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FOLLOWING JESUS IN 2018



As we come to the end of 2017 and begin the New Year, it is a good time to take stock of our lives and recommit to following Jesus. Those words seem easy, but, as we all know, following Jesus is not always easy. In fact, it rarely is.

Because following Jesus requires that we be willing to step out of our comfort zones. What is it that Jesus is calling you to this coming year? Is it a new mission?

Is it diving deeper into His Word? Is it taking on new

responsibilities in the church, the neighborhood, the family, at work? What has the Lord put on your heart for the New Year?

Notice I'm not asking for a New Years' Resolution! My experience is that resolutions rarely work to truly change our lives. Mainly because we attempt to keep resolutions by our own strength; that doesn't work! Unless, of course, the resolution is to follow Jesus more closely, relying on His strength!

On Sunday, January 7th, we will once again be engaging in the Wesley Covenant Service which Methodists and other Wesleyans have historically done on the first Sunday of a new year. In the service we will recommit our lives to following Jesus wherever He leads us. It is a very powerful service, and I encourage the entire Fount family to be there on January 7th.

But we have to make sure our commitments and re-commitments are not empty and rote. We start by self-examination and by asking God to show us our heart, being brutally honest with ourselves and with God. We confess our sins, and acknowledge our failures as disciples of Jesus. Then we let God speak to that heart, and empower our discipleship.

Are you ready?

We don't know what the New Year will bring, but we do know that whatever it brings Jesus will still be Lord. And if we are truly following Him, we will be triumphant with Him!

Blessings,

Pastor Glen



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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 is through November.

Actual Envelope Giving in November	\$ 17,939
Budgeted Monthly Envelope Giving	\$ 22,470

Actual Loose Plate Giving Jan. thru Nov.	\$ 5,359
Budgeted Loose Plate Giving Jan. thru Nov.	\$ 3,300

Actual Envelope Giving Jan. thru Nov.	\$248,555
Budgeted Envelope Giving Jan. thru Nov.	\$247,170



JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE



Messy Church Team	January 7	10:00 am
Human Resources Team	January 7	12:00 pm
Preschool Board	January 9	5:30 pm
Physical Resources Team	January 14	12:00 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.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS

Please join your friends in helping take down the greens and store them for next year. We will meet on Friday, January 5th at 5:00 pm.

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated!



BIBLE 102: UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

A reminder, Bible 102, a follow up to Bible 101, is the next offering and will focus more in depth on the Old Testament. Using the study book, *The Epic of Eden*, by Sandra Richter, this 12-week class will help participants understand the Old Testament from a Christian perspective.

Bible 102 will begin with an introductory meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The weekly classes will be held on Tuesdays starting January 16th at 7:00 PM in Room 205 and will last for 90 minutes each. The cost of the class is the cost for the study book, \$22.95 (plus shipping) from Seedbed.com. Call (714-962-2593) or email (office@thefount.church) to receive a link to order your book and/or reserve your spot!



Packing Up and Organizing
Christmas Decorations



OneBook.
THE EPIC OF
EDEN
Understanding the Old Testament
SANDRA RICHTER

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The complex block on the right side of the page features a vertical arrangement of images and text. At the top, there is a photograph of a grey plastic storage bin filled with Christmas decorations, including a small tree, lights, and ornaments. Below this image is a red-bordered box containing the text 'Packing Up and Organizing' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'Christmas Decorations' in a smaller, italicized font underneath. Below the box is another photograph showing a dining table set for Christmas, with a red tablecloth, a small tree, and various decorations. The bottom half of the block is dominated by the cover of the book 'The Epic of Eden' by Sandra Richter. The cover has a light, textured background with the title 'THE EPIC OF EDEN' in large, green, serif letters. Below the title is a small illustration of a biblical scene. At the bottom of the cover, the author's name 'SANDRA RICHTER' is printed. The entire block is framed by a thin blue border.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day and Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The office will re-open at 9:00 am on January 2nd and January 16th.



FREE BREAKFAST!

Join the Men's Ministry for a free breakfast for *EVERYONE* on Sunday, January 7, 2018 from **9:00 AM to 10:00 AM!** Come early for church and enjoy a hot, full breakfast in the Multipurpose Room (MPR).

