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Building Community with Our Muslim Neighbors: Islam, America, and the Challenges of Our Time



January 22 & 29, 2017; 3-5 PM

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Professor Jihad Turk (Jan. 22)
*President, Bayan Claremont, a graduate school designed to educate Muslim scholars and religious leaders. His field of research focuses on Islamic Law with an emphasis on *usul al-fiqh*, or jurisprudence as well as theology.*

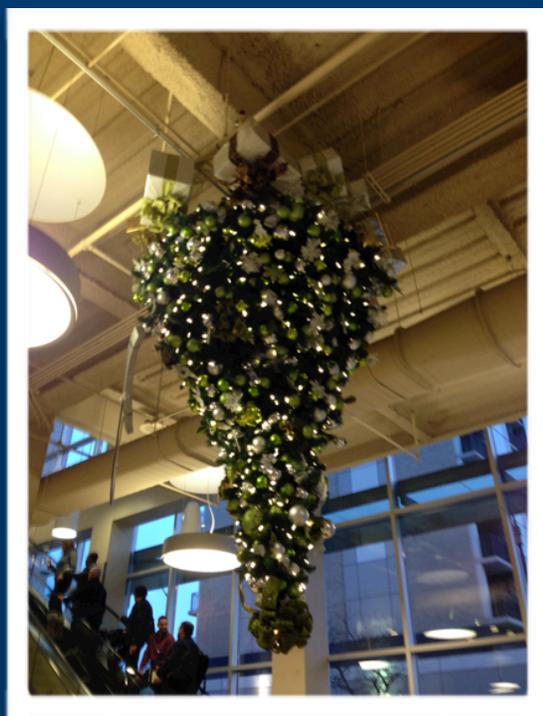


Dr. Najeeba Syeed (Jan. 29)
Associate Professor of Interreligious Education Claremont School of Theology
A leader in peace building. Two-time Jon Anson Ford Awardee for reducing violence in schools. Named Southern California Mediation Association's "Peacemaker of the Year" in 2007.



Pastor's Musings

Bishop Sally Dyck of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference and the current President of the General Board of Church and Society shares the photo below of an upside down Christmas tree hanging from the ceiling of her local grocery store. Quite an unusual sight, wouldn't you say?



Reflecting on the image, Bishop Dyck wrote:

Jesus' birth over 2000 years ago was in the midst of unrest, oppression and violence as the people of Israel labored under the Roman Empire. He brought a message of hope, peace and justice in the midst of a time and place where there was no hope, no peace and no justice. Jesus came to turn the values of the Empire upside down!

As we welcome a New Year, we are called to remember that Jesus came to turn the status quo and the values of Empire upside down. Cultural and societal values, by and large, reflect what people hold dear. Followers of Jesus hold these values in tension with the teachings of the Master. "Society values this, but Jesus said ..."

"What would Jesus do?" (often abbreviated WWJD) was a phrase that came into vogue in the 1990s as a personal motto within Evangelical Christianity, a reminder of the belief in a moral imperative to act in a manner that would demonstrate the love of Jesus through the actions of his followers.



Pastor's Musings

The circumstances of our individual and collective lives may change, but Jesus' claims upon us as members of our respective social groups trumps the values and claims of these same social groups of which we're a part. There are times when these values are in sync with each other. Other times, they are diametrically opposed. At those times, the follower of Jesus is called to draw the line and articulate why s/he cannot support what society at large values. S/he commits and undertakes acts that reflect 'Kingdom Values.' In other words, regularly ask, "What would Jesus do?"

Jesus says that he reigns in the hearts of individuals who have received him as Lord and Savior. His reigning influence in the heart is powerfully manifest in lives that model **forgiveness, faith, generosity, humility, sacrifice, selflessness, servanthood, loving those who are hard to love**, as well as genuine **thankfulness**.

God's value system is sacrificial love for the benefit of others, and it most looks like Jesus on the cross. If we are to be like him, we must understand this truth fully and seek to become like him in loving others sacrificially. Hearts in this condition allow Jesus full freedom to reign, empower, and direct. Hearts in this condition also manifest evidence that Christ is indeed reigning in our lives.

It begins by allowing Christ into our hearts and minds turning our despair upside down into hope, violence into peace, sadness into joy, and hatred into love.

May we be about turning the world upside down in 2017 as followers of Jesus!

Seaside Kids

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KNOWLEDGE

Learning something new
so you can be better
at whatever you do

MEMORY VERSE

"Your word is like a lamp that shows me
the way. It is like a light that guides me."

Psalm 119:105, NIV

WEEK
1

Wise Men Discover Jesus

Matthew 2

BOTTOM LINE:

Discovering what God says helps you know Jesus.

WEEK
2

Boy Jesus at the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

BOTTOM LINE:

What God says is the most important thing to know.

