

# cornerstone news

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## Worship the Lord with Us

### Sunday Mornings

- 10:00 Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:30 Worship Service  
 (Nursery care is available)  
 12:30 Lunch & Fellowship

### Church Ministries

- Cornerstone Connections  
 Chinese Language Class  
 Church Choir  
 Sports Ministry  
 HUGS (Homes Under God's Spirit)  
 Fellowship for Families & Young Adults  
 Men's & Women's Bible Studies  
 MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)  
 New Life Bible Study for Seniors  
 Praise Band  
 Youth Groups: (Jr & Sr High School)  
 ("AM/PM" A Methodist People Machine)  
 Ext. 777 (College)



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## Mission Opportunities for Fall and Winter 2007

UMCOR is responding with an emergency grant to the California-Pacific Annual Conference to aid those affected by the current unsettling wildfires in Southern California. Hundreds of homes have been consumed and thousands have been forced to evacuate.

About 300,000 of people have been warned to evacuate and many are seeking shelter in the Qualcomm stadium in San Diego. Please pray for the people of Southern California and help them in their time of need by giving generously to UMCOR Advance #901670, Domestic Disaster Response

Due to the wildfires in Southern California, we are going to have part of our Nov. 4th mission offering go to UMCOR Domestic Disaster Response and part going to Operation Christmas Child. †

This is an especially busy time of the year when we start thinking about the holidays and the many blessings bestowed on our own families. This is a time to express our gratitude by putting our faith into action by helping the less fortunate in our community have a happier Holiday season.

We have several opportunities and ways to serve noted below.

Nell Mitchell stepped up to spearhead the making of blankets for the homeless. With part of the mission donations in October, we purchased

many yards of material to make Tie Fleece Blankets. The project started in mid-October with many volunteers, both men and women helping with the cutting, trimming and tying of the blankets. Nell has a sign-up list of dates on Thursdays and Fridays for helpers, so please call her if you can tie a square knot!! We want to get most of these blankets made before the cold weather begins.

Operation Christmas Child started Oct. 21. Selina Yee and Stacey Wong, Jr. are passing out shoeboxes before and after Sunday service so you and your family can start collecting items to put in the shoeboxes for Children around the world. These boxes need to be turned in before Thanksgiving so that they can be mailed overseas. There was an overwhelming number of volunteers who signed up to help at the Orange County Processing Center, but we were not able to secure a time and date suitable for our congregation this year. Thank you for those who signed up; we hope to help next year. However, The Ohana Connections group is devoting one of their meetings to filling and packing a number of shoeboxes. So pick up your shoeboxes and list of items to include, from Selina or Stacey Jr. and have some fun shopping for a special child. Our November Mission Offering will be used to Help Operation Christmas Child.

December brings opportunities to help the Friendly Center in the city of Orange. Executive Director Cathy Selig is a friend of Pastor Jerry. The Center is sponsoring a Christmas party on December 15th for 500 needy families and need food and toy donations. We will have some baskets for all of you to bring canned food and non-perishable food items along with new toys. Please deposit them in

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## Mission Imaginable

*The Spirit in me greets the Spirit in you.*

In my recent copy of Smithsonian magazine, the entire issue is devoted to innovators who are attempting to make a difference in the world in areas such as environmental viability, medical research, musical and visual arts, and humanitarian relief. The amazing point is that all these artists and scientists are all under the age of 36-their mission was "to imagine" and that they did! Can you imagine what one person with one idea can do? "One" seems like such an insignificant number, yet those profiled in the magazine are making an impact. What one idea can you imagine for Cornerstone?

A Japanese proverb says, "The nail with its head sticking up is the one that gets hammered." I know it's hard being the only one who suggests a creative change for fear of "rocking the boat," but an idea floating around churches these days is called The One Percent Factor and suggests that even "1%" can make a difference. Consider that:

- \* During the "Hundred Years War" in France, a girl named Joan of Arc in 1428 caught a vision to lead her nation to freedom with less than 1% of the people behind her.
- \* John Wesley launched the Methodist movement in the early 1700s. He impacted the British population profoundly with only 1.5% of the people involved.
- \* William Wilberforce had less than 1% of Great Britain's population supporting him when he began his campaign to stop the slave trade during the 18th century.
- \* God called Gideon to lead the Israelites to freedom from the Midianites. He recruited too many soldiers-and God reduced his army to 1% of its original size.

