



FBCD's Ignite Youth Groups' Hottest Stories & Updates!

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God Forgives... And So Should You

By: Andrea Barajas

God forgives...and So Should You

Think back to the last time you held a grudge against someone, whether it was because your sister was being rude to you or your friend betrayed you. At that moment, you were probably very disgruntled (outraged and sad at the same time.) You may have felt as if you couldn't forgive them, but God says differently.

He says so in Matthew 18:21-22, "Then Peter came up and said to him, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"

Jesus is explaining to Peter that although his brother sinned against him, he should forgive him, as we are mere humans that sadly make mistakes. We aren't perfect. Adam and Eve are evidence of that. Ever since evil overcame us, we cannot do anything but forgive those who have sinned against us. If God can forgive us billions of times after sinning so much towards Him, then we can forgive our species for all the hate towards us. This month, attempt to forgive and forget .

Blessings and love,

Andrea Barajas

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Remembering Christ

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Hey All!

I pray that you are doing well and that you have been reminded of how much you are loved. Last month, several of our leaders made time to INTENTIONALLY reconnect with God through the BE STILL SATURDAY at Biola University. Several in our group served God through our monthly BEACON LIGHT MISSION trip. We had our annual AGAPE FEAST, and were able to partner up with other ministries and churches for a COMMUNITY NIGHT OF WORSHIP. A small team also went out to serve for a JILL'S HOUSE WEEKEND ADVENTURE.

This month, our focus is on taking this idea that we are intentionally loved and going deeper to understand what we do with that love. We'll be looking at the importance of service, connecting together and how Christ fits into all of our lives. Easter is an incredible opportunity to INTENTIONALLY remember and commemorate who Christ is, all that He offers and what that can mean for our lives.

In this issue, Andrea starts us off talking about the importance of forgiveness. On one hand, we forgive because God tells us to. But the forgiveness we show goes beyond a simple command. We forgive because of the forgiveness that Christ shows to us. God gives us grace. The definition of grace from Webster's dictionary describes grace as "unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration or sanctification ." A simpler way to put it might be that we are given better and beyond what we deserve.

Romans 5:6-8 says:

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ESV)

Easter is a time where we not only remember that God loves us, Christ died for us, and Christ rose from the dead. Because He rose from the dead, there is power and authority in what He did. With Christ being able to do that, we can be confident what we believe is true. We can believe the promises Christ gave. And with that, we can know we can have a relationship with God, God can forgive us, and we can be a part of Christ's Family. We'll talk more about this on March 23rd. If you have any friends you would like to hear about what God has for them, and what that can mean for their lives, this would be a great time to bring them.

One of the specials we will have this month will include hearing from a Director from *Child Evangelism Fellowship* about showing our love through service. We will also enjoy a random POOL PARTY, have an opportunity to serve both our community as well as our church family in a WORK DAY. Some of our group will be doing a drama piece in the main services. Middle Schoolers will have an opportunity to connect and enjoy a MOVIE NIGHT. Due to Spring break, we will be taking Wed, March 30, off.

If you have any questions about any of this, or just in general, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Eager to serve you better,

Jackson

FBCD Student Ministries Pastor

Reviewing Past Events

Do you have an eye for photos?

Submit your pictures of the youth group and special events.



Be Still



Reviewing Past Events

Agape Feast

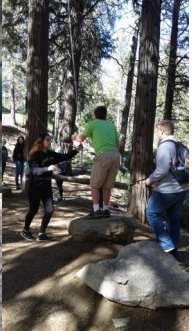
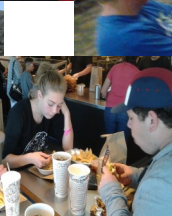
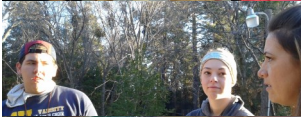


Reviewing Past Events

Agape Feast






Jill's House



FBCD Student Ministries Upcoming Events
March 2016

Get additional Details at FBCDowney.com

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| <p>Saturday March 5th</p> <p>Beacon Light Mission</p> <p>5:45 pm </p> <p>Meet in front of the gym</p> | <p>Wednesday March 9th</p> <p>Leader Meeting</p> <p>5pm</p> <p>Rm 214</p> | <p>Wednesday March 9th</p> <p>Pool Party </p> <p>6-8:30 PM @ Frometa's</p> <p>Bring towel, swimsuit, food to share and a friend!</p> |
| <p>Saturday, March 19</p> <p>Work Day </p> <p>7:30 am—3 pm</p> <p>Meet in front of the gym</p> | <p>Friday March 25</p> <p>Middle School Movie Night </p> <p>6 pm</p> <p>Meet in front of the gym</p> | <p>March 28—April 2</p> <p>Rainbow Acres Mission Trip</p> <p>\$100 Per Person</p> <p>Contact the Church Office</p> |

Dates to Save

Apr 2 Beacon Light Apr 6—Game Night Apr 8-9 YS Team Training Apr 13 Leader Meeting
Apr 15-17 Family Camp Apr 22-23 Planet Wisdom Apr 30 Leader Summit May 13-15 Jill's House

YOUR Article Could Be Here!

