



Featured Event:



**Baptism Service
on Sunday, April 20th
at 6PM.**

Upcoming Events:



**Special Mother's Day
Services on May 11th at
8AM and 10AM.**



**All Church Picnic on
Sunday, May 25th
immediately following
the 10AM Service.**



The Cracked Pot

by Pastor Ed Rutherford

A water bearer in India had two large pots. Each hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots was perfectly made and never leaked. The other pot had a crack in it, and by the time the water bearer reached his master's house, it had leaked much of its water and was only half full.

For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again, the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from your stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, God will use our flaws to grace his table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. Don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and you too can be the cause of beauty. Know that in our weakness we find our strength, for when we are weak, He is strong.

Love Ya,

Pastor Ed

UPCOMING MESSAGES

- Apr 6 "Reaching Out To A Desperate Man"
- Apr 13 "Faith Fashioned By Fire"
- Apr 20 "Heaven Can Wait"
- Apr 27 "The Lost Lamb"



March was a fantastic month! Pastor Brian shared an Easter message with us, and we did communion. It was incredible how God has been moving amongst our young people! And this month, we are trusting Him for even more.

We also want to congratulate two of our own, David Ramirez & Rick Ortega, on making their stage debut last month at the Attic. We are so blessed to have them as a part of Crossfire.

Please keep our youth in your prayers as many of them are preparing to finish up with school over the next couple of weeks. And be sure to check your youth calendar for more details on what's coming up this month!



We can only look forward to April after such an outstanding concert in March. With tons of promoting and much planning, we had many kids come who have never even heard of our venue before. The bands were positive and let everyone know that God was the only reason they are able to do what they do. We can only hope that April will be as successful, and we thank God for the success that he has given us so far.

If you haven't already, come check out our venue or help us out by telling someone you know about us. Our shows are on the last Friday of every month and the cost is only \$5.

The Royal Rangers



Royal Rangers Visit the Midway

The Royal Rangers visited the Air Craft Carrier Midway in March. Rangers spent the Saturday touring the Midway. The Rangers toured several aircraft carriers, seeing some from WWII, as well as current models. They got to sit

in airplanes and experience an F-18 simulator. All the Rangers had a great time.

Missionettes



March has come and gone, and April is upon us. Our Daisies completed their "Forgiving" badge, while the Prims earned the "Salvation" badge.

The Stars class was fascinated by the story of Esther while working to earn the "Esther" badge. What a wonderful example of a woman of faith that God used to protect his people.

We did take a break in our lessons to celebrate Easter with an egg hunt and party. The girls enjoyed visiting with one another over the wonderful snacks our sponsors shared.

We are in need of additional sponsors and/or helpers for next year's classes starting in September. Please be in prayer. If you feel God has called you in this area of ministry please contact Judy Bearskin (714-746-7749). What a blessing to have an active part in teaching our future generation of young women to live for the Lord.

Thank you for your support of the Missionettes.

Bible Quiz Teams Prepare for District Finals

Orange Hills Bible Quiz teams are busy preparing for district finals. The district final competition will take place on Saturday, April 12 at Ventura First Assembly of God. The top two teen teams and the top five JBQ teams will continue on to regionals in Colorado to compete for a spot at nationals.



March Meet

In the final league meet of the year, the teams traveled to Bakersfield to compete. The JBQ team quizzed very well, finishing in 2nd place. David Pryer led all quizzers in scoring while John Pryer was 6th and Faith was 12th.

The coaches had some fun with the teens, juggling the teams before the stressful competitions coming up. Due to a shortage of help, all of our teen teams went coach-less, with the most experienced quizzers running the team.

The Joyful Blind teamed Orange Hills' most experienced quizzers, James Pryer, with our youngest quizzers, 12-year old Samuel Pryer. 3rd year quizzers, Thomas Pryer, completed the team. The team finished in 1st place with a 6-1 record. All 3 quizzers finished in the top 10 with James leading the league in scoring, and Sam and Thomas finishing 5th and 9th, respectively. The team's only loss was to our all girl team "JAMin."

The 'JAMin' team was made up of our teen girls: Jessica Lynch, Mary Pryer, and Anna Plett. This dynamite team finished in 2nd place with a 6-1 record. Jessica was 2nd and Mary was 4th in the individual scores. The team's only loss was to Orange Hill's team, "The Eye of the Ranger."

The Eye of the Ranger team consisted of 1st year quizzers Daniel Lane and James Lynch, and 2nd year quizzers Timothy Pryer. The team was officially registered in the A-2 division, but competed against the other A-teams as the divisions were combined. This team exceeded all expectations, finishing with a 6-1 record. Their only loss was to our 'Joyful Blind' team. This placed them 1st in the A-2 division with Daniel finishing 1st, James 2nd, and Timothy 3rd. This team will be competing in the A division in district finals, looking to advance to regionals.

