

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus and "Good morning"! Today, we will be looking at how the Apostle Paul was successful at leaving his past behind as he followed Jesus.



If this is your first visit to our church, you've recently started attending, or have any questions about Jesus or our church, please visit the Welcome Center immediately after the service. Friendly people will be there to greet you and answer your questions. We would love to help you meet, know, and follow Jesus and personally welcome you to our WCC family!

Key verses: Philippians 3:1-9, 13, 17; 1 Timothy 1:12-16

**Message: LEAVING THE PAST BEHIND**

**Series: From Religious Terrorist to the Apostle of Love and Grace**

*Pastor Frank Winans*

Senior Pastor

## WCC Kids Ministry

Hello Church Family,

Hope you are having a great morning. Today, the kids will continue to learn about The Armor of God: Shield of Faith.

Next Sunday, **July 21** we will be honoring our amazing Kids Ministry volunteers for their love and dedication to the children of our church. We will have a special luncheon, fellowship, and testimonies.

### Upcoming Events

July 28 - WCC Kids Spotlight and July Birthday Bash

August 11- End of Summer Party

August 18 - August Birthday Bash

August 23 - Parent's Night Out

August 25 and September 1 - Family Service

September 8 - WCC Kids Moving Up Day

## TODAY:

9:30 am | **Prayer Time** | Bldg. A - Conference Room

10:30 am | **In-Person and Online Service**

12:00 pm | **HOSPITALITY** Thanks to Vidal Deck's team

12:15 pm | **Sunday School** with Pastor Michael/B1-4

## Coming Up:

### July

18 Thurs/ **GriefShare Session 7**/6-8 pm Conference Room/Bldg A

19 Fri/ **Youth Group**/6:30 pm/Youth Room

20 Sat/ **Walk and Talk Around the Lake**/8:30 am/Meet at WCC

20 Sat/ **Harvest Crusade**/Angel Stadium of Anaheim

21 Sun/ **Kids Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Lunch**/12 pm/Bldg B

23-26/ **Youth Summer Camp**

28 Sun/ **WCC Kids Spotlight**

### Aug

4 Sun/ **Church Picnic**/Bill Barber Park

11 Sun/ **Missions Sunday/I-320 Sponsorship Re-Launch**

18 Sun/ **Kids Ministry Volunteer Training Lunch**

23 Fri/ **Parents Night Out**

25 Sun/ **All Family Service/WCC Kids Spotlight**

**Growth Group Leaders Lunch**/12:00 pm/B1-4

Sept 1 Sun/ **All Family Service**

**Growth Groups Launch**

8 Sun/ **WCC Kids Moving Up Day**

July 7	Offerings	YTD Offerings	YTD Budget	YTD Difference
Ministry	19,695	322,400	361,140	(38,740)
Missions	3,316	46,360	50,370	(4,010)

**Note:** As per IRS regulations, all donations to Woodbridge Community Church are income tax deductible and non-refundable and are made with the understanding that WCC has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.



## Welcome to Woodbridge Community Church. Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome Visitors and Guests! Please fill out the Welcome Card at the seat pocket in front of you and bring it to the Welcome Center at the church lobby! We have a welcome gift waiting for you. Or, just fill it up online using this QR code and ask for your welcome gift. Just mention that you filled up the Welcome Card online.



## SUNDAY School with Pastor Michael Cranford Walking with the Spirit through the Book of Acts

The same Spirit who worked powerfully through faithful people in the early church desires to work in your life today. Come and experience His transforming power as we study Acts. Sundays from 12:15 to 1:30 pm in Bldg B1-4. Please grab your food/coffee before coming to class.

Pastor Michael's class will take a summer break after July 14th and will resume in the Fall.