Even today, we see this One Percent Factor. Elections have been won by a 1% margin of the vote

(think "hanging chads"). The media can produce a movie or promote a political message by creating a buzz that changes the minds of a people, even when less than 1% of people share the same opinion. All of this to say that if you can get just 1% of a population to buy-in to your distinct focus, then you can directly impact the 99% who are fuzzy. I don't know what percentage Jesus's twelve disciples were to the entire Bible-times population, but I'm sure that it was less than 1%-and this "1%" changed the world! Mission: Imaginable!

How are we as a church impacting our families, our communities, and our world? I haven't done the math to figure the percentage of our members who are in church leadership, but I'm sure the number exceeds 1%. God has placed a "call" on each of us to be that 1% that makes a difference-both in our church and in our world. We learn our values from the generations before us who had their own "Mission: Imaginable" when they came to this land. Powerful expressions the Japanese Issei generation used to teach the Nisei about community and cultural values included Gaman ("Perseverance") and Isshokenme ni shinasai ("With all your strength and ability"). Soon, the process of asking you to serve in a Lay Leadership position will begin. Think and pray about how you and your faith values will impact the other "99%" when you become part of our church's Mission: Imaginable for the coming year...Kodomo no tame ni ("For the sake of the children").

Grace & Peace, Pastor Jerry †

the narthex when you come to church the first two weeks in December.

We also plan to adopt a couple of very low-income families from the Friendly Center and will have a section set up for you to choose to purchase an article of clothing, a toy or gift for a member of these families (sizes and wish list of toys and gifts will be available.) Our December

## Ten Little Christians

*(Author Unknown)*

Ten Little Christians came to church all the time;  
One fell out with the preacher, then there were nine.  
Nine Little Christians stayed up late;  
One overslept on Sunday, then there were eight.  
Eight Little Christians on their way to heaven,  
One took the low road, then there were seven.  
Seven Little Christians chirping like chicks;  
One didn't like singing, then there were six.  
Six Little Christians seemed very much alive;  
One took a vacation, then there were five.  
Five Little Christians pulling for heaven's shore;  
One stopped to take a rest, then there were four.  
Four Little Christians each as busy as a bee;  
One had his feelings hurt, then there were three.  
Three Little Christians couldn't decide what to do;  
One couldn't have her way, then there were two.  
Two Little Christians each won one more;  
Now you don't see, two plus two equals four.  
Four Little Christians worked early and late;  
Each brought one, now there were eight.  
Eight Little Christians if they double as before;  
In just seven Sundays, we have one thousand twenty-four.  
In this story there is a lesson true;  
You belong either to "building," or to the wrecking crew. †

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Missions Offering will help purchase needed household items as well as provide food certificates and non-perishable food items for a holiday dinner. Please pray for the success of our special projects this holiday season. For more information, contact Wei-ling Louie.

Blessing to all of you. Wei-ling †





### From the Editor Kay Lee

IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN!!! At the end of each summer, our senses are sent into fast forward. Thank goodness "Back to School" is over! In August, Halloween decorations and costumes popped up at Wal Mart. At the end of August, decorations appeared for Thanksgiving at Target. And now, with Thanksgiving yet to come, Christmas trees and tinsel are being hoisted at Michael's. It's pretty difficult to get into the spirit of each holiday and to fully enjoy each one. When one is barely over, the next creeps up.

There is one holiday, however, that we can celebrate all year long... Jesus' birthday. We celebrate Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary when he said, "You are highly favored! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28) Can you imagine how frightening that must have been to a young, poor teenager? We celebrate Him as He studies the scriptures as a boy in Nazareth. We celebrate Him as He learns the trade of his earthly father as a young man. Most of all, we celebrate Him throughout His short 3-year ministry. No King, Emperor, nor President of any nation could have accomplished what He did, leaving a legacy of such great magnitude that's lasted for more than 2,000 years! We most definitely celebrate His resurrection for it is the cornerstone of our faith.

Neither Back to School, Halloween, nor Thanksgiving can measure up to that dark lonely night in a cave that was used as a stable. Stinky animals all around. Wrapped in strips of unsanitized cloth. Placed in a feeding trough. Yes—we DO celebrate this very lowly birth all year 'round. We honor Him with the gifts that His Holy Father gave us, by serving and witnessing in His name. The simplest act we can do to honor Him is by writing His full name in our holiday greetings: Christmas. Never Xmas. An X can never replace Christ. †



### Cornerstone Connections *Building Bridges in Small Groups*

#### OHANA CONNECTIONS 1

Ohana Connections will have their next get-together on Saturday, November 10 at Randy and Charlene's home in Tustin. After we enjoy a delicious potluck dinner, we will fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is an annual mission project where we fill shoeboxes with school supplies, toys, and other gifts for children around the world. Please come and join us!

