

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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November the Month of Thankfulness

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

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

SYNOD NEWS

During the Synod weekend, Oct. 21–22, Bishop Keith Andrews commissioned Fr. Gabe for the position Canon of

Diocesan Hispanic Outreach.
Congratulations Fr. Gabe!



Please make note we now have
NEW PHONE NUMBERS

BRANCHES CHURCH is now: 760-290-8222

CHRISTIAN HEALING CENTER is now: 760-290-8212

We are now on **Instagram!**
Look for us at "Branches Church Vista"



November Calendar of Events

For this month's scheduled Family or Church Retreats visit our full online calendar at branchesvista.org

Nov. 2 Bible Study on Galatians
English 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 20 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Spanish/English 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 5 Vestry Retreat 9 am - 5 pm

Nov. 6 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 9 Bible Study on Galatians
English 10:30 a.m.
Spanish/English 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 13 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 14-16 3-Day Intensive Prayer

Nov. 16 Bible Study on Galatians
Spanish/English 7:00 p.m.
No morning lesson

Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING DAY

Nov. 27 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 30 Bible Study on Galatians
English 10:30 a.m.
Spanish/English 7:00 p.m.

What's Coming December

Dec. 4

**FRIENDSGIVING SUNDAY with
NEIGHBORS of BRANCHES
1:30 - 3:30 PM**

Dec. 17

**Christmas Concert
Starts at 3:00 PM**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDSGIVING Celebration

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

**Branches Church is thankful
to God for having such
wonderful neighbors!**

We are inviting our neighbors to join us on December 4th after our Sunday service from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will set up at Disciple House and celebrate with pie and hot beverages. Be sure to plan on attending so we can all get acquainted with each other.

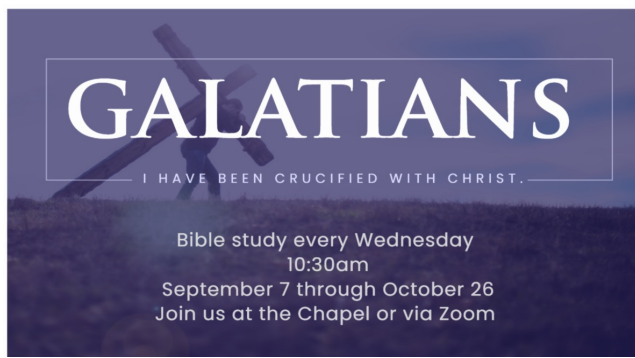


DECEMBER 17
Beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday afternoon
Christmas Concert!**

We will be holding a neighborhood candle light Christmas concert with hot drinks and Christmas cookies. Come join the fun!

BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF GALATIANS



St. Paul wrote many valuable lessons for us to learn in his letters. You will receive study notes and hear wonderful concepts on how St. Paul's writings can affect our daily lives and thinking patterns. It's never too late to jump in and join us online or at the chapel.

Fr. Gabe will teach in English and Spanish.

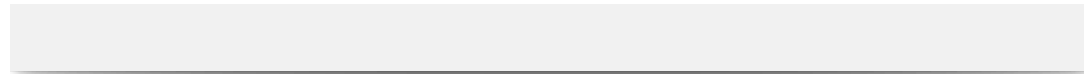
[ENGLISH Study](#) at 10:30 a.m.

[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 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 **WALT BAKER** by Iva Heide



Walter Baker was born October 16, 1946 in Denver, Colorado to Bernie and Margaret Baker. His siblings are an older sister Catherine born in 1942, younger sister Julie born 1955 and brother Jeff born 1956.

Walt's first job was a paper route. At 18 he joined the army attached to the 18th ASA Battalion and served in Bad Aibling, Germany 1965-1969. He married Madeline in 1970 and they toured Europe from June 1972 - 1973. They have three children Shannon Marie born 1977, Allison Elizabeth born 1980 and Ian

Bernard born 1982, and 10 Grand children, 5-3-2 respectively, 6 boys and 4 girls. He has a BA in Psychology, and a minor in German Language with a Teaching certificate.

Walt tell us: I sold cars for a year: Saabs, Subaru, Mazdas Volvos. Then my 1st Pharmaceutical sales job was with USV Corp and I called on

primary care physicians in NE Colo, Western Neb & SD. I was promoted to Houston as a District Sales Manager in 1978-responsible for 10 salespeople south of Austin, Tx. When the territory split, we choose to take the California side.