## Women's Ministry - Walk and Talk Around the Lake

Join us for fellowship and exercise as we walk around Woodbridge Lake. All walking speeds are welcome! We will meet at church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20th, and head over to the North Lake. We will walk for approximately an hour and then have coffee/tea at the Woodbridge Village Center afterward. Sign up in the Lobby or contact Jen Merritt

at [jen.merritt@gmail.com](mailto:jen.merritt@gmail.com) or 949-228-4274



## HARVEST CRUSADE 2024

For He says, "in the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Join Pastor Greg Laurie as he shares the way to finding fulfillment in life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Saturday, July 20th at 7 pm in Angel Stadium. Bring your family and friends!



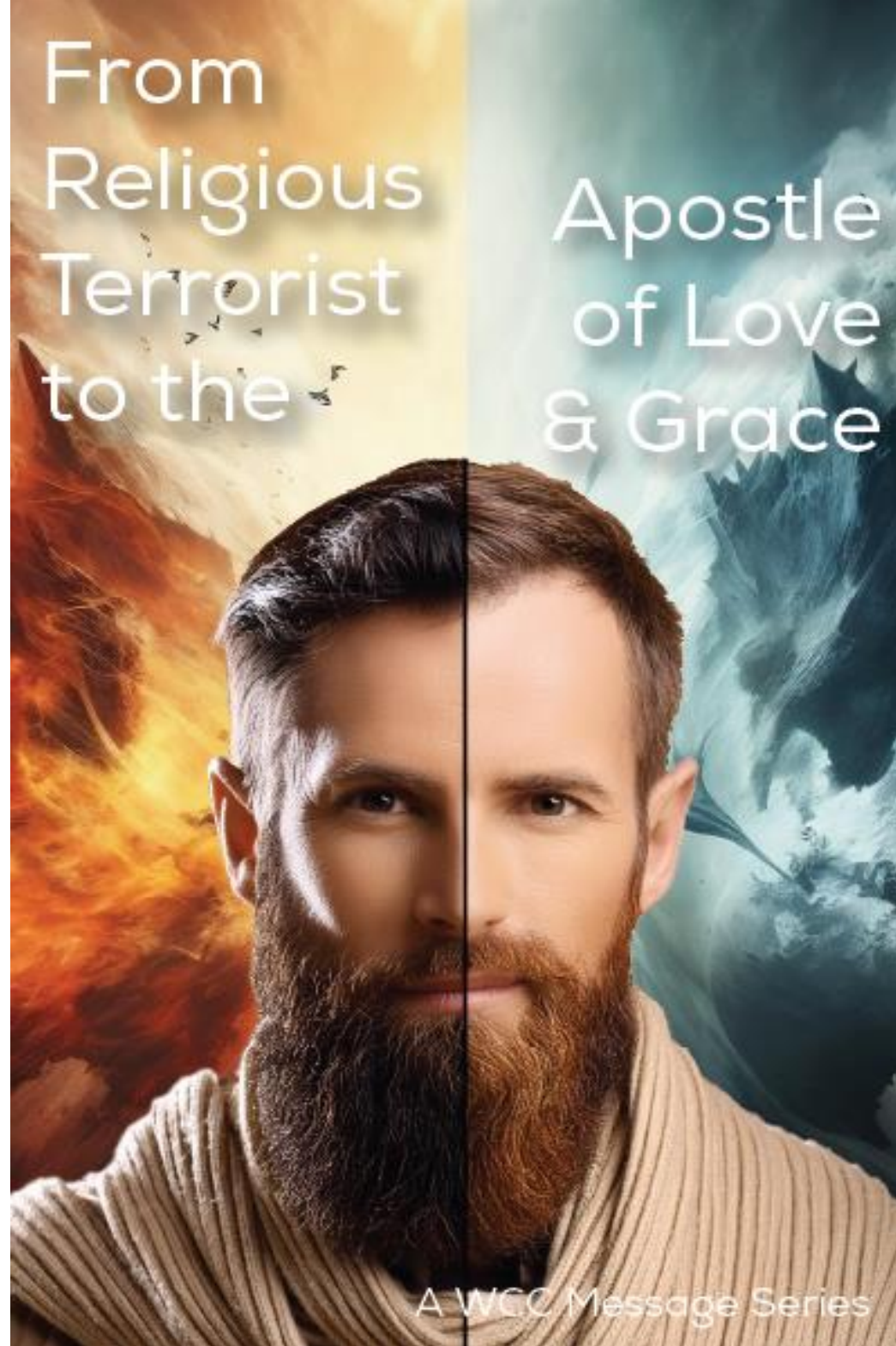
## WCC Kids Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

