

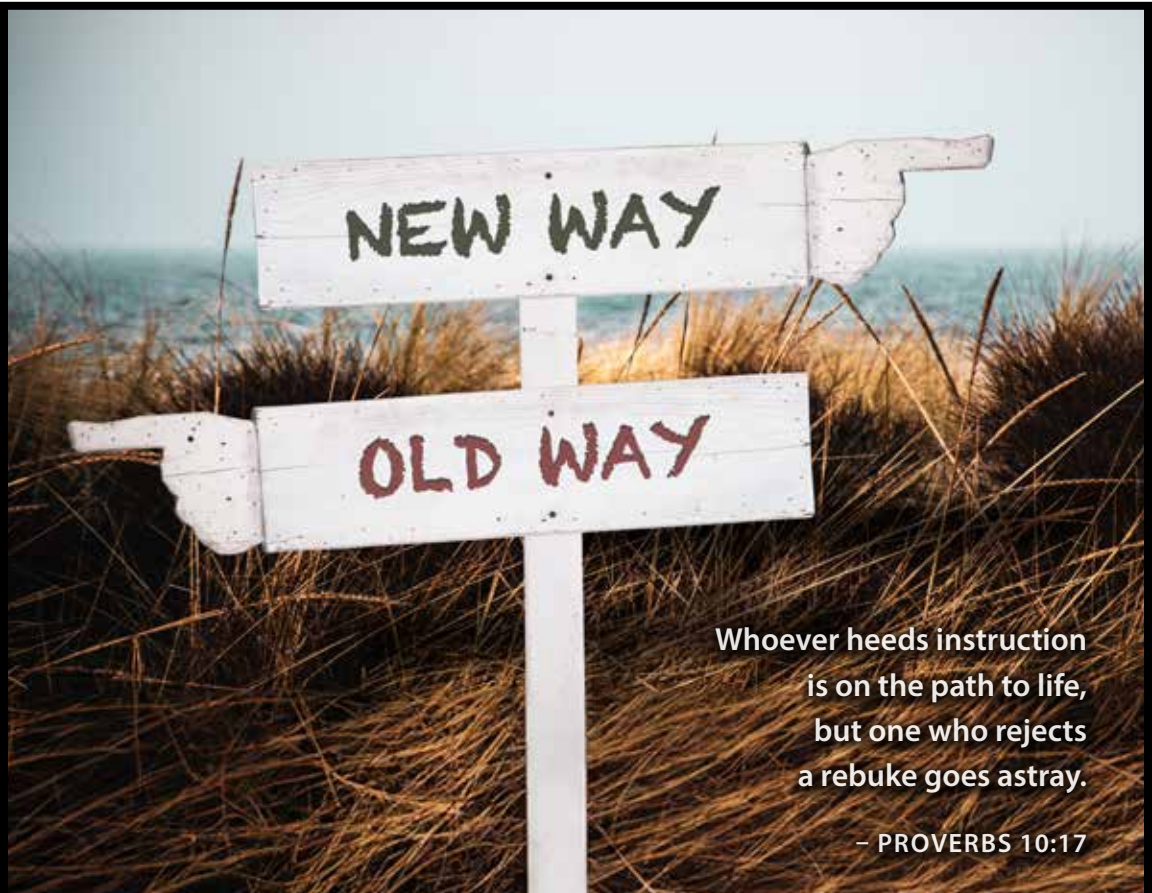


# FirstChristianNews

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD  
A CONGREGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
*An Open & Affirming Community that Seeks to Do Greater Things than Jesus* (John 14:12)  
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Whoever heeds instruction  
is on the path to life,  
but one who rejects  
a rebuke goes astray.

– PROVERBS 10:17

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I loved seeing all of the backpacks in the hands of children on Sunday! Some of them had designs from their favorite cartoons and games. Others were bright and bold. The excitement on their faces was palpable! I recall certain backpacks from my childhood. I wonder if you can remember those items as well. Suffice to say, some of them were more functional than others!

