Envelope Giving Jan. thru August	\$178,882
Budgeted Envelope Giving Jan. thru August	\$179,760



## OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Messy Church Team Mtg.	October 8	10:00 am
Christmas Pageant Kickoff Mtg.	October 8	12:00 pm
Physical Resources Team Mtg.	October 8	12:15 pm
Nurture Team Meeting	October 15	12:15 pm
Preschool Board Meeting	October 17	6:00 pm
Messy Church	October 20	6:00 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.*



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Again this year, both The Fount and the FVUMP (preschool) will be participating in Operation Christmas Child by collecting shoeboxes for children in over 101 countries throughout the world. We will have the preprinted boxes and information available for your use in the narthex. National Collection Week is November 13-20. Our collection center is Shoreline Community Church. You may bring your filled boxes to The Fount until November 12th and we will take them to Shoreline for you.



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## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual church/charge conference is scheduled for November 5th after service (approximately 12:30 pm). Please make sure this annual meeting is on your calendar. Our District Superintendent, Dr. John Farley, will be presiding at our conference this year.

Come and participate in reviewing the past year's activities and exercise your right to question and/or approve any items presented at the conference. All members of the church may vote.

All reports and forms will be due on October 23rd to allow adequate time to produce the conference booklets.



# WESLEYAN COVENANT ASSOCIATION GLOBAL GATHERING

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the second annual gathering of the Wesleyan Covenant Association. It will be held in Houston, Texas, but the proceedings will be streamed live to over 60 regional sites, including right here at The Fount! And you are invited!

Great worship, great speakers, and great fellowship: it's going to be a wonderful day!

It all starts at 9:00 AM and lasts until 3:00 PM. If you are a member of the WCA, or a member of The Fount (because we are a congregational member) you can register for the event for just \$30. This includes the live stream, snacks, and lunch. Non-members can register for \$55. All registrations must be made through the WCA website:

(<http://www.wesleyancovenant.org/houston>). Registration is necessary.

The theme for the event is “Move – On Mission with God”. You will hear speakers such as Kenneth Levingston, Shane Bishop, Keith Boyette, Jennifer Cowart, Jeff Greenway, Forbes Matonga, Bishop Robert Hayes, Cara Nicklas, Rob Renfroe and worship led by Mark Swayze.

Don't miss this! It will encourage you about the future of Methodism!



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

The staff and students are back into the swing of school with the staff having held parent/teacher information meetings September 21st, 22nd and 26th.

Families are invited to come to the Back to School Night scheduled for October 3rd. This night gives the preschool children an opportunity to show off their classroom and introduce their family to their preschool friends and classmates.

The cookie sale & direct donation fundraiser for the preschool is underway with the last day of sale being October 12th. The expected delivery date is the week of November 13th. The preschool appreciates the support it gets from the members of The Fount with this fundraiser.



It's Trunk or Treat time again! The annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st with dress up days on October 31st and

November 1st. This is such a fun event for the families and children. If you have never witnessed this event, make time on October 31st to drop by the parking lot at the back of the church at 11:25 AM to see the children in their costumes go around to the various vehicles .

This year Preschool Sunday will be held for Sunday, October 29th. The Fount will be honoring the staff of the preschool and the "preschoolers" are scheduled to sing as well. So, don't miss church on October 29th!



# MEN'S RETREAT



## PLAY HARD, MAKE FRIENDS, MEET GOD

Come connect with other men as we strive to become more like Jesus Christ through community, teaching, biblical study, and good old fashion back-woods fun!

**NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017**

**Registration open at 4:00 pm on Friday**

*Register online at [www.alpine-cc.org](http://www.alpine-cc.org)*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$165**

Save \$10 if registered before October 2, 2017  
(Scholarships available based upon income eligibility.)

**LOCATION:** Alpine Camp and Conference Center  
45 Club House Drive  
Blue Jay, CA 92317  
Ph: 800-350-6289  
email: [info@alpine-cc.org](mailto:info@alpine-cc.org)

## ACTIVITIES

- \* King of the Mountain
- \* Tailgate Party!
- \* 3-on-3 B-Ball Tournament!
- \* Airsoft
- \* High Ropes

## EQUIPPING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- \* Prayer
- \* Solitude
- \* Sabbath
- \* Work
- \* Plus Much More!

