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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

We are located at 791 Valley Crest Drive, Vista, CA 92084

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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!

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.



July Calendar of Events

July 3 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

July 6 Bible Study on Ephesians
English 10:30 a.m.
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

July 9 Vestry Meeting

July 10 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

July 11-13 3-Day Intensive Prayer

July 13 Bible Study on Ephesians
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

July 16 Cleaning Day! JOIN US!
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

July 17 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

July 20 Bible Study on Ephesians
English 10:30 a.m.
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

July 23-24 Visiting Bishop to BotC

July 24 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

July 27 Bible Study on Ephesians
English 10:30 a.m.
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

What's Coming In August

Aug. 8-10: 3-Day Intensive Prayer



Mark Your Calendar
Bishop Keith Andrews will be visiting us on July 23-24 to meet the congregation and perform the Rector Installation Service for Fr. Gabe.

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: 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 by the editor of this newsletter and you could be asked next! What a great way for members to get to know our church family!

Our first spotlight is on: Iva Heide...Your Sunday morning hostess with the mostess!



Iva Mae Hunt Heide.

Born in a real log cabin in Ithaca, Wisconsin on Feb 14, 1939 to Lewis and Thelma Hunt. Youngest and only girl of 4. Moved to northern Illinois at age 3 and grew up on a farm and various small towns. School years mostly in Fox Lake, Illinois. Worked at Ft. Sheridan Army base, Highland Park, Illinois as civilian pay clerk for the prisoners held there. Met my husband Bob Heide who was the pay clerk for the MP's. We were married on September 17, 1960 after his discharge from the Army. We have 3 children Ann, Robert, Karen and 4 adult grandchildren. Moved from Illinois to Tucson, Arizona for 5 years, then on to California for the past 42 years. Husband Bob died in 2007 after 47 years of marriage. Retired from the Escondido school district as a librarian. Interests: Geneology (run 3 geneology groups online for family), traveling, reading, church and Bible study.

SAYING GOODBYE...

We had a wonderful time celebrating with Brent and Bobbi Calhoun before they leave the area for Texas. Most of





us have known them for several years at one church or another. What a faithful couple to the Lord they are. We will miss Brent leading our worship in song on Sundays and during our 3-Day prayer retreats. Kelly Steindorf presented Brent with a picture she created from the story Brent tells about Isaiah 49:16..."See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands."



How do you say goodbye to part of the glue of our church? Brent, with the vestry, held us together while searching for a new rector for 2 years. Now they are embarking on a new journey following their grandchildren to Texas. Time for them to slow down and take a breath as soon as they settle in. They will be missed for sure! God bless their days ahead!



Fr. Enrique is heading for Miami



Deanna Ray and Fr. Enrique

My dear friends of Branches of the Cross,

I inform you that probably in the month of July I will be moving to the city of Miami where I will be serving in the church The Restauration. From Miami I will be able to travel with some frequency to visit my family, while I can bring them with me. The situation in my country is getting worse and worse and right now my wife and children have very few clothes and food because the stores are completely out of stock. Only in places for foreign tourists you can get those things and the prices are really expensive, so once I get my residence I will travel to bring clothes, food and medicines. After I get my family

with me I will probably return to California to establish a Hispanic mission in San Diego or San Luis Obispo. So this is not a goodbye, but a see you soon. I want to thank you for receiving me and allowing me to live on church property during this time. You have made me feel like part of the community and that is an immense blessing. I pray to God that together with Father Gabe you will be able to take the church to the next stage, great things God will do. May the Lord be with you and may the Holy Spirit guide you in everything. I would also like to thank Bishop Keith Andrews for allowing me to be with you during this time.



Memorial Service

Deanna Ray and Iva Heide attended past

church member Jim Edwards memorial. His daughter Terri did a beautiful job honoring her father. It was well attended.



A sad note to this affair was someone entered the Palomar West Estate's clubhouse where the memorial was already set up the night before and stole all the desserts and some of Jim's WWII articles. They also tried to

steal the keyboard but were unsuccessful.
Palomar East clubhouse's camera recorded a man and woman being the culprits.



Campus News



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
Saturday, July 16!

IT'S TIME TO TIDY UP OUR
BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

We want to put out best foot forward for the arrival of our Bishop.

LET'S CLEAN!
DAY: JULY 16
FROM: 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

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

As our little church is growing and fellowship expanding (a good thing), Iva is asking for help with food on Sundays. Would YOU be willing to sign up on a schedule to help one Sunday every 2 months? We are not looking for big meals, just brunch or finger food type dishes. We never know how many will be staying for fellowship so she plans for 15. Iva will be there to help or set up on most Sundays. To sign up right now just click on this link to email Iva...[HELP IVA](#) and say, "I would like to help."



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.

Financial Report by Bob Graves

The May financial report presented to the vestry by the finance committee had some good news and some bad news.

The first piece of good news is that donations to the church have been steadily climbing since January. The increases have not been very large, but it is very encouraging that donations are going the right direction.

The second piece of good news is that May expenses dropped significantly. From December through April, we had unusual and unexpected expenses ranging from \$1500 to \$2000 each month, but our May expenses dropped almost to the level of the expenses we had prior to December.

Despite this good news, we are still operating in the red. Our net loss for the month of May was \$600.

In April, we received payout of the loan the church was carrying. The vestry decided to use a portion of those funds for two major projects. The first was installation of solar panels for the rectory, Shekinah House, and Disciple House. Starting in July, this will save us about \$500 per month on the average, and the system will pay for itself in less than nine years.

The second project is remodeling the kitchen in Disciple House. We have for a long time had significant electrical and plumbing problems there, but have not had the funds to correct them. The good news is that we are now able to do so, but the bad news is that the project is costing us about \$20,000 more than initially expected due to the skyrocketing cost of construction materials. For example, the hardwoods used in the cabinetry come from Russia.

While we do have the cash in the bank to complete the project, we were counting on that \$20,000 as a cushion to sustain us as we rebuild the church's income to previous levels, and as an emergency fund to cover unexpected future expenses that may arise.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for the church's finances, and, of course, we would greatly appreciate any additional financial support you can provide.

Thank you very much.



There is wonderful news. The kitchen remodel at Disciple House is underway!

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 which 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

CHC NEWS

The July 3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreat will be held July 11-13.

If you are interested in a 3-Day prayer retreat get your paperwork in early to be assured a spot on the month you want to attend. Just click on this link [3-Day form](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the button that says "3-Day Intensive Application"; print, fill out and mail as directed. Questions? email CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com



Upcoming Events at the Christian Healing Center (CHC)

NEW - On May 28 we began, and hope to continue throughout the year, a One-Day Intensive Prayer day. More One-Days will be forthcoming. 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

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.

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 to send in your request.

If you would like personal prayer contact:

CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com for further information.



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