I started a sales position with Anaquest, Inc. in 1982 and moved to Phoenix, AZ. My territory was - while we lived in Phoenix - the entire state of Arizona plus four counties (SD, Imperial, Riverside & San Bernardino) So they told me I could have either the four counties in California or just the State of Arizona. I chose California.

Madeline and I divorced in 1994 and I enrolled in Court Reporting School and obtained an RE license in June 2000. Brokers License in 2015 – and purchased GMT Property in 2016.

Hobbies: Skiing; cooking; reading; pool; poker; golf; woodworking, politics; movies.

Church: I was Baptized as a child in Denver and was confirmed on Feb 26, 1956 at St. Michael and All Angels. I did not attend church much during my military years and early married life after Houston. I then left the church for a while and I started back to Church after divorce in the mid 90s at Grace Episcopal and then quit going again because of another failed (personal) relationship, until one day I saw Jan Hanlon in the post office and she suggested I come back to ACR (after the split with the Episcopal Church) and after Fr. Eric had moved back up to SM at Vallecitos.

I was both a Jr & Sr. warden with Fr. Bill after Randy retired and we moved to the 7th day Adventist Church and to the Shadow Ridge location. After ACR closed, I attended Branches of the Cross.

Walt has been a pillar of our church! He stepped into the vestry when asked and is Senior Warden. Since Brent left he has taken on more roles without complaint. He has humor with the problems that arise and always attentive to the needs of the congregation.

We thank Walt for ALL the MANY “hats” he wears.

Breakfast with the Mayor

In October, Fr. Gabe along with his wife Cristina, and parishioner Iva Heide, represented Branches at the City of Vista's "Breakfast with the Mayor" Judy Ritter.



This may interest you...

Do you know someone who needs Christ in their life?

Join us with **1-2-3 PRAY**

Here is how 1-2-3 Pray works:

We will join together in intercession during the Advent season for people we know who need an encounter with Jesus.

1. We commit to praying for **1 minute every day Mon - Fri.**
2. We take time to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit on **what 2 people we should intercede for** during this season.
3. We stop whatever we are doing and **pray at 3:00 p.m. each day.**

Our intercession calendar for these 2 people will be during Advent
(starting Nov 28 and ending Dec 23)

Please fill out the information sheet at church (or send an email*) with your name and the first name of the two people you are praying for in order for the rectory to pray along with you for the specific people the Holy Spirit lays on your heart.

- Online - email: rev.gmartingarcia@gmail.com

The recent Kairos at RJ Donovan Prison

October 27, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my great pleasure to send this **Praise Report** to share the good news and blessings you supported, and deserve to receive in return for your prayers and support of the Kairos Prison Ministry Programs here in San Diego. This past July I sent an email requesting cookies for the first 4-day Kairos event in RJ Donovan in more than three years due to the pandemic and staff shortages. My request was for homemade cookies for the Kairos No. 132 4-Day event on Facility E. By the way, did I mention that this was the first Kairos event on that yard - ever!?!



KAIROS of San Diego

As He does so often, God provided. We collected 1,600 cookies and all were distributed in the institution: I worked the weekend and served as Inside Coordinator. That position provided me opportunities to "float" and serve where needed as well as spread the gift of Kairos Cookies: from the officers at the entrance gate and staff entrance to the inmate population on the yard. Most of the cookies were fed to the candidates on the weekend, others to the officers and staff, and on Saturday evening, to every inmate on the yard that went to dinner received a blessed bag of cookies! All were grateful.

Blessings, Peace and Prayers,
In HIS Service, KAIROS of San Diego: Cookie Ministry
Jake Kruger, Coordinator

Campus News

Cristina Morett named Director of Retreats for our Branches Campus

BotC is happy to announce Cristina Morett as our new Director of Retreats!

Cristina has over 30 years of experience working with various groups as a speaker, planner, organizer, and host for all kinds of events. And an added bonus, she is Fr. Gabe's wife!



We look forward to amplifying our ministry with Cristina and hosting churches, families, and ministries at Branches Retreat Center. Contact Cristina to book your retreat using the link below.

branchesretreats@gmail.com



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

Fellowship

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Iva can use your help on ANY Sunday.

Your choice as to what to serve. Maybe 15 to 18 people on Sundays will be there. You never know. This is an easy group, they like almost anything you bring. Juice or water for drinking, and coffee.

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

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 can be available when an occasion arises.

KITCHEN REMODEL NEWS

The kitchen remodel is complete!