All Children's Ministry volunteers are invited to a special luncheon in honor and appreciation of your love and dedication to the children of our church. Sunday, July 21st at 12:00 pm in Bldg B1-4. Thank you for investing your time and resources in their young hearts and mind.



## CHURCH PICNIC

Save the date for our fun-filled summer picnic at **Bill Barber Park** Sunday, August 4th at 12-4 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a warm sunny afternoon bonding with the church family. Please contact Mike Oden at 949-285-1692 for more details.





July 14, 2024

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### Sermon Notes:

I.. To have the future God planned for you, you need to look at the “positive” past ~ all the \_\_\_\_\_ you achieved for yourself ~ as a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to real life.  
(Philippians 3:1-9,17)

II. To have the future God planned for you, you need to experience His \_\_\_\_\_ for the “negative” past ~ your sins and failures ~ and receive His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Timothy 1:12-16)

III. To have the future God planned for you, you need to \_\_\_\_\_ what is behind you.  
(Philippians 3:13)

### Follow-up Questions from Sunday:

#### Quick Review:

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### Digging Deeper:

1. Have you had something happen to you that seemed horrible at the time, but from today's perspective, was something God used for His purposes? How can your viewpoint on the past affect your faith in the present?
2. In Philippians 3:10-11, Paul explains what it means to know Christ, which is the reason he viewed his past differently. What are the two things that Paul highlights? (One is his present and one is in his future.) How might this change our perspective on suffering?
3. Read Acts 9:1-22. This is the story of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. Luke doesn't explain the change in Paul's perspective; he only describes the change in Paul's behavior. What changed in Paul's thinking? How does this episode help explain what Paul writes in Phil 3:7-11?
4. In 1 Timothy, Paul is writing to a young pastor who has accompanied him on his journeys. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. Paul is delivering a “trustworthy saying” to Timothy. Read Luke 19:10 and Mark 2:17. What encouragement would this provide to people coming out of pagan culture, in the context of Timothy's ministry? Why do you think this idea was central to Jesus' mission?
5. Paul writes a similar idea in 1 Corinthians 15:9-10. Some might argue that Paul was disqualified because of his past, but the determination of our present and future lies with God, not people. How do we show that God's grace is “not without effect”? Think about the ways God has shown you grace. If God has shown you grace, what is your response?
6. Read Acts 7:54-8:3. This is where we first meet Paul (as Saul), where he is present and involved in the stoning of Stephen, and is instrumental in the persecution of the early Christian church. Now read this in connection with 1 Timothy 1:13-14. What kind of grace can cover up a sin this incredible? What role do faith and love play as we leave the past behind and trust God with our future?

Please pray for our Youth Group as they go to SUMMER CAMP on July 23 to 26 . May they all experience a fresh encounter with the LORD as they spend time in the WORD and with each other. Pray for God's safe-keeping upon the whole team: students, leaders, and volunteers.

### YOUTH CAMP LIST (STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS)

#### Students

Alcala, Ethan  
Alcala, Erynn  
Alquaddoomi, Seraphine  
Baird, Blake  
Carlson, Brook  
Chow, Cara  
DeQuiros, Joyce  
Domasig, Janssen  
Echiverri, Jacob  
Gonzalez, Josseline  
Goodwin, Frank  
Gummala, Joel  
Hingco, Isaac  
Hingco, Ben  
Jardiel, Gabriel  
Kutada, Vikranth  
Liles, Shaun  
Liles, Shannon  
Lopez, Sophia  
Mateo Kurt  
Mazuca, Gracie  
Medidha, Joel  
Miranda, Katelyn  
Nguyen, Joviana  
Saquilabon, Micko  
Soto, Hiro