For me, the most exciting part of starting school was organizing the binders, folders, books, etc. I learned to color-coordinate the subjects as I got old-

er. For example, the green binder and book cover were for science whereas red meant math supplies. Additionally, I enjoyed taking blank sheets of paper and putting them in folders and binders. I loved the idea of starting with a blank sheet of paper. The opportunities for the next year were limitless!

Some of us enjoy the blank sheets of possibility. For others, they create anxiety. I wonder what it would look like for you to put a blank sheet of paper in front of you. What if you could start tomorrow, next week, or next month with a blank sheet of paper - a plethora of possibilities instead of it being packed with busyness?

Children in school should not be the only ones to get to start over this time of year. All of us need this opportunity! May you read these words as an invitation to reach for a blank sheet of paper!

Together,

*Pastor Teth*

Senior Pastor

## 10AM • THIS SUNDAY • AUGUST 18

The Canaanite woman exemplifies a story of heart, a story of deep need, a story of transformation. Little is known about the Canaanite woman's identity in the scriptures but her faith story marks a critical part of Jesus' ministry. This text will take us on a journey of observing and wrestling with division and power. Join us this Sunday as we continue our summer sermon series - Women of the Bible. Pastor Tau's sermon is entitled "Crossing the Dividing Lines," based on Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30.

***Crossing the  
Dividing Lines***  
Matthew 15: 21-28

**Pastor Taulau Tupua**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR



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**You're Invited**

**Join us for FCCNH's 100th Anniversary**

A weekend filled with worship, food, music, merriment, friends and family. We can't wait to celebrate as we kick off the next 100 years of Faith and Community.

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**The 100th Anniversary Festival**

Join us at FCCNH, from 11am to 4pm. There'll be food trucks, attractions, activities, a talent show, games and more. We'll also include a fun visit back to 1924 and a musical finale you won't soon forget.

**Pre-Sale Ticket Prices**

Buy Tickets in the Social Hall each Sunday in August

**Adults \$10 • Children 6-18 \$8**

**Children under 5 free**

**Day-of Prices at FCCNH**

**Adults \$15 • Children 6-18 \$10**

**Children under 5 free**

Tickets give the holder access to all events, food and drinks during the Festival.



**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Celebration Sunday at 10am**

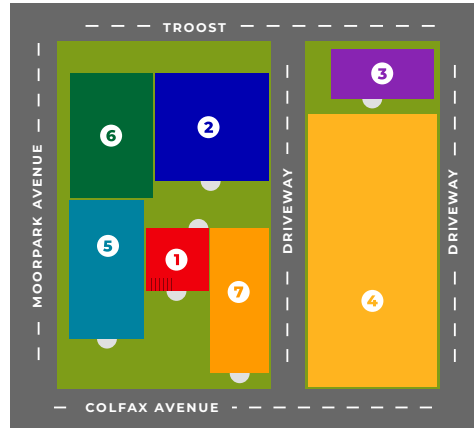
We'll gather with great joy and celebrate as FCCNH turns 100 years. Join us for a memorable service of God's grace as we praise and worship together in gratitude with uplifting readings, reflections and inspirational music.

Following the service stay for a celebration luncheon for all. You don't want to miss this!



**SAVE THE DATE**

Check out some of the things we're planning for the **SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival!



**1 LOBBY**

Get your tickets and expect a few surprises.

**2 ANNEX**

Games, bingo, rumi, poker... and more.

**3 YOUTH HUT**

Go back to the 1920s with fun and refreshments... all at 1920s prices.

**4 PARKING LOT**

Inflatables, a dunk tank & group activities.

**5 SOCIAL HALL**

The FCCNH Talent Show.

**6 CNS PLAY YARD**

For the littles.

**7 THE SANCTUARY**

A musical Finale you'll love!





The First Christian Church of North Hollywood has always prioritized our children and youth and has lovingly provided classroom space and on-site programs for them.

In 1945, we opened our first “Vacation Church School” with 104 children. It has continued in varying forms nearly every year since. Years later, Louise Sloan Goben recalled “...attending when I was a kid” and being a classroom assistant when she was in high school. As our new Minister of Christian Education in 1992, Louise created Vacation Bible School (VBS).