It is a gift to the church family from the Men's Ministry. So come and enjoy breakfast. "Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'" *John 21:12a*



PACK 567 PINWOOD DERBY

Pack 567 will be holding a pinewood derby in the East Chapel on Saturday, January 13th at 12:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Join Pastor Glen for coffee and conversation on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 8:30 AM in the Library in the church office building. Questions will be asked and answered concerning what it means to become a Professing Member of The Fount.

Call the church office (714-962-2593) to indicate your plans to attend. New members will be received into the church at a later date. There is no obligation to join by attending the Pastor's Coffee.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Classes will resume at the preschool on Monday, January 8th. The students and staff have enjoyed a two week break from classes over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The staff will host a Parent Workshop on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00 pm on school readiness. Parents of the preschool children are encouraged to attend.

Our preschool will be closed on the following dates:

- ◆ January 1-7—Christmas break
- ◆ January 15—In observance of Martin Luther King Day
- ◆ January 25-26—Teacher's conference



Coffee with
Pastor Glen



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

After nearly three months of practice and preparation we finally got to enjoy Journey to Bethlehem! This production included kids from four different congregations and our preschool. It was exciting to see kids from so many places come together and work on something bigger than their own congregations could have done on it's own. So many kids today will never have the opportunity to be in a small church Pageant or even get on stage in their church. I believe that being involved in things like Christmas Pageants are foundational for children's connection to their community of faith. Parents, friends and extended family members came to see their loved ones give glory to God through this dramatic representation of how the Innkeeper felt after he realized he sent a very important family to sleep in the stable. Special thanks to everyone who supported the production behind the scenes: Stephanie and Mike Parsons, Lety Seaver, Lisa and Ray Kudukis, Alex and Eric Willems, Nathan Haworth, Karen Wilson, Meredith Williams, and Pat Stoaks.



LEARN HOW TO USE OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

Curious about how to use The Fount's website? Want to know more about accessing the Church Membership System online? Need to learn how to use our phone app?

You're in luck! Pastor Glen will conduct a training in all these things on Sunday, January 28th after worship in the Sanctuary!

Come with your questions. He will demonstrate our web presence and the phone app. Let's be more connected! Call the church office for more information.



MESSY CAROLING

Few things bring up the joyful feelings of Christmas like having a group caroling at your house. This lost tradition is one we're happy to keep alive at The Fount. The folks at Rancho La Siesta appreciated the joyful noise we brought to them as we told them the good news about Jesus' birth. We were joined by several families and some of our preschool staff who really made the time special. The kids were much more involved this year as they've had time to practice since last year. Some bags of delicious homemade cookies made by Alex Willems were also provided to our neighbors. Pastor Glen had to brush up on his "White Christmas" as I had a feeling it would be our top request, and it was! We hope you'll join us next year!

MESSY CHURCH
Creatively build your family's faith

~~MESSY CHURCH~~
Caroling

NEXT
Messy Church:
Dec. 15th
6-8pm

**DINNER |
COMMUNITY
CREATIVITY**


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PRAYER REQUESTS

We have received requests for prayer for the following people: Michelle Aplin's (preschool assistant) daughter Chloe, The family of Kay Christy (Karen Wilson's mother, Carey Wiskus' (preschool teacher) mother, Becky Lucia, George and Vicki Mulak, The Boger family, Linda Donley, Carol Stewart, the Laffoon family, Bill Speicher, Nancy Jarachovic, Grace Yamashiro, Merna Young, 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

THE FOUNT IS

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



Linda Sanger	5
Ruth Handy	8
Jim Liming	11
Gary Ruck	14
Myra McConnell	16
Jonathan Kupper	19
Stephanie Parsons	20
Jim Bohlen	21
Julie Laffoon	21
Owen Seaver	24
Ric Seaver	26
Anthony Boger	27

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

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Jonathan Kupper
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Ric Seaver
Family & Children

Coleen Kaae
FVUM Preschool Dir.

Stephanie Parsons
Childcare

Pat Stoaks
Administrative Assist.

