

Monthly News and Updates

# Branches of the Cross Anglican Church & Retreat Center Sponsor of The Christian Healing Center

Sunday Service Begins at 10:30 a.m.  
followed by our Church Family Gathering

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Psalm 91:4 Artwork at the door of the Chapel  
by Kelly Steindorf.

**Welcome to your newsletter!** Now you can keep track of everything that is going on at BotC & CHC for the month and beyond.

Here are the latest opportunities to strengthen your faith and connect with the community.

# Attention!

Please make note we now have  
**NEW PHONE NUMBERS**

**BRANCHES CHURCH** is now: 760-290-8222

**CHRISTIAN HEALING CENTER** is now: 760-290-8212

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## August Calendar of Events

For this month's scheduled Family or Church Retreats visit our full online calendar at [branchesvista.org](http://branchesvista.org)

**Aug. 3** Bible Study on Ephesians  
English 10:30 a.m.  
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 7** Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

**Aug. 8-10** 3-Day Intensive Prayer

**Aug. 10** Bible Study on Ephesians  
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 13** Vestry Meeting

**Aug. 14** Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

**Aug. 17** Bible Study on Ephesians  
English 10:30 a.m.  
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 21** Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

**Aug. 24** Bible Study on Ephesians  
English 10:30 a.m.  
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

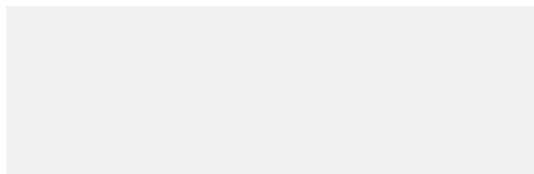
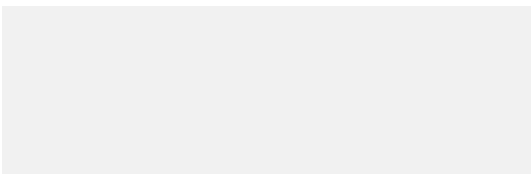
**Aug. 28** Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

**Aug. 31** Bible Study on Ephesians  
English 10:30 a.m.  
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

### What's Coming In September

**Sept. 12-14** 3-Day Intensive Prayer

**Institution of Fr. Gabe by  
Bishop Keith Andrews**





June 24, 2022 was a very special day at Branches of the Cross as our new rector Rev. Gamaliel M. Garcia was officially Instituted as Rector of BotC. Bishop Keith Andrews read and presented him with the letter of Institution. The vestry presented symbols of the work to which the Rector is called. The principal symbols point to:

**Leadership in divine worship** (Bible and bread and wine)

**Christian formation** (Book of Common Prayer; and Catechism)

**Congregational mission** (keys and water).

Lots of hard work and planning by the BotC vestry with help from members paid off as attendees enjoyed the event. One person mentioned, "The service was very moving." Others stating the food was exceptional. Iva went all the way to Murrieta to get the perfect Mexican meat filling and side dishes from a grocery store she knew had good products. That is just one person's partial effort put forth for this event.

Our church has members with a beautiful heart for serving our Lord to their best ability.





## THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY

Join us for an exciting look into the Book of Ephesians every Wednesday. Fr. Gabe will teach in English and Spanish.

[ENGLISH Study](#) at 10:30 a.m.  
[SPANISH & ENGLISH Study](#) at 7:00 pm.

You can choose to join us in the Chapel,



or use this link to join us online thru the Branches of the Cross website.

Click here to access the Zoom link on our Home Page:

[branchesvista.org](http://branchesvista.org) and scroll down to the time you want to join.

***Who's That?*** Every month we will be highlighting a member of the BotC congregation. They are randomly picked and you could be asked next! What a great way for members to get to know our church family!

This month we are featuring **Joyce Burrow**



Joyce Burrow was born in Bristol, England on June 27, 1930 to George and Hilda Klingon. One of 3 girls. She married her husband John in 1950 and in 1952 they had their only child John. Joyce worked at an insurance office until she retired. Their son John was a computer expert and migrated to U. S. first and took a job in San Francisco. He persuaded his parents to join him as his dad's health was failing. They joined him in 1992 outside San Francisco. When John took a job in San Diego they

all moved to Vista. Husband John died in 1999 and Joyce continues to live with her son John in Vista.