In the early 2000s, Pastor Bob Bock was concerned about public school cutbacks in the arts. He dreamed of offering on-campus camps in addition

to VBS. That dream became a reality in 2002, when Sheri Izzard directed our first Music Camp with 51 students and 30 volunteers. Classes included Violin, Recorder, Keyboard, Percussion, Movement/Dance, and Music Games. All students ended each day with Choir. A Friday concert featured class performances, concluding with the Chancel filled with children singing their hearts out to family and friends. At one point, enrollment in the camp hit a high of just over 100 students, plus volunteers and staff spread out everywhere in the church. Added classes included: Guitar, Cello, Ukulele, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, and Garage Band. We also offered a music class for pre-schoolers and their mothers.

Drama Camp was added in 2005 and, by 2011, Art and Dance-Fit classes were in full swing. In 2015, we added Photography and Song Writing/Lyrics; and Cooking Camp in 2017. Music Camp went on a hiatus for restructuring in 2018, and returned briefly but was cut in 2019 due to budget constraints.

In 2020, all in-person camps were suspended due to Covid. As our church’s Director of Children’s Ministries since 2017, Jennifer Le’au designed a virtual link to bring a form of VBS to isolated children. She sent weekly letters to them, enclosing coloring pages, crossword puzzles, and other activities. Most



camps resumed in person in 2021, with lower enrollment. Now, attendance is gradually rising.

Our Camp Director, Kristina Frost, reports that since in-person classes resumed in 2021, the very popular Cooking Camp has sessions for older and younger children. They learn basic skills, kitchen cleanliness and safety, and how to use their imaginations with their created dishes. Since 2023, a Martial Arts Camp teaches kids self-defense and discipline. They also gain self-confidence and respect for themselves and others. The popular Musical Theatre, Art, and Photography camps all feature end-of-week performances or exhibits and are alive with children's laughter and enjoyment.

For a long time, camps have offered scholarships to those in need. The Bock Scholarship fund has been a great blessing to members of our church family. Most recently, children in families hard-hit by entertainment industry strikes, inflation, or sickness have still been able to attend, thanks to the ongoing generosity of Bob and Peggy Bock and other donors.

Our camps exist thanks to the teachers and countless volunteers who commit time and energy and work together to nurture the lives of the children in our midst. Now grown, many of them bring their own children back for the camp experiences offered on what Pastor Bob called "our incredible corner." Following our first Music Camp in 2002 Sheri Izzard said, "Bob Bock's dream became an unforgettable journey." Today, that dream and the journey live on.

100th Anniversary Committee



## MEET & GREET VOLUNTEER HOSTS ARE NEEDED & APPRECIATED

Hosting our Sunday morning Meet & Greets are a great way to become more involved with the church and other members—it isn't complicated and **the church will reimburse your expenses up to \$150.** If you, your group or family are interested in hosting a Meet & Greet after one of our Sunday morning services, please contact Matt Hunt at [matthewhunt@gmail.com](mailto:matthewhunt@gmail.com) or 818.404.1520.



## Tai Chi

breathing techniques  
simple stretching exercises  
meditation to reduce stress

### Guided Tai Chi Classes Tues 9:30am & Thurs 3:30pm

Classes guided by Byron Armantrout.  
Freewill donation of \$10 per session.



## Ingathering Sunday IS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>

The food pantry is in need of Pet food and snacks: dog and cat. Canned and dry food (bags ok)... Donations can be placed at the front of the church on Sunday, August 18th. To learn more about the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry and the great work they do, go to [www.nhifp.org](http://www.nhifp.org). While you're there click on the newsletter to sign up and get monthly updates.

## BUILDING OUR FUTURE BRICK BY BRICK

Bricks can be the foundations of all kinds of things: a home, a fireplace, stairs and, of course, a church.

As we look back at the past 100 years, we want and need to look to the future. With **Building Our Future Brick by Brick**, we want to use the true foundational bricks of FCCNH—you. Our people. Our friends. Our family. God's beloved.

