

## October Calendar

Oct 01	SECC Constituency Mtg
Oct 06	Youth Zoom InTouch
Oct 07	SAC Lunch
Oct 13	Youth Zoom InTouch
Oct 14	Movie on the Lawn
Oct 16	Columbus Day
Oct 17	Elders' Meeting
Oct 20	Youth Zoom InTouch
Oct 21	Pastor Ken on Vacation
Oct 21	Speaker: Jeff Horne
Oct 27	Youth Zoom InTouch
Oct 28	Speaker: Jeff Horne
Oct 31	Halloween

## S.A.C. Lunch October 7



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Newsletter

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## Good News... Forgiveness...

By Pastor Ken Studer

Have you ever thought life was too short? The average lifespan of a male in the U.S. is 76.4 years. Women typically live 5 years longer. When I was younger I thought 76 was pretty old. But now that I am 77, I don't think that way anymore.

I suppose everything is relative. The average lifespan of a mayfly is only 1 day and some live only five minutes. A mayfly is an insect that is quite small, one inch long or less. It is consumed by fish and birds. Mayflies are disappearing from fresh water streams, rivers and lakes around the world because of deforestation and pollution. Several types of mayflies are on the endangered list.

Other things are becoming extinct too. For example—common sense, morality, honesty and forgiveness. Forgiveness is something that used to be considered a virtue. Now it is considered a weakness.

Today, when we are mistreated, we are urged to get revenge. Most of us have been formed by a culture that nourishes revenge and mocks grace and forgiveness.

Road rage is increasingly a problem. If someone is driving and they get cut off, in our culture, the response is often to get even. The inevitable result is road rage.

The Christian's response is so different. If you get cut off in traffic your response is, "you cut me off, but I forgive you" and you go on your way.

The Lord's Prayer says, "forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors."

The Apostle Peter asked the Lord how many times should he forgive the brother who sinned against him. Seven times, he asked?

*"No, not seven times,"* Jesus replied, *"but seventy times seven."* Matthew 18:22 NLT

Just as deforestation and pollution are wiping out the mayfly, self-righteousness, cyberbullying and revenge are now making forgiveness an endangered species.

# October Events



## Movie On The Lawn Saturday, October 14,

The Movie *Jesus Revolution* will be shown in the backyard of the Rapp home, 12931 Flint Drive, N. Tustin, on October 14.

The evening will begin at 6 PM with vespers followed by food, drinks, popcorn and fellowship. All Orange County SDA churches are invited to this event.

The movie tells the story of a young Greg Laurie being raised by his struggling mother in the 1970's.

### Southeastern California Conference Constituency Meeting

Sunday, October 1, 9 AM.

La Sierra University SDA Church

## October Worship Schedule

This month Pastor Ken continues his sermon series on the Book of Revelation. Jeff Horne will be our speaker on the last two Sabbaths.

**10-07 Pastor Ken: Revelation #4**

**10-14 Pastor Ken: Revelation #5**

**10-21 Speaker: Jeff Horne**

**10-28 Speaker: Jeff Horne**

# October Birthdays

Mircea Bumbesti	October 01	Bob Almeida	October 18
Khloe Chappell	October 01	Taylor Grubbs	October 18
Amber Blanco	October 02	Benjamin Wolf	October 18
Bob Borrowdale	October 04	Larry Sims	October 19
Dana Carlson	October 04	Servando Varela	October 19
Ken Studer	October 05	Jessie Calleros	October 20
Zoe Chadwick	October 07	Judy Chrispens	October 21
Orrin Cowdrey	October 07	Maddox Lee	October 21
JoAnn Diemer	October 07	Newton Perez	October 21
Melissa Griffith	October 07	Morgan Chadwick	October 22
William Rosario	October 07	Teresita Salamanca	October 22
Gublio Silva	October 07	Vernon Salvatierra	October 22
Gloria Clark	October 08	Cindy Sessler	October 22
Chal Jabonillo	October 08	Eleni Sideris	October 23
Leonard Caputo	October 09	Martha Marlissa	October 24
Won Lee	October 09	Michael Nelson	October 25
Sean Coye	October 10	Christian Chung	October 27
Marleny Barb Mingo	October 12	Yara DaSilva	October 27
Monica Rodriguez	October 12	Tommy Watung	October 27
Garrett Gopen	October 13	Andressa Da Silva	October 28
Melody Strampello	October 13	Joshua Le	October 29
Chris Chung	October 16	Eddie Guillen	October 30
David Haigh	October 16	Dylan Blanco	October 31
Ruth Ismerio	October 16	Conrad Neil	October 31
Matt Zanjani	October 16	Marinah Tamura	October 31
Denny Kon	October 17	Miranda Watung	October 31
Alexandria Kurejo	October 17		