#### Volunteers

Arellano, Bella  
Chow, Caleb  
Hingco, Maricar  
Hingco, Rommell  
Saldana, Jacob  
Santos, Kathleen

Jacob Prado - Next Gen Director

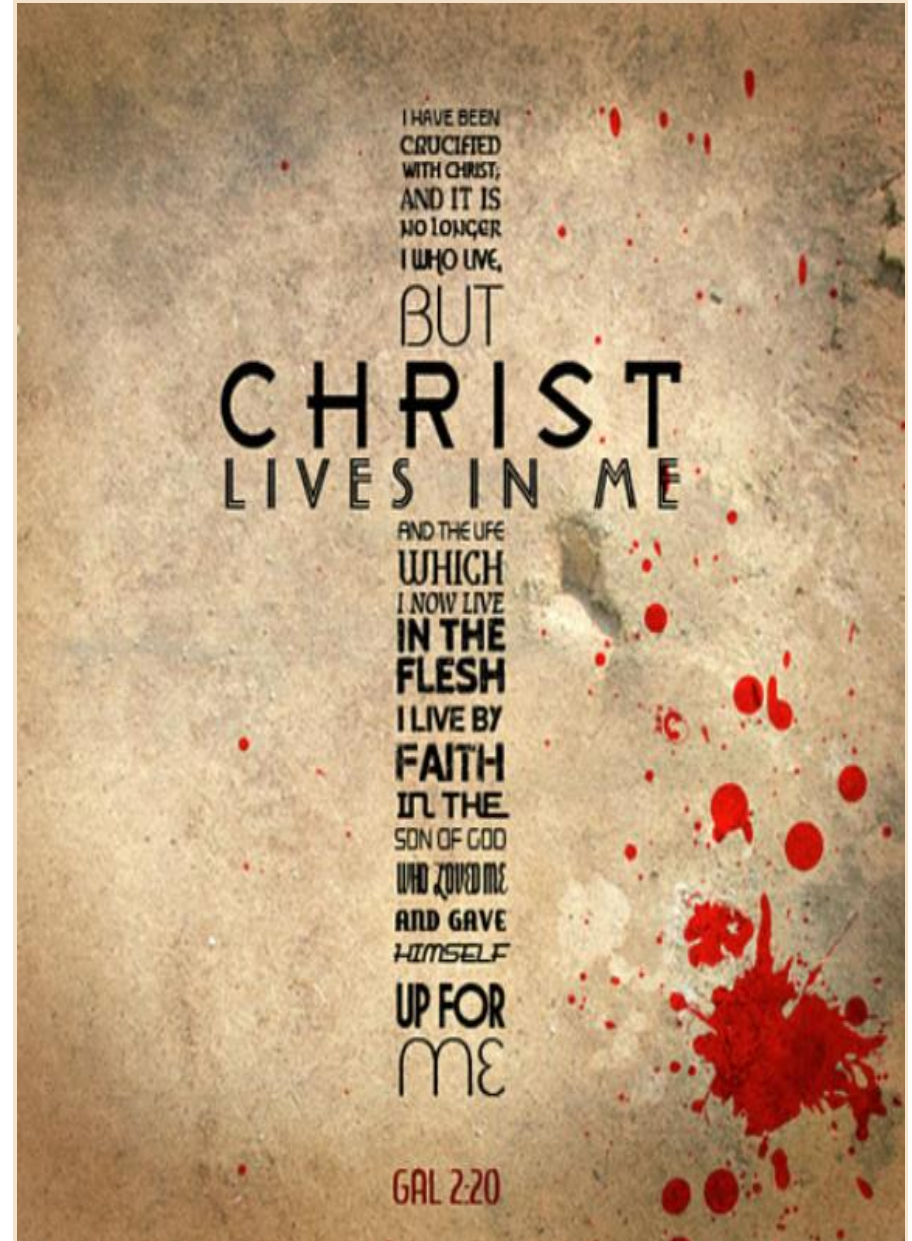


### WCC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Pine Valley Bible Conference Center

July 23-26

Theme verse: Galatians 2:20





# MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

## CROSSROADS - ASIA

### Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The past six months have been a whirlwind of faith, fellowship, and sincere dedication to the Great Commission! We're thrilled to share the incredible story of 12 disciple-making conferences held specifically for believers from \*\*\*\*.

