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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Jesus Juan Gonzalez
"Jesse"



Greetings/Saludos, New Covenant Fellowship of Austin!



A few minutes before starting the April 23rd Worship Service, I learned from Dr. Rick Young, CEO of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, that he visited with Pastor James Lee here at NCFA three days before his passing on Friday, May 6th last year, and the two agreed on scheduling a visit like the one Rick just did for us. As it is for almost all of you who were closer to him, these days are kind of a *countdown* to the first anniversary of his *Calling to Heaven* and the memorable *Homecoming Celebration for the Life of James Hickson Lee* at Shoreline Church on May 17, 2016.

I was at The Mercy Center in St. Louis, Missouri, completing my *Transitional Minister* training that Friday morning when the sad news broke out through social media, and I just could not believe it, nor could I have had any idea that seven months later I would start serving at NCFA over this critical transitional time.

The task ahead is great indeed, and this first anniversary is an opportunity to recommit our efforts to keep advancing both the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as Pastor Lee's vision for the mission of NCFA.

Peace/Paz/Shalom:
Pastor Jesse

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- ⇒ Pastor Jesse gives praise for his sister's health! There is no cancer! Praise the Lord! She has been cancer free for four years. Also, praise for his mother-in-law's 90th birthday. Lift up travel mercies to and from Arkansas to see his son Obed's art exhibit at the museum.
- ⇒ Lift up Doug S. for recovery from hospitalization for kidney stones.
- ⇒ Kathy T's daughters will both be moving back to Austin! Lift up whatever that means.
- ⇒ Praise the Lord for the blessing of Arden coming through a successful heart surgery. Lift up her continued recovery. She is home and admiring her "zip-line".
- ⇒ Lift up Hospice workers and patients, especially those who find a new and/or renewed relationship to the Lord and their families. Miracles happen. Joy and beauty can be found even in difficult circumstances. Praise the Lord!
- ⇒ Praise God for NCF and its support for Workers to Work. Another young man has a car to support his working.
- ⇒ Lift up the love of Ellis's life for turning 29 again! Happy Birthday Lucy.
- ⇒ Praise for Kimberley's mother's mission to Ethiopia receiving surprise funding of \$10,000 to start church plants across Ethiopia. Lift up Kimberley's health so she can go to Ethiopia to participate in the church planting. Lift up NCF for growth, new members, growth, finances, outreach, evangelism, growth and God's favor.
- ⇒ Lift up Debbie and Zach who are finally on their honey-moon to Tokyo seven months after their wedding.
- ⇒ Lift up Bradley H. for resolutions to the troubles of this past week. May he feel God's presence, love, and plans.
- ⇒ Praise for Angel becoming an official teen-ager!
- ⇒ Praise for Jane Circle's wonderful study on Saturday.
- ⇒ Thanks for wonderful sermon this morning.



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N C F A SUNDAY MORNINGS

NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 30th

*Pastor Jesus "Jesse" Gonzalez
Children's Sermon-Elder Mary Mojica*



NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:15am

**We would love to have you and your family come
share in the CELEBRATION OF
THE GOOD NEWS!**

**We are worshipping in the Fellowship Hall
of Genesis Presbyterian Church on the Wilshire Campus
starting at 10:15 a.m.**

**New Covenant Fellowship of Austin PC(U.S.A.) is a
racially diverse community informed by the Bible,
empowered by the Holy Spirit, and motivated to share God's love
with all. In response to God's love, we are called to equip disciples
to faithfully serve, to encourage seekers to joyfully commit, and to
implore all to
worship our Lord, as we love our neighbors,
grow in grace, and live by faith.**

Real Church...
Real People...
Real Simple...

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A Special



*To Rev. Dr. Rick Young,
Who blessed us on April 23rd,
with his message
“Feeling Blessed – Not So Much!”*

Psalm 150

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! ²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! ³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Matthew 5:1-13

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

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NCFA'S ANNUAL

Mother's Day Tea

& SWEET TREATS

Sunday Morning

May 14, 2017

-before church in the kitchen-

Tacos & Ties

NCFA

Father's Day Fiesta

SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

~before church en la cocina~

Salud!

