

## Upcoming Events

Oct 02 SAC Lunch  
Oct 09 Guest Speaker: Jeff Horne  
Oct 17 Social Committee Brunch  
Nov 06 SAC Lunch  
Nov 20 Communion  
Nov 25 Thanksgiving  
Dec 04 SAC Lunch  
Dec 11 Feast of Breads  
Dec 11 OCC Christmas Concert  
Dec 18 OCC Kids' Xmas Program  
Dec 25 Christmas  
Dec 31 New Year's Eve  
Jan 01 New Year's Day  
Jan 01 SAC Lunch  
Jan 29 OCC Anniversary  
Jan 29 Fine Arts & Hobby Fair

## SAC Lunch Saturday After Church October 2



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## Good News... No Trick Or Treating...

By Pastor Ken Studer

I don't remember the first or last time I went trick-or-treating. However I do remember it was fun and I enjoyed getting free candy. If I got candy bars that I didn't like, I traded with my cousins or neighbors for candy bars that I did like.

As a kid, I never thought about where the custom of trick-or-treating came from. I just enjoyed it. I now know that the practice has roots that go back a couple thousand years. The modern version of trick-or-treating goes back to Medieval times.

Poor people would visit the houses of wealthier families and receive pastries called soul cakes in exchange for a promise to pray for the souls of the homeowners' dead relatives. Known as "souling," the practice was later taken up by children, who would go from door to door asking for gifts such as food, money and ale.

In some areas, young people took part in a tradition called *guising*, dressing up in costume and accepting offerings from various households. Rather than pledging to pray for the dead, they would sing a song, recite a poem, tell a joke or perform another sort of "trick" before collecting their treat, which typically consisted of fruit, nuts or coins.

Today, Americans spend an estimated \$2.6 billion on candy on Halloween, according to the National Retail Federation. Halloween has become the nation's second-largest commercial holiday.

Some people have perverted the Gospel to make it a trick-or-treat gospel. If we do the right tricks, God will treat us to eternal life. That is simply not true. We do not have to perform tricks to gain eternal life. It is a free gift to all who believe.

Of course, no one is saved by good theology. Everyone who believes is saved by the "Blood of the Lamb." But I maintain that having good theology helps you to understand, know and appreciate God more.

The more you know about God, the more likely it is that you will believe in God because...

*God is love.* 1 John 4:8

Love is something that we've been created to crave. It is important to remember that our behavior is not our savior, Jesus is. And that's Good News.



After a long absence because of COVID, Viewpoints has resumed. This month we are looking at Tony Moore's

new video series on the world of the patriarchs. Please join us in the sanctuary each Saturday morning at 10 AM. Hosted by Jeff Horne.

## SECC New President

Jonathan Park is the Southeastern California Conference's new president. Dr. Park had been serving the Conference in the role of Executive Secretary.

Previously he served the Conference as Vice-President of Asian/Pacific Ministries and as pastor of the Loma Linda Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. Park earned his DMin degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary.



### October Worship Schedule

**10-02 Speaker: Pastor Ken**

**10-09 Guest Speaker: Jeff Horne**

**10-16 Speaker: Pastor Ken**

**10-23 Speaker: Pastor Ken**

**10-30 Speaker: Pastor Ken**

## October Birthdays

Mircea Bumbesti	October 01	Ruth Ismerio	October 16
Khloe Chappell	October 01	Matt Zanjani	October 16
Amber Blanco	October 02	Denny Kon	October 17
Dorothy Harper	October 03	Bob Almeida	October 18
Bob Borrowdale	October 04	Pete Black	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	Morgan Chadwick	October 22
Melissa Griffith	October 07	Teresita Salamanca	October 22
William Rosario	October 07	Vernon Salvatierra	October 22
Gublio Silva	October 07	Cindy Sessler	October 22
Gloria Clark	October 08	Eleni Ergentissi Sideris	October 23
Chal Jabonillo	October 08	Martha Marlissa	October 24
Leonard Caputo	October 09	Elvie Reyes	October 24
Won Lee	October 09	Michael Nelson	October 25
Sean Coye	October 10	Christian Chung	October 27
Trey Reece Jr.	October 11	Tommy Watung	October 27
Marleny Barb Mingo	October 12	Joshua Le	October 29
Monica Arias Rodriguez	October 12	Eddie Guillen	October 30
Melody Strampello	October 13	Dylan Blanco	October 31
Daniel Snider	October 14	Conrad Neil	October 31
Steve Green	October 15	Marinah Tamura	October 31
Chris Chung	October 16	Miranda Watung	October 31
David Haigh	October 16		