



FIRST SAMOAN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SAN DIEGO



“Malamalama o Samoa” (Est: 1955)

NEWSLETTER #3:
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“A ‘Ou te alu atu nei ia te Ia Na auina mai A’u; e le’i fesili mai foi se tasi o outou, Po o fea E te alu i ai ?– But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, “Where are You going?” *Ioane / John 16:5*

RESURRECTION “SUNDAY STORY” COOKIES

Author unknown

For this recipe you will need:

1 c. whole pecans, 1 tsp. vinegar

3 egg whites, pinch salt

1 c. sugar, zipper baggie

wooden spoon, tape

The Holy Bible

*Preheat Oven to 300 F. (**this is important – don’t wait till you are half way done with the recipe!**) Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested and He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. ***READ JOHN 19:1-3***

*Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. ***READ JOHN 19:28-30***

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. ***READ JOHN 10:10-11***

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. ****READ LUKE 23: 27****

*So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us, He wants us to know that and He wants us to love Him as well. ****READ PSALMS 34:8 and JOHN 3:16****

*Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. ****READ ISAIAH 1:18 and JOHN 3:1-3****

*Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. ****READ MATTHEW 27:57-60****

*Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. ****READ MATTHEW 27:65-66****

GO TO BED!** Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. *READ JOHN 16:20 and 22****

*On **Resurrection Sunday** morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter morning, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. ****READ MATTHEW 28:1-9****




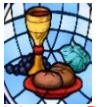


HE HAS RISEN!!!



“Ua ‘Ou fai atu nei mea ia te outou, ina ia outou maua le manuia ia te A’u; e maua fo’i outou e le puapuaga i le lalolagi, a ia outou loto tetele, ua ‘Ou Manumālō i le lalolagi....

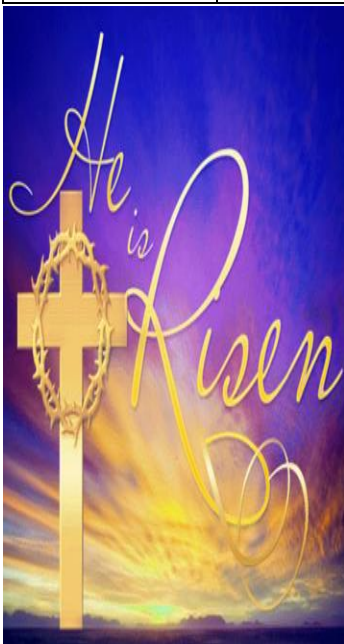
*I have said these things to You that in Me You may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Ioane / John 16:33**

F.S.C.C.C. SAN DIEGO – “MALAMALAMA O SAMOA”

**** APERILA / APRIL 2021 (D.C.) ****

ASO SA / Sunday	ASO GAFUA / Monday	ASO LUA / Tuesday	ASO LULU / Wednesday	ASO TOFI / Thursday	ASO FARAILE Friday	ASO TO'ANA'I Saturday
<p>*ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE*</p>	<p>BIBLE VERSE FOR 2021: “Inā tula’i ia, Inā tatou faia ia, ona tatou fa’amalolosi ai lea i lenei Galuega Lelei”</p>	<p>“Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the Good Work.” *Neemia / Nehemiah 2: 18*</p>		<p>1 MAUNDY  HOLY WEEK THURSDAY 7.00pm: Communion Service.</p>	<p>2 GOOD  HOLY WEEK FRIDAY 7.00pm: Service.</p>	<p>3 HOLY  HOLY WEEK SATURDAY 5.00pm: Service.</p>
<p>4  EASTER SUNDAY O LE ESETA Easter Sunday 6.00am: SON-RISE SERVICE.  10.00am: O Le Fa’amanatuga/ Communion.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. (In Homes) *5.00pm: Praise Team. </p>
<p>11 8.30am: *Zoom Sunday School*</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. </p>

10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship		*7.00pm: Praise Team.	7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*			(In Homes) 5.00pm: Praise Team.
18 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. *Lafoga / Maintenance Offering*	19	20 *7.00pm: Praise Team.	21  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	22	23	24 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. (In Homes)  *MAFUTAGA TAMA / Men's Fellowship Plate Sale* *5.00pm: Praise Team.
25 8.30am: *Zoom Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship	26	27 *7.00pm: Praise Team.	28  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	29	30	



O LE TOETU / SEASON OF EASTER

***RESURRECTION SUNDAY – 4 APRIL 2021 (D.C.)**

6.00am – Son-Rise Service.