## GUEST SPEAKER: FRANK SONTAG



A horrific motorcycle accident in 1984 should have killed Frank, but he survived, which set him on a quest to find out why he was still alive. His search led him to grab a bag of spiritual philosophies, with New Age thought leading the way. A career change into Los Angeles radio gave him the opportunity to host a Sunday night talk show called Impact, on the biggest classic rock station in Los Angeles, KLOS 95.5 FM. For twenty-one years, Frank led a region-wide discussion on spirituality that was open to all faiths and all philosophies, except for one based on a Savior who died on a cross nearly 2,000 years ago. Little did Frank know that Jesus Christ was calling him on a different line...



# SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE ON DISPLAY

In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. In 2011 San Diego School of Christian Studies and First Church exhibited 25 prints from *The Saint John's Bible*. We again invite you to explore 25 new prints from this work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium.

Docents from First Church will be your hosts as you enjoy the prints from *The Saint John's Bible* at your leisure. An introductory video, chronicling the origins of the project, and the struggles of the commissioned calligrapher, Donald Jackson, to complete it, will show every hour.

See below for dates and times.

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of San Diego  
2111 Camino del Rio South  
San Diego, CA US 92108

**Room:** Trotter Chapel

**Dates:** October 1 - November 5.

Fridays, 1-5 PM.

Saturdays, 10 AM - 4 PM.

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM.

You can schedule a visit online by going to the church's website:

<https://www.fumcsd.org/>



# MESSY CHURCH

Creatively build your family's faith

## SEPTEMBER MESSY CHURCH

We resumed our monthly Messy Church meetings in September. It was a great time discussing Christ, the chief Cornerstone and new temple built out of His followers which has become a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:19-22). We were joined by two new families, the Marlowes from our Preschool and the Rooke's from our Cub Scout Pack 567. Pat and the hospitality team prepared an amazing dinner as always! If you didn't join us last month, we hope you can October 20th when we talk about the 10 Bridesmaids of Matthew 25.





# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We're excited to announce that The Fount will be producing a Christmas Pageant this year! Ric and Jonathan will be working together to produce a traditional Christmas Pageant and they'll need all the help they can get (don't they always?).

First, consider committing to bring your kids or grand-kids to the informational meeting coming up soon on **October 8th** from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Then, think about whether you've got a skill set that would help the production come together. **Set Design, Costume and Hospitality** (snack) teams will be needed to ensure that the production goes well and that the kids have fun through the whole process.

Contact Ric at [Ric@TheFount.Church](mailto:Ric@TheFount.Church) to bring a kid (or kids) or join a team today!



# CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC WESLEYAN COVENANT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER

At a meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, the regional chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) was formed here in the Cal-Pac conference. Several members of The Fount were present and elected to the governing council: Kent and Carol Stewart, Karl Baumgardner and Pastor Glen. Pastor Glen was elected the President/Chairperson of the chapter.

The first order of business is recruiting folks from Cal-Pac to join the Cal-Pac WCA. Please be in prayer for this new organization as it seeks to provide a place and community for Cal-Pac United Methodists who desire to remain faithful to the Bible and Christian tradition.

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC  
**WESLEYAN**  
**COVENANT**  
ASSOCIATION



## PRAYER REQUESTS

We have received requests for prayer for the following people: the Laffoon family, Bill Speicher, Alex Willems, Nancy Jarachovic, Mendy Nehrbass, JJ Martin & the Martin family, Li Grace Yamashiro, 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.

**Prayer  
Requests**

# THE FOUNT

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

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Jacques Laffoon	3
Lela Satterfield	3
Sean Goebel	13
Jeanne Smith	16
Vicki Mulak	20
Karen Olson	26
Eaar Oden	30

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

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Lead Pastor

**Jonathan Kupper**

Worship and Music

**Ric Seaver**

Family & Children

**Coleen Kaae**

FVUM Preschool Dir.

**Stephanie Parsons**

Childcare

**Pat Stoaks**

Administrative Assist.