And what a beautiful kitchen it is!
You will have to come and see it for yourself.



We have so much to be thankful for!

The kitchen remodel at Disciple House is complete.

It was a major remodel but finally the house has an adequate draining and sewage system. There is ample refrigerator and freezer space, AND there is a pantry! The cabinets, countertop and floor are beautiful!

The cost put us way over budget by at least \$20,000 due to the rising cost of materials, unexpected repairs and extra construction.

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

We have a wonderful opportunity to continue serving the Christian community. Apart from the 3-Day and 1-Day Healing Intensive retreats, there are several ministries and churches that are looking at using the Branches of the Cross campus facilities. 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 God at Work

The three day healing retreat in August gave me a deeper sense of the love of the Father for me, Jesus presence never absent (whether I felt it or not) and his Holy Spirit faithfulness to speak to me. I just need to listen. During my time I experienced the gentleness of Jesus revealing lies and replacing lies with truth, His precious leading to hurts that needed more healing, and doors that needed to be shut that I didn't realize were open.



Since the retreat the enemy has tried to reopen doors. My ability to hear the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit over the loud condemning voice of the enemy has greatly improved. Hearing the Holy Spirit's voice of truth over the lies has been a major piece of my healing.

My husband, as a family physician, believes physical health is closely related to emotional and spiritual health. As a healer he wants to be fully healed. My experience at the Christian Healing Center inspired him to sign up for the November session.

Phyllis Hardison



Do you have the gift of hospitality and enjoy preparing meals?

CHC is looking for a volunteer(s) to prepare breakfasts and lunches during our 3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreats that are held once a month. With our new kitchen it will be a real pleasure to cook and prepare food for the retreatants. To quote from Rev. Josh Acton (OSL National Director) in his new book *The Gifted Life* concerning hospitality, "Just as healing is a gift demonstrating the power in the Kingdom of God for each of us to be made whole in mind, body, and spirit, so hospitality is a gift that reflects the Kingdom of God, where there is joy, love, acceptance, listening and caring for others. Those who have the gift of hospitality can share in Kingdom living and make others feel special, and we need this desperately in our world today." If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry and

want to know more, contact *Carolyn Burns*.



Upcoming Events at the Christian Healing Center (CHC)

The November 14-16

3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreat is FULL.

For upcoming months send in your application early.
Positions are filled on a first come first served basis.

To learn more about the prayer retreats go to our website
branchesvista.org

There is no charge, although we do appreciate donations.

WHY NOT START THE YEAR OFF WITH A NEW AND IMPROVED YOU!!

In our 3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreats, God does some amazing healings, both inner and physical. Isn't it time for you to clean up the stuff you've been carrying around for years? Throughout life, especially in childhood and the teenage years, we all experience hurtful things that people say or do, and many people experience abuse, bullying, and traumatic events. These experiences often adversely affect our self-confidence, our relationships, and the effectiveness of our professional lives and our service to people in need. Allow God to heal those emotional wounds and the painful memories that attend them, to set you free from the conscious and subconscious things that have been holding you back from doing the things you wish you could do, and to bring new joy and fulfillment in your relationships, your career, and your service to others.

Fill out an application for December or January and let God change your life and set you free.



Sign Up For Any 1 or 3-Day.

If you are
interested in a 1-
Day or a 3-Day

The **1-Day** is designed for those unable to attend a 3-Day Intensive Prayer Retreat during the week and are held throughout the year on a Saturday.

Get more information on any 1-Day or 3-Day Prayer Retreat, or to come for Personal Prayer Ministry, contact: CHC.branchesvista@gmail.com

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

or go to our website at branchesvista.org

The email can also be used to submit 1 or 3-Day Intensive Prayer 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. Do you feel you do not have enough experience? We will team you up with a trained, experienced prayer minister as you intercede 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.

*Are you a member of OSL and looking for a
Healing Community to join?*

We would love to have you join our online Kingdom Life Healing Community affiliated with the Christian Healing Center. Fr. Gabe Garcia from Branches of the Cross Anglican Church which supports the CHC, is our chaplain. He walks us through wonderful teachings each month.

Our online Zoom group meets every 4th Sunday at 6:30 p.m. for one hour.

To join just *send an email* and we'll add you to our roster. Blessings!

Carolyn Burns & Sharon Okada, Co-Conveners



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The International Order of St. Luke (OSL) has **online training for new discerning 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 and check out the program under the "Find Healing" tab.

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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