

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

"God dwells in the praises of His people."

I am not sure where the above Biblical quote comes from, but when I read it, I felt like it jumped from the page. Isn't it wonderful to know how we are guaranteed that the presence of God can always be found? Isn't it amazing that with our words and praises, we can summon the presence of God?

The other day, my brother sent me an e-mail that contained a quote from Jay Leno. The comedian said that he had recently read somewhere that 67 percent of the American population is unhappy with the direction of the country. Leno asked his audience, "What is there to be unhappy about in our country?"

Are we unhappy about having air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter?

Are we unhappy to have electricity 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

Are we unhappy that 95.4 percent of those who want jobs have jobs?

Are we unhappy that when we go to a grocery store, we see more food than most Africans, in Sudan, will see in a lifetime?

Are we unhappy that we can drive from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast without having our identification papers checked at the borders of every state?

Are we unhappy that we have public services like the police, fire fighters, and garbage collectors?

Are we unhappy that 90 percent of the teen population has cell phones and computers?

Are we unhappy that we have religious, social and political freedoms that make our country the envy of the world?

It is easy to be "unhappy" when we examine our present difficulties; problems that we did not have a year ago, but we must not lose sight of the bigger picture. We live in a wealthy country and are abundantly blessed, when compared with the rest of the world. Escalating gasoline prices amaze us;

however, Europeans, for years, have paid twice what we are now paying for gas. Last week, in London, regular gasoline cost \$8.56 a gallon. Do we really have the right to complain? Have we forgotten how very blessed we are in this country?

In July, we will celebrate our country's birthday. Do we have much to be thankful for? You bet! Is our life more difficult than it was a year ago? Probably so, but we still live in a land of plenty and are richly blessed

Let's take a step back and count our blessings. We have so much to be thankful for. We live in a country of extraordinary wealth. May we use our many blessings to be an instrument of God's love and grace to a world that has so much less than we do. "To whom much is given, much is required."

Pastor Rick

## Finances and Attendance for May

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
5/4	115	20	135
5/11	132	21	153
5/18	125	28	143
5/25	89	22	111

May Offerings:	\$15,089
May Expenses:	\$12,270
Operating Surplus:	\$17,452

## Bagels and Senior Lunch

Something each Tuesday of the month

Meet at Einstein Bagels at the Santee Trolley each Tuesday between 9:30am and 11:00am for fellowship

Except...

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. Senior Lunch for June will be July 8th at the MIMI's Cafe at 9812 Mission Gorge in Santee

## 11:00am Worship Service

The contemporary worship service at 11:00am has already brought in a faithful worship attendance between 20-30 worshippers. This service is led by our children guitar players Jeremy Naour, David Gulliver and Tom Coletti. What a blessing these young saints are to our church.

The service is just a half hour long and seems to appeal to those with children because of the youthful music and the extra time needed in the morning to get children ready for worship. There is always a full sermon and communion. We are blessed by this alternative to the traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

## Feed the Homeless

- Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>
- August 11<sup>th</sup>
- September 8<sup>th</sup>
- October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Meet at church at 2:30pm
- Return by 6:00pm

Let Pastor Rick Know if you would like to attend and need a ride.

## Fall Festival

A group of energetic and faithful volunteers met to make plans for our next Fall Festival. The tentative date was set for September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 6:00pm. If you have something to add you can call our co-directors Terri Flores at 449-1497 or Michelle Gomes at 938-3295. This is a huge project but we already have several new additions to the festival.

## Major Repairs Fund Raiser

We are trying to raise \$20,000 to repair the siding on the Acts Center roof and resurface, beautify and resurface the parking lot. The total cost is estimated at \$20,000. We are looking for volunteers to

coordinate this fund raising effort. We are so fortunate that we have been faithful to our general fund and to special appeals to reach our tithing goals as a congregation. This is our newest step of faith. Please make any donations to "Carlton Hills" and note that your donation is for the "Major Appeals Fund Raiser".

## Church Travel Site

Did you know that we have a church travel site where you can book airline tickets, hotel accommodations and rental cars and for the very best rates available and have a percentage of the dollars you spend come back as a donation to the church. Pastor Rick bought hotel space at an excellent hotel to visit is daughter in Lexington Kentucky for only \$400 for 6 nights!! The site gives you many options to fit any budget.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

[www.ytbtravel.com/chelc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/chelc)

## Youth Overnight Procedure Policy

On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am there will be a meeting to add a "Youth Overnight Procedure Policy" to our statement on keeping children safe in our congregation. The statement on keeping children safe at Carlton Hills is available in the back of the church. We are going to add an overnight policy to this statement which is meant to make our High Up and our Confirmation youth safe at overnight events. The question is being discussed at High Up and this group will have a policy to recommend for themselves to be reviewed by those interested in attending this meeting.

