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A word from our Minister...

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
But to Your Name give Glory
Because of Your Lovingkindness,
Because of Your Truth...
Our God is in the Heavens;
He does whatever He pleases...
O Israel, trust in the LORD;
He is their Help and their Shield.”
(Psalm 115:1, 3 & 9)

Fa’atalofa ma fa’amalō i le tatou āiga ia Iesu. O le Tatalo le aunoa, ia outou manuia i le alofa o le Atua o Lē ana Fa’amanuiaga, o lo’o tatou sapi ai aso ta’itasi o la tatou folauga. Fa’afetai i le mauiluga o Lona Alofa ma Lana Pule fa’asoifua.

O lenei ua sopo mai i le Masina fou o Setema. O le masina lava ua maufa’ailogaina ai le taunu’u o le Tala Lelei ia Iesu Keriso i laufanua o le atu Samoa, muamua i le alālafaga o Sāpapali’i, Savaii, i le Masina o Aokuso Tausaga 1830. Tatou sula le maoa’e o fuafuaga alofa o Le Atua mo le fa’aolaina o le lalolagi agasala, ua ao Samoa.

E ui ina to’ilalo pea le tagata i fa’aoso’osoga ma tu’inauga, a o le fa’amaoni o le Atua, o lo’o la tatala mai pea le avanoa e toe fa’afouina ai le tagata, ma toe fuata’iina le ola e ala i galuega Mana o le Agaga Paia, e fa’aolaina ai ma tumau ia Iesu.

Ia agalelei le Atua i āiga uma o le tatou Nu’u Lotu. Ia puipui malu Lona Agaga Paia i ala uma o le filemu, fa’apea ona pa’i atu, pa’i ane,

pa’i ifo i ē puapugaina i gasegase o le tino, ae maise i lenei vaitau o le fa’amai, ia aua ne’i āfātia ma pagātia ai le Tino o Keriso i se tulaga fa’anoanoa. Fa’afetai mo a outou Talosaga ma Fa’amanuiga mo le Auauna ma le āiga.

Greetings to you all in the Name of Christ Jesus – Lord and Savior! The arrival of September brings with it the end of Summer, and a very important celebration in the Kingdom Journey of Christianity in Samoan Islands. The First Sunday of September every year – this year’s date being 5 September 2021 – Samoan Churches around the world mark the Arrival of the Gospel in 1830 to Samoa! What a Joyous occasion! From the moment John Williams set foot on the shores of Sāpapali’i, Savaii – The Bible in his hands, The Peace of Christ in his heart and the Love of God in his mind - Samoa has never been the same. Praise God! We are descendants in Faith of that day! As we celebrate “Aso Sa Tala Lelei / Good News Sunday” this year, let us with Thanksgiving, Joy, Peace and Faith, remember and commit to “Passing On” the Good News of Jesus Christ – Savior of The World. So that as Samoa was Blessed that day 191 years ago, and our Church has been Blessed over these past 66 years; we would continue to know and share the Blessing of Jesus Christ Risen, our King of Kings and Lord of Lords! May You Have a Wonderful September in the Love and Grace of God in Jesus Christ!

Soifua ma la Manuia.

Rev. Fa’afuina & Mrs. Tuitogama’atoe Solemona.



*God's spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”
John 4:24*

O Le Tapuaiga i Le Atua/ Worshipping God

- 9/5/21 at 10:00am – Good News Sunday/Communion Sunday/Worship
- 9/12/21 at 10:00am Worship
- 9/19/21 at 10:00am Worship
- 9/26/21 at 9:45am - Pre-Worship/ 10:00am Worship
- Live Streamed on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MalamalamaoSamoa>

“Ia fa’amanuia oe e Ieova, ma Ia na tausi ia te oe; ia fa’amalamalamaina e Ieova Ona Fofoga i luga ia te oe, ma alofa atu ia te oe; ia fa’asaga mai o Ieova Ona Fofoga ia te oe, ma tu’uina atu ia te oe le manuia.” (Numera 6: 24-26)

Pastoral Matters

MEMBERSHIP



***Sunday, 22 August 2021**

It was with Joy before The Lord, that we received into the Fellowship and Membership of the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church – San Diego, **Meki and Mariana McMoore**. Welcome to Meki and Mari! Meki was a Member in the early days of the

Congregation, and we are grateful to have he and Mari in our Church Family. May God Bless you and fill you both with Faith, Love and Joy as we serve Him together!

