



# Expectations

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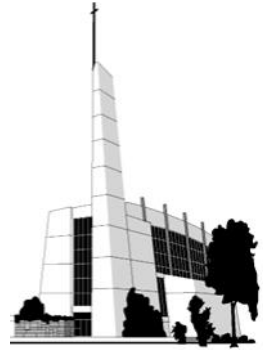
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## September 2024



Rally Sunday is back **Sunday, September 8th!** Come one, come all as we celebrate getting back to church after summer vacations and outings, and having the Choir back in the Choir Loft! Immediately following Worship, our Samoan brothers and sisters will be barbecuing meat. Others are encouraged to bring salads and/or desserts. See you then!



The Church Choir is planning a "Salad Potluck" to kick off the new season for the choir! It will be held on Thursday, September 5th at 6PM in the Lounge. *If you have any questions, please call Susan Semotan at (714) 292-0439.*

**Thank you everyone for the generous donations towards supplies for Communion.** We are covered for the foreseeable future and don't need anymore donations for Communion at this time.





# September

## BIRTHDAYS

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Michael Ortiz

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Vickey Stoner

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Katherine Steppe

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Barbara Tosi  
Florence Tuua

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Gail Brown

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Timothy Tran

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Angela Sherlin  
Kevin Troung

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Remy Gambito  
Joey Tuua

**September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Luis Cajiuat  
Kailani Sherlin  
Erika Nguyen

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
David Fisher  
Jackie Pringle

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Nancy Buck

**September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Chris Spangler  
Tereise Tosi

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Shelby Nash

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuua Tuua (TJ)

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Dale Batesole  
Kimo Sherlin

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Alex Collino  
Leataataofiti Sherlin



A Very Special **"Happy Birthday"** this month to **Remedios Gambito and Dale Batesole!** Remedios will be **99** on the **13<sup>th</sup>** and **Dale** will be **98** on the **28<sup>th</sup>**! If you would like to send them a special greeting: **Remedios Gambito's** address is 31932 Manzanita Lane, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532-2612 and **Dale Batesole's** address is 12691 Chase St., Garden Grove, CA 92845-2653.



# October

## BIRTHDAYS

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Jack Shepard  
Vickie Iwasiwka  
Kolopa Joe Pua  
Jacqueline Mijares

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Rachel Wislocki  
Donald Beard

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Diep "Zi" Nghiem

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Dang Nguyen

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Dr. Ann Newsome

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Mychelle Fleeman

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Evelyn Seto

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Larry Ogle

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Eileen Meade  
Caroline Nguyen

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Kurt Rice  
Vanessa Granados

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Jim Spangler

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Andrea Kramer  
Traci Tran



Prayers for Stacey Beard's brother-in-law Dwayne Hogue who has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on his kidney and may have the Kidney removed.

Pamela Hall is now home. Thank you to all who sent get well cards and kept her in your prayers.

Please keep Barbara Tosi's mother and father in your prayers. Both were in the hospital recently, and Barbara's mother is still there.

Continued prayers for Barbara's sister Florence Tu'ua and Pastor Tone's sister, Maria Galoia.

Thank you for continued prayers for Linda Gregory. Her surgery was successful -

no cancer or other complications. She had to stay overnight because of low blood pressure, but she is now at home resting.

Prayers for Dr. Ann who has pneumonia. Prayers for Joyce Hall who had surgery on 7/15

Please keep Avery Steppe, Dr. Ann's granddaughter who is losing her vision.



## Annual All- Church Harvest Dinner

Save the date! The Congregations Coordinating Council (CCC) is excited to be sponsoring the 8<sup>th</sup> annual All-Church Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Acker Hall! More details to follow, so keep a look out in the weekly GGUMC E-News updates!

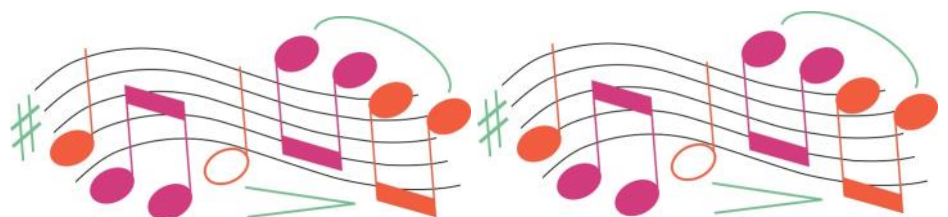


**It's time for the fun to begin! Children's Choir is back, and will be meeting in the Chapel on Tuesday, September 10th!**

Cherub / Chorister (ages 5 - 5th grade) meet from 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays

The Sonshine Singers (ages 6th-12th grade) meet at 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays

*Any questions, please contact Sally Hickman at (714) 376-8391.*





# JOIN THE CHORUS

Hello GGUMC!

We're excited to invite you to join our church choir starting this Thursday Sept. 5th! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just looking to try something new, our choir is the perfect place to share your love of music and connect with our community. **No vocal or choir experience needed! We can guide and teach!**

**When do we meet?**

- **Thursdays:** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Sundays:** 9:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Our choir room is conveniently located in the chapel—no more stairs!

