



## Good News... Easter...

by Pastor Ken Studer

Recently, in a clicker survey in church, I asked the congregation how many believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 99 people out of 111 said that they were absolutely certain that Christ was raised from the dead. Another 5 were pretty sure that he was raised.

Another clicker survey question asked about Easter. 73 out of 115 said that we should make a big deal of Easter and another 24 indicated that we should celebrate Easter but in a small way.

After church, one person indicated that we should stop calling it *Easter* and rename it "Resurrection Sunday." The name *Easter*, of course, comes from the pagan fertility goddess Ish-tar. I had to agree about the renaming but I don't think the world will follow.

Easter will have a special meaning this year for the relatives of the victims of the recent plane crash in Butte, Montana. All fourteen aboard died. They were in route to Bozeman for a ski trip when their plane crashed into a cemetery in Butte. In addition to the pilot, there were three sets of parents and seven children.

While all the details are not available as of this writing, it is clear that all the families were Seventh-day Adventists and had ties to Southern California and some to Orange Coast Church.

The Good News is that when Christ died, all died and when Christ was raised, we were all raised.

*Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died.* 2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV

*God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.* Ephesians 2:6 NIV

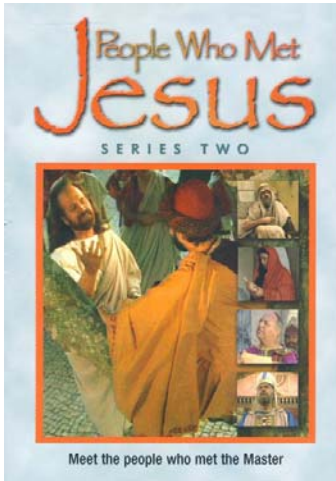
The Good News of resurrection brings comfort to all. This month it is especially sweet to the relatives of the plane crash victims.

The Apostle Paul was correct when he said, "*if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*" 1 Corinthians 15:14 NIV

The Good news is that our faith is not in vain.

# Viewpoints

**VIDEO & DISCUSSION SERIES IN THE SANCTUARY @ 10 AM**



## **PEOPLE WHO MET JESUS (CONTINUED)**

**APRIL 4—PONTIUS PILATE/HEROD**

**APRIL 11—NO VIEWPOINTS/EASTER REHEARSAL**

**APRIL 18—JUDAS ISCARIOT**

**APRIL 25—JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA**

Part of an eight-part series, these are the stories of people who met Jesus. Three of them became His disciples, and five of them rejected Him, but all of them were impacted by His life and message. They are very different personalities and each one has something to teach us. Understand the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Christ through the eyes of the people involved.

## **Worship Schedule**

This month Pastor Ken concludes his 6-part Easter sermon series entitled "The Emptiness of the Cross." A Communion Service is planned for April 4. A special Easter service is planned for the 11th.



04/04 The Empty Cups & Plates

04/11 Empty Jerusalem

04/18 Christian Edition Concert

04/25 Ask The Pastor

# April Birthdays

Hiersche, Michael	April 2	Jones, Mirtha	April 18
Shank, Jay	April 3	Spruill, Tammi	April 18
Freytag, Rob	April 4	Horning, Justin	April 19
Torres, April	April 4	Rath, Christina	April 19
Antonio, Rosita	April 5	Riffel, Alan	April 19
Custodio, Karen Jo	April 6	Garcia, Nicolas	April 20
Moreno, Juan	April 6	Koromete, Quentin	April 20
Park, Keenan	April 6	Castillo, Laura	April 22
Garcia, Esmeralda Nizo	April 7	Komorous, Don	April 23
Kirshman, Armand	April 7	Castillo, Karla	April 24
Pai, Mia	April 7	Elansari, Lili	April 24
Pantigoso, Rosa	April 7	Espiritu, Kai	April 25
Roberts, Brett	April 8	Keighley, Nori	April 25
Lacson, Leomar	April 9	Cordis, Deanna	April 26
Mensah, Eugene	April 9	Holness, Adrianna	April 26
Richardson, Amber	April 9	Breen, Lillie	April 27
Hong, Brendan	April 11	Pedzy Johnston, Sascha	April 27
Buhrke, Becky	April 12	Aldave, Teodora	April 28
Marica, Abel	April 12	Grubbs, Rick	April 28
Erghelegiu, David	April 13	Vizcaíno, Sonia	April 28
Chrispens, John	April 14	Weathers, Terry	April 28
Conrad, Rachael	April 15	Hutapea, Jane	April 29
Carlson, Seth	April 16	Jabonillo, Tjeb	April 29
Kirshman, Rosita	April 16	Meyer, Inga	April 29
Berlin, Chase	April 17	Tamura, Michael	April 29
Bermejo, Russ	April 17	Farr, Lindsey	April 30
Hayton, Bill	April 17	Marques, Pamela	April 30
Costello, Tina	April 18	Schulze, Lahoma	April 30
Ghelfi, Curtis	April 18		