BAPTISM

***Saturday, 28 August 2021** – The Church was Blessed to welcome into the Family of Faith, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: **the Children of Dondiego & Trixy Faiai: Edith, Leslie and Vaipousa**. May God Bless the Faiai Family and especially the Children as they Grow in God's Love and Grace!



Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes (A'oga Saili) have begun. The Candidates in Class now will be moving towards Confirmation on **Sunday, 5 September 2021 (Aso Sa Tala Lelei / Gospel Sunday)**.

As there was no Easter Confirmation Class this year due to COVID, this is the Easter 2021 Class.

A Second Confirmation Class (Advent 2021 Class) will begin in November 2021, and move towards Confirmation on **Sunday, 5 December 2021 (Aso Sa Lona Lua o Le Ateveni /Second Sunday of Advent)**.

If you are interested in taking part in these Classes, please contact me by email: fvsolo1@cox.net.

-Fa'afouina.



FONO TATALO
Every Saturday Morning in
the Sanctuary 8:00am
(8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28)



WE PRAY FOR:

*The Needs of our Nation and World...

*The Situation in Afghanistan

* Healing for those who are afflicted with the Pandemic around the world, in our Nation and amongst our Families and Church...

*In response may we have Patience, Diligence and Wisdom as we face a new spike in COVID 19 Cases...

Our Congregation:

*Every Household and our Membership...

Our Elders, our Families, our Youth and Children in their Work and Schooling... (Those away from us for Schooling: Malia, Tania, Jojo, Paris)

*Those who are facing Health Challenges: **Lagituvaiva, Matavai, Tiana, Liva, Rosemarie, Luaao, Matua, Fagalima, Moeifaga, Mase, Brenda, Vitolio, Julia, Marjil, Tracy, Elaine, Mike, Taotafa, Nora, Loretta, Oliva & Solia and the Children...**

Merapi, Manusamoa, Leiloa, Taotafa, Afoafouvale, Etenauga, Angie, Grace, Karite, Tala Paulo, John Cruz, Simi Fa'asua, and Sulu Fa'asua...

*Those who are Grieving the Passing of Loved Ones...

Victor & Tala Pinones and Family, Roteriko & Nichoelle Fiamalua and Family, Chuck & Leina'ala Cibulka and Family and the Ape family.

*Those who are Traveling...

Aliu & Ann Brown, Sila'ila'i Gabriel, Fa'avalenu'u Faumuina.

*The Work of our Church this Month of September...

Our Church Leadership and Branches and all our efforts in 2021

*Our Church Fundraiser this month...

Click [here](#) to submit a Prayer Request on our website. Your prayer requests will be received by Rev. Solomona

Around Town at FSCCCSD...



SAMOAN CORNER:

Rev. George Pratt from the London Missionary Society was a Missionary in Samoa for approximately 40 years.

The following Muagagana ma Alagaupu (***Samoan Proverbial Sayings***)

are from Rev. Pratt's vast collection of folk songs, genealogical and traditional tales which are found in Pratt's Dictionary of the Samoan Language (*4th Edition*)

Here are some Proverbial Sayings that have meaning for our work in God's Kingdom.

"Ua aofia i le futiafu e tasi"

(applied to an opinion in a council)

or

O le aiga o Le Atua, ua ituaiga ese'ese ma gagana ese'ese, a e faatasi i le Ali'i o Iesu
(*The Family of God come from different backgrounds and different languages, but are one in the Lord Jesus*).

