

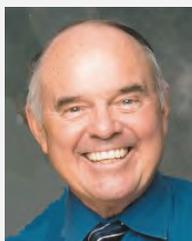


The Good News Letter

January 16, 2019

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32 (NKJV)

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Church Family:

“Jesus is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” Rom. 8:34.

Last Sabbath, my sermon title was “Jesus Is Praying For You.” The Scripture reading was Rom. 8:34. I mentioned that the Greek word in this verse that is translated “interceding” is a stout verb. It carries with it the sense of making specific requests or petitions. I shared the experience of Festus governor of Judea. He used the Greek word for intercede when he spoke to the king about the apostle Paul. “King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man! The whole Jewish community has “petitioned” (interceded) me about him in Jerusalem and here in Caesarea, shouting that he ought not to live any longer” Acts 25:24.

Biblically speaking, this is what intercessors do. They bring passionate and specific requests before God. The Los Alamitos Church has a couple of women that are Prayer Warriors. Do you know who they are? They are praying for and interceding for the Church and for various family members. They are talking about their desire for developing a “Prayer Room” in the church—where people can slip into the room and spend some quiet time in prayer—at any time!

They are praying that several members of the church will choose to become a

“Pray-er” and join them in the ministry of intercession. It is exciting to begin to dream about what God will do with a Church of Pray-ers. People who are praying—before church, during church, after church and during different specific times during the week! People interceding and bringing specific requests and petitions to God. People praying for the Holy Spirit—for guidance and direction and for power in witnessing.

Ellen White says “The greatest blessing that God can give to man is the spirit of earnest prayer.” RH October 20, 1896.

James says, “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16.

Jesus says, “My house shall be called a house of prayer.” Matt. 21:13.

Please join me in praying for several of our members to become pray-ers! Let me know if you would like to join the group. I am looking forward to worshipping with you this Sabbath.

Pastor J. Lynn Martell

CALENDAR

Sabbath, January 19

- 9:15 am Veranda Fellowship Ministry
- 9:45 am Children's Sabbath School Classes
- 10:00 am Adult Sabbath School Class
“Jesus' Messages to the Seven Churches”
- 10:00 am Leccion do Escuela Sabatica
- 11:00 pm Sermon: David Shavlik
“The Four Beasts of Revelation”
- 12:30 pm Fellowship Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Spanish language sermon
- 1:30 pm Choir Practice
- 2:30 pm Bible Memory Class (Psalm 1)
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Study
- 5:09 pm Sunset in Los Alamitos

Sabbath Worship Speakers

- Jan. 26 Speaker: Don Yancy
- Feb. 2 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Feb. 9 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Feb. 16 Speaker: Timothy Standish, PhD
Senior Scientist at GSRI
- Feb. 23 Speaker: Don Yancy
- Mar. 2 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Mar. 9 Speaker: Pastor J. Lynn Martell
- Mar. 16 Speaker: Pastor Don Vollmer

Special Events

- Feb. 2 Sa 3:00 pm Health Series (1 of 7)
“Autoimmune Secrets”
- Feb. 9 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (2)
- Feb. 10 Su 4:00 pm Valentine's Day Banquet,
Pre-registration
- Feb. 23 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (3)
- Mar. 2 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (4)
- Mar. 9 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (5)
- Mar. 16 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (6)
- Mar. 23 Sa 3:00 pm “Autoimmune Secrets” (7)
- May 4 Sa 3:00 pm Health Series (1 of 8)
“Diabetes Undone”
- May 11 Sa 3:00 pm “Diabetes Undone” (2)
- May 18 Sa 3:00 pm “Diabetes Undone” (3)

MEET THE FAMILY



Rives Allred Wiggins was born in the Glendale San, as it was called and raised in Glendale, CA. Her mother’s family was from Missouri and her father’s from North Carolina. Rives grandfather was a judge and her great-grandfather, a Methodist circuit rider.

She grew up with three brothers, Ed, Linville and Gene. Her grandmother also played an important role in the family.

Due to the influence of several Adventist doctors, Rives mother and children joined the Adventist church when Rives was nine years old. She and her brothers then attended Glendale Adventist Academy.

When Rives was nineteen years old she met and married Tony Contreras. Shortly thereafter she gave birth to their first son, Joe. They then moved to Mexico where Tony studied medicine. During their time in Mexico, Rives gave birth to her second son, James. After seven years in Mexico, the little family moved to Canada where Tony did his internship. While there, Laura, her only daughter was born.

During this time her brothers were busy with their own careers; Ed took medicine and served in Viet Nam, Linnie became a contractor and Gene a doctor.

After another short time in Mexico the family came back to California. A year later Edward was born.

Living in California again was a great time for the family. Tony owned the largest Family Practice in Glendale and was also team physician for the LA Dodgers.

Rives went back to school and majored in Geography and Interior Design. In 2004 she won the LA Conservancy Award for her work in restoration.

She and Tony divorced in 1980. In 1985 she married Ronald Wiggins who had a top job at IBM. During this time of life she and Ronald were busy putting four children through college; Oldest son Joe suffered through cancer and as a result has become a physician in Palliative Care. He and his family live in New Jersey. James is an executive chef in Boston.

Laura studied English and lives in London. Edward works in Computer Science and lives in Maui.

In 2008 Rives and Ronald moved to New Jersey to be near and care for their grandchildren.

Now living in Palm Desert, Rives does what she likes best; interior design, reading, travel, restoration, antique collecting and doing volunteer work at Andrew Jackson Elementary School in Indio where she tutors.

Rives, the first official member of the Los Alamitos Church, is a warm, friendly blessing to us all. We appreciate that she is willing to drive from Palm Desert to be with us each week. God bless you, Rives.

SABBATH SUNSET TIMES

01/19	5:09 pm	02/02	5:23 pm
01/26	5:16 pm	02/09	5:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS 1/17-1/23

- 1/17 Sheri Eldon
- 1/18 Joyce Son
- 1/22 Michael Whitford

Let us know if we are missing anyone.

FINANCES

Tithe Income	\$3,970
Church Budget Income	\$3,656
Budgeted Amount:	\$4,356

YTD totals as of 1/12/19

INSPIRED THOUGHTS

“In Christ is the tenderness of the shepherd, the affection of the parent, and the matchless grace of the compassionate Saviour. His blessings He presents in the most alluring terms. He is not content merely to announce these blessings; He presents them in the most attractive way, to excite a desire to possess them. So His servants are to present the riches of the glory of the unspeakable Gift. The wonderful love of Christ will melt and subdue hearts, when the mere reiteration of doctrines would accomplish nothing. ‘Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God.’ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! ... He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.’ Isaiah 40:1, 9-11. Tell the people of Him who is ‘the Chiefest among ten thousand,’ and One ‘altogether lovely.’ The Song of Solomon 5:10, 11.”—*The Desire of Ages*, 826 (1898).

THE WEEK IN PICTURES



Above: Los Alamitos Church tour of Loma Linda given by Richard Schaefer, Historian.



Health talk with Heather Schenkman, PhD on plant-based diets and heart disease.