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We had two major occurrences in September we have to tell you about. Cora's 100th Birthday and the arrival of Pastor Jamall's baby girl.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY CORA!!



There was a nice turn out for Cora's birthday celebration. I believe we made her feel very loved.



This beautiful quilt was made for her by members of her family



Message from the Interim Designated Senior Pastor



As a Church we presented them a \$300.00 gift card. Other members also chose to give gifts.



Look at this proud papa!



We wish them all the best in raising this precious little girl.

Women's Guild News

The Guild's first meeting for the fall session was well attended and had a very interesting program. Helen Zamora the Director of Development at East County Transitional Living Center spoke on the many programs available to needy families and men and women who are living on the street. Housing for families is available and programs to help men and women get their lives back together whether from alcohol or drug addiction. These are all Christian based programs and all participants must work while living at ECTLC. Some work is at the center or at other outside projects Wendee Andujar, Resource Center Manager also spoke on volunteer programs.

The next meeting on October 14 will have Carlette Anderson as the speaker. Carlette is from Save-A-Heart, an educational company she and her husband have been running for many years. She will speak on the importance of knowing CPR and other life saving methods to use during cardiac emergencies. She is also the author of a number of books on the history of Alpine.

There will be a Bake Sale on October 15 following our church service. People are encouraged to bring their baked goods to the Oct 14 meeting so they can be priced that afternoon. Baked goods can also be dropped off at the church office on Friday morning if you cannot attend the Saturday meeting.

Rummage Sale is fast approaching!! Start collecting your donations now. The Sale will be Oct 27 & 28. We need a lot of volunteers the entire week before the sale to sort and price and on the sale days to cashier and help shoppers. A signup board for workers will be posted October 1 in Fuller Hall. Lunch for workers will be served every day. This is not only a time of work but a time of camaraderie getting better acquainted with other church people and new friends.

Donna Boyer, Guild President

Message from the Moderator....



Moderator's Message for October

What are you thinking right now? Are you thinking: *Finally! This summer heat is over* – while silently thinking “*Oh no, its only 9 months until it starts again*”. Or are you looking ahead to the busiest time in the church calendar – wondering if you have the energy to jump right in again? The next three months will hold lots of memories of years past as well as many opportunities for enjoying holidays with family, friends, and your church.

October will be like the pep rally before the big game. Two events will dominate this month; first will be our annual Rummage Sale. Plans are well underway for that, and if you have not yet had a chance to volunteer to help make this year another huge success for the community and the church, please at least mark your calendars for the set-up events from October 21 thru 26, even if you can only work a short while each day your help will be much appreciated. And on the actual sale days of October 27 & 28 we will need every set of hands available to make the sale go smoothly.

Next up in October/November will be the Stewardship Campaign. It will be time again to give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to how we can plan to give our time, talent, and financial resources to the Alpine Community Church. This church means so much to each person, and to each person in a different way. The stewardship campaign is a time to reflect on what the church means in our lives and how we can make sure that it is here for us and future generations.

Blessings to you all,

Tom Myers

Into Darkness There is Light



I'm writing this on September 11, arguably the worst ever attack on American soil. It was at least the worst attack I have lived to see.

It was very hard for me to find God in the days that followed. However, in the years since the attacks, I have found hope in hearing certain stories that came out of the darkness of that day. One story is from an angel book of mine. I hope that after reading about it, everyone will think about it in the coming years and remember that God's light always shines in the darkness.

Genelle was a young immigrant from Trinidad, who worked as an administrative assistant in the North Tower of the World Trade Center. She had had many ups and downs in life and struggled with her faith. She believed in God, but lived a party lifestyle that didn't leave room for Him. When her mother died of cancer, she all but turned away from Him completely. Yet, on that fateful day, September 11, she would find herself relying on Him as she had not in many years.

When the second plane hit the South tower, everyone in the office decided to ignore the advice to stay put and started going down the stairs. Genelle held the hand of a friend and descended down counting the steps as she went. When she stopped to take off her shoes, the building collapsed.

As she lay pinned under some debris, she called out to her friend, or anyone who might hear, for help. But she soon realized that she was the only survivor in the area. She did the only thing she knew to do. She prayed to God, hoping that He was still listening.

She spent the night trapped under what was left of the tower. When morning came, she asked God to give her a sign that He was with her. Not long after, she heard a noise as if someone was coming. She called out, and heard a man's voice and he grabbed her hand. He told her he was just ahead of the rescue team and that she was going to be rescued. He said his name was Paul and he promised to stay with her until she was rescued. She tried to look at him but could not open her eyes.

After twenty-six hours trapped underneath the rubble, Genelle was rescued. From that moment on, everything changed for her. She decided to devote her life to God, married the man she had been dating, and joined a church.

At Christmas that year, she was given the opportunity to thank the rescuers who had saved her life. She was especially eager thank Paul. She asked the firemen about him. However, they said they knew everyone who was there that day. No one knew anyone named Paul.

Jordon O'Neal



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WILL SOON BE HERE!

It's that time of year to send Good News & Great Joy out into the world! Over the years through simple gifts in little shoeboxes, we have shown the love of Christ to impoverished children around the world through the hands-on mission outreach of Operation Christmas Child!

Their smiles and shouts of joy show that the children sincerely appreciate the hygiene products, school supplies, and "wow" toys! Your gifts can take them away, if only for a moment, from the war, poverty, or natural disasters that they face each and every day.