We are looking for

- Short stories • Devotionals • Your questions • Your memories (past events) Photos / Artwork

It does not have to be long. (Or it can be as long as you would like.) We are looking for a minimum of two paragraphs.

You can look up a passage of Scripture and share about what God is teaching you.

Share about your stories, your struggles and your dreams.

We want to give you options as well as opportunity.

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY!

Send submissions to
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Community Night of Worship



Together in worship



Sharing a story



A time of fellowship



Representing over 7 Downey ministries



Dates to Save in 2016

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| Feb 28 | Guitar/Drum Lessons / Tech Meeting and Drama Practice (2 pm) |
| Mar 5 | Beacon Light Mission (Opportunity to serve) Please arrive by 5:45 pm. |
| Mar 6 | Adult Leader Meeting 12-1 (Lunch is included) |
| Mar 6 | Guitar/Drum Lessons / Tech Meeting and Drama Practice (2 pm) |
| Mar 9 | Student Leader Meeting (5 pm) |
| Mar 9 | Pool Party (6—8:30 pm) |
| Mar 19 | Youth Work Day (Meet at the church 7:30 am) |
| Mar 20 | Youth Drama Team in both Services |
| Mar 25 | Middle School Movie Night (Meet at 6 pm) |
| Mar 26 | Easter Extravaganza |
| March 29– Apr 2 | Rainbow Acres Missions Trip |
| Apr 2 | Beacon Light |
| Apr 6 | Game Night |
| Apr 8-9 | YS Team Training |
| Apr 13 | Leader Meeting |
| Apr 15-17 | Family Camp |
| April 22-23 | Planet Wisdom |
| April 29-30 | CMTA (Adult leader option) |
| April 30 | Student Leadership Training Summit (Adult/Student leader option) |
| May 7 | Beacon Light Mission |
| May 13-15 | Jill's House Mission Trip 2 1 (\$50 Per Person—Leaving at 3:30 pm) |
| May 19-21 | UYWI (Leader option \$150) |
| July 3-8 | Middle School Camp |
| July 11-15 | VBS |
| July 17-22 | HS Camp |
| Dec 3-5 | Jill's House Mission Trip 3 1 (\$50 Per Person—Leaving at 3:30 pm) |



An Easter Word Search

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Alive Angel Christ Cross Buried Forgiveness Freedom Good News Grace Healed Jerusalem
 Jesus Life Miracle Power Redeemed Resurrection Righteous Risen Salvation Saved
 Third Day Tomb Trust Witnesses

Getting to Know You

Over the next several issues, we will be making space to get to know different people in our youth group.

What are some of the things that you are interested in getting to know about people?

Favorite Color?

Favorite TV Show/Movie?

Favorite Verse?

Best Memory?

When did they begin their relationship with Christ?

What has God been teaching them lately?

What is the toughest thing God has helped them to overcome?

How many people are in their family?

Do they have any pets?

These are just a handful of questions.
Who would you like to hear more about?
What would you like to know?

Let us know!

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Submission Options **2016 Updated Submission Topics and Themes**

April—Spring, Growth, Spring Cleaning (Due Mar 27)

May—Mom, Beauty, Nature (Due Apr 24)

June—Dad, Graduation, Fire, Summer (Due May 27)

July—Freedom, Country Patriotism (Due June 22)

August—Fellowship, Fun, Rest (Due July 24)

September—School, Learning, Change (Due Aug 28)

To submit pictures or articles for next month contact
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Projects for you, your family or your friends

Journal Entries

On your own, answer the following:

- What/Who you were before Christ?
- What drew you to Christ?
- How did you begin your relationship with Christ?
- What has changed since you began your relationship with Christ?
- How can you describe yourself now IN Christ?

Discussion Topics

With family or friends, discuss the following:

- What changes can you notice in your lives because of Christ?
- What are some things you really appreciate about Christ and why?
- What are some things you can do to help each other in your relationship with Christ?
- What are some things you can pray for?

Art Options

- Create a mural (alone or together)
- Sculpt, draw, paint, or carve something that can help you remember the first Easter

Easter Haikus

By Jackson Fong

Cold, Dark, Quiet Pain
 Stopped at the OPEN tomb
 He IS RISEN—JOY

So Lost and Alone
 Received God's Salvation
 Brought into FAMILY

Dejected in Sin
 Accepted Christ as Savior
 Progressing in HOPE

Wounded, Abused
 Supernatural Healing
 Empowered to Thrive

Life without purpose
 Met with the one Messiah
 A Brand NEW CALLING

So Many Failings
 INTERVENTION by CHRIST JESUS
 Forgiven to LIVE

Ignored and LEFT BEHIND
 Christ INTENTIONALLY Calls
 NO LONGER alone

Arrogantly sure
 REWORKED by the SON of GOD
 CHANGE of perspective

Even with your DOUBTS
 God calls to you in His LOVE
 You can join the Fam

For what to do NEXT
 Ask, Believe, Confess, and Change
 Christ will Bless and Lead

Remember God's Love
 Christ is RISEN and ALIVE
 Choose to LIVE and SHARE