**Building Our Future Brick by Brick** embraces the simple idea of doing. Doing bigger and better, together. Growing bigger and better, together.

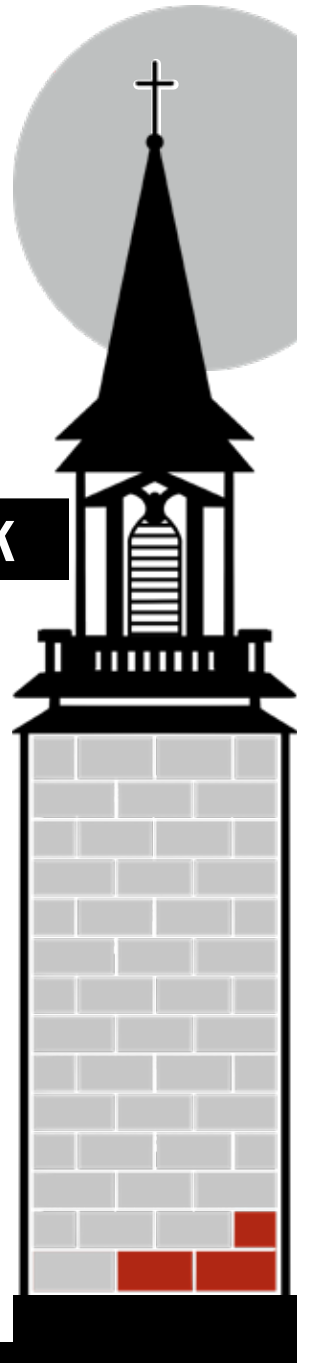
Together we can sell Christmas trees to help kids... feed hundreds of families in the neighborhood... sing in the choir... mentor our children... feed the homeless... feed each other... be a caretaker of our church.

Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Another way to put that is, the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of God at First Christian Church of North Hollywood.

We invite everyone to join us over the next year to help reach our goal of 2,024 hours of service to God and to our church in celebration of our 100th year.

Many of our church already volunteer their services, and we are grateful for them. Our hope is to encourage all to gather, connect, lend a hand, and not just go to our church, but *become* our church: to make a difference in someone else's life... and yours.

We invite you to read the **Building Our Future Brick by Brick** FAQs and Volunteer Opportunities handouts, found in the Narthex.





Dear FCCNH Community,

IT'S TIME! If you're interested in volunteering for our 100th Anniversary Festival on Saturday September 7, we are up and running!

There are two ways to do this:

- Go to the FCCNH website. <https://www.fccnh.org/>
- On the home page select the menu item that says, "100th Anniversary" <https://www.fccnh.org/100th-Anniversary>
- At the top of the 100th Anniversary page you will see a box that says: Click HERE to Volunteer
- You will be taken to the Sign Up Genius page to sign up for the Festival. Times and locations are clearly marked.
- OR, use the QR code at the end of this announcement.

During Meet and Greet, at every Sunday in August and the first Sunday in September your Festival team will be in the Social Hall to assist with the following:

- Selling discount entry tickets for the Festival. Pre-sale tickets include all food and activities.
- Signing up volunteers in person for the Festival. No need to use Sign up Genius, we sign you up.
- Announcing the 100th Festival Sponsorship Program. Many ways to be involved and contribute.

There is much excitement brewing to be part of this fantastic event and your Festival team will be on hand to assist with all your questions.

See you at Meet and Greet, every Sunday in August and the first Sunday in September.

Your 100th Anniversary Festival Team  
Kat, Mel, Trudie and Loretta



**COFFEE at the CORNER**  
MEN'S GROUP MEETING

**MEN'S GROUP MEETING**  
meets online weekly at  
**7PM WEDNESDAYS**

Interested in joining?  
For Zoom info Email: [menoncorner@gmail.com](mailto:menoncorner@gmail.com)

**SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**  
*I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. —JOHN 10:14*



## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

As always, there are many ways to reach us with your prayer needs.


On Sundays, there are cards in the morning bulletins. You can write your prayers on the back and put them in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also slide your prayer cards through the slot in the Prayer Cabinet near the drinking fountain outside the Chapel doors.

