

Minister's Message

What is God's purpose for the church? Imagine if every Christian and every church, regardless of denomination, location or size, all had the same understanding of the church's purpose.

A haughty teacher once came to Jesus and asked, "What is the greatest commandment in all the law?" (Matt 22:34-40). With no hesitation Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The purpose of God's people is clear. We exist to love. Love God. Love people.

This has always been God's plan. But as the story of Jonah so sadly

illustrates, Israel's people often loved themselves & their things more than others. Jonah literally loved a bush more than the people of Nineveh (Jon 4:9-11).

The church's purpose is to love people. That means ALL people. We don't get to select which people we care for. Here are things that don't disqualify people from receiving our love: political party preference, skin color, social status, immigration status, age, gender, personality. God's purpose for the church is to love.

Imagine if every Christian and every church simply focused on loving EVERYONE. What might the world look like if we knew our purpose?



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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on *the card below*. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Comments: _____

People, Times & Places

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FOR THE RECORD

Attendance

Worship (3/24)	191
Bible Class	128

Contribution Report

Last Week (3/24)	\$	3,381
Weekly Average	\$	9,055
Weekly Budget	\$	9,454

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: **Clora Ann Crum** Rm 405
& **Mike Jarman**
Life Lessons from Acts

Teacher: **Kyle Mason** Rm 411
Unity in Disunity: Uncovering the
Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart

Teacher: **Greg Ruland** Rm 700
A Study of the Book of Galatians

Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown*

(10:20-11:30)

Nursery	Rm 303
Space for Moms	Rm 306
Pre-School—Grade 6	500 Wing

Nursery

Our nursery, for children up to 30 months, is available during worship and classes in **Room 303**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class

Resumes September 2019

WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast

Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave
@ 7 a.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Fellowship Hall
@ 6 p.m.



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:6-8)

After the sermon, we have a Time of Response. Folks are available to visit or pray with you. You can respond by moving to the edge of the worship center.

This Morning's Order of Worship

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Jesus Is Tenderly Calling
I Am Resolved
Forever Reign
There's a Stirring

Invitation to the Lord's Table ~ Roger Howell

Offering ~ Amber Pierce-Elliott
Complete
Here's My Heart
Complete

Church News & Prayer for Illumination ~ Ellery Ellis

Message ~ Jason Locke,
"Lost Cause"

Time of Response
Healing Grace

Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke
Here's My Heart

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the time of response. Teachers will guide them to their classes. K-6 kids can leave during the final song.

March 31, 2019

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Ron Rocha has a detached retina and is waiting on laser surgery to get it repaired.

Terry Cowger requests prayer for **Larry**: upcoming surgery in May & for the cancer to stay local.

Stan Watson asks us to pray for **Shirley**: healing from headaches, shoulder & neck pain.

Edgar Minjarez wants us to pray for **Jailene**: training & test for new job.

Fausto Hinojosa requests that we pray for **Maria's** kidneys which have not been functioning well.

Ongoing:

Al Ramirez, Stephen Shelley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice Farris, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Pam Caples & mother Verlene Burns

Expecting Moms:

Graciela Tejada, Lauren Sue

Extended Family News:

Ralph Amezcua's brother Tony has cancer again & is receiving chemo.

Roger Howell: thanks be to God for **Daria Palchik's** clear post-op exam.

Gary Pendleton asks us to pray for his brother **Dallas's** health.

Dennis Soliday gives thanks that his grandson **Justin** is seizure-free after a rough week.

Shane Mason shared that his grandma **Sandra (Mel's mom)** is hospitalized with a compression fracture in her spine.

Judy Mason asks us to pray for high school seniors who are waiting on college acceptance letters or offers.

Jeanie Jay again asks us to lift up **Hunter & Carver** (age 6 & 2) who are living in an LA homeless shelter. Their grandparents **Don & Denise White** haven't seen the kids in 6 months.



