



Upcoming Event:



**Seniors Trip to
Aquarium of the Pacific
October 10th**



**Blast to the Past
Sunday, October 25
5:00pm-8:00pm
Featuring a live
Oldies Band with
special guest
Bryan Dietz
from the original
Deltones!
Remember
to dress 50s!**



The Quality of the Harvest

"Gardening, like your life, isn't a project you tend to when it's the right season. It takes planning and readiness all year long," the man told me.

I went to the local hardware store on Saturday looking for some parts I needed to fix the faucet in our kitchen. My wife has much confidence in my ability to figure how to do such things, but also knows it will take much longer than necessary and I'll injure myself. It did, and I did. Don't ask me how it happened, but I didn't injure myself working on the plumbing. I cut myself laying down contact paper under the sink. No, I didn't cut myself on the paper. I have no idea how this happened but it did, and it always does.

Maybe I should call this story "Things You Can Depend On," not only because I injured myself, but the fact that whenever I head out into the world, I can depend on meeting someone with a message I needed to hear. Saturday was no different.

I wandered into the garden shop in search of Spring and signs of life. Spring is life, and as I tell you often, life is in the details. Winter's details are brilliant, but I can't wait for Spring. Although people may be thinking and longing for spring here, very few, if any, are headed to the garden supply shop.

Except for Peter. Peter was about my age, average height, touches of white around each temple, and when it came to gardening, very knowledgeable.

"I didn't expect to see anyone in this section so early," I said as I entered the room.

"Why not?" He replied.

"Well, Spring hasn't arrived yet, although I've been carrying it around in my heart for months now," I said smiling.

"Well, my uninformed friend, gardening, like your life, isn't a project you tend to when it's the right season. It takes planning and readiness all year long," Peter told me. Okay, he had my attention. I know I don't know much about gardening, but life? I pride myself on my life skills.

"But gardening is seasonal. I never saw anyone in their garden with snow up to their knees," I said.

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The Royal Rangers



Hi everyone,

Well our Rangers have gotten off to a great start. After a brief summer break we are back! We have started to get into our lessons, and of course, the fun!

Anyway, we can always use your help teaching. Please contact Pastor Brian, David

Laviguer or Gabe Mijares to find out what ministry opportunities are available.

As for you Royal Rangers, welcome back and don't forget your homework: A special prize awaits the first Ranger who can tell us where the "Lord's Prayer" is found.



This past week we finished up a series on prayer. We learned about the importance of having prayer as a part of our Christian life and how, just like any other relationship, it's crucial to keep the lines of communication open. We learned that God is always there, that he never leaves us and that all we have to do is ask Him for strength and guidance.

In October, we are going to be starting a series on Unity. It's important in any group, to draw closer to each other and to have friends who believe and stand for the same things you do. That is why we meet every Wednesday to come together to worship, to pray, to grow and to learn as one body. We are also looking forward to a couple of great activities. Later in the month, we will be having "Nerf Gun Wars", and at the end of the month, we look forward to another Blast to the Past! Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for Youth Convention next month!

Hymn-Song Service

Ronnie Allen and the entire Hymn-song team would like to extend a very warm welcome to our "new" drummer, Donnie Tucker. Donnie played drums for years at OHA and we are so proud to have him back with us on Sunday nights.

The Lord has REALLY visited with us in an AWESOME way for the last 2 Sunday nights. Many people were healed and otherwise touched by the Lord during our song service. If you're not there, you're really missing out. Come see what the Lord can and will do for you.

Missionettes



WOW! The Missionettes took the summer off and now we are back! Both the girls and teachers are excited and the presence of the Lord is with us!

Sharon Wilson joined us as a teacher this year, working with our older group of Stars. These girls are working on their Honor Star status by completing fun

projects. Yes, they are learning their memory verses and working on their lessons, but Sharon also has some surprises planned for them along the way - and we can't wait to see these Stars shine even brighter!

Some of our girls from last year graduated into the next level, moving from Daisies to Prims and from Prims to Stars, and we have a couple of new girls joining us this year too! There is lots of learning and lots of fun going on - you should hear the "symphony of voices" floating from each class.

If you have a girl in your family or in your neighborhood who wants to join us, we'd love to have them! We have classes from Kindergarten to 5th grade - its not too late to join!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

God Bless



Men's Ministry

Our September meeting was amazing! Bryan Dietz gave an outstanding testimony and our worship and prayer time was great, and of course, delicious food was prepared by Norm Lange.

The fellowship of men's ministry just gets better and better. Why not put October 17th on your calendar and plan to be with us. I am sure you will be blessed. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on October 17 at 8:00AM. We hope to see you there!

Seniors Adult Ministries



On Saturday, October 10th, we will be taking a trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Home to more than 12,500 ocean animals, representing nearly 500 species, the Aquarium celebrates the planet's largest and most diverse body of water: the Pacific Ocean. Featuring 19 major habitats and 32 focus exhibits, the Aquarium of the Pacific is a world-class aquarium, exploring the waters of Southern California and Baja, the Northern Pacific, and the Tropical Pacific.

