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# GOOD NEWS



**Marti's First Sunset - Just Imagine - God does make the blind see!!!**

## Imagining What God Can Do

RBMCC is embarking on a visioning journey this summer entitled "Imagining What God Can Do." The purpose is to help us all center on discovering what is God's will for our church and together we will seek ideas on how we can transform ourselves and our community. The Visioning Retreat will be held at the home of Freda and Louise in Corona on Saturday, July 22 from 10 am - 10 pm and will be filled with music, Bible Study, small group discussions, a bonfire and of course, eating.

Most important to this day is you. While we are requesting that all leaders attend, this is not just a leadership retreat. This day is for anyone who has a heart for our church and wants to see it thrive. We hope to build a roadmap for our future as a Christ-following community focused on lifting up one another through worship, praise, prayer, play and service to the least amongst us.



## Pride 2.0

We had a great vision for an outreach at Long Beach Pride that centered around a float of 6 dollies pulled by a tricycle. One problem: Ocean Avenue. 1) Ocean Avenue is located by the ocean = lots of wind. 2) Ocean Avenue is a public street which includes potholes that like to trap little wheels. Our float didn't make it.

So after Long Beach Pride we tried a second design. This time we used garden wagons with 10" diameter rubber wheels. This one worked. And while no one saw us on TV this time and no newspaper posted photos of our float online, apparently our float was a hit on the social media app Snapchat. What is this important? Snapchat is used mostly by people under the age of 30.

Our Pride presence which promoted Queer Cultural Center's



Loteria night, proved to connect with a diverse crowd of people and raise awareness of the amazing story of the LGBTQ community throughout history.

## Movie Night

To celebrate Pride month in June, our July Saturday Shenanigans will be showing the film *Pride*, a true story about how young LGBTQ Activists worked to help striking coal miners and changed British history. The film starts at 7:30 pm on Saturday, July 8th. Come earlier for food and conversation.

## Beach Days

Saturday Shenanigans in August and September will focus our fun at Huntington Beach for a beach day and evening bonfire. Please bring a chair / blanket and a snack or beverage to share.

## Speakers & Events Schedule

### July

- 7/2 - Dale Brown
- 7/8 - Sat. Shenanigans
- 7/9 - Andy Verostek
- 7/16 - Sharon Ballard
- 7/22 - Retreat Day
- 7/23 - Rev. Barbara
- 7/29 - Loteria
- 7/30 - Worship Night

### August

- 8/6 - Nicavangelists
- 8/7-8/12 - Strength For The Journey
- 8/12 - Beach Day
- 8/13 - Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez
- 8/20 - Michael Southerland
- 8/26 - Loteria
- 8/27 - Rev. Barbara

### September

- 9/3 - Rev. Eric Buter
- 9/9 - Beach Day
- 9/10 - Margaret Freel
- 9/17 - Rev. Rick Tutt
- 9/22-9/24 - Camping
- 9/24 - Rev. Barbara

## Murder Mystery a Bang!

May 6th saw a return of Murder Mystery Night. We had over 40 people participate in the game which is a lot like Clue but with a lot more suspects.

This year's theme was a Wild West mystery set in 1880's Deadwood, South Dakota. Most of the characters were real Wild West figures such as Annie Oakley and Buffalo Bill Cody and this gave players a chance to research and prepare for their role.

The church was decorated in the period and a banquet of delicious pork, chicken or veggie pork made you feel like you were eating right off the edge of the chuck wagon. Robert from Good Sam solved the

Mystery which it turned out Meg was the accidental killer.

We are all looking forward to next year's mystery night.







## The Nicaragua Connection

In November 2016, a group of teens from Nicaragua visited RBMCC and performed a show of faith and testimony. This started a relationship with our church and the group The Nicavangelists. Andy and Jude traveled to Nicaragua in June 2017 to explore this ministry and see what needs the group has in their mission to spread the love of Jesus by working with orphans and kids from the streets of Managua, the capital city of Nicaragua. Jude and Andy worked with the kids doing daily devotions and playing group games. They helped cook, clean and did house repairs. They raised \$550 in donations from friends on Facebook and that money was used to fix a flooding sink (seen below) and repair lighting and buy tools needed for other repairs. The Nicavangelists will be visiting us the first weekend in August and there will be another missions opportunity later in the year. Come out and support them and hear their testimonies as they perform and share their love of God with all of us.



