

A DEVOTIONAL FROM IFCA

Boast Beautifully

Initiating a Bible reading program promises to be a blessing to our Church. However, I confess I didn't consider the blessing I would experience as Pastor and longtime participant in such a program. I anticipated hearing from the WBC family how they were learning from the living Word. Certainly, the questions, observations and "eureka" moments shared have been encouraging. But what has been exciting for me personally is the reminder of the animate and active nature of God's Word as we carefully invest it in our lives. As I read now, with more delight than duty, I'm re-learning how scripture can be its own best illustrator as the *through lines of truth* attach to the illuminating stories in its pages.

As I began lessons in First Corinthians for 2023, I struggled with illustrating the theme: *the problem of pride and Paul's correction for personal boasting!* Paul compels us to boast in a better Object; our Lord (1 Corinthians 1:31)! On the day I was writing the conclusion of my sermon, I "happened" to have read in Genesis 41 about Joseph's first appearance before Pharaoh. As both slave and prisoner, his status was small, but his opportunity to elevate it was huge! He was recommended as one who interpreted dreams. If he played his cards right, he'd get credit and might escape captivity. Instead he says this: "*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer (Genesis 41:16).*"

It struck me that Joseph did what Paul prescribes for us in 1 Corinthians! He immediately boasts beautifully in his God, refusing the glory! He simply and clearly reflected it back to the One to whom it belonged. How simple and yet significant for believers, who must learn to boast, beautifully!

Pastor Craig Miller, Waterman Bible Church
Waterman, ILC.H. Spurgeon in *The Watchword for Today*: "Stand Fast"



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THE LORD'S DAY September 3, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

We will be observing communion in the latter portion of this morning's service and the ushers will pass out the individual elements through the pews. Prepackaged communion elements are on the table at the back of the chapel for those who wish to pick up their own.

Scripture & Prayer

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Pastor Scott Bashoor

Worship through Song

"Once Again"

Congregational Greeting

Announcements

Missions Focus: IFCA International

Presented by Peter Ellis

Worship through Song

"Ancient Words"

(Children ages 5-12 are now dismissed for Children's Church.)

Worship through the Preached Word

"Submission to Delegated and Divine

Sovereignty," Luke 20:19-26

Pastor Ed Caballero

Worship through Observance of the Lord's Table Reading of Scripture & Prayer, Pastor Scott Bashoor

"Behold the Lamb"

(Parents, please pick up your children promptly from Children's Church.)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:45 AM** – Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children
- 11:00 AM** – Morning Worship Service
- 12:45 PM** – Potluck, after the AM service
- No Evening Worship Service on first Sundays

THIS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

- Midweek Prayer (Bilingual), 6:30 PM
- Midweek Bible Studies, 7:00 PM

Sunday

- Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children, 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship Service, 11:00 AM
- Evening Worship Service, 6:00 PM

UPCOMING

- **IFCA Regional Meeting**, Sept. 9 (Sat), 8:30 – Lunch. Supplies and volunteers needed. See the bulletin insert.
- **Youth Christmas Rehearsal Begins**, Sept. 10 (Sun.), 6:00 PM
- **Ladies' Discovery Bible Study**, Sept. 13 (Wed), 10:00 AM.
- **Ladies' Evening Bible Study**, Sept. 14 (Thurs.), 7:00 PM
- **Ladies' Night Out**, September 16 (Sat.), 4:00 PM
- **Christmas Concert Musicians**: An interest signup sheet is in the foyer. Sunday Night Christmas Rehearsals will be starting soon. Details TBA.

GIVING

You can give to the Lord's work by:

- ▶ **The Collection Boxes** in the back of the Chapel and Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **PayPal** on our church's website, www.Community-Bible.com
- ▶ **Mail** to Community Bible Church, 2930 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804



CAMPUS NEEDS

If you see something around campus that needs repair or attention, please email Deacons@Community-Bible.com or see one of our deacons: Bob Huber or Paul Taylor.

MISSIONS FOCUS

IFCA International



A Fellowship Committed to Biblical Ministry

Our church has long been affiliated with IFCA International, a fellowship of independent Bible churches united for promoting the gospel and defending the faith. While IFCA is not a denomination, membership provides churches like ours with various benefits, including publications and materials, regional rallies and retreats with like-minded churches, an annual convention, military chaplaincy endorsement, and church development resources. IFCA also provides a means for us to funnel support to international missions and relief work in times of crises. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, the fellowship serves over 2,000 churches, ministries, and personal members worldwide. Read more at www.IFCA.org

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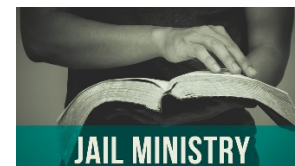
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NEW MINISTRY EXPLORATION

Interested in exploring the possibility of a jail ministry in Orange County facilities? Speak with George Nelson or Peter Ellis about this new ministry possibility.



TESTIMONY WORKSHOP

Beginning September 10, Pastor Scott will teach a short Sunday School series entitled, "Testimony Workshop: Your Story for God's Glory." 9:45 AM Sundays.