John married Ann and had two girls Jane and Katy. From these two granddaughters, Joyce has five great-grandchildren - Madison, Manada, Lindsay, Emelia and Ronan. Joyce crochets beautiful baby sweater sets and many babies have received these. She has some in reserve but said she hasn't made any for awhile.

Joyce was a member of All Saints, then Anglican Church of the Resurrection, and now Branches of the Cross. She is always supportive of events held at the church especially the men at Victory Outreach. People will notice every Sunday she hands Iva a bag with items for our backpacks we give them at Christmas time. (More on that ministry later).

We love seeing her smiling face in Sunday worship! She turned 92 last month. Happy Birthday Joyce!

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## This may interest you...



**KAIROS of San Diego**

### **COOKIES & PRAYER FOR KAIROS**

This is the first time in two years that Kairos is able to visit the Donovan Correctional Facility. Our church member, Scott, suggested we participate in the cookie collection for the August Prison Ministry.

There are specific recipe instructions and packaging regulations to follow in making and preparing the cookies for the inmates. Homemade cookies filled with prayer and love become tangible examples of the love of God poured out by His family.

If this ministry interests you (it sounds like fun), please contact **Carolyn Burns** and she will send you a guide to making the cookies. Scott Hauser

will collect the cookies at Branches and take them to the collection center in Carlsbad 8/14/22.

It takes 4,000 dozen (that is 48,000 each) homemade cookies to put on a KAIROS Inside weekend. That is a lot of cookies. Why so many? Each cookie is a physical form of prayer and shows the love of the community represented in every bite. The impact these cookies have is awesome. The people of KAIROS are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. To learn more, visit their website at [kairosofsandiego.org](http://kairosofsandiego.org)

Cookies not your thing? **PRAYER INTERCESSORS ARE NEEDED**

The number one way to help in a KAIROS weekend is to pray. Please pray for the success of the weekend, the safety of the team, the hearts of the men (KAIROS Inside) or women (KAIROS Outside) we are trying to reach. And God's will to be accomplished for: The Residents for the Weekend; Kairos Weekend Leaders and Team Members; The Warden and Correctional Officers; The Chaplain and Support Team.

Some of you might remember Fr. Bill Gandenberger. He has accepted a new position at OU Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. Congratulations! We know with your compassion you will make a difference.

## Campus News

Do you enjoy hosting? Iva Heide needs helpers after the Sunday church services...

### Fellowship

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Iva will be away 5 Sundays in the next 3 months. She needs someone(s) to fill in for fellowship on the following Sundays:

August 7 and 14

Sept 18 and 25

Oct 2

Your choice as to what to serve. Maybe 15 to 18 people on Sundays will be there. You never know. The August Sundays will still be without a kitchen so crockpots, salad, sandwiches would be best. This is an easy group, they like almost anything you bring. Juice or water for drinking, and coffee.

Let Iva know if you can help and which date. Or maybe just donuts or coffee cakes for those days?

[rheide1@cox.net](mailto:rheide1@cox.net). Or text 442-515-2984



**WE ALSO NEED HELP WITH RETREAT MEALS**

Whether it's a 3-Day retreat, a weekend church retreat, or a special guest

coming to use our facilities, we could use your help with preparing meals and cleanup. Team work makes the work load light. Click on this link ["I'LL HELP"](#) and let Carolyn know you could be available when an occasion arises.

## Kitchen Remodel UPDATE!

The kitchen is looking beautiful! We can't thank the people enough whose hearts are lovingly donating money or materials to the Branches facility. These grounds are truly blessed with the presence of God and His people. The cabinets are in, the new French doors are in, and new windows will be installed. The new stove has arrived. BUT, there is no floor. We need around \$3K to cover the cost. If you have it in your heart and budget to fund our need, we would be most grateful for your generosity.



The kitchen remodel at Disciple House is progressing quickly!

It is a major remodel but finally the house will have an adequate draining and sewage system. The dishwasher will be able to be used, there will be ample refrigerator and freezer space, AND there will be a pantry!

The original plan was to expand the square footage of the kitchen space to make room for food service in and out of the patio area. However, expanding the area will have to wait for another time because building and remodeling costs have skyrocketed in the past few months.

Old buildings hide unexpected remodel expenses. Not only re-piping, but electrical upgrades, and the cost of other materials are putting us way over budget by at least \$20,000.

So we wanted to appeal to you. **We truly need your help!** Please allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. If you are able to join us in this effort by contributing to cover the overage in costs.