And They Quoted on and On

In addition to competing in quiz meets, Bible Quiz rewards for other accomplishments. The National Memorization Award is given to any quizzers that quotes each chapter of the five books we learned this year with 4 errors or less and quotes a chapter in front of the church. Look forward in the next month to seeing our quizzers quoting in church. To date, James Pryer, Mary, Thomas, and Samuel have successfully completed quoting all the chapters. James Lynch, Jessica Daniel and Timothy are expected to have passed them all off in the next couple weeks. The Master Memorization award is giving to any quizzers that can quote all 5 books in 45 minutes or less with 5 errors or less. This is faster than most of us can read. Our quizzers are still working on this one. Several have quoted the material one half hour but need to be a little more accurate.

Children's Ministry

Last month was an awesome month for KidZone. We spent the entire month on Jesus' death and resurrection. We learned about His purpose while he was here on Earth and how He touched many lives with miracles, kind words, and love. We also spent a lot of time on His sacrifice and how necessary it was for us to enter the kingdom of heaven. About the second week into our discussions, we had a chance for the children to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior and offered for some to rededicate their lives to Christ. It was amazing how many children responded. Our staff and all of the children in church felt an extra special touch of Jesus that week. We are working hard to make sure the children carry out their choice to follow God. March was truly a great month. To wrap up the month, we had our annual Easter egg hunt! All of the children won great prizes including toys, stuffed animals - some even went home with some cash! As soon as you walked into the room, you could tell the kids were having a blast. When all was said and done, all that was left were some empty plastic eggs and smiling faces!



April will be just as exciting. We are going to be hitting the Bible hard, focusing on the stories that are essential for good Christian living. We are all so excited for what God has in store for KidZone. It is obvious God has a plan and is touching lives through this ministry. Don't let the children around you miss an opportunity like this.

Meet Danny and Darnell Lopez

Danny and Darnell have attended Orange Hills several years. Their happy faces encourage all of us. Darnell has been a wonderful blessing in outreach ministries, preparing and mailing hundreds of CD requests. She made a simple job out of a big job. We are thankful for both Danny and Darnell, and appreciate their service here at Orange Hills.



Last month we had a great time on our Progressive Dinner. We all loaded onto the bus and had a time of great food and even better fellowship. We want to thank Carolyn and Jim Massingill and Jim and Helen Jacquette for opening their homes to us. We also want to thank Pat Sandland for her willingness to drive the bus for us!

If you are 55 or older, and you want to enjoy a great time, great food, and great people, then join us on the second Saturday of every month. This month we will be meeting on Saturday, April 12th at 11:30am. We will be having a potluck and we are asking everyone to bring their favorite casserole. We hope to see you there!

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Website

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Service Times

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What a fun time we had at our April meeting. We laughed, prayed for each other, showcased our talents, and shared ideas for future meetings. Thank you, Evelyn Harrington, Donna Pryor, Suzette Strauss and Jackie Zelt for sharing your talents with us. Congratulations to Donna Pryor, winner of our first ever Women's Ministries Talent Show, for her rousing original one-woman musical about Jonah.

This year's Energizer, "Rev It Up", will be held at South Coast Christian in San Juan Capistrano, April 18-19. Cost for the two-day event: \$25 if registered by April 15, \$30 after April 15. The Energizer is always a fun event and a good way to get spiritually refreshed. Several of our ladies have already made plans to attend this year's Energizer. Why not join them? For more information, stop by the WM table after service. Info is also available on the SoCal AG Women's Ministries website at www.women.socalag.org.

It's hard to believe that April will be our last meeting until September. We've had such wonderful meetings throughout the year. And I have so enjoyed the fellowship shared with each of the ladies who attended our meetings. To close out the year, we are planning a fun

packed meeting with a guest speaker, special music, and a wonderfully catered meal. Please plan on joining us for our Spring Fling Brunch at 11:30am on Sat, April 26. Tickets will be available April 6th. Cost for the brunch is \$25.00 per person. Part of what makes this meeting so special and fun is that our tables are decorated and hosted by some of our wonderful ladies. If you are interested in being a hostess, please see Barbara Lowry, Suzette Strauss, Donna Pryor, or Jackie Zelt for further information.

Save the Date:
Apr 18-19: Energizers "Rev it Up!" - San Juan Capistrano
Apr 26: W.M. Brunch (11:30am)



Orange Hills Men's Ministries is having outstanding breakfasts and fellowship. Our group continues to grow and each man leaves with an uplifted countenance. We would love for you to join our group - the food is always delicious and the fellowship is wonderful. Come out and give Men's Ministries a try! You'll be glad you did!!!