#### CONNECTIONS 5 ACTIVITIES



On Sunday, September 9, the Connection 5 Group commemorated the 6th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attack on America by attending a special program at the Nixon Library. Speakers, including Sheriff Mike Carona and inspirational choral selections by Chamber Singers and Orange High School Band highlighted the event. We then attended a very enjoyable performance by the Riverside Concert Band. This was followed by a nice Chinese dinner at the VIP



Buffet in La Palma. This completed a great fellowship-filled evening.

On Sunday, October 14, Connection 5 met at the beautiful home of Calvin & Peggy Lowe to participate in

"dancing lessons" taught by our own Davis Tang. He demonstrated Cha-cha-cha steps and related Rumba steps. Not sure if anyone graduated, but it was great fun and fellowship. This was followed by a delicious dinner with Calvin & Peggy providing main entrees, rice and drinks and others bringing in side dishes and desserts. A tremendous evening of fun and fellowship.

#### CONNECTIONS 3



The Cornerstone Connection Group 3 had a picnic at the Turtle Rock Community Park in Irvine this past summer. †

### New Lifers- Save the Date

Save December 1st for our Christmas Dinner at the Brodard Chateau in Garden Grove. A promise—you will not be disappointed with the awesome cuisine! Watch for more information in Sunday bulletins.

#### Too OLD-----NOT

Thirty five New Lifers enjoyed an afternoon at the La Mirada Theatre on Oct. 6—"Too Old for the Chorus", a music and dance performance, clearly was NOT meant for us! Dinner at the China Buffet was filled with chatter and fellowship †!





## KFC Corner



by  
Kevin Wong

My name is Kevin Wong. I have been going to Cornerstone since I was born. I like going to church because I'm able to see my friends like Ryan Low, Brandon and Matthew Chinn, and my cousins Josh, Jamie, and Jillian. My favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome words come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs and that it may benefit those who listen." It's my favorite verse because that is the first verse that I memorized. My favorite pastime is reading because it's interesting and it's fun. If I could go anywhere in the world, it would be Maui.

I graduated from Ladera Elementary in June and I'm now attending Pioneer Middle School, one of the top eight schools in the nation. I like my teachers and (in some ways) like my classes. My homework load is very big because a lot of my classes are honors. I think I have some of the toughest teachers in the 6th grade.

I live in Tustin and my favorite food is Japanese food. I have two [annoying] brothers and I want to be a video game designer. My favorite book is Eragon. I wear glasses now and my birthday is on June 24th.

And for those who want to know, Super Smash Bros. Brawl is coming out on February 10th! †



## Extension 777 (College Group)

### Ext. 777 vs. HUGS Basketball Game Fundraiser

By Cheryl Wong

The fierce competition has finally come to an end. The basketball game between Extension 777 and HUGS was a great success. With help from every age group of the church, Ext. 777 was able to raise over \$250 for the Building to Bless Fund.

Despite a crushing loss of 29 to 16, Extension 777 lost in style. The game started off with the HUGS in the lead by six points after the first 10-min quarter. With speed and agility and organization, Extension 777 was able to make an under-dog comeback and make the score more even at 11 to 7 at the half. As the battle went on, the stamina of the college group began to fall through their hands like sand. With the HUGS' advantage in numbers, they were able to push forward. See Jon Chen's article for the dramatic story on how the game unfolded.

However, the game was still a success. The profits from the snack sales to the raffle to the ticket sales helped to raise the money. Spectators were also able to vote for MVP, Best Shot, Best Defense, Most Creative Shooter, Flashiest Player, and Best Turnovers. The awards were given out to these people respectively: Cheryl Wong, Steve Louie, Jon Chen, Di Wong, Joe Horvath, and Richard Lam.

The raffle allowed spectators to purchase tickets and choose which box, Ext. 777's or HUGS', they should put it in. The grand prize, a \$30 gift card to Macaroni Grill, was given to a person who put their ticket in the winning team's box. Pastor Jerry's parking spot for November was given to a ticket holder from the losing team's box.

