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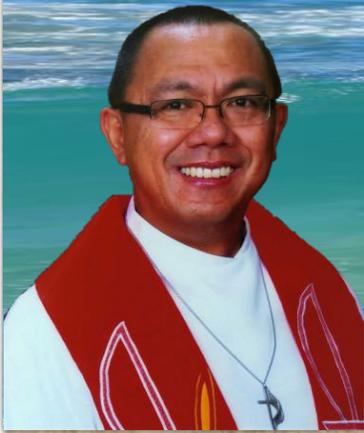
Back to Church Sunday

September 18, 2016

9:00am & 10:30am Services

Join our church family for food,
fellowship and fun!





PASTOR'S MUSINGS

“Expire-ment Planning”



I must say that God has an interesting sense of humor! Who could have choreographed circumstances in my family's life so that my preaching calendar had me preaching on “Expire-ment Planning” – as in preparing for death, on July 31 after our family lost my father-in-law, Benito Jose Reyes, Jr. on the 29th?

This is just one of many vivid experiences of the nearness and presence of God that I have been gifted with as our family walks through the valley of the shadow of death.

“Papa Benny,” as we called him, lived just short of his 85th birthday on September 2. He had been dealing with multiple health issues for much of his adult life, the most significant of which required him to be dialyzed three times a week. Just prior to the family arriving at the decision to transition him to hospice care, Papa Benny, even in his confusion, expressed his desire to discontinue receiving dialysis. This was a ‘God-moment’ *experience* for us.

Another ‘God-moment’ was how the power of *Scripture* came alive for us and gave us assurance and solace in texts like:

²² *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;*

²³ *they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

-- Lamentations 3

²⁸ *“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

-- Matthew 11

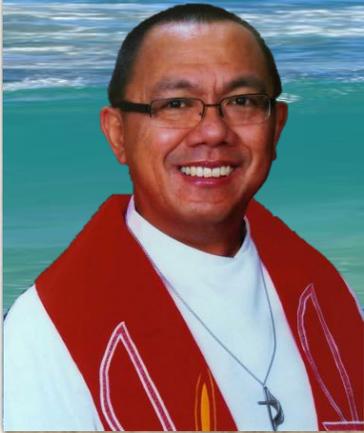
² *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

-- Isaiah 43

⁵ *For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.*

*Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.*

-- Psalm 30



PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Another 'God-moment' came by way of the *tradition* of the Church, her collective wisdom enshrined in our Social Principles on the subject of "Faithful Care of Dying Persons" which shed much-needed light upon our situation with our loved one –

While we applaud medical science for efforts to prevent disease and illness and for advances in treatment that extend the meaningful life of human beings, we recognize that every mortal life will ultimately end in death. Death is never a sign that God has abandoned us, no matter what the circumstances of the death might be. As Christians we must always be prepared to surrender the gift of mortal life and claim the gift of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Care for dying persons is part of our stewardship of the divine gift of life when cure is no longer possible. We encourage the use of medical technologies to provide palliative care at the end of life when life-sustaining treatments no longer support the goals of life, and when they have reached their limits. There is no moral or religious obligation to use these when they impose undue burdens or only extend the process of dying. Dying persons and their families are free to discontinue treatments when they cease to be of benefit to the patient.

We recognize the agonizing personal and moral decisions faced by the dying, their physicians, their families, their friends, and their faith community. We urge that decisions faced by the dying be made with thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, pastoral, and other appropriate counsel. We further urge that all persons discuss with their families, their physicians, and their pastoral counselors, their wishes for care at the end of life and provide advance directives for such care when they are not able to make these decisions for themselves. Even when one accepts the inevitability of death, the Church and society must continue to provide faithful care, including pain relief, companionship, support, and spiritual nurture for the dying person in the hard work of preparing for death. We encourage and support the concept of hospice care whenever possible at the end of life. Faithful care does not end at death but continues during bereavement as we care for grieving families. We reject euthanasia and any pressure upon the dying to end their lives. God has continued love and purpose for all persons, regardless of health. We affirm laws and policies that protect the rights and dignity of the dying.

Papa Benny and Mama Naty turned their backs on their respective careers—he had earned his way to become Sovereign Grand Inspector General (33rd degree) of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; and she was a high school teacher—to immigrate to the U.S. and support their daughters Miriam and Brenda in raising their grandchildren. In the process, they provided leadership to ministries in different ministry settings where their family's journey took them.

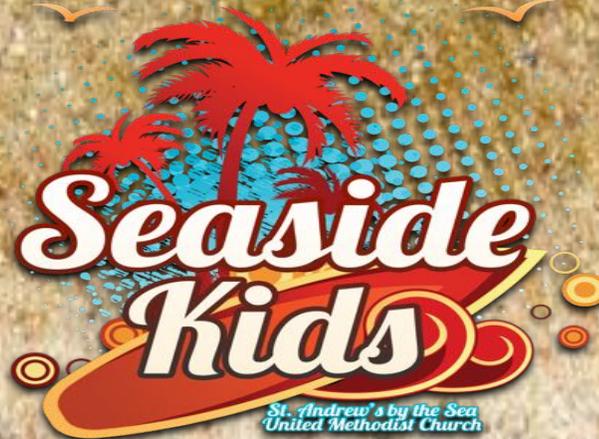
Katie Brazelton once said, "Don't just ask God to use you; ask Him to use you up. Then pray more than you've ever prayed before to be able to keep that commitment!"

