



# The Cross

February 2011

## and The Flame



Webster defines valentine as, “a gift or greeting sent to someone (special).” It almost always contains a message of love or affection that the sender has for the receiver.

When I was in elementary school we brought valentines for our class. Most of us gave them to everyone. I remember making homemade ones with “doily” hearts etc. If we really were blessed we got a store bought package of cutouts; mostly I remember animals. People would give me the stork or giraffe. But we had to give someone the pig or goat.... “I am hog wild over you valentine.” Strange how a practice that was supposed to express love could turn into a painful exercise.

God has sent Jesus to the world as the first and foremost expression of love. “For God so loved the world, he sent Jesus the valentine.” This expression of sacrificial love will take us through many dangers toils and snares.

Now we are to be the carriers of his love. We are to send a message of love to the world.

*1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

*1 Cor. 13:4-7 Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn't jealous. It doesn't sing its own praises. It isn't arrogant. It isn't rude. It doesn't think about itself. It isn't irritable. It doesn't keep track of wrongs. It isn't happy when injustice is done, but it is happy with the truth. Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.*

*2 Cor 3:3 Clearly, you are a letter from Christ prepared by us. It is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on stone, but on human hearts.*

“God so loved” us that Christ died for us. We must strive to be an example of that same love to a lost and dying world. John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.



Pastor John and Kathleen  
McFarland



*Pastor John*



# United Methodist Women

CAL-PAC Annual UMW Conference  
Mid-Winter Event  
February 19, 2011

## “The Green Team in Mission”

9:30 am—3:00 pm

Call Merna Young by February 2nd to RSVP

### PULL TABS

Please continue to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and turn them into the little house in the sanctuary foyer or into the office. The tabs are recycled and the proceeds used to support children and their families while they are staying at the House.



### SOUP LABELS

Please turn in soup labels to the front office. These are used by the David and Margaret Home to provide school supplies for children.



### BEACH CITIES INTERFAITH SERVICES (BCIS)

Bring in staple groceries and place in the white basket in the foyer of the sanctuary. These go to help the many families in need in our area.



*“I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”*  
Psalm 91:2 New King James Version

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, your preschool was part of the Orange County Association of the Education of Young Children’s (OCAEYC) workshop called “OC Preschool Site Tour: High Quality Environments”. This was quite an honor. OCAEYC picked two sites in Orange County that exemplify high quality environments. Fountain Valley United Methodist Preschool and Hands Together-A Center for Children in Santa Ana were the two sites chosen for this workshop. Forty early childhood educators were divided into two groups of 20 and each group toured both sites and was able to see what a high quality environment looks like.

In February we will be having our annual PJ and Pancake Breakfast for Valentine’s Day. The children and staff dress in their PJ’s; we cook and eat pancakes, bacon, and eggs. We have a great time.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Donna McInteer, Director

## 2ND ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD EM TOURNAMENT

February 19th from 5 pm to 9 pm in the East Chapel



This is an all ages event for men only sponsored by the UMM. It is FREE to play and prizes will be awarded to the top contenders. If you don't know how to play Texas Hold Em' that's OK because from 5 pm to 5:45 pm we will provide an overview of the rules of the game, lessons in gameplay and some practice time. The main event will begin promptly at 6pm.

Last year's winner, Jim Speicher, will be returning this year to try to make it 2 tournament championships in a row. He invites all comers to take their best shot at dethroning the champ. We wish Jim and all players good luck.

To register for this event e-mail Daniel Hatmaker: [hatmaked@yahoo.com](mailto:hatmaked@yahoo.com) and please include your skill level of play as Beginner, Intermediate or Expert. Bring your A-Game and your best poker face. See you on the 19th!



The wonderful first few weeks of Acts 29 are underway. Our mid-week gathering begins at 6:30 and ends with fellowship and yummy dessert at 8.

**Discipleship 101** - Pastor John shares a Methodical process of maturing as followers of Christ. The 7 basic aspects of being a Christian are explored from Prayer life to Church service to sharing our witness.

