

March Calendar

- Mar 02 SAC Lunch
- Mar 08 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Mar 09 Teddy Bear Sabbath
- Mar 09 Painting Social Event
- Mar 10 DST Begins
- Mar 12 Church Board
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 22 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Mar 30 OCC Easter Program

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Upcoming OCC Events

- April 19-21: Women's Retreat**
- May 19: Huntington Gardens**
- June 2: LA Opera-Turandot**
- July 6: Fellowship Picnic**

SAC Lunch March 2



Thai Cafe
14715 Jeffery Rd.
Irvine

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But I wanted ...

By Elder Jeff Horne

Sometimes you don't get to make the decision about a situation. Often your spouse makes the decision on what you are going to have for dinner, or sometimes your boss determines when you can take a vacation.

In the 22 years I spent in the U.S. Air Force I often had to move to places I didn't pick, because the Air Force made the choice for me. Once I was stationed in the Aleutian Islands for a year, which was far away from everything. But I also had some great assignments to places I didn't select, including the best one of my career.

As I mentioned in last month's OCC Newsletter, the South Eastern California Conference (SECC) is working on providing a successor to Pastor Ken. They do have a plan in place, and they briefed the OCC board on it in mid-February.

While it is a good plan, and should be a win for OCC, there is one condition we have to accept. And that is we don't get to decide who is Pastor Ken's replacement.

This is due to several factors. Ever since the pandemic, the tithe we collect at OCC has been

dropping. For 2023, we were about \$70,000 below the amount the SECC needs to receive from us each year. While that isn't the whole story or even the most important part, the conference also looks at membership growth and baptism numbers. Given this situation, there was the real possibility of the SECC putting OCC into a two church district, meaning we would have to share a pastor with another church.

The good news is that a two church district isn't going to happen. The conference has decided it needs to help us grow and be a better church with more support to our members, especially for our youth and children. So their choice for pastor is someone who has a passion for that.

We should be able to announce the name of our new pastor soon, but there are still a few logistical details to work out.

As the Apostle Paul says in Colossians: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

March Events

Teddy Bear Sabbath—March 9



When worshipers arrive at church on the 9th they will discover about a 100 12" teddy bears lining the windows in the rear of the church. These teddy bears will be awaiting adoption. The cost to adopt a teddy bear is \$5 and includes the teddy bear, shipping and tax.

During the worship service, at the stated time, members and visitors can adopt a teddy bear by donating \$5 for each teddy bear. Donations can be made at a donation station in the rear of the church. When you adopt a teddy bear you can bring it to the front of the sanctuary and place it on the stage.

During the next week, teddy bears will then be taken to Children's Hospital of Orange County. The hospital will distribute the teddy bears to children who come into the hospital's Emergency Room.



March Worship Schedule

- 03-02 Pastor Aren Rennacker (SECC Youth Director)**
- 03-09 Pastor Will Penick (SECC Ministerial Director)**
- 03-16 Pastor Steve Blue**
- 03-23 Elder Mark Tatum**
- 03-30 OCC Easter Program**

March Birthdays

Jacqueline Ngo	March 01	Alex Sims	March 17
Cherie Byfield	March 02,	Emily Jones	March 18
Taiko Lacey	March 02	Jesus Camacho	March 19
Tim Azuogu	March 03	Eli Ghelfi	March 19
Theo Do	March 03	Chloe Riddle	March 20
Marissa Bolz	March 04	Cathy Escalante	March 21
Paloma Martinez	March 04	Daniel Chung	March 22
Gage Meyer	March 04,	Gary Jones	March 22
Agustina Riffel	March 06	Natasha Green	March 22
Kalpana Roy	March 06	James Lii	March 23
Sofia Sideris	March 06	Alexis Prado	March 23
Luke Chang	March 07	Eniyan Ravindran	March 24
Kara Martin	March 07	Delicia Ramos	March 25
Bola Ola	March 09	Alina Avelar	March 26
Geoff Frazier	March 10	Paul Dompas Jr.	March 26
Stefan Caputo	March 13	Geoffrey Spellen	March 26
Will Chappell	March 13	Evyn Barb Mingo	March 27
Lorna Martin	March 13	Adrian Rivera	March 27
Brendon Brockmann	March 14	Brook Tooma	March 27
Geoff Farley	March 14	Lauren Ysseldyke	March 27
Kevin Hszieh	March 14	Caroline Jensen	March 28
Mira Anderson	March 15	Priscilla Butaya	March 29
David Byfield	March 15	Nader Nasralla	March 29
Anthony Njroge	March 15	Connor Seaman	March 29
Aidyn Carlson	March 16	George Sideris	March 30
Patrick Bitzer	March 17	Carlos Castillo	March 31
Archana Roy	March 17		