WEEK
3

Jesus' Baptism & John Calls Jesus Lamb of God

John 1:19-42

BOTTOM LINE:

Discovering what God says helps you follow Jesus.

WEEK
4

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness

Luke 4:1-13

BOTTOM LINE:

Discovering what God says helps you make the wise choice.

WEEK
5

John the Baptist in Prison

Matthew 11

BOTTOM LINE:

When you don't know what God says, ask.



MORNING TIME

Each morning brings an opportunity to learn something new about this incredible world God created. This month, spark your child's curiosity by placing a new wonder note somewhere she looks each morning. Grab a pen and paper (or get as artsy as you want!) and finish this sentence: "I wonder . . ." with something cool you think your child would enjoy discovering about God's creation. Where is the deepest part of the ocean? The highest mountain peak? The most recently discovered species? Talk about what they discovered at dinner that night!



DRIVE TIME

Whether it's a quick trip to grab bread and milk for the pending snowstorm or a long drive to see family for the weekend, spice up your ride with our song of the month, "Discover." Find it on Studio252.tv or the Parent Cue app!



MEAL TIME

Ask a kid: What is your favorite way to learn something new? By hearing about it, reading about it, talking through it with someone, or just doing it?

Ask a parent: If you could go back to your childhood, what one thing do you wish you had learned how to do?



BED TIME

Read Luke 2:41-52 as a family. Take a minute and brainstorm all the different things you could learn or do if you had the time. The list is endless! You could spend every minute of your life learning and never stop! So . . . where do you start? Jesus knew, and we can too, that the most important thing to learn is what God says. In the Bible, God tells us how to love Him and love others and how to make wise choices. When you focus on God's words first, it changes every part of your life, and starts to spill into the lives of people around you.



PARENT TIME

It can be hard getting back into the swing of homework and school projects after a long break. And with all of that, plus the endless "Why??" questions, learning something new is all you feel like your child is doing these days! But here's the good news: you don't have to give your child all the answers! In fact, it's better if you take a break and have them discover the answers for themselves. Next time your child asks how a TV works or what the moon is really made of, encourage them to research the answer online or in a book at your local library and report back to you about what they discovered.

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For more ideas, visit Studio252.tv

Family Ministries



Jan 22nd
Feb 12th
Feb 26th
March 12th
March 26th
April 9th
April 23rd
May 14th
May 28th
June 4th

PAJAMA JAM!

Who:

Seaside Kids ages
Kindergarten to 5th
grade

What:

Pajama Night! Come
in your pajamas, play
crazy games, win
awesome prizes, eat all
the cereal you want
and have a
blast!

Where:

St. Andrews By-the-Sea UMC
2001 Calle Frontera
San Clemente

When:

January 13th
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Questions:

Contact Ashleigh
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January

January 1st: Services at 10:00 am

January 4th: No Youth Group- Happy Winter Break

January 8th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am.

January 11th: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

January 15th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am.

January 18th: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

January 22nd: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

January 25th: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

January 27th-29th: Winter Retreat, Camp Skymeadows

January 29th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am.

Youth Taco Bar



January 15th
\$5 per person

All Proceeds go
towards the
youth Mission Trip

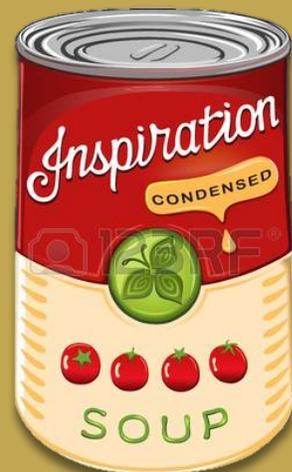
Minute4Mission Alert!!! "Souper" Bowl Sunday Feb. 7, 2017

*Don't stand on the sidelines or sit on the bench!
Get on the field and be 'faith in action'!*

*Bring a can (or more) of soup to
the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship
service.*