"E tino fa'atasi, a e tulialo eseese"

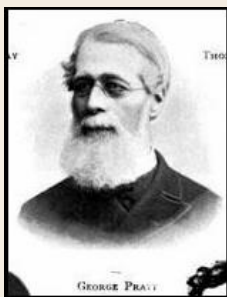
(*One people, but many and differing opinions*).

"Ua 'a'au, 'a'au taunu'u i le nu'u o le 'Ape"
(*An undertaking that is irksome whilst the issue was doubtful, but ends in success*).

"Ia ululu matāfolau"

(*applied to the work of the Holy Spirit, to go from heart to heart*).

"E lutia i Puava, 'a e mapu i Fagalele."
(*Puava is the oceans and storms we travel through in life, and Fagalele is the resting place of sandy shores and calm in the heavens*).



Member Spotlight *Mrs. Rosemarie Donahue*

Mrs. Rosemarie Kemmerer Donahue, whom we lovingly know as Rosie, was born on July 24, 1934, in her hometown village of Malaloa, American Samoa. Back then the hospital was located in Malaloa before LBJ in Faga'alu was built and Rosie's childhood home was right down the road. Rosie and her three older brothers were raised by their grandmother Felesita Fuga Jewett. Growing up, Rosie attended St. Francis of Atu'u, St. Theresa of Leone, and Lepua all-girls school. After the passing of her grandmother, 15 year old Rosie and two of her brothers moved to Boone, Iowa to be with their parents in 1949. Marriage took Rosie to Los Angeles, Samoa, and then settled in San Diego with her family in 1974. Rosie is lovingly surrounded by 6 children and 27 grand and great grandchildren. Rosie worked with a few companies to include her cousin Gus Betham's company, Cubic as an inspector, American Residential, and Spring Valley Senior Resource Center. Rosie retired from the workforce in 2000. Rosie's favorite past time prior to the pandemic was playing bingo and was a long time patron of our church bingo. Rosie became an official member of our church in 2010 and we praise God for the joy and love she brings to our church family. You'll be tickled to learn of the following fun facts about our spotlight member: Fun fact #1: Growing up in Samoa under the guardianship of her grandmother, Rosie was on track to become a nun of the Catholic Church but with the passing of her grandmother, that plan did not come to fruition as God had other plans in store for Rosie. Fun fact #2: In the mid 50s, Rosie was a member of the Los Angeles Thundebirds Roller Derby team (LA T-Birds). It was an aggressive sport and women would fight, push, shove and throw each other over the roller rink wall. And petite little Rosie was in the thick of it. Rosie told her story of her roller derby days with a big smile and proudly showed her disjointed elbow from being thrown over the wall. Rosie's golden advice to everyone is to do what it takes to get healthy and stay healthy so you can enjoy life with your loved ones.

FSCCCSD Little Lambs

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3John 1:4

What does "Jesus Christ" mean to you?

- Pray!
-Mason Anesi Korias-Salazar, 4 years old
- Love. Because I love Jesus.
-Joel Tuimaleali'ifano, 6 years old
- Everything. Everything I do is for Him.
- Alex Tusitala, 16 years old
- Jesus Christ to me means all the good things and blessings in life.
- Jacob Brown-Roe, 16 years old



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

- 1st: (lil)Lima Savaiinaea
- 3rd: Matthew Porter
- 5th: Tim Niumata
- 11th: Muaifofo Osoimalo
- 12th: Vanessa Perry
- 17th: Toaga Perry
- 19th: Lelana Letuli
- 19th: Cali Niumata
- 20th: Isabella Solaita
- 26th: Jerica Tuimaleali'ifano
- 27th: Oliva Auimatagi II
- 29th: Liva Solomuli
- 29th: Junior Solomuli
- 29th: Simalu Auimatagi

Email your birthday to fscsdsd@gmail.com to include in future Connect issues..

In His Service...

Auā o lana lava galuega i tatou, na faia i tatou ia Keriso Iesu, in ia faia galuega lelei, na saunia anamua e le Atua, ina ia tatou savavali ai.
Efeso 2:10

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sanctuary Cleaning Schedule



- 9/5: Charles Solaita
- 9/12: Apelu Johnson
- 9/19: Komisi Savaiinaea
- 9/26: Irene Falu

Note: Please make arrangements if you need to swap weekends with a fellow church mate and then notify the Secretary. The complete cleaning schedule for 2021 can be found on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.