These procedures may require more than one meeting but it is important for us to agree on these procedures and make them clear to those who attend overnights sponsored by our church. Please come to the meeting if you would like to be a part of this discussion.

## FAITH

### Families Active In Training Hearts

We are thrilled to say our first FAITH Event was a great success. We had approx. 75 in attendance. The children all had a blast playing on the water slide. Everyone enjoyed the delicious hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream Sundays. What a fun FAITH day.

Thank you to everyone who helped!

We look forward to our next event on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Please remember, all FAITH Events are free and all are invited. If you have questions or would like to help with any of the FAITH Events below please contact Misty Thompson at 619-885-0561 or at [onegreatmt@yahoo.com](mailto:onegreatmt@yahoo.com).

### Future 2008 FAITH Events

August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – Build Your Own Sub sandwiches, and afterwards relax for popcorn and movie night. (Facing the Giants)

November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 – Create your own special thank you notes, or a family “Tree of Thanks.” Enjoy Sloppy Joes.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 – Make an advent wreath. Lasagna and salad provided.

\*\*No FAITH event during July as we have Buck @ the Beach every Wednesday at La Jolla Shores.

### Starlight Theatre

Remember to buy your tickets for Starlight. Tickets are selling fast this year, in fact I sold out of two plays within the first week that we received them. We just received some more tickets so please purchase them now. We will not be getting any more this year so get them while they last.

Please see Bill and Mary Thomas or Misty Thompson to purchase tickets.

Invite your family and friends as tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$5 each for children. Regular prices are \$40+ per ticket.

Raffle tickets also available for some wonderful prizes, including Disneyland and Sea World!

Into the Woods..... July 10<sup>th</sup>  
My Fair Lady ..... August 14<sup>th</sup>  
Nine..... September 18<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your support.

### Make A Joyful Noise Camp Performance

Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

All are invited to enjoy the Make a Joyful Noise Summer Camp final performance!

Camp is going very well this year with 30 children signed up. Come see the campers and staff as they showcase some of the artwork, songs, skits, and dances they created during camp.

Hope to see you on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>!

### Buck @ The Beach

Wednesdays in July

Join us at La Jolla Shores every Wed. in July. Our first Buck @ The Beach will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hotdogs provided.

Please bring your own drinks and something to share. We meet on the grass at La Jolla Shores around 5pm or any time thereafter.

Buck at the Beach is a blast - we BBQ, splash in the ocean, go boogie boarding, play games, or just sit and visit. FUN FOR ALL!! *This is a peanut/nut-free gathering.*

*For questions or directions please contact Misty at 619-885-0561, or ask our youth as many of them attend.*

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Mimi's Cafe in Santee, 9812 Mission Gorge Rd., at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 562-9969.

## July Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,  
Grace Otto  
Communion Assist.: Sara Paulsen & Marie Freeman  
Communion Care: Tim & May Hustad  
Greeters: 6, 13- Vaughan Family  
20, 27- Sallay Family  
Lector: 6, 13- Randy Catron 20, 27- Gary Berglund  
Stephen Minister of the Week: 6- Ed Teichner  
13- Jim Thomas 20- Carol Davidson  
27- Kathy Darland  
Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Ellie & Katie Timan,  
John Sevcik

## July Birthdays

1 Ken Myette-Ashworth  
3 Jerold Henson  
5 Rosemary Choals  
6 Janet Roach  
7 Austin Rones  
8 Delores Ryden  
9 Gilbert Hanley  
9 Grethel Olmedo  
11 Nichole Davidson  
13 Jean Setzer  
14 Robert Sigler  
15 Mary Thomas  
15 Stephen Gomory  
16 Hannah Lisowsky  
16 Stephanie Myers  
18 Geoffrey Bradley  
18 Garrett Sigler  
20 Nicole Sevcik  
22 Thomas Halloran  
24 Amanda Vaughan  
25 Marie Weber  
25 Rebecca Byrd  
27 Sherry Henson  
27 Richard Setzer  
29 Thomas Insel  
30 Thomas Pendergast  
31 Tiffany Lynch

(If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888)

## July Anniversaries

1 June & Bob Webb  
2 Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton  
9 Peter & Deborah Callaway  
11 Randall & Joanne Catron  
22 Laura & Cliff Vaughan  
23 Shawn & Heather Caya  
29 Steve & Joanne Salaz

## Texts for the Sundays in July

6<sup>th</sup> **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14 (8)  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
**Color:** Green

13<sup>th</sup> **Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 (11)  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
**Color:** Green

20<sup>th</sup> **Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Isaiah 44:6-8 or Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Psalm 86:11-17 (11)  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
**Color:** Green

27<sup>th</sup> **Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136 (130)  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
**Color:** Green



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2008 Confirmands



# Sunday School Picnic