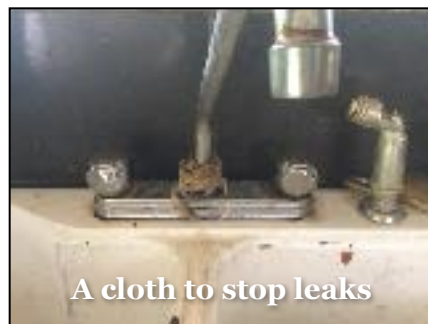
Jude and Andy pose with the Nicavangelists



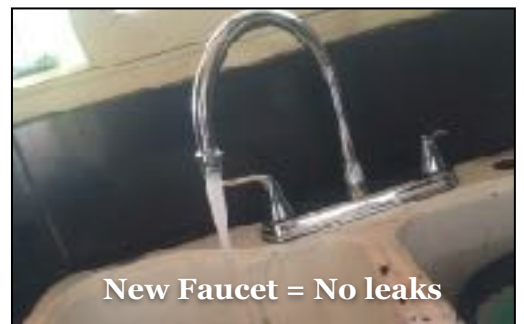
Jude at morning devotion



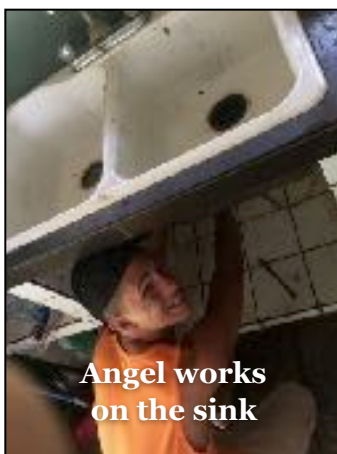
The sink floods the floor



A cloth to stop leaks



New Faucet = No leaks



Angel works on the sink



One of the houses we spoke with doing evangelism



Doing street evangelism



## Strength For the Journey

Strength For the Journey meets this year during the 2nd week of August. the staff will go up on August 7th and the campers will go up on the 8th. The Camp lasts 5 days and ends on August 12th. Several people from RBMCC including Freda, Louise, Karen, Jason, Dodi and Meg will be serving on staff. Meg will be leading music and Dodi will be helping as a staff nurse. Jason will be in the kitchen helping fuel the fire of renewal.

We are collecting healthy snacks for this spiritual retreat for people with HIV / AIDS. Please bring snacks to church through August 6th.

## Nicavangelists Performance

As mentioned in our piece on Andy and Jude's missions trip to Nicaragua, the Nicavangelists will be performing their show on the prodigal son on Sunday, August 6th at our 6 pm church service. The group will be staying at Andy's house and using it as a base of operations for the 6-week period that they will be touring Southern California. IF you would like to help with food and other items, please speak with Andy about that. This event is free.

## Camping Retreat

The last weekend of September we will be coming together in fun and fellowship to camp together at a local park. More information regarding this event is available on the church bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Scholarships are available for those who may need financial assistance with attending this event.

## Helping the Homeless & Hungry

For 7 years, RBMCC has been involved with helping Christ Chapel MCC with their ministry of feeding the homeless and hungry. Lately we've had very few volunteers to help with this event and we desperately need a few more helping hands on the last Sunday morning of each month. Please come to Christ Chapel MCC located on the corner of 8th Street and Spurgeon Ave. in downtown Santa Ana at 9 AM and if you can stay till 12-12:30 that would really help us set up, cook, cleanup and tear down the operation there.

## Worship Team Day

Saturday, July 8th will also host a Worship Team Work and Play Day. This will hopefully be a quarterly event to bring together the musicians and those involved with the technical side of the Worship Service to organize our music, create new initiatives and inspire one another while also building community and deepening friendships. Rumor has it that they will go miniature golfing after they do their work.