Looking Ahead At October:

- 10/3: Matavai Maeva
- 10/10: Sunday School
- 10/17: Matthew Porter
- 10/24: Lagituaiva Ugaitafa
- 10/31: Victor Pinones

CHURCH WALKING GROUP
BACK IN MOTION
Saturdays 6:30am-7:30am
FITNESS & FELLOWSHIP
COME JOIN US!

Choir Practices

Come join us and offer your voice and talents to the Lord

Chancel Choir Pese: Sat at 10am
Youth Choir Pese: Thurs at 6:30pm

SING TO THE Lord
PSALM 149:1

Bingo Squares Annual Church Fundraiser

Event Date: 9/4/2021 at 12pm (FB Live on the Church page)

!!!We're in the final days to get our bingo squares sold, funds collected and turned in!!!
Please Venmo our Treasurer @Mele-Tafao with a comment of "Bingo Squares".

Got questions or want to purchase a square? Contact the Secretary, Siatu'u Eli at 619-534-5666 or email at tuueli@cox.net.

Officers will be in the hall collect sheets and funds on Friday 9/3 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

\$20 per Square

Grand \$5000 • 2nd \$3000 • 3rd \$2000 • 4th-5th \$1000 • 6th-9th \$500 • 10th \$1000

Proceeds will go towards our solar initiative and other church projects.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday School Upcoming Events...

"LOTU TAMAITI / CHILDREN'S SUNDAY"

Sunday, October 10th 9:30am
Lotu Tamaiti Prep Schedule

***Sunday at 8:30am and 3:00pm**

***Every Tuesday and Friday beginning 9/7 at 6:30pm**

****Please Note: There is NO PRACTICE on Friday 17 September****

(Please let the Superintendent know if your family has prepared a recitation, song, dance for Lotu Tamaiti).

"OUTDOOR EVENING TO CHILL WITH GREAT COMPANY"

Sunday, October 10th 5:00pm
Come join the Sunday School in an outdoor **Movie Night** right here on the Fanua, as we celebrate our Children and another Lotu Tamaiti / White Sunday Worship completed!!
Hot Chocolate, Koko Alaisa, Popcorn and Smores.
Bring your outdoor chairs, blanket or something warm and a great attitude.

"HARVEST FESTIVAL / BAZAAR / FUN & GAMES"

Saturday, October 30th 1:00pm to 5:00pm
(Church Grounds)
Heaps of fun booths for the children, even adults.
Dress up the kids in their favorite Bible Character / Super Hero / Character.
Prizes for Best Costume.
We welcome the help of Parents to set up or host a booth.

~Superintendent
Tuitogama'atoe Solomon.

"NIGHT OF CAROLS" Saturday, December 18th at 4pm

The Sunday School will be going around the homes of our Church family to sing Carols this year. If you are interested in taking part, please let us know or ask us how you can help.

CHURCH PROJECTS LIST

Below is our running list of Church projects. Thank you to those who have funded some of the projects, your gift is received with a grateful heart. For more information on the projects please contact Tulia Tafao, Vice Mod and Chairman of the Grounds Committee. at fscccsd@gmail.com.

Project	Estimated Cost	Funded?	Date Project Completed
Fence Repairs	\$400	Funding received, thank you!	
Church Carpet Cleaning	\$400	Funding received, thank you!	6/18/2021
Security Gate	\$10,000	Funding received, thank you!	7/3/2021
Hall Kitchen Oven	\$8,000 (estimate)		
16 Security Cameras	\$8,000		
Property Perimeter Fence	\$90,000 (estimate)		
8 Church Stained Glass Window Repair	\$6,000 each	Funding recieved for 1 window, thank you!	
Solar	Balance of \$62,000	Church Fundraiser/ additional \$1500 donation received, thank you!	