Ext. 777 would like to thank everyone who helped set up and take down with a special thanks to AMPM for helping sell snacks and raffle tickets

and keep track of the score and time. Another thanks goes to Danny Smith for coaching us and being the game's referee. Also, thank you to all who supported the event make it a success! †



## The Epic Battle

By Jon Chen

Finally, the epic battle between Extension 777 and HUGS has drawn to a conclusion. With the final score announced as 29-16, the HUGS brought home a victory well earned. The basketball game was a great success, not only thanks to the HUGS, but to all members of the church. Ext. 777 was able to raise over \$250 dollars for the Building to Bless Fund.

The first quarter of the game was given to the HUGS as they got off to a good start with a six point lead. With all the practice Ext. 777 endured, the training by Danny Smith, and the debut players of Emily Luckett and Stephen Volkamer, they continued to persevere and not give up.

The second quarter was a bright beacon of hope for the Extenders who were trailing HUGS by four points at the end. It was evident that Ext. 777 had found their prime. Thanks to the hustle of Kat and Cheryl and the determination of Jon, the Extenders believed they were well on our way to victory.

The third quarter was when the hammer fell. As the Extenders felt their stamina slipping away from their fingertips like sand in an hourglass, it was hard to maintain focus and defend their beloved basket. In the end of the third quarter, their weary bodies realized that a bright and glorious victory would have to be saved for another day. †

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## An Explosion of Youth!!

by Karl Freeman

Some of you may not have noticed, but AMPM is EXPLODING! A scant two years ago, when we started the group, we held the first Sunday school with four (4) attendees: Cheryl and Amy Wong, Josh Yu, and Katie Low. Now our college students are a growing and vibrant group of their own, and AMPM has hit a record high of 22 attendees for a Friday night Bible study! Semi-organized chaos has replaced the once serene placidity of our meetings. Guests have become regulars; regulars have been bringing guests, and now we have a gaggle of growing KFC'ers who have risen to join our gloried ranks. God is blessing our church with a growing and vigorous bunch of Junior and Senior High students and a ministry that is, for lack of a better description, alive!

Folks, it's a growing thing, and maybe the most exciting thing about it all is in the WAY that it's growing, from within and without, not to mention the personalities that are blossoming within the group itself. It has been fascinating to watch the progress that has taken place in just the last couple of years.

These next few months are going to come fast and furious and will be filled with a LOT of events and preparation for the year ahead of us. We will be hitting the mall a number of times in the ensuing months, both for a scavenger hunt and for the "Mall Missions Trip" that we had so much success with last year. We'll also be preparing for SSP in the coming year. SSP is Sierra Service Project, a week long missions trip to Native American reservations around the country to rebuild homes and facilities. I went with PUMC this year and it turned out to be a FANTASTIC time, full of memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I can't wait to share that experience with our youth.

At any rate, I would ask you to look at the youth, to see them as they grow, and to give them encouragement in that process. I know that you will, and thank you. Your encouragement helps them to grow. Just look at them. It already has! †

## KFC Playhouse



Call the agent!! The KFC Playhouse actors and actresses are headed to Hollywood! They did a wonderful job producing a melodrama called "Queen Esther, The Brave and the Beautiful". They used no scripts, enunciated each word with such clarity, and even did the sound effects! Good job, KFC!! We'll see you on the big screen in a few years! †

## Thoughts from 5 KFCers who graduated into AM/PM youth group this fall...

**BRANDON CHINN**

I'm Brandon, and my faith has grown tremendously! You can really tell if you compare me with me 7 years ago. Before, I used to think that the Bible was all about stories about God, Jesus, the prophets, etc., but now, going through KFC, I know there are moral values and lessons that teach us how to be better people. When your faith grows, it means you have more spiritual values and you have grown spiritually, in God.

It is really important to have a strong faith in Junior High, because if you don't have your strong foundation, you'll topple to distractions like other influences by kids, theory of evolution, the big bang, and other contradicting topics to Christianity. What helped me to grow is to go to church, memorize verses that teach you values, praying, and reading the bible. There are ways of reading the bible. Sometimes, it could be boring, I admit, but if you read parts that are interesting to you, you could get hooked on to the story and want to read more (unless it's past your bedtime). You can also write down the bible. I personally tried and stuck with the first way, but my grandmother wrote the entire bible and it helped her grow. When you write it, it gets in deeper and you can know what to do in tough situations.

Now that I'm in the Youth group and have more responsibilities, I think I could

contribute more to the church by doing helpful roles (cleaning up here and there), helping with Sunday school classes, or other helpful things to the church. Thank you Auntie Sheree, Auntie Cheryl, the church, and everyone who helped me grow.