### **I Wonder? ...Tough Questions about Religion, Ethics, and God**

Chuck Schussman turns his excellent research and teaching skills to a variety of classic topics. Your questions addressed by an experienced apologist and scholar.

**Prayer and Sharing:** Ann Bronson, co-ordinates this meaningful prayer experience. *'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. Zec. 4:6*

**Out of the Parent Trap!** Pastor Dan For parents, grandparents, or those assisting with another generation. You won't want to miss this excellent series, applying Biblical Principles to the ever challenging task of raising up a generation after God's own heart.

# February 2011

| Sun | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|-----|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 30  | 31  | 1<br>10:45 Preschool Chapel<br>11:00 Moms In Touch<br>6:30 Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 Trustees<br>7:00 Shakespeare Play | 2<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study<br>10:45 Preschool Chapel<br>5:30 MASH 4077<br>6:00 Prayer Night<br>6:30 AX29<br>6:30 Youth Group | 3<br>6:00a MASH 2077<br>11:00 Staff Meeting<br>7:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 Fishers of Men<br>7:00 Young Adult Bible Study                 | 4<br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br>6:30 MASH 3077<br>1:00 Word by Word   | 5<br>7:30 UMM @ Carrow's<br>7:30 Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 Welcome Home<br>12:00 Girls Scouts        |
| 6   | 7<br>COMMUNION SUNDAY<br>9 a.m. United Worship<br>10:45 a.m. Sunday School<br>and Connection<br>3:15 pm Superbowl Party | 8<br>11:00 Moms In Touch<br>6:30 Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 Ad Board  | 9<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study<br>5:30 MASH 4077<br>6:00 Prayer Night<br>6:30 Youth Group<br>6:30 AX29                           | 10<br>6:00a MASH 2077<br>9:00 Preschool: PJ's and Pancakes Breakfast<br>11:00 Staff Meeting<br>7:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 Fishers of Men | 11<br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br>6:30 MASH 3077<br>9:00 Preschool: PJ's and Pancakes Breakfast<br>1:00 Word by Word | 12<br>7:30 Men's Bible Study<br>7:30 Finance Committee<br>8:00 Welcome Home<br>10:30 am UMM Exec Brd |
| 13  | 14<br><b>Preschool Closed</b><br>1:00 Prayer<br>7:00 Preschool Board<br>7:30 Choir<br>Rehearsal @ HBUMC                 | 15<br>11:00 Moms In Touch<br>6:30 Men's Bible Study  | 16<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study<br>5:30 MASH 4077<br>6:00 Prayer Night<br>6:30 Youth Group<br>6:30 AX29                          | 17<br>6:00a MASH 2077<br>11:30 Staff Meeting<br>7:00 Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 Fishers of Men                    | 18<br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br>6:30 MASH 3077<br>1:00 Word by Word  | 19<br>7:30 Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 Welcome Home<br>9:30 UMM Conference<br>5:00 UMM Poker Night     |
| 20  | 21<br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>9 a.m. United Worship<br>10:45 a.m. Sunday School<br>and Connection                 | 22<br>11:00 Moms In Touch<br>6:30 Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 Nominating   | 23<br>5:30 MASH 4077<br>6:00 Prayer Night<br>6:30 Youth Group<br>6:30 AX29  | 24<br>6:00a MASH 2077<br>11:30 Staff Meeting<br>7:00 Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 Fishers of Men                    | 25<br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br>6:30 MASH 3077<br>1:00 Word by Word  | 26<br>7:30 Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 Welcome Home  |
| 27  | 28<br>9 a.m. United Worship<br>10:45 a.m. Sunday School<br>and Connection   | 1<br>1:00 pm Prayer<br>7:30 pm Choir<br>Rehearsal @ HBUMC  | 2<br>1:00 pm Prayer<br>7:30 pm Choir<br>Rehearsal @ HBUMC   | 3<br>6:00a MASH 2077<br>11:30 Staff Meeting<br>7:00 Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 Fishers of Men                     | 4<br><b>Youth Trip to Silverwood Lake</b>   | 5<br>7:30 Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 Welcome Home   |



## **Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.**

I Corinthians 10:31 NIV

Greetings from Finance Committee! This quotation from the epistle of Paul to the Corinthians continues to inspire our committee, long after the 2010 Annual Stewardship Dinner we enjoyed in November fades from our memory. As we reviewed the 2010 reports on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in our Finance Committee meeting, we couldn't help but give thanks to God for all of His goodness and grace to our church. 2010 giving had exceeded 2009 giving by \$ 30,000!!! For this we thank God and we thank our congregation who listens to God's heart and responds in obedience to His Word!