### A Nation Rising in Faith

These conferences weren't just average gatherings. They were intentional outpourings of equipment and encouragement for our brothers and sisters from \*\*\*\*, a nation where following Christ requires courage and commitment.

### Empowering the Frontlines

Each conference pulsed with a shared passion. Church planting in \*\*\*\*. We delved deep into practical themes like:

- The Heart of a Disciple Maker in Challenging Terrain - Cultivating resilience, wisdom, and unwavering faith in the face of potential persecution.
- The Great Commission: Developing creative and discreet strategies for sharing the Gospel and building underground churches.
- Building Authentic Relationships in Secrecy - Fostering trust and connection despite the ever-present risk of discovery and persecution.
- Mentoring and Accountability Under Pressure - Equipping leaders to shepherd new believers amidst unseen challenges and persecution.

### Witnessing Transformation

The conferences were a beautiful tapestry of dedicated hearts. We witnessed:

- Seasoned believers rekindle their passion to make disciples who make disciples.
- New believers discover practical tools to navigate the unique challenges of church planting in \*\*\*\*.
- A collective resolve to face obstacles head-on, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Powerful connections are forged between brothers and sisters in Christ, creating a network of support and encouragement.

### Returning Home with Fire in Their Hearts

These brave disciples of Christ are returning to \*\*\*\*, not with fear but with renewed fire and a power of practical knowledge. They are equipped to shepherd new believers, build underground churches, and continue the vital work of spreading the Gospel in a nation hungry for hope.

### Mentorship Structure:

- Matching Mentors and Mentees: Connect \*\*\*\* believers seeking guidance (mentees) with experienced Christians who can provide discipleship and church-planting knowledge (mentors). Ideally, mentors should have a \*\*\*\* language and culture background for effective communication.
- Online Platforms: For mentor-mentee meetings, utilize secure, encrypted videoconferencing platforms. This allows for face-to-face interaction while maintaining anonymity if necessary.
- Curriculum and Resources: Develop a curriculum focused on discipleship principles, church planting strategies, and navigating challenges specific to the \*\*\*\* context. Provide mentors with training materials and resources to guide their mentees.

### Maintaining Connection and Security:

- Frequency and Communication: Establish a regular meeting schedule (weekly, bi-weekly) to ensure consistent progress. Utilize text-based messaging platforms for quick updates and non-sensitive communication, keeping online video sessions focused on core mentoring topics.
- Security Awareness: Train both mentors and mentees on online safety practices. This includes using pseudonyms, avoiding sensitive topics in electronic communications, and being cautious about sharing personal information.

### The Journey Continues!

Our work doesn't stop here. We are committed to supporting these courageous believers in any way we can. Here's how you can join us:

- Pray: Uplift the \*\*\*\* church in your prayers.
- Spread the Word: Share this newsletter with your network! Let's spread the passion for supporting persecuted believers.
- Advocacy: Be the voice of the voiceless brothers and sisters in the underground, persecuted church inside \*\*\*\*.

Together, let's fuel the flames of faith burning brightly in \*\*\*\*. May God bless you as you stand with us in this incredible mission!

\*\*\*\* - Name of country hidden for security purposes

## MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY WCC

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If you are interested in joining the Missions Committee and see/hear what God is doing great things around the world, please reach out to Pastor Vince Arnaldo (714)273-8364 or Missions Chairman Sunny @ (714) 900-0409.



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