The Greatest Show on Earth The Story of Jesus Christ

Registration for Camp at YBC opens
April 1, 2019!

collegecofc.com/upcoming-events/ybc

New Classes Beginning in April

Room 405 ~ April 7—May 19
Kevin Leahy—When Helping Hurts

Room 411 ~ April 7—May 5
Jason Locke & Gabriel Cordova—Church Goes to Hollywood

Room 700 ~ April 7—June 30
Dale Drury—A Study of First Corinthians



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*NOTE: landline no longer in use

Activities, Events & Church News

On the Menu:

This week, we are serving beef & chicken enchiladas, beans & rice from **Casa Corona** along with dessert.

Dinner is from 6-7 p.m.

Adults—\$4 Kids & Students—\$2

Bring a Friend!

MARK your CALENDAR

- 4/3 Men's Breakfast;
Wednesday Night
Dinner
- 4/21 Easter Sunday
- 4/28 Baby Shower:
Lauren Sue
- 4/30-5/3 Harbor: Pepperdine
Bible Lectures
- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo Sunday;
Baby Shower:
Gracie Tejada
- 5/12 Second Sunday
(Shabach)
- 5/18 YBC Work Day
- 6/2 Senior Sunday
- 7/14-20 Summer Church Camp



Current Schedule

***Jon & Dawn Frame**

4/2 @ 6:30 p.m.

***Fausto & Maria Hinojosa**

4/14 @ 5:30 p.m.

***Kyle & Judy Mason**

4/12 @ 6 p.m.

***Shane & Darla Mason**

4/7 @ 12:15 p.m.

***Don Pierce**

3/31 @ 6 p.m.



Today @ 10:40 a.m.

IMPACT class time ~ Youth Room

The Case for Creation

Be Ready to Answer Them:

Exploring a Creator

Tonight @ TNT 6—7:30 p.m.

Birthday Night! Dinner & fun!

**Be sure to Visit the Youth
Board Near the Nursery!**

Youth Calendar

- 4/3 Wednesday Night
Dinner @ 6 p.m.
- 4/7 Cake4Kids Guest Speaker
- 4/21 Easter
- 5/18 YBC Work Day
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Uptown: Children's Ministry

This month we are moving on from the Old Testament to the New Testament. The focus will be the timeframe from Jesus' birth through age 12. As I read the narrative in Luke 2:41-52, I can't help but place myself in Mary's shoes. The family travels up to Jerusalem for Pass-over, possibly this is their big annual vacation. It has been a lovely time and suddenly, the family comes to the realization that Jesus is nowhere to be found. After THREE days of searching, they find him "in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions." When asked why he has treated his parents this way, Jesus answers, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house? But they did not understand." I know it's Jesus talking, but come on, this sounds like typical soon to be a teenager smart mouth to me. I would love to know exactly how Mary and Joseph responded to that!

There is a big unknown between verse 50 and 51 which says, "Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all of these things in her heart." I can so relate to Mary. Amanda and I laugh NOW about how awful she was from about the age of 12 – 15. I remember being so frustrated at her smart mouth, know it all attitude. It was downright painful. Even though we know Jesus didn't sin, we also know he lived as a human. I'm sure Mary had those same moments where on the one hand, she wanted to back hand Jesus, and then moments later, she would see glimpses of the phenomenal man he would become.

This story confirms that parenting, even Jesus, is not for the weak. It is easy to get distracted about what is truly important. We have to stay focused, be present and be persistent in teaching and reinforcing good character. We are blessed to have great kids at this church but we need to stay diligent in our commitment to support them and each other. "Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men", Luke 2:52. He is our example and gives us hope that our children, even in those challenging years, can get there too!

~**Robyn Gonzales**, Children's Ministry

March Collection Servants

*Mike Jarman, David Jessie, Kevin Leahy, Shane Mason,
Wayne Massie, Kyle Mason, Caesar Tejada & Matt McGrady*

Prayer Request:

Date: 3/31/2019

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