During the week, your prayers can reach us in several ways:

- Via email on the church website:  
[www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests](http://www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests)
  - Via phone call to the church office: 818-763-8218
- If you are at the church, prayer cards are available at

the Prayer Cabinet outside the Chapel. Fill one out and put it in the cabinet slot, or drop it off in the church office.

Prayers received during the week in one of these ways will be emailed out to Prayer Group members. Unless urgent, prayers received on Saturday or Sunday will be compiled for the list given to members on Monday mornings.

The sole purpose of the Prayer Group has always been to pray for those in need. Prayers are lifted aloud in the Chapel on Monday mornings, and then become part of the daily prayer discipline of our members. As always, all prayers that come to us are kept strictly confidential and are not shared elsewhere. 



**W2W • WOMEN *to* WOMEN**  
**ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**  
**7:30pm FRIDAYS**

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME**  
 email for Zoom info [W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)

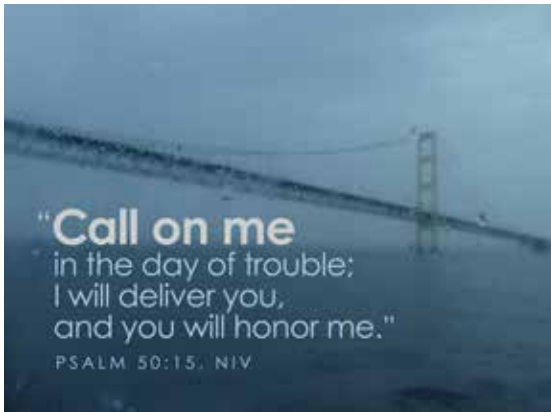




**Children's & Youth Choirs  
ARE BACK!**

(and we're singing September 8<sup>th</sup>,  
at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service)

**Rehearsal for BOTH choirs begins  
THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 9am in the Annex**



**"Call on me**  
in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you,  
and you will honor me."  
PSALM 50:15, NIV



**FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

To order flowers to decorate the chancel on an upcoming Sunday, please fill out the following form and place in the offering box or drop at the church office with your check for \$40.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Available dates:

|      |      |      |       |       |
|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 8/18 | 8/25 | 9/1  | 9/8   | 9/15  |
| 9/22 | 9/29 | 10/6 | 10/13 | 10/20 |

Floral Dedication:

(Please check one of the following and write the specifics of your dedication in the space provided below)

- In Honor of ...
- In Celebration of ...
- In Memory of ...

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Check enclosed for arrangement (\$40)

Arrangements are supplied by Floral Crush Studio.  
Checks should be made payable to FCCNH.

# A Look at the Past Week Around the Church

■ INCLUDING NEW MEMBER SOFIE INOUYE!



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

- New member Sofie Inouye, pictured with Pastor Jonathan. Sophie joined the church this past Sunday, August 11.
- The “Building Our Future Brick by Brick” display in the Narthex (see page 6 for details on this campaign).
- Greg Kirkland participating in the *Blessing of the Backpacks* from his perch at the sound board.
- Acolyte Anton Sherbakov with Pastor Taulau Tupua.

*photos by Byron Armantrout*



BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Sunday Worship 10am | 143 |
| Youth Sunday AM     | 16  |
| High School Youth   | 5   |
| Sunday School       | 36  |

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Worship Donations | \$2,485.10 |
| Sunday School            | \$21.00    |

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$2,506.10

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Week of Compassion | \$50.00  |
| Food Pantry        | \$200.00 |

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 8/5/24 - 8/11/24

CC GENERAL OFFERING \$2,998.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING \$5,504.10

**CORRECTION:** Last week's newsletter listed attendance at the 10am Sunday morning service as 186, the correct number was 116.

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|-------------------|---------------------|
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| Billie Kline      | Lillian Carlson     |
| Heather Kenney    | Margaret Defibaugh  |
| Cathy Melendez    | Fern Donald         |
| Chuck Mont        | Jean Johnson        |
| Wanda Kanoy       | Helen Scarna        |
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