



Featured Event:



**New Year's Karaoke &
Game Night!**
December 31st
8:00 PM to Midnight

Upcoming Events:



Week of Prayer
January 3-9



**Hymn-song
Service**
Sunday Nights
at 6:00 PM



**Amplify
Service**
Sundays
at 9:00 AM



Parable Of The Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, and just before putting him into the box said, "There are 5 things you need to know. Before I send you out into the world, always remember them, and never forget and you will become the best pencil you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand. **Two:** You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil. **Three:** You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. **Four:** The most important part of you will always be what's inside. And **Five:** On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood, promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the pencil with you, always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand and allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess. **Two:** You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person. **Three:** You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. **Four:** The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside. And **Five:** On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark, no matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

Allow this parable on the pencil to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfill the purpose for which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.

Happy New Year and God Bless You!

Love You,
Pastor Ed

**UPCOMING
MESSAGES**

- January 3: "It's D-Day 2010"
- January 10: "Being 3D Christians"
- A Series in Acts: "The Supernatural Church"**
- January 17 "What the New Testament Church Believed" (Acts 1)
- January 24: "The Supernatural Church" (Acts 2)
- January 31: "Street Ministry That Changed The World" (Acts 3)



Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers Ready for New Year!

Well, one year has passed and our Rangers are ready to face a new year once again. We're looking forward to a new year

of expectation, learning and fun! After all the fun we had in 2009, we can only anticipate with yearning the possibilities and blessings the Lord has for us in 2010.

Among other things, we are thinking of holding a rain gutter regatta. This is an event where our boys build these nice sailboats and we race them on water-filled rain gutters! This spells fun! Then again, we are also going to work on our pinewood derby cars and see how many awards we can garner this year! We are also looking at one or two possible camping trips this year. Our boys always love these trips!

All these we do in order to reach, teach and keep these boys for Christ! So if you know of any Ranger age boys (ages 5 and above) who might want to join us, bring them in on Wednesday nights at 7pm so they can join the fun. God bless.



We are so excited to enter into a new year! Even though we have had so much fun and have grown a lot closer to God in the past year, we can't wait to see what God wants to do in 2010!

This coming year, we will be going to Winter Camp, Summer Camp, and Youth Convention. We will also try our hand once again in the fine arts competition. All of that, plus great activities, awesome competitions, and incredible times with God in our Wednesday night meetings. If you have a child or grandchild in Junior High or High School, make sure that they come and experience what Crossfire Youth Ministries is all about!



Happy New Year men. We are looking forward to wonderful Men's Ministries meetings in the New Year. Plan now to meet with us on January 16th at 8:00 AM. We will have our delicious breakfast, a wonderful time of worship and an inspiring devotion. Bring a friend and come and be blessed.



Missionettes

What a way to end the year! After working so hard these past few months on earning their badges, the Missionettes were treated to a night of fun, snacks and making a Christingle. What's a Christingle you ask? Well, it's a homemade candle

with its origin dating back hundreds of years in England. Equipped with an orange, ribbon, a small aluminum star, candies, a candle and long tooth picks, each girl followed the pattern created by a poor family hundreds of years ago. That family wanted to give a special gift to their church, but had no money. Each family member gave the mother something that was of value to them, and together, they created a decorated candle holder using an orange as the base. The family placed their humble gift among the other gifts on the church's altar. The priest, recognizing this gift was made from the finest items the family had to give, reached down and held the decorated orange up for the congregation to see. He declared it a wonderful gift of love to our Lord and Savior. Each year thereafter, members of that congregation made this humble gift in their own homes, and the tradition of the Christingle was born! The tradition continues today in England, and other countries, with children making their Christingles in the same fashion as the original. It gave us an awesome sense of the Christian community to think that as we all sat together making our Christingles, other Christians throughout the world were making their Christingles and remembering the ultimate gift of love - Jesus!



Orange Hills Prayer Chain

The success of the Prayer Chain is not one link, but many links, holding together. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated prayer warriors.

Our faith has grown leaps and bounds as we have witnessed answered prayer: Jerry's healing; Alice's son -in-law given a car after his car was totally wrecked in an auto accident; Alex out of the hospital after being in the hospital two weeks in critical condition. There have been many more. We just want you to know our Prayer Chain is on the job and God is doing mighty things. Praise His Holy Name!

CLASSICS

What a year 2009 has been! We were able to go on many great trips! Who could forget the trip to the Carlsbad flower fields, or our trip to the Griffith Observatory? We also went on a progressive dinner and to the Long Beach Aquarium! These were all unforgettable trips. We also enjoyed one another's company at our monthly meetings where we enjoyed great food, great games, and a lot of good stories and fun times. We are expecting an even better 2010!

We have even changed our name to "The Classics". As I thought about this name, the true definition of "Classics" is what sealed it! The definition says that classics are: *belonging to the highest rank or class, serving as the established model or standard, having lasting significance or worth; enduring.* What better way to describe our seniors!! We encourage everyone over 55 (whether you want to admit it or not!) to come on the second Saturday of every month and enjoy a great time of food and fellowship.