In 2011, the Finance Committee has set a discipleship goal that includes stewardship of our youth in the spiritual discipline of giving. We will be speaking to the Sunday School classes in the next few weeks, and distributing boxes of 2011 offering envelopes to our children. In a similar manner, we also have plans for outreach to the Connection ministry young adults. As the future leaders of this church, they will be the ones to maintain the legacy of tithing in obedience to God's Word. Thank you for your continued godly attention to the financial needs of the Body of Christ, His church. May Jesus be praised, and may glory be given to God in all we do.

## **Sweetheart Sunday February 13th**

God's love is nowhere more amazingly expressed than in the incredible bond of Man and Woman. *And God created man in His own image, in the **image of God** He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 1:27*



## **SUPERBOWL PARTY!**

**February 6  
3:15 pm**

**Come Watch the  
Super Bowl  
at Pastor Tim's  
house  
(17100 Santa  
Suzanne  
in Fountain Valley)**



We'll play flag football at half time.

Bring your munchies as well as your buddies for a fun Sunday Afternoon

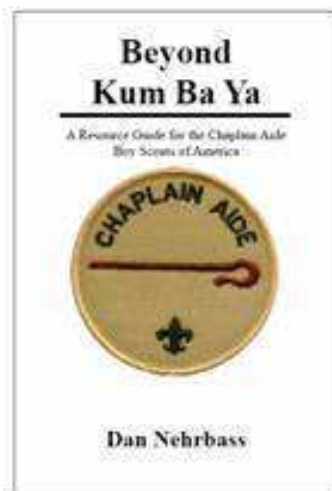
## "Beyond Kum Ba Ya"



### FVUMC Reaches Scouts Nationally Pastor Dan Writes book for Scout Chaplain Aide

Our church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 567, and from the beginning we have seen this troop as a ministry of the church. Ministry is not a foreign concept to Scouting, as one of the youth positions in a Boy Scout troop is that of Chaplain Aide. This person usually prays at events and leads a worship service on campouts. Pastor Dan was asked by the troop to give guidance to our chaplain aides. Dan's first step in preparing for this task was to find books on the subject. Incredibly, this position in the troop has been around for decades, but the last book on the subject in the US was published almost fifty years ago. Then Dan observed a scout pray at a meeting, "Dear God, we pray that no one dies tonight, or gets seriously injured." Dan knew we could do better. Scouts could do a better job preparing youth for this position, and the church can help. So he wrote what has become the best selling book on the subject. Every couple days, a Chaplain Aide somewhere in the country picks up a copy of *Beyond Kum Ba Ya: a Resource Guide for the Chaplain Aide*. The book is available on Amazon, and is one of the first webpages generated by a google search for "chaplain aide." This is one among many ways that our church has made an effort to reach beyond the local congregation, as well as to minister to the Scouts among our midst.

Thanks Pastor Dan for your service to the Boy Scouts and for writing this much needed book for the Chaplain Aide.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

### Men's Breakfast

**February 5, 2011  
7:30-9:00 AM**

@ Carrows of Huntington  
Beach  
(16931 Magnolia St.)