Along with their gift box, local volunteers who understand the culture give each child a booklet of gospel stories in their own language. Many then choose to join a program to learn more about the hope of Jesus and receive their own New Testament. Ultimately several of the graduates of the program accept Jesus into their hearts as their teacher, savior, redeemer, and Lord. Their lives have been changed for an eternity!

ACC will provide the shoeboxes which can be PICKED UP in the Narthex starting Sunday, October 22nd. There is an instructional brochure inside. Please fill out and tape the Boy/Girl label on the outside top of the box and check the age level of the child who will receive your gifts of love. Also, a \$10 CHECK made out to Samaritan's Purse should be placed in the box on top of your gifts as a donation to help with supplies and shipping. Please secure your giftbox with a large rubber band or string. Gift shoeboxes can be RETURNED to the Narthex any time before the end of service on November 12th.

OR

If you do not want to go out and about to shop, you can go online through "Build your shoebox online Operation Christmas Child" and choose items to create your shoebox. There is a \$25 donation for the gift items and processing.

We will join thousands of volunteers of every age, race, denomination, and nationality here in the US and abroad as we put differences aside to join as one to respond to the Great Commission from Jesus: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19." We cannot physically do that, but we can introduce the children of the world to our Lord with the help of a small shoebox filled with hope and love.

The amazing journey of a simple shoebox can begin with you by way of your generosity and a prayer for the child who will receive your gifts. Through a little shoebox, we can spread Good News and Great Joy as we share the love of Jesus this Christmas with the less fortunate children of the world.

Kids Corner

Halloween Origins

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, there was this ancient Celtic festival called Samhain. It was celebrated by the Celts, who lived in what is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and other parts of Europe. They believed that on the night of October 31st, the boundary between the living and the dead became blurred. So, they would light bonfires and wear costumes made out of animal heads and skins to scare away any evil spirits that might be hanging around. Isn't that fascinating? Eventually, when the Romans came along, they merged their own traditions with Samhain and created a new celebration called All Hallows' Eve, which marked the night before All Saints' Day. Over time, this day became known as Halloween, and it's now celebrated with lots of fun activities like trick-or-treating, jack-o'-lanterns, and scary costumes!

Becca Anderson

Christmas is Coming

If you enjoy singing Christmas songs, please come help the choir with their Christmas program.

Rehearsals will be held in Fuller Hall, starting October 3rd, at 6:30pm. Performance will be December 17th.



Care and Prayer List

Alpine Community Church Care & Prayer List

Please call or send a greeting card to someone on the list, your thoughtfulness will be appreciated. Names will be removed when it is unknown if the need for prayer still exists. If you have family or friends in need of prayer,

George & Judy Doble

Dorothea Erwin

Daryl Felipe

Bree Fleming

Ruby Hayworth

Des Hoskin

J. J. Jacoby

Lisa (friend of Brenda C.)

McIntosh Family

Laura Miller

Michele Murphy

Gaylord & Marianne Paulson

Kathy Peterson

George Racker

Doug Shredder

Stephany

Rachel Swanson

Phyllis Yount

Military

Police Officers

Firefighters

Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY WISHES:

O'NEAL, Kalista	10/04
O'NEAL, Dee Ann	10/12
DEMEESTER, Janette (aka WELCH)	10/19
NUNNALLY, Jim	10/21
NELSON, Bruce	10/28

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

BELLAS, Robin	10/05
WATERWORTH, Joan	10/25

Church Office Hours

We can be reached by telephone at (619) 445-2110, or by e-mail at acc1894@acc.sdcoxmail.com. Office hours are Monday – Friday from 9am until noon. Even if we are not here in the office after noon, you can slip envelopes, messages & requests through the mail slot in the office's front door. *Thank You, Denise*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 CHOIR 6:30-8:30p	4 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	5	6	7 7:00 PM AA
8 9:00a ACC Worship ACSL 11-1 (Fuller Hall)	9 B.S. TROOP 105	10 CHOIR 6:30-8:30p	11 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	12 ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	13	14 GUILD Mtg 9:30am 7:00 PM AA
15 9:00aACC Worship GUILD Bake Sale 10:30a DEACON's ACSL 11-1 (Fuller Hall)	16 B.S. TROOP 105 6:30p TRUSTEES	17 CHOIR 6:30-8:30p	18 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	19 ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	20	21 Rummage Sale set up 7:00 PM AA
22 9:00a ACC Worship ACSL 11-1 (FH) 10:30AM CABINET	23 Rummage Sale sorting & set up B.S. TROOP 105	24 Rummage Sale sorting & set up	25 Rummage Sale set up 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	26 Rummage Sale set up	27 RUMMAGE SALE 8-3	28 RUMMAGE SALE 8AM-3 7:00 PM AA
29 9:00 AM ACC Worship ACSL 11-1 (FH)	30 B.S. TROOP 105	31 Choir 6:30-8:30				

Mission Statement

Our Mission as the Alpine Community Church is to serve God by creating an environment of fellowship following the teachings of Jesus Christ. We minister to the needs of our congregation and community, motivating ourselves with love, faith and hope.

Join us for Worship

In person in our sanctuary at 9:00 AM Sunday Mornings

Also on **Facebook** and **Youtube** (links found on alpineucc.org)

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