Children's Ministry



The Nativity Story, the invention of the candy cane and what the red stripes represent, appreciating the gift or the giver...these are just some of the things we talked about in Children's Ministries before Christmas. The lessons are just one part of our Sundays because we have so many other ways to learn. There's review questions during the musical Beach Ball Game and crossword puzzles to reinforce the details of that week's lesson.

We also talked about opportunities to give back to our church through service, so on December 20th, we put our words into action. Perhaps you noticed the smiling young faces who were our greeters that Sunday? Yes, it was the kids who acted as our greeters at the 10:30 a.m. service, meeting each person with a chorus of "Good Morning" and "Merry Christmas" as they handed out the bulletins. They did a great job and we are proud of them all!

We have exciting new curriculum for the new year called "Faith Case" – it's going to be great! Please continue to pray for each child and Children's Ministries as we continue our journey into understanding God's word and how much He loves us. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Compassion Ministry is making a difference in the lives of a few of the folks that are on the street. One of our very own, Tim Clark, who regularly attends our Amplify Service, is making an impact in our city, and has been for a while now.

Tim carries food packages for the homeless with him wherever he drives. When he sees someone he thinks might need food, he will make every effort to find a place to park and go to them and minister.

The Food Pantry keeps Tim supplied with special food packets that contain a complete meal and they do not need to be cooked - the packages can heat themselves.

Tim was recently in a shopping center and a man on a bicycle came to him and asked for change. Tim gave him what he had and the man left. Chris, (Tim's wife) told Tim that the man had said he was trying to get food, so they jumped in their car and found the man. Asking if he needed food, the man said he was in recovery and was living under a bridge. The man had all of his possessions on his bike. Tim gave him food packets and ministered to him. The man was very appreciative for what he had received.

Another man was sitting at a bus stop with a little cart that had all of his possessions in it. Tim was able to find a place to park and came over and talked with the gentleman, ministered to him, and gave him food.

Then there was the lady pushing a grocery cart filled with cans that she had collected to sell. Once again, Tim stopped to minister. She was very suspicious in the beginning when Tim was offering her food, but he soon gained her confidence.

Tim is just one person involved in our Compassion Ministry at this time, and he himself has recently gone through a tough period. He was one of many who lost his job during the recession, and then he hurt his back very badly. Immediately turning to his brothers and sisters in the church for prayer, Tim recovered quickly. This is amazing because he had a back problem before that required surgery. That's not all that God did in answer to prayer. Tim has a job and will start work in January. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

Please be in prayer that we can assemble lunch bag size packages containing hygiene items such as soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc, for use as we launch another branch of our Compassionate Evangelism Ministry.

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Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Service Times

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Senior Pastor Ed Rutherford



Women's Ministries



As we enter into the New Year, I can't help but take a moment to reflect on 2009. Women's Ministries serves an important function for the church. Not only do we hold our monthly meetings, but the ladies at Orange Hills are often called upon to provide food for our shut-ins, funeral receptions and special events. Last month alone we tackled three big events: preparing for our annual Christmas celebration, providing food for the funeral reception of Mary Turner, and catering a Christmas fellowship after our Sunday night Christmas celebration. You and many of our men are always so quick to jump in and help when called upon. I can never tell you enough how much I appreciate and am in awe of all you.

Ladies, mark your calendar for January 7th and make plans to join us for our box dinner and movie night. This is a great way to ease back into Women's Ministries - and you don't have to do anything! Just come and enjoy the evening. We provide a box dinner of a sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. All we ask is a \$5 donation to help offset the cost. Think about it. Where else can you get dinner and a movie for \$5? Our box dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 7 p.m. Stop by the Women's Ministries table in the foyer to sign up for the box

dinner and movie. This will help ensure we have dinners for everyone. Child care services will be available.

This year we will be showing a modern retelling of John Bunyan's classic story *Pilgrim's Progress*. Follow Christian and his companions on a great Journey from the City of Destruction to the gates of Heaven as they face obstacles large and small, man-made and demon-spawned. The story's powerful allegories teach us all the hazards and hopes of the Christian life, and it features the triumphant glory that awaits all who faithfully follow the King of kings!

Take the guess work out of planning (or not planning) something to do for Valentines Day. Join Women's Ministries at our sponsored all-church event. We have made reservations at the Curtain Call in Tustin for February 12 to see *The King & I*. More information and tickets are now available at the Women's Ministries table in the foyer. Don't miss out on this fun evening. This is not a couples only evening, so be sure to get your tickets now as there are reservations for only 20 individuals.

Save the Date:

Jan 7: Box Dinner & Movie 6:30 p.m.

Pilgrim's Progress

Feb 12: WM Sponsored All-Church Event

The King & I, Curtain Call Dinner Theatre