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Words from the Pastor

By: Rev. Khuong Chau

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer with your family. This season has been profoundly challenging for each of us and our church. As you have read in the prayer requests through the weekly eVoice, our members are facing many trials during this difficult time. I know that you have your own stories of difficulty, grief, and frustration. It can be worrying about something that happened in the past, something we should have done but didn't, or maybe worrying about what will happen tomorrow or next week. Not only do you get physically tired, but also mentally and emotionally tired. I talked to you last Sunday about Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. Today, in this newsletter, I want to remind you that when your batteries need to recharge, recognize God's resources which are unlimited, and root our hearts in God's love which is beyond measure, and reconnect with God's power which he can always supply.

I also want you to know that I am seeing and hearing many beautiful things in our congregation that are encouraging me during this season as I speak to you and hear your

stories. As you enter into another month of following Jesus in the midst of the present challenges, I thought it might be encouraging for you to know some of the things I see happening in our church.

I see church members calling and checking in with one another, listening, and praying for each other.

I see those struggling financially trusting in the Lord to provide.

I see a congregation full of members eager to serve one another in whatever way they can especially with our excellent outreach programs. People are giving the love of God through the Shepherd's Hands, preschool, afterschool/summer school program, and VBS.

I see families and individuals continuing to faithfully give their tithes and offerings to support our church's ministry.

And increasingly, I am seeing how Jesus is strengthening us as a congregation and deepening our maturity during this time.

Beloved, most of us are now vaccinated. Some of us are back at church in person, and others are still connected through Zoom from home. But wherever you are, you are always part of Good Shepherd's family. Together, we can face any challenges in our lives. When we overcome this, we will be a community of love. How could it be otherwise? And I am confident that we will be a church with softer hearts, with stronger practices of prayer and worship, and with a deeper love for Jesus and one another.

In Love,
Pastor Chau

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Announcements

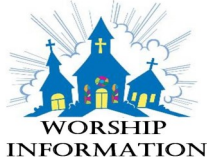
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August Birthdays & Anniversaries

7th – Alan McDonald
8th – Keren Tran
9th – Bill Somsak
9th – Tony Le
13th – Ana Flores
13th – Tristan Ferguson
16th – Lin Somsak
18th – Bradynn Nguyen
19th – Andrew Le
22nd – Jackie Leifler

Please let the church office know if we're missing on any important dates.

Come Join Us...



Good news! Our church is fully reopened now.

Please join us for:

- 1) Thursday Bible Study at 10AM (Zoom)
- 2) Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM (In-Person/Zoom).

Zoom Information

- Follow the direct link below
<https://zoom.us/j/9434735921>
- Download the app on your phone or tablet and enter the meeting ID **943 473 5921**
- Call by phone and dial 1 669 900 6833 (US).

Please contact Pastor Khuong if you have any questions on how to setup Zoom,
(714) 902-4468 or duykhuongdhgd@gmail.com.



(Pastor Chau showing the Christian flag.)

Church Council Meeting

There is going to be a Church Council Meeting on Zoom **Tuesday, August 10**, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to tune in as we get more information on turning the Preschool into a secular Head Start program. If you aren't on Zoom, please contact Pastor Khuong and he will help you set up your computer, tablet, or phone so you can join us.

We will also have a proposal about making a new pictorial directory. All voting members of the Council should plan to attend. This is an open meeting so any interested member or friend is welcome to join in.

If you have any questions or would like to put something on the meeting agenda, please contact the Council Chairperson, Linda Priester, 714-507-8994 or topriester@dslextrême.com.