*All donations benefit the local
FAM food pantry.*

*Last year's collection was a SABTS
TEAM effort. Let's score big again
in 2017!*





St. Andrew's
by-the-Sea Senior Adult Ministries

*Video Highlights:
St. Andrews
Fantastic Follies*



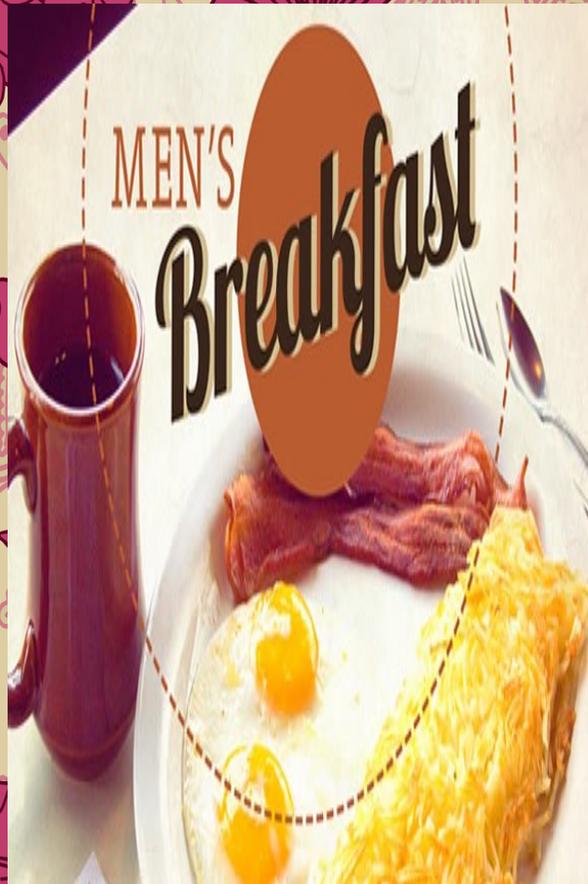
When: Sunday, February 12 after 10:30 service

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: You—and other adult friends

What: Let's go down memory lane & enjoy a light lunch together

Recommended donation: \$5



Our Saturday, January 21st meeting could be the highlight of 2017! Donald Clinebell, a member of our church, will present a program based on his latest book, "Extraordinary Living"! Don also heads up one of our church outreach programs, "7th Inning Stretch" at Camp Pendleton.

Check out the description of the topic and the links below:

How would your life be better if you woke up each day with a greater sense of purpose, fulfillment and joy for living. That would be pretty amazing wouldn't it? Discover the keys to an extraordinary life — a life that matters, that makes a difference. Discover the core and foundation of worthiness for which you were made.

Extraordinary Living. The latest book by Donald Clinebell, JD, PBK. The reviews are in: "An extraordinary study of the power of service."

[A] ... ground-breaking and life-changing work. An instant classic."

www.servicedriveninstitute.com

As usual, we meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8am for breakfast (pancakes, eggs, and bacon) - \$7.00

All men and women are invited to this inspirational program!

Bringing Faith, Hope, and Love to Those In Need

A heartfelt “thank you” to the members of our SABTS family who generously participated in FAM’s December Adopt-A-Family effort! Your involvement touched 60 people this year, and ensured that families in need in our community had a joyous Christmas.

Groups who participated include our “Anchored Youth,” Families of Faith, Church Choir, Small Orchestra, Sunday “Seekers” Bible Study, Wednesday A.M. Bible Study, as well as the Friess family, the Goodlads, the Sills, the Tricklers, the Small/Meeses., and Deb and Eddie Falcon.

This is the second year our church members have actively participated in purchasing and delivering gifts and good tidings to selected FAM families. The feedback we’ve received has been overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to expanding our involvement with FAM in 2017.

With gratitude –
The Mission & Service Team



Journeys

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1 10:00 am New Years Day Service | 2 3:00 pm Welcome INN | 3 9:00 am Andrews Kids 9:30 am Senior Yoga 6:30 pm SCMFO SS2 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal 7:30 pm Pie With the Pastor | 4 7:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, Humphy's 12:00 pm SC Garden Club 6:00 pm Anchored Youth Group | 5 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal | 6 9:30 am Seniors Yoga 7:30 pm Al Anon | 7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Shower |
| 8 8:45 am Seeker's Sunday School Class 9:00 am Band-led Worship 10:30 am Choir-led Worship 10:30 am Youth Sunday School | 9 7:00 pm Senior Ministry 7:30 pm Foundation Meeting | 10 9:00 am Andrews Kids 9:30 am Senior Yoga 6:30 pm SCMFO SS2 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm SPRC | 11 7:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, Humphy's 6:00 pm Anchored Youth Group 7:00 pm Joint Worship Team Meeting | 12 3:00 pm Welcome INN 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal | 13 9:30 am Seniors Yoga 7:30 pm Al Anon | 14 8:00 am Men's Breakfast |
| 15 8:45 am Seeker's Sunday School Class 9:00 am Band-led Worship 10:30 am Choir-led Worship 10:30 am Youth Sunday School 11:30 am New Baggings | 16 7:00 pm Risk Taking Mission and Service | 17 9:00 am Andrews Kids 9:30 am Senior's Yoga 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church Council | 18 7:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, Humphy's 6:00 pm Anchored Youth Group | 19 3:00 pm Welcome INN 6:00 pm 10:30am Worship Team Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal | 20 9:30 am Seniors Yoga 7:30 pm Al Anon | 21 8:00 am Men's Breakfast |
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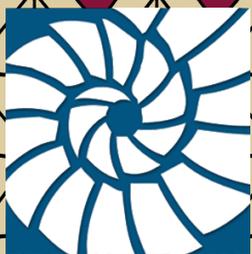
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St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Core Principles

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 Winter. 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.