**Want to give it a try?** No need to commit to every Thursday and Sunday right away. Feel free to join us on Sundays to sing hymns and participate in call and responses, without the pressure of singing anthems or attending every rehearsal.

We're looking forward to a wonderful new year and hope you'll be a part of it. Come and make a joyful noise with us!

Warm regards,

Michael Ortiz

*Director of Music*

## Church Staff

*The ministers of this Church are its members. They are assisted by:*

Bishop .....	Dottie Escobedo-Frank	Director of Youth/Children Choirs .....	Sally Hickman
District Superintendent .....	Rev. Luis Garcia	Vietnamese Administrative Asst.....	Phuong Dinh
Clergy .....	Lui Tran, Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi, Khuong Chau	Organist/Pianist .....	Liz Nguyen
Minister of Youth/Young Adult Ministries ...	Zi Nghiem	Music Director .....	Michael Ortiz
Administrative Assistant .....	Sonia Guerrero	Wedding Coordinator.....	Mitzie Larson
Financial Bookkeeper .....	Linda Gregory	Membership Secretary .....	Donna Gregg





# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
		REFLECTIONS FUNERAL – Sanctuary 5-9PM	TRINITY CIRCLE- 9:30AM Location TBA	CHOIR SALAD PARTY – Lounge 6PM  TRUSTEES- Church office 5PM	BOYSCOUTS – Acker Hall 3PM-8PM	OUTSIDE RENTER – Acker hall 10AM-11PM
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
RALLY SUNDAY – After church service on the patio		CHILDREN'S CHOIR -Chapel 4PM	CCC MEETING – Lounge 5:30PM			
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING – Lounge after church service		SPRC – Lounge 5PM	UWF – more info TBA			OUTSIDE RENTER – Acker Hall 10AM-11PM
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
VIET. LANG. MINISTRY- Rehearsal Grad. Acker Hall 10AM-1PM					VIET. LANG. MINISTRY- Grad Prep. Acker Hall 6PM-10PM	VIET. LANG. MINISTRY- Graduation Day Acker Hall 8AM- 2PM
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

## MONDAY

- **Boy Scouts** – ACKER HALL & Rm. 202, 5-9pm
- **Lakeside** – LOUNGE – 6-9pm, *every first Monday* of the month.

## TUESDAY

- GGUMC Children's Choir- CHAPEL, 4PM-5:15PM
- **Samoa Congregation** – CHAPEL 6-8pm
- **Village Green** – LOUNGE – 6-9pm, every *first Tuesday* of the month
- **Casa De Dios Prayer Group** – RM. 202, 6pm-10pm
- **SPRC** – LOUNGE – 5-8pm, *every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday* of the month
- **Finance** – LOUNGE, 6PM – *4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday* of the month

## WEDNESDAY

- **Trinity Circle** – locations TBD, but sometimes Lounge – *1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month* – 9:30 a.m.
- **United Women in Faith** – location TBD, but sometimes Lounge – *3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month* – time TBD
- **Samoa Congregation** – ACKER HALL, 5-9pm
- **Self Help Group** – Rm. 202, 6-10pm
- **Vietnamese Bible Study** – Church Office Conference Rm. 6pm

## THURSDAY

- **Trustees** – LOUNGE, *1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month*, 5pm
- **Samoa Congregation** – ACKER HALL, 5-9pm
- **Lake Grove Group** – LOUNGE, 6-9pm every *last Thursday* of the month
- GGUMC Choir- CHAPEL, 7PM

## FRIDAY

- **Casa De Dios Prayer Group** – RM. 202, 6pm-10pm

## SATURDAY

- **Vietnamese congregation & Arts** – UPPER ROOMS & CHAPEL, 8am-12pm (*Jan-Aug only*)
- **Samoa Congregation** - CHAPEL, 5-10am *last Saturday* of each month

## SUNDAY

- **Korean Congregation** – SANCTUARY 11:30 am -1pm
- **Samoa** – ACKER HALL 2-9PM, *2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday* of each month
- **Casa De Dios Prayer Group** – SANCTUARY 2:30PM-5:30PM





# Wesley Village

The clinic is open Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The phone number to call for appointments is 714-633-4600. *They have moved to the first floor of the Wesley Village Family Building on Acacia.*



Online giving is available at:

<https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/ggumc>

Detailed information about Online Giving is available at:

<https://www.ggumc.net/online-giving/>

Direct any Online Giving support issues to [linda@ggumc.net](mailto:linda@ggumc.net)

Once again, we thank you all for your continuing support.

The GGUMC website is under construction. The latest sermons and news, are always available at:

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TODAY. AND.  
all year.  
AMEN**





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**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

# DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

The *Expectations* deadline for the October issue (to be mailed on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>) is 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. News and Events for October and November should be in this issue. You may E-mail articles to [ggumc@ggumc.net](mailto:ggumc@ggumc.net), bring them to the Church Office, mail them, or (if they are short) call them in, on or before the deadline.

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