My in-laws are a portrait of lives fully used up in the service of the Lord Jesus to whom they were committed all their days!

Of the family, George Bernard Shaw said, "A happy family is but an earlier heaven."

In Proverbs 22:1 the wisdom writer writes, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold."

Papa Benny—thank you for your gift and legacy of a happy family and a good name! You've put in a lifetime of solid "expire-ment planning"!



August brings us Weird Science - An Experiment in Obedience!

We'll spend the month learning stories from the very first book of the Bible -the Old Testament book of Genesis. As always, there will be lots of fun activities to support the stories.

Our Bible memory verse:

Trust in your leaders. Put yourselves under their authority. Do this, because they keep watch over you." Hebrews 13:17a

We could use a few more teachers. Give me a call!

Cheers,
Karen Muscariello
Director of Family Ministries
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A SABTS Ministry
Families of Faith Supper Club

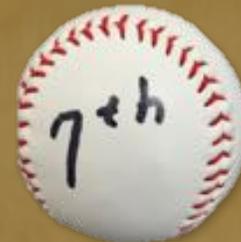
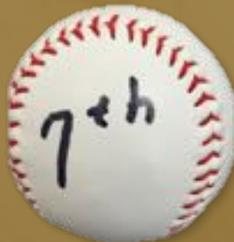
We are trying a new idea out, a supper club for Families of Faith.

This idea came out of a parents night out where a group of people had dinner a couple months ago and had a blast! So, we thought why not meet monthly to fellowship, share a great meal together and just have some old fashion fun!

Our first date was Friday, March 18th, we had a great dinner at Selma's in downtown San Clemente! This is an adult-only dinner, so we will have child care for \$10 per family at the church at 6:30 pm.

This month we meet on August 12th
R.S.V.P. to Ashleigh at youth.sabts@gmail.com or text at 949-310-8739.
We look forward to seeing everyone!

7th Inning Stretch!



Join in the St. Andrew's-San Onofre 7th Inning Stretch Middle School Mentoring & Tutoring Program. You don't have to be an expert in any subject (especially math!). Just be ready to give of your time and talent to mentor with an amazing group of middle school kids. Mentors are needed for Monday, Thursday or both days each week.

Volunteer and student security training:
Saturday August 27th 9:30am-11:00am SS1 in the Fellowship Hall

The program runs on Monday's and Thursday's from 3:00-4:30 pm at the San Onofre Middle School:

Thursday program kick-off is September 7th
Monday program kick-off follows on September 12th

Contact Donald Clinebell for additional information.
dclinebell@gmail.com

AUGUST

August 7: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm , pick up at 3:00 pm.

August 14: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm, pick up at 3:00 pm.

August 21: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm, pick up at 3:00 pm.

August 28: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm, pick up at 3:00 pm.

August 31: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.



Got Honey?

Apparently St. Andrew by-the-Sea did! Because of the keen observation of one of our parish members, John Killinger, we have discovered an active beehive right from under our noses...literally. The active hive was under one of the sprinkler panels on the ground by the front of the Sanctuary building. The beehive, bees (including the Queen Bee herself), have been safely removed and transported to a five acre family-run farm in North Escondido. The sprinkler panel has been secured with wire mesh to prevent a repeat performance.

All is well that ends well!

Thanks John!



Remember to take your Readiness 360 Survey!

We are seeking to discover our people's opinions & experiences in a variety of areas. The Readiness 360 online survey will help us find answers. To take the R360 survey, go to <http://app.readiness360.org/survey/login>. Enter our survey code: 3079753674.

The survey will take less than 20 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by midnight, Monday, August 22nd.

Questions, Contact

Jenny Friess at jennyfriess5@gmail.com or

Dave Mauerman at dmauerman@cox.net.

Thanks for your help!

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AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:45 am Seeker's Sunday School Class</p> <p>9:00 am Band-led Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Choir-led Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Youth Sunday School</p> <p>12:30 pm Anchored Youth Beach Day</p>	<p>3:00 pm Welcome Inn</p>	<p>9:00 am Andrews Kids</p> <p>9:30 am Senior's Yoga</p> <p>6:30 pm SC/MFO</p> <p>7:00 pm Band Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 pm Pie with the Pastor</p>	<p>7:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, Humphries</p>	<p>9:30 am Seniors Yoga</p> <p>7:30 pm AI Anon</p>	<p>9:30 am Seniors Yoga</p> <p>7:30 pm AI Anon</p>	<p>8:00 am UM Men's Breakfast</p>
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Core Principles

As fully-committed followers of Jesus Christ:

We have been **transformed** by our encounter with the living God in Jesus Christ.

We practice **spiritual disciplines**, such as prayer, meditation, scripture reading, attending worship, receiving the sacraments, and fasting, which cultivate our daily conscious contact with God.

We seek to **learn** more about God through continual study.

We practice **sacrifice** through tithing and selfless giving of ourselves.

We actively work for **justice and mercy** in the world.

We seek **unity** through working and living in harmony with our community of faith.

We walk our spiritual journey with **honesty and authenticity**.

We live our lives **humbly** knowing the gifts we have received come from God.



FAMILY
ASSISTANCE
MINISTRIES

Family Assistance Ministries needs our help this Summer. Remember to grab a FAM bag. The list of items needed are listed on the outside of the bag! You can bring items **the first Sunday of the month** or drop the bag at the church Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.