**KAREN WONG**

It is very important to have a strong faith in God, as you enter Jr. High because kids can be influenced very easily at this age. They can make wrong choices, and ruin their life forever, or they can make the right choices, and live strong. When I was in Elementary school, I thought taking drugs was dumb (I mean why would you want to ruin your life?). Now I hear of a lot of people falling into the power of drugs, and I don't know why. So I guess I will have to keep faith in God to guide me through this time.

**JAMIE YU**

Going to church and to KFC regularly has helped my faith to grow. I think it's important to have a strong faith in middle school because it helps to build confidence and helps you to rely more on the Lord and not just on yourself. Also, I am thankful for having a wonderful church family and I love seeing my friends at church every week. Now that I have graduated into the youth group, I will enjoy helping with the younger kids at church and watching them grow too. To the new KFCers: I know that you will have fun and learn a lot! Stay involved!!!

**ALEC HASEGAWA**

Faith is believing in the existence of God, even though we cannot "see" Him. Having faith gives me reassurance that we have eternal life and we get to stay in heaven! I'd be more scared if I did not have this to look forward to, and I'd probably freak out. My faith gives me knowledge about God and how to live life, through His 10 Commandments. It helps you to know what's right and wrong and what to do and not do, the ultimate guide. In Junior High, my faith really helps me when I begin to worry too much. 1 Peter 5:7 says "Leave all your worries with Him because He cares for you". This helps me feel better. Now that I don't have Sunday School during church time, I plan to give assistance to Auntie Byung with power point. Also, I will show love and respect to the little kids who need my help and in a few years, for my Eagle Project I could build something in the children's play area.

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by Brad Chinn

On Sat Sept 29, our HUGS (Homes Under God's Spirit) "Families with Kids" group held another one of our HUGS Family Nite at the Movies! As always, we started out with fun-tastic fellowship with our yummy potluck dinner. Then, we sat down for a tear-jerking, thought-provoking viewing of "The Ultimate Gift" on DVD (projected on the big screen). Everyone was moved by lessons of all the gifts God has given us to experience and to make us better people. See [www.theultimategift.com](http://www.theultimategift.com). If we accept His gifts of love, work, giving, family, laughter, problems, money, and learning... we will experience the ultimate gift (however you wish to define it). Until next time, see you at the movies!



We're heading into our biggest events of the year! By the time you read this, we will have held our Harvest Festival on Sat. Oct 27. We will have celebrated the coming of Fall with twister slides, jumpouses, costume parades, stories with Pastor Jerry, carnival booths and prizes, karaoke, face painting, and more! Always a family fun time for kids of all ages!

And...coming sooner than we think is the HUGS Christmas Party on Sat Dec 8. Mark your calendars now! Come celebrate Jesus's birthday with us! We always have a great time. Please join us and make it great-erer. For details, contact Brad. †



## WORK is fun. Work is FUN? Work IS fun!

Thanks to 25 busy, energetic, sweating workers, the Saturday Work Day on September 29th was a huge success! So much was accomplished that PBOT chairs Bill Chan and Henry Wong were singing praises and giving thanks in appreciation of the brain and brawn of CUMC-PUMC servants. From seemingly simple jobs as trimming plants and ridding property of broken glass to bigger jobs as moving refrigerators and cleaning the sanctuary floor ducts, the many hands made the work lighter. We're getting ready for the REALLY BIG Phase II of our church remodeling project! †

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## SCOTT LEE

I've been going to church since I was a baby. I believed in God at least at 5 years old. Going to church so young was really good because it helped prepare me. It prepared me for EVERYTHING that's ahead of me. I know that God is with me and I can pray for others. Since I moved away from my Christian elementary school, I notice a lot of "bad" kids in Junior High. I can pray for them and also not turn bad like them. It is like being covered with the "armor of God". If I am having trouble with "life", I can go to God in prayer. It's like "alone time", you can say anything you're troubled with and feel a little better. He does answer my prayers. Now that I'm a little older, I can help out with the church community: mentor other kids, help with communion, do powerpoint and teach. It's exciting to look back and to look forward to what's ahead! †



## Rally 'Round The Table!!!

Hundreds of tickets were issued to those who signed up to participate in any fun event at CUMC! What a novel way to get excited about activities, missions, and committees at our church. Pictured are Al, Celeste, and Amy Wong giving tickets for the drawing of the grand prize of Pastor Jerry's parking space. Of course, there were other prizes for happy "signer-



uppers." This model of a unique church, lovingly made by Ed Joe, was one of the big prizes for signing up at the Rally Table. If you open the door of the church, many little surprises awaited.