10.00am – Easter Worship and Communion.

(Both Services Live Stream - Church Facebook Page)

***Sunday, 11 April 2021 (D.C.) > Tapua'iga /Worship.**

9.50am – Live Stream on Facebook.

***Sunday, 18 April 2021 (D.C.)**

9.50am – Live Stream on Facebook.

***Sunday, 25 April 2021 (D.C.) > Tapua'iga /Worship.**

9.50am – Live Stream on Facebook.



“O Le Atua

o Le Agaga lava la;
o e tapua’i ia te la,
e tatau ona tapua’i
atu ai i le Agaga
ma le

Fa’amaoni...God Is
Spirit, and those
who Worship Him,
must Worship Him
in Spirit and in
Truth!”

(Ioane / John 4: 24)



**FONO
TATALO**



***Every Saturday
Morning In our
Homes at 8.00am***



SAUNIGA O LE VAIASO PAIA /

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Aso Gafua / Monday, 29 March 2021 @ 7.00pm

(Service Led By Mafutaga Tinā / Women's Fellowship)



Aso Lua / Tuesday, 29 March 2021 @ 7.00pm

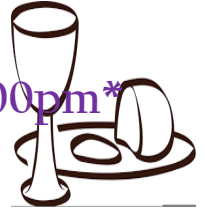
(Service Led By Mafutaga Tamā / Men's Fellowship)

Aso Lulu / Wednesday, 30 March 2021 @ 7.00pm

(Service Led By 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir)

Aso Tofi / Maundy Thursday Communion, 1 April 2021 @ 7.00pm

(Service Led By Aiga Tiakono / Deacons)



Aso Maliu / Good Friday, 2 April 2021 @ 7.00pm

(Service Led By 'Aoga Aso Sa / Sunday School)

Aso To'ona'i / Saturday, 3 April 2021 @ 5.00pm

(Service Led By 'Au Talavou / Youth Choir)



PASTORAL MATTERS

Editor's Sincere Apologies to Dustin & Nicole Hollins for the incorrect Date of Birth of Hunter in the last Month's Newsletter. Please find below the correct date and details



**Praise God for the Safe Arrival
of**



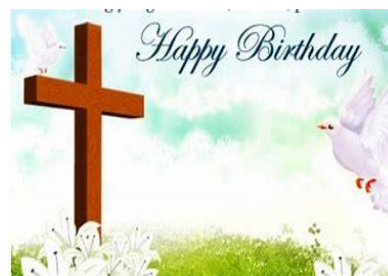
**HUNTER LOMBARDI HOLLINS
on Sunday, February 7 2021.**

Weight: 12 lbs. Height: 22.5 in.



God's Blessings and Happy Birthday to our Church Family Celebrating Birthdays in April:

- 2nd: Chucky Amu.
- 6th: Senara Kereti.
- 11th: Sirarotoga Solomona.
- 17th: Nicole Hollins.
- 17th: Kainan Sagale.
- 18th: Cari Hudson.
- 22nd: Easter Fa'asua.
- 24th: Deacon Karen Iuta.
- 26th: Tuitogama'atoe Solomona.
- 26th: Clarence Salave'a.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

*The Needs of our Nation and World *The Church Worldwide *Pastor Elvis Sa Do & the Church in Myanmar

*Healing for those who are afflicted with the Pandemic

*Those who are struggling in life *Our Congregation: our Elders, Families, Youth, Children and Newborn Babies

*Those who are facing Health Challenges: Lagituaiva, Matavai, Tiana, Liva, Rosemarie, Fagalima, Brenda, Julia, Matua, Elaine, Loretta.....and all those we name in our hearts

*Those who are Grieving the Passing of Loved Ones *Those who are Traveling *The Work of our Church, our Leadership and Branches and all our efforts in 2021.....



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A'OGA ASO SA / SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Since the beginning of Sunday School ZOOM classes in February, we have been having a steady attendance by the children enrolled this year, there are still some children who have yet to attend, and we would like to encourage all parents/guardians to keep the importance of this ministry in the ever changing lives of our children. However, we are aware that there are other commitments within families and we continue to pray blessings upon every household.

We are very thankful for all the efforts made for the visual learning phase we are navigating through this Pandemic Season, and it has been extremely positive to see all the different expressions of the children early Sunday Morning as well as their candid responses to each lesson.



Over the past weeks, the topic of learning has been 'PRAY' The teachers have been faithfully taking their classes through all the elements of what it means to PRAY, and more importantly, to WHOM we PRAY.