Bring your appetite

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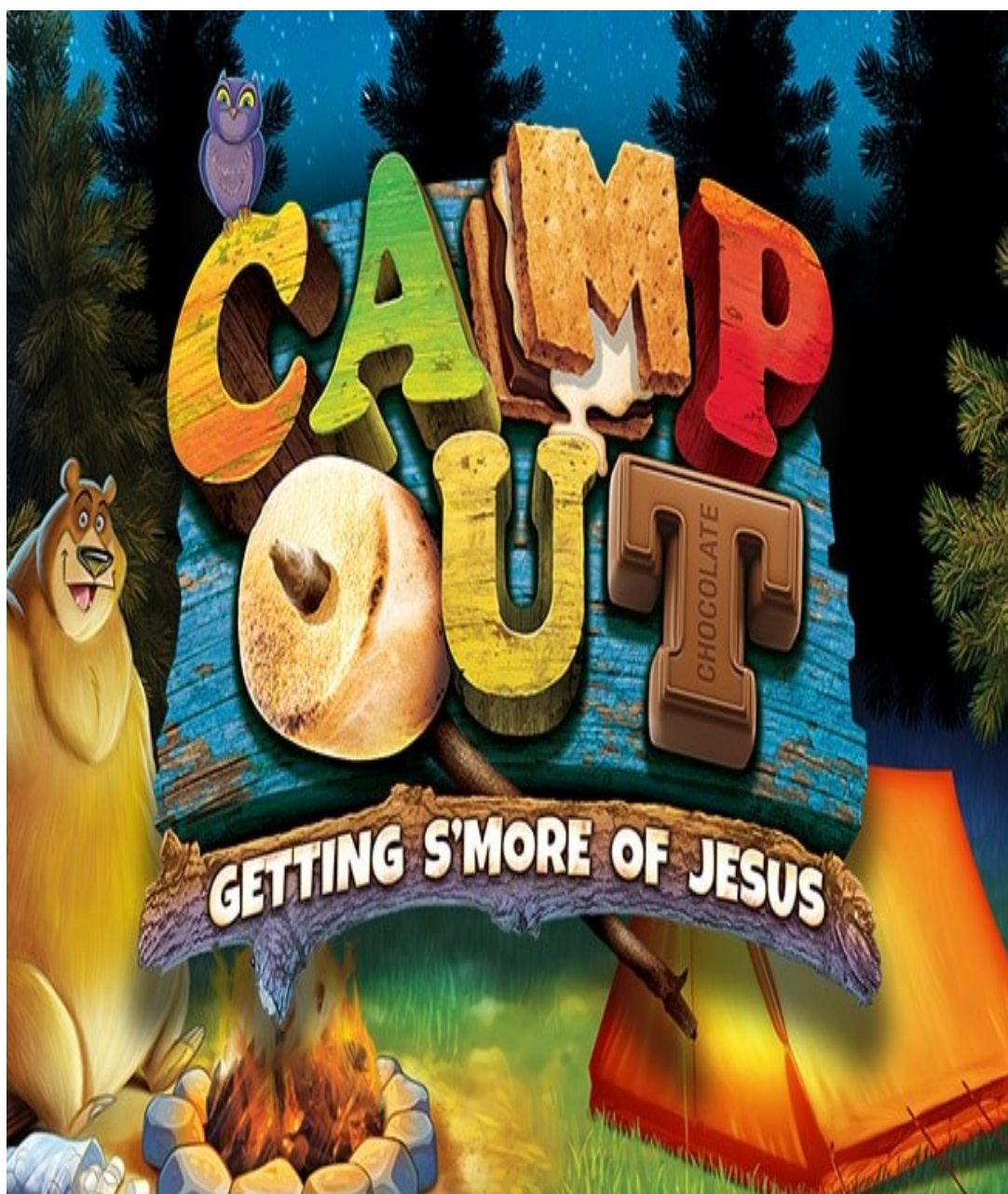
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SAVE THE DATE!!