AFH—Casa Paloma



Casa Paloma is the next generation of supportive housing developed by the American Family Housing in a first-ever partnership of its kind with the County of Orange and CalOptima. It will consist of 71 units, serving 48 permanent supportive housing residents. (That is residents that need frequent medical care.) Twenty-one units will be for households earning less than 50% of the area median income. Construction is coming along at a good place. This will be a modular building. AFH pioneered this innovative construction with Potter's Lane. Units were built in a factory while the site was being prepared, so months are shaved off of the construction schedule, saving money and more importantly getting our homeless tenants housed more quickly than would be possible with conventional stick construction. We will have more information next month on how Good Shepherd can help with this project next month.



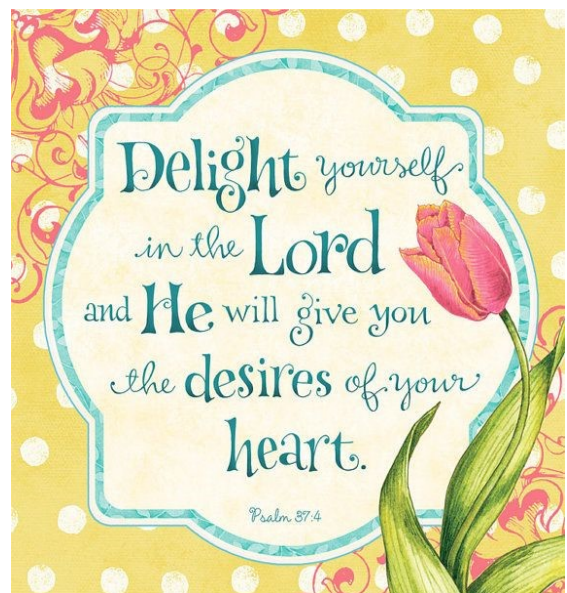
Let's Have Lunch!

The Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch is meeting at Sizzler on the Southwest corner of Bushard St. and Warner Ave. on **Tuesday, August 17**, at 1:00 p.m. Please remember that Warner and Edinger are closed at the freeway. If you are coming from West of the freeway, you must use McFadden or Slater to get across the freeway. Everyone who is available at one on a week day is welcome to join us. Peggy Reardon is taking reservations so she will be able to ask for the proper size table for us. Contact Peggy at perkypeggy@aol.com or 714-897-5883. We always have a great time catching up with all of our friends and we would like to catch up with you too!



Shepherd's Hands

Come knit and sew every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Carol Bowser's home. They have worked on many projects for patients at the hospitals and much more. Please contact Carol if you're interested.



Good Shepherd School



Summer is about to end!!

The preschool children have been learning about the ocean, beach, camping, space and of course reviewing the ABC's, numbers, shapes, colors, writing or recognizing their names.....and what not!! We have also been harvesting figs and papayas. And our pomegranate and Asian pear trees are producing fruits already!! The children are so eager and cannot wait to taste them!

The school age students had fun exploring while going on field trips, cooking, sensory activities, and creating with arts and crafts.

As another year is about to start, we are so excited and ready to welcome more families into our program.

Wondering how you can help the preschool???

How about by referring families, friends and neighbors or co-workers to check out the fantastic program that we offer at Good Shepherd school.

Wondering what you should share about our Program?

At Good Shepherd School the families will:

- Experience God's love through morning devotion time, prayer, and chapel time
- Be able to trust the care of their child to experienced/nurturing teachers

- Know that their children are being exposed to a curriculum that meets the state standards
- Have the opportunity to learn and play on huge play yards with a wide variety of natural areas and different kinds of play surfaces such as grass, wood chips, dirt and sand
- Have the opportunity to do extracurricular activities such as gardening and animal care.

Note:

We offer care for low income families.

We accept five different subsidized programs

- Calworks
- Children's Home Society of CA
- Orange County Department of Edu.
- Child Development Resources
- The program for foster care families

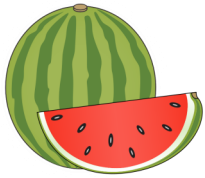
We also offer discounts to...

- Full time students
- Families with multiple children
- Active church members (10% discount)

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,

From Good Shepherd School



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