Immediately following our time at the aquarium, we will be going to a nearby Home Town Buffet for a great time of food and fellowship. We will meet at the Church at 9:00 AM and will be back sometime in the afternoon. The cost of the trip is \$25 for seniors 60+, and \$27 for those under 60. We hope that you will come and enjoy this trip as we explore another part of God's beautiful creation.

Children's Ministry



School has begun. Homework is due. Back to School nights are in full swing. But has that slowed things down with CSI Kids? Absolutely not!

October is full of exciting Sunday morning activities as well as Bible lessons. Who knows? You may even find a game or two. Perhaps prizes? Join us on Sunday mornings, starting at 9:00AM to find out the latest!

We are thankful for the newest additions to our Sunday morning team – Kim & Dave Laviguer. They have taken over our 9:00AM services and are doing a great job. We would love to have you join us for that time – no two Sundays are the same and there is non-stop fun and excitement!

We are thankful for your help and prayers! We could not continue to be effective in this ministry without all of your support!

Don't forget that CSI Kids runs through both of our Sunday morning services. Even if you do not attend both services, we have Bible Studies during the first service, and a time of fellowship during the second service. We would love to have you!

The Quality of the Harvest

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"That's because a good gardener is inside planning, reading, and yes, growing. There are things we can grow early enough to get a head start on the season, just like you should in life." "Go on," I urged him.

"About five years ago, my wife died. One never plans for that. How could you? In life, there is a season for that and we hadn't even come near that time. Using the same comparison, our two children were in their growing season. Like in gardening, we tended to their needs with nourishment, special care and lots of love. The saddest thing is we never got to the best season of all," he said as he shook his head. "Harvest time?" I asked.

"Yes, the harvest of our lives - the season after you have worked life's garden, planted for the future, and pulled all the weeds. The time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor never came. At least not together. Our children are growing and they bring much life into my world. I see them blossoming into all that God has created them to be. But I see it alone," he said, now lowering his head and turning away from me.

"Let me ask you something. I plant a seed and the flower grows. At the same time, my neighbor down the street plants the same flower and it grows. Mine is thin, with few blooms, and hers is full and healthy looking. The same seed, different gardener. I would guess then that the gardener is reflected in the beauty of the flower, right?" I asked. "Yes, I guess so."

"Then you are not alone, my friend, for the beauty of your wife is reflected in your children. God provided the seeds, you and your wife made them grow, and when her harvest came early, she left the garden in good hands," I said.

"I never thought of it that way. You are right. The beauty that I see in my world is a reflection of her and I. They are with me always. Then so is she," he said now smiling.

Taking advantage of the moment I replied, "and I have gained a new insight on gardening and my life. You do reap what you sow and the quality of the harvest lies in the gardener. When it seems that the winter in our lives will never leave, remember that 'All the flowers of all our tomorrows are in the seeds of today.'"

Just then, his children came running through the door. "Here comes tomorrow's flowers," he said. "Daddy, could we plant daisies again this year?" one child asked. "Yes of course, they were your Mom's favorite," he said. "Ours too!" they said in unison. "That doesn't surprise me," the dad said, as he smiled and kissed them.

Love You,
Pastor Ed

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Senior Pastor Ed Rutherford



What a wonderful meeting we had last month! Many of our ladies really got into the Hawaiian theme and came dressed in their Hawaiian print shirts or dresses. And the food was absolutely fabulous. Thank you ladies for your wonderful dishes and for making our opening meeting fun and festive. It was really great having Ramona Holcombe (our guest speaker) back in our midst. Her testimony was a real blessing to all of us. Ramona is truly a living example of letting your light shine for Christ no matter what your circumstance.

If you missed last month's meeting, plan to attend our 5th Annual Gingham Breakfast on Saturday, October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Men's Ministries will once again be serving up a smashing breakfast. Some of you may have seen the beautiful afghan at our sign up table the past couple of weeks. This afghan was made by Ramona and will be raffled off during our meeting. If you want a chance to win this beautiful afghan, be sure to join us for breakfast. This month our guest speaker will be Martha Dietz. Martha is one of our extraordinary ladies. She will be speaking to us about letting go of the past.

Tickets are on sale now for Season Spectacular. Now you may think it's too early to be thinking about Christmas, but this is a great way to get ready for Thanksgiving and into the Christmas spirit. Seating is limited to 20 ladies, and our tables fill quickly, so make plans now to attend this district sponsored event. Don't hesitate too long in getting your tickets. Tickets for Season Spectacular will be on sale until November 8th. You can sign up at the WM table in the foyer.

Save the Date:

- October 3: Gingham Breakfast (9:30 a.m.)
Guest Speaker: Martha Dietz
- November 5: Community Service Project (7:00 p.m.)
- November 21: Season Spectacular at Anaheim Hilton (Cost: \$39)
- December 3: Celebration of Christmas (6:30 p.m.)
Pot Luck & Ornament Exchange