The winner of this prize was the Brad Chinn family. †



## New Members

Three familiar congregants have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord by becoming active members of CUMC on Sun. Sept. 16. To Marilyn and Betty McGill and Kat Hu – a warm CUMC welcome to you! May your light shine brightly as our Lord shines His light on you! †





### WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS!!!

Twenty-three dedicated, fun, and kid-loving teachers were recognized and honored on Sun. Sept. 16 for their herculean efforts to keep our kids, teens, and adults grounded in the Word. They prepare their lessons each week, sometimes serving goodies, playing games, and ALWAYS serving up praises for the many blessings of God. THANK YOU, teachers

After the dedication of teachers, each walked to Sunday School with a new class, as 30-plus children were promoted to their next grade level and new teacher. Teens, Ext. 777, and Adult classes also began the new year with their studies. We're off to a great start! †

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But they did not give up. Never! They are tigers, they do not fear! This was evident through Richard's monkey style techniques. As he slid across the green tile floor, he managed to rescue the ball from the opponents hand in style and "grace".

The fourth quarter, the conclusion to this epic story finally arrived. With the Extenders grabbing hold of their last bit of precious stamina, they were prepared for the worst. Every dribble, every shot, every steal, would finally reveal its true meaning in the final score. Though many struggled to focus on the ball, it was the courage of Joseph Horvath that supplied Ext. 777 with bravery. His agility and sudden burst of determination caught perhaps even the HUGS team by surprise. However, it was to no avail as HUGS cheered for victory when the final score was announced.

Perhaps, this was God's plan. The

Extenders will have yet another chance to rise to the glories of victory. Many thanks to those that cheered along side us, shed the tears, endured the long trials and persevered with us. You will always be cherished in our hearts. And for HUGS, who displayed good sportsmanship and accepted our grand challenge. You have won the battle, but the rivalry continues. Perhaps in the near and anticipated future, we may challenge AMPM to a glorious dodge ball tournament... †

### Phase II Building Update



by Al Wong

As you can already see, Phase II of the building project began in early October. God has blessed us with the opportunity to proceed with this phase of the project despite the cost over-runs in Phase I and extra repairs to the education building.

For those who do not remember, Phase II consists of enlarging and renovating the kitchen and both the women and men restrooms. The kitchen will grow to double the size and will include new cabinets, sinks, an additional island, and a new or overhauled stove/oven. Both restrooms will be handicap accessible and include additional facilities. Not only will the new kitchen and restrooms enhance our church's appeal to visitors, they will also provide more space for both churches to grow. We anticipate the work to be completed in 3 to 4 months.

To cover the project, the Parish has funds from the building account and will borrow funds from other accounts. The pledged funds will replenish the borrowed funds. We thank everyone for your support in providing your preliminary pledges. The building finance committee will be supplying information and contacting the congregation soon for pledges.

Thank you your continued support and prayers. †

### Blanket Makers



What was that in the back of Nell's car? Five full rolls of fleece--250 yards! That's what! On Rally Sunday, thirteen pairs of helping hands signed up to make blankets to be distributed via Purple Ark. More hands are needed! If you can help out, the Blanket Makers will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall each Thursday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. through December 7, except for the week of Thanksgiving. Pictured with the first finished blanket are Virginia Quon, Helene Chan, Nell Mitchell, and May and Tom Lou. †



### WE LOVE OUR STAFF!!

Stacey Wong, Jr. and Robert Quon, SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) Co-Chairs presented wonderful words of appreciation for our awesome staff, Pastor Jerry and Karl Freeman on Sun. Oct. 21. They were recognized with WHAT ELSE?! Starbucks Gift Cards, of course! May they have many happy latte hours at their serious meetings! A beautiful plant arrangement for Anita Lee will surely brighten her home and be enjoyed for many years. No words nor gifts can truly express our appreciation for all you do for us. THANK YOU! †



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...and the  
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of the building  
is Jesus Christ  
himself!  
Ephesians 2:20

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### PBOT News,

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*by Bill Chan*

A "social/work" time for both PUMC and CUMC has been proposed by the Parish Board of Trustees. Anyone who can help is urged to lend a hand, for there are numerous jobs that need to be tended to at a large campus such as ours. Just as there is no end to maintaining our homes, our campus has no end to big and small jobs that need doing. The group has already begun to meet for three hours each Tuesday, from 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. C'mon out even if it's just to push a broom! If anyone has a creative acronym for this working group, let me know! †