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ORANGE COAST CHURCH

Newsletter

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Good News... God With Us...

By Pastor Ken Studer

Twenty years ago, on September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda terrorists took control of four passenger planes. Two were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. A third was crashed into the Pentagon. And the fourth was heading toward Washington, D.C., but crashed in a Pennsylvania field when passengers bravely overwhelmed the terrorists.

Almost 3,000 people died, 25,000 were injured, and many others suffered long-term health problems. 9/11 stands as the deadliest terrorist attack in recent history.

In response, the United States launched a War on Terror and invaded Afghanistan to overthrow the Taliban. This group had been protecting al-Qaeda terrorists and refusing to hand over Osama bin Laden, who took responsibility for the attacks. After 10 long years, bin Laden was located in Pakistan and killed in a U.S. raid.

U.S. troops have occupied Afghanistan for the last 20 years. Now the troops are leaving Afghanistan and the Taliban are once again a threat to America.

September, 2021

September 11 was a day of horror, but it pulled Americans together in a beautiful way. The motto "United We Stand" appeared everywhere. Flags were flown, and churches were Political packed. differences were put aside.

The prophet Isaiah has words that are appropriate for this anniversary. They not only take us back to 2001, but they point us to the future and lay a challenge before us. The Lord God keeps me from being disgraced. So I refuse to give up, because I know God will never let me down. Isaiah 50:7 CEV

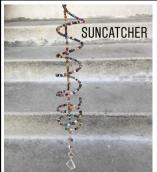
These words matched the attitude of our country in the days after 9/11. We turned to God for help, and we found that God upheld us.

But the challenges of 2001 are not behind us. If anything, they are bigger than ever. The divisions in our country are the worst since the Civil War.

The Good News is that God has promised to be with us.



Is temporarily suspended. Watch for announcements to discover when it will resume.



Suncatcher Workshop

Create this beautiful Suncatcher using beads, baubles & bling. This project is ideal for all ages, and fun to do with friends & family. Perfect for hanging in your garden, your home, or gifting to a friend. 260 N. Glassell, Orange. Workshop cost is \$15. Sunday, September 19, 11 AM. Sign up!

Baptism



A baptism is planned for Saturday, September 11, at Pastor's Ken's house. There will be a potluck lunch at 1:30 pm followed by the baptism. If anyone would like to be baptized they should speak to Pastor Ken.

September Worship Schedule

This month will feature *Ask The Pastor* and two guest speakers including former OCC Youth Minister, Tania Acuna. Send *Ask The Pastor* questions to:kenstuder@hotmail.com.

09-04 Ask The Pastor

09-11 Pastor Ken

09-18 Guest Speaker: Allan Martin

09-25 Guest Speaker: Tania Acuna

September Birthdays

September 01 Barbara Luther Jason Ching September 02 **Bill Weathers** September 02 September 05 Alex Joya **Bonnie Smith** September 05 Yvonne Smith September 05 September 05 Micah Taira Mina Carrillo September 07 Tony Quach September 08 Sarah Suarez September 08 September 08 Angie Varela Russell Wilson September 08 Phillip Beitz September 09 Samuel Chin September 09 Niklas Frev September 09 September 09 Elliot Frey **Trevor Smith** September 09 **Pierre Wheeler** September 09 September 10 Vicki Ann Beitz **Rozalyn Carlson** September 10 Stephanie Jones September 10 Ben Caputo September 11 **Derek Pepper** September 11 Eva Marinotti September 12 September 15 Shawna Buhrke **Charlotte Collins** September 15 September 15 Andrew Jones Andrew Chang September 16 Kelsy Escalante September 17 **Rebecca Harper** September 17

Valentina Riffel Scott Lang Ron Hasso Adriana Olivo Monavar Omidi Parker Byfield Laila Dunn **Torsten Buhrke** Amber Cowan Tyrond Duplantier Christopher Esquivel Farzan Lotfian Allan Martin, Sr. **Bill Ridenour** Lance Zepeda Laura Anne Conrad K.C. Chang Rosalie Garder Maribeth Jabonillo Bohan Zhu Josie Elsemri John Chrispens Kyle Tooma Sauw Warankiran Jason Kon Brayan Mora Julie Skidmore Thomas Testman Steffanie Warankiran September 17 September 20 September 21 September 21 September 21 September 22 September 22 September 23 September 23 September 24 September 24 September 24 September 24 September 24 September 24 September 25 September 26 September 26 September 26 September 26 September 27 September 28 September 28 September 28 September 29 September 30 September 30 September 30 September 30