Apart of the 3-Day and 1-Day Healing Intensives, there are several ministries and churches that are looking at using the Branches of the Cross campus facilities. We have a wonderful opportunity to continue serving the Christian community. And I am asking that you be a part of it. By walking together with us to complete the building and restoration projects, you will be serving the large Church in ways that none of us can fathom.

Let's walk together and see the greatness of God manifested in our midst.

Rev. G. Martin Garcia  
Rector, Branches of the Cross Church

# *Christian Healing Center News*

## **GOD DID IT!**

### *Testimonies of Healings at CHC*



### **A Creative Miracle**

While attending a 3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreat in April of 2022, "Sunny" Russell Davis, was adamant about having his hand prayed for right after the talk on physical healing. He had broken his hand and the knuckle between the palm of the hand and his little finger was destroyed. There was no normal knuckle bone there; I felt it, and it was just soft tissue. He couldn't make a fist and had no strength to use that finger. I held his hand between mine and bowed to pray. As is my custom, I waited for the Spirit's leading on how to pray. I wanted so much to pray for restoration of the knuckle, but didn't get the go-ahead to pray for that. Instead, I felt led to simply pray for a restoration of normal function, strength, and manual dexterity.

Afterward, he put his hand on the table and we could all see the knuckle bone. I touched it and indeed there was bone where there had not been bone before. He raised his hand and made a fist and tested the strength of his finger. God had created a new knuckle and restored function to his hand. Praise God!

Written by Bob Graves, Coordinator for the Christian Healing Center.

If you have a healing testimony that happened here at the CHC you would like to submit, send an email to this link [Newsletter Editor](#).

#### CHC NEWS

The August  
3-Day Intensive  
Prayer Retreat  
will be held  
Aug. 8-10 and  
we already have  
all the spaces



Upcoming Events at the



filled.

Christian Healing Center (CHC)

To Sign Up For  
The NEXT 1 or 3-  
Day.

If you are interested in a 1-Day or a 3-Day Intensive prayer time, get your paperwork in early to be assured a spot on the month you want to attend. It is on a first come, first served basis. Just click on this link [1-Day & 3-Day form](#) they both use the same form, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the button that says "1-Day & 3-Day Intensive Application"; print, fill out and mail as directed.

Questions? email [CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com](mailto:CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com)

**We are in the process of setting up a date for our next One-Day Intensive Prayer day. Keep watch for announcements.**

This special **One-Day** is designed for those unable to attend a 3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreat during the week.

To sign up, or get more information on any 1-Day or 3-Day Prayer Retreat, or to come for Personal Prayer Ministry, contact:

[CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com](mailto:CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com)

This email can also be used to submit 1 or 3-Day Retreat applications.



## The Christian Healing Center is in Need of Prayer Ministers.

If you feel you are called to pray for others with a heart of love and compassion this could be your ministry. Don't feel you do not have enough experience. We will team you up with a trained, experienced prayer minister as you pray for people during a 3-Day retreat, 1-Day retreat, or personal prayer sessions. We can also lead you to resources to help you grow and learn to minister to those who are in need of our healing prayers. Want to know more? Contact Bob Graves at [CHC.branchesvista.org](http://CHC.branchesvista.org).



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[OSLTODAY.ORG](http://OSLTODAY.ORG)

The International Order of St. Luke (OSL) is developing online training for new prayer ministers and seasoned members. The new training program will benefit ALL OSL members whether you have been a prayer minister for many years, or considering becoming a prayer minister. These re-designed, Bible based, in-depth classes

run for 13 weeks and covers the 26 healing miracles of Jesus and how they apply to us today. The classes are FREE and online or in person. You can choose the month you want to begin and the teacher(s) you would like to connect with. **DON'T MISS OUT!** If you are considering this blessed, fulfilling work, now is your chance to start.

If you are already an OSL prayer minister and haven't gone through this new training, please do. Those who have taken the course are happy they did. We want everyone to be "on the same page" as we proceed into greater works for our Lord.

Go online to [osltoday.org](http://osltoday.org) and check out the program.

## PRAYER CORNER

Are you, or someone you know, in need of prayer? BotC and CHC has a dedicated team of intercessory prayer ministers ready to take your prayer request to our Father God on your behalf. Contact:

[prayers.branchesvista@gmail.com](mailto:prayers.branchesvista@gmail.com) to send in your request.

If you would like personal prayer contact:

[CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com](mailto:CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com) for further information.



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## CONTACT US:

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