# Calendar

- April 3 Youth InTouch
- April 4 SAC Lunch
- April 5 Youth Sports Day
- April 9 Glory of Easter
- April 11 Easter Service/Easter Bonnets
- April 16 Senior Lunch
- April 18 Christian Edition
- April 18 Children's Party
- April 21 Elder's Meeting
- April 25 20/30's Luncheon @ Purvis's
- April 25 Bill Almstadt Memorial Service
- April 25-26 20/30's Newport Film Festival



## Food Court

**Saturday After Church**

**April 4, 1 PM**

**6372 Irvine Blvd., Irvine**

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# 2009 Fiji Mission Trip Fundraising

OCC members are going back to Fiji this summer (July 2-19) to help install water filtration to neighboring villages near the Natuvu Creek Mission. We are in great need of your help to raise funds for the trip this summer. The cost to each participant is approximately \$2,700 per person. We are raising money in a number of ways:

- **Youth Praise Team CD** available for minimum donation of \$10/ea.
- **Odd Jobs**—many of our participants, especially the youth are willing to work for money. If you have house or yard work that needs to be done, please contact Patrick at the church office (949-769-6777) to schedule/match you with someone.
- **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**—in May. Watch for more announcements for date, time and place.



## National Youth Convention

At the LA Convention Center  
**June 25-28, 2009**

*Join us for an epic journey,  
living the mission of God*

# DCLA:09



Reserve your spot now!! Space is limited!!

**\$50 Non-refundable deposit, due on April 18;**

**\$50 Final payment, due May 16**

Sign up at the information table.

# O.C.C. YOUTH EVENTS

## YOUTH SPORTS DAY



Sunday, April 5  
9 AM-1 PM

Kite Hill Park, Laguna Niguel  
*Lunch provided.*

*Youth In Touch*

**“Passion”**

Friday, April 3, 7 PM  
77 Post, New Youth Room

*See Patrick for more information.*



# What: Children's and Youth Spring Party

When: April 18, 2009 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Church Office

Food: Potluck dinner, drinks provided by OCC.

Please sign up at the kiosk.

Entertainment: Games and crafts

## THE GLORY OF EASTER

### Crystal Cathedral

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 pm

The largest and most spectacular passion play is brought to life through exciting drama, song and pageantry! Cost: \$20.

Sign up today at the information table.



## Easter Bonnet Day April 11

All Orange Coast Church ladies are invited to wear an Easter Bonnet to church on April 11. Pictured at left is last year's group.



# 20/30's ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

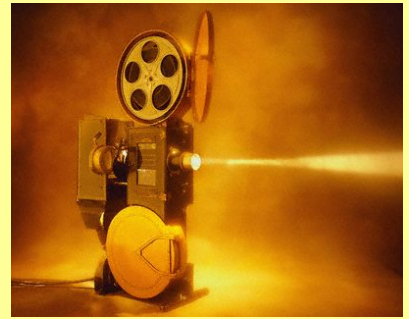
## NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL

### *20/30's Event*

Watch for "date & time"  
announcements

\$15/person

Don't miss this event! See the latest innovations in storytelling brought to life at the historic Lido Theater in Newport Beach. Festival runs April 23-30 (schedule has not been released yet.) We will leave from the church office (41 Post). Sign up at the information table.



## Young Adult Praise Team Rehearsals

April 2\* & 4\*\*  
(no Friday rehearsal in April)  
May 7\*, 8\*\* & 9\*\*

\*Thursday at 41 Post  
\*\*At 77 Post, Sanctuary

### *20/30's Luncheon*



Saturday, Apr. 25 , 1 PM

Matt & Beverly's place

Food provided

RSVP & directions at information table