***When we resume ZOOM classes on Sunday April 18th, we will be going through 'PURPOSE'. Helping the children to recognize their PURPOSE according to Scripture and God's Will for their lives.**

***There will be NO ZOOM classes on April 4th and 11th. Sunday School will resume on April 18th at 8.30pm.**



Good Friday Worship will be led by the Sunday School with a video presentation of their witness. This will be broadcast on the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church Facebook Page at 7.00pm, April 2nd 2021.

Please join in Worship with your Children on this important night.



***TRUNK EGG HUNT** for the Sunday School Children will be held on the Fanua/Church Grounds, **Easter Sunday - April 4th 2021 at 4.00pm**

Fa'afetai mo Talosaga ofoina mo le galuega a Faiaoga, ma le fanau ua foa'iina mai e le Atua, e tausi ma a'oa'o i Ana Afioga. Matou te mana'omia pea lo outou

lagolagoina o fua fuaga ma fa'amoemoega a le A'oga Aso Sa mo leni tausaga ia saomauli, fa'apea ona tuputupu a'e ai le fanau i le Upu Moni ia Iesu Keriso, e le toe 'alo ese pe a o'o ina matutua i latou.

Soifua, ia folau i lagimā,

Ofisa o le Aoga Aso Sa ma Faiaoga



Aoga Tusi Paia // Bible Studies.

O lo'o iai pea le avanoa mo e fia mafuta e auala i Aoga Tusi Paia i vaiaso ta'itasi amata i le Masina o Fepuari 2021....

***Youth Bible Studies** led by Oliva Auimatagi Jr. are held every Wednesday Evening @ 7pm on Zoom. **(Please contact Oliva for details)**

***Senior Bible Studies** led by Rev. Solomona are every Wednesday Evening beginning at 7.00pm on Zoom. **(Please contact Rev. Solomona for details).**



NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

“Jesus said: “I Am The Vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing!” (John 15: 5)



**'AU FAIPESE TELE/CHANCEL CHOIR ASO FA'AMANATU
Aso Sa 28 Fepuari 2021 (DC)**



**VI'IA LE ALOFA MA LE AGALELEI O LE ATUA!
Ia Fa'amanuia pea Le Atua i Le Galuega a Le 'Au Fai Pese Tele!**



**(1)...From The
AIGA TIAKONO**



for supporting their
Plate Sale on Saturday,
27 February 2021!

**(2)...From The
MAFUTAGA
TINĀ /**



for supporting their
Plate Sale on Saturday,
27 March 2021!

God Bless You All!!

MAFUTAGA TAMA



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



PLATE SALE

Saturday, 27 April 2021

**"YOU'VE HAD THE REST....
NOW TRY THE BEST!!"**



DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

'AU TALAVOU / YOUTH CHOIR

42nd Anniversary – Sunday, 21 March 2021(DC)



PRAISE GOD FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF PRAISING HIM!

May the Lord Continue to Bless the Ministry and Service of the Youth Choir!

From our Church Leadership: Officers & Board of Directors:



***In Response To Current State and San Diego County Health Pandemic Protocols:**

OUR CHURCH REMAINS CLOSED



Also Until Further Notice:

Sunday Worship Services will be on Facebook Live beginning at 9.50am

Bingo Games at the Church – Monday and Saturday - remain closed

FA'AFETAI LAVA! THANK YOU CHURCH!

For your continued Worshipful, Prayerful, Physical and Financial Support of the work of the Lord and His Church. May God Bless you all for all the ways that you are Serving and Honoring Him in the "Malamalama o Samoa."

"Aua ne'i tatou fa'apalapala i le amio lelei; auā o ona po e tatau ai, tatou te selesele mai ai, pe afai tatou te le fa'avaivai;

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Kalatia / Galatians 6: 9)

Let's keep Praying for one another,

EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday (04/04/2021) with Easter Lilies in Memory of your Loved Ones who now rest in God's Glory, the Lilies can be dropped off on **Saturday, 04/03/2021** between **9.00am - 4.00pm** in the Sanctuary. Thank you!



EASTER LILY LIST 2021:

As in previous years, we will be preparing a Family Lily List in Memory of those who have been

Encouraging one another and Loving one another as
Jesus Christ loved us!!

We Love You All with The Love of The Lord!!

**Ia Manuia Le Aso Sa Laupama, Le Vaiaso Paia ae maise
Le Aso Sa o Le Toe Tu!**

May you be Filled with The Faith and Joy of Easter!

Rev. Fa'afuina & Mrs. Tuitogama'atoe Solomon.