**that was easy.**

*Love God.*



*Love neighbor.*

*Connect in Ministry.*

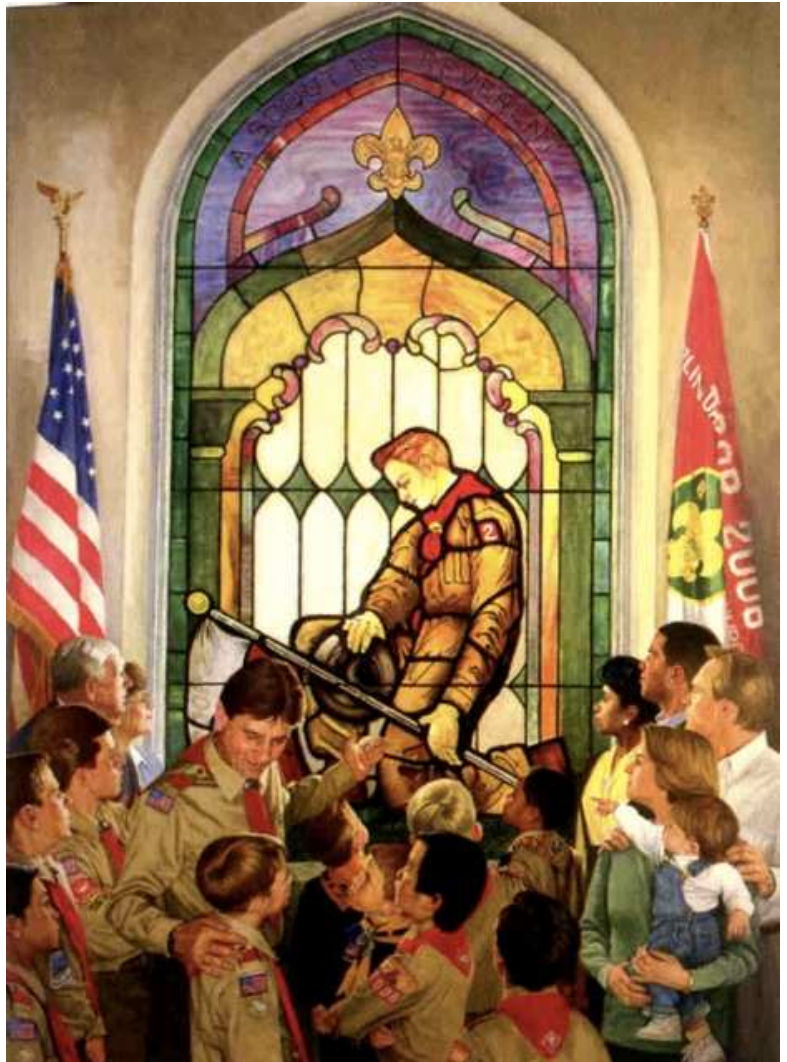
*Go to those who don't know.*

## February Birthdays!

- 3 Cheryl Quiroz  
Rusty Wood
- 4 Katherine Leveratto
- 5 Noelle Vandewalle
- 7 Brent Tanner
- 8 Karen Geiss
- 9 Raye Chantanop
- 10 Leslie Summers  
Mike Kennan  
Abigail Nehrbass  
Rachel Peters
- 12 Becky Donley  
Laura Cavener
- 14 Cayenne Bolar
- 16 Kendall McFarland
- 18 Bob Henning  
Isaiah Clendenin
- 19 Jerry Smith
- 20 Jean Martin
- 21 John McFarland
- 22 George Mulak
- 23 Klea Walin
- 24 Ann Bronson
- 25 Jeff Marbut
- 26 Jacob Allan  
Carol Schussman  
Lety Seaver
- 27 Chuck Schussman  
Phyllis Traphofner

*If your name has accidentally been left off the birthday list, please call the church office and let us know! Thank you!*

## A SCOUT IS REVERENT Scout Sunday February 13<sup>TH</sup>



## For Your Listening Pleasure...

Missed a Sunday? Want to know what was discussed in Revelation class on Wednesday or Bible class on Sunday morning?

Visit our website at [fountainvalleyumc.org](http://fountainvalleyumc.org), click on "resources" and then on "podcasts." Never miss a Sunday service again! Or use as a tool to share with friends and family that special thing God put in your heart this week!

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 The Awakening  
Hymns & Praise

9:00 United Worship  
Family Service

10:45 Connection  
Contemporary  
And  
Sunday School  
Classes for all ages

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