FSCCCSD 'AU TALAVOU Plate Sale Fundraiser Saturday, 9/25/21 \$15/plate

MENU INCLUDES: CHICKEN, CHOP SUEY, SAUSAGE, RICE, POTATO SALAD, BOTTLE WATER, AND A SLICE OF HOMEMADE CAKE

Place your order on the 'Au Talavou Facebook page or contact one of the officers. Thank you for your support!



CHURCH BINGO IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED...
...as passed by the Congregation in the monthly Church meeting on 7/11/21. Click [here](#) to read the full memo.

Support and Resources

Kingdom Work

At the end of every month, we donate the plate offering from collected from the month to a Mission. God bless your giving for missions local and around the world.

Mission Giving:

July 2021 – Hosanna Industries
\$1232.00 gifted.

August 2021 – Mission School of Hope in Cameroon
\$1150.00 gifted.

September 2021 – Seafarer's Friend (will announce in October's issue)

Click [here](#) to visit the Missions page on our website.



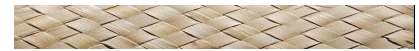
FISH TO FAMILIES
Free Meal Distribution for ALL in need

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If your family or any families you know could benefit from receiving these meals, please contact Rev. Solomona by 2pm on Tuesdays.



A Comedy Show by Aspire Women's Events is in San Diego! Come join us for an evening of fellowship and laughter on September 10th. Group ticket rate is \$20.00. Contact Tinā for ticket arrangements.



Our Church Membership and their Businesses.

Some of our Church Family have their own Businesses/Services that are available to help our Congregation if the need arises...

(email fsccsd@gmail.com to include your Business/Service information in future Connect issues)

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Bible Teacher **MARY SHANNON**

Music by **MIA KOEHNE**

1 night - 3 hours
Just for Women
An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music

FRIDAY SEPT. 10, 2021

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7:00PM SHOW
6:30PM GA DOORS OPEN
6:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

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*If order includes adult entry for professional seating and Q&A sessions with all the speakers and artists.

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SETEMA / SEPTEMBER 2021

ASO SA/ Sunday	ASO GAFUA/ Monday	ASO LUA/ Tuesday	ASO LULU/ Wednesday	ASO TOFI/ Thursday	ASO FARAILE Friday	ASO TO'ANA'I Saturday
			1  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	2 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou / Youth Choir.	3	4 *8.00am: Prayer Mtg.  10am: 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir. **12.00pm: BINGO SQUARES DRAWING**
5 ASO SA TALA LELEI / Gospel Sunday  8.30am: *Sunday Sch.* 10.00am: O Le Fa'amanatuga/ Communion. 3.00pm: Lotu Tamaiti / White Sunday Practice.	6 	7 Meeting 6.00pm: Church Officers. 6.30pm: Lotu Tamaiti / Children's Sunday Practice.	8  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	9 Meeting 6.00pm: Board of Directors. 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou / Youth Choir.	10 6.30pm: Lotu Tamaiti / Children's Sunday Practice.	11 *8.00am:  Prayer Mtg. *10am: 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir.
12 8.30am: *Sunday Sch.* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. *Church Mtg* 3.00pm: Lotu Tamaiti / White Sunday Practice.	13	14 6.30pm: Lotu Tamaiti / Children's Sunday Practice.	15  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	16 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou / Youth Choir.	17 *7.00pm: 'Au Talavou Fellowship* (Hall)	18 *8.00am:  Prayer Mtg. *10am: 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir.
19 8.30am: *Sunday Sch.* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. *Lafoga / Maintenance Offering* 3.00pm: Lotu Tamaiti / White Sunday Practice.	20	21 6.30pm: Lotu Tamaiti / Children's Sunday Practice.	22  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	23 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou / Youth Choir. 7.30pm: Praise Team.	24 6.30pm: Lotu Tamaiti / Children's Sunday Practice.	25 *8.00am:  Prayer Mtg. 10am: 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir. ***Au Talavou Plate Sale Fundraiser 12pm-1:30pm**
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