JUNE 16-18
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JUNE 16-18



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Team Leaders

Patricia and Doug Caroom

AJ DeLafuente

Pastor John Wanyonyi

TOPOSA PRAYER CALENDAR April 26-May 9

Toposa villages where we are working. Please pray fervently for God's power to be revealed and for them to choose to step out of witchcraft. Rukuk, Rengkoi, Lotiir

Packing and preparing for mission trip.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

April 26. Depart USA for Kapoeta flying via Amsterdam to Nairobi.

Prayers for all the cargo to arrive safely in Nairobi. Prayers for team's health to remain strong.

April 27 Arrival Nairobi. Short night rest at Missionary Guest House

April 28 Mission flights to Kapoeta, South Sudan. Orientation with team leaders.

April 29. Church planting training with Toposa Team.

Prayers for Clear presentation of the Gospel and that community leaders will pray to accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

Exodus 14:13-14 "Moses to the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. ...The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.'"

April 30 Sunday. Toposa Worship! Best WORSHIP ever! Singing and Praising God!

Psalms 100 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise."

Pray as God draws new Believers to Himself.

April 30 - May 7 Camping with Toposa teams in villages Rukuk, Rengkoi, Lotiir

God protect us. Good weather for travel days. Prayers for translators. God bless us to communicate His Word clearly with His Power.

Villages saturated in witchcraft. Only through prayer can these bonds to satan be broken.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT) We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

Discipleship of New Believers. Establish new Bible Story Groups

Jesus Film shown at night. Pray that many will come to Know Him.

Community Transformation introduced in the villages. God reveal CT leaders and teams.

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God has a plan to restore His Toposa who are starving, sick and immersed in witchcraft.
Jeremiah 29:11-14

Moringa Tree training. God bless the seeds we are bringing to the village. May the Toposa experience God's love and blessing from the bounty of these trees He has created to help them.

May 7 Afternoon return to Kapoeta. Wrap up and prayers with Toposa leaders. God give us your words of encouragement for the Toposa leaders to follow up with new Believers and new churches. Ephesians 3:20

May 8 Depart Kapoeta for USA via Nairobi and Amsterdam. Safe travel and make connections.

Followups. The Church Planters who are students will return to their schools in various towns near Kapoeta. Pray that they will plant reproducing Bible Story groups in their schools.
For those students going to school in Kapoeta that they will use weekends to Disciple the new Believers.

For the MANY new Believers that God has reached: That they will hold firm to their New Life in Christ and establish and reproduce Bible Story Groups in their villages.

Rest for the Pastor John Wanyonyi May the Kenyan churches be generous in the support of his family.

New Believers and Leaders in the villages will grow in the Lord and reach others.

God bless you for your faithfulness in prayer. To God be the Glory.



**Pastor Wanyonyi Family
Emmanuel, John, Josiah,
Esther, Dan, Cynthia**

**God bless and protect
them.**



**Our Joy Toposa
Church
Planters**

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Spring Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Wednesday May 10, 2017

10:30am

\$10 cost for lunch.

Café Justo

Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. They market a pure, organic coffee which is grown, harvested and marketed in the spirit of justice. Our goal is to provide incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

Orders will be arranged through NCFA's Evangelism Committee. Please see Caly Fernández to place an order. Coffee is available in 1 and 5 pound bags. The cost of a 1 pound bag is \$10.00 and a 5 pound bag is \$ 40.00. Dark roast, medium roast and decaf are available in ground or whole beans. Coffee will be delivered biweekly to NCFA.



**Contact Caly to make your
purchase today!**

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Friends, we need your help. We are our best when we serve together. Please consider ways you can help our ministry leaders and ministries.

**Coming together is a
beginning;
keeping together is
progress;
working together is
success.**

Henry Ford



FOOD PANTRY AVAILABLE TO ALL



The New Covenant Fellowship Deacons are now providing a free to all food pantry each Sunday. This is to help anyone who needs a little help in the obtaining of groceries. The table at the back of the church will have canned goods and other non-perishable food each Sunday. If you or anyone you know needs some help with groceries, please feel free to partake of the items available.

If you are able to donate food items to this table, please feel free to do so and bless you for your contribution. Paper bags with handles are also needed and if you have extra ones of these, please put them on this new food table.



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APRIL

- 1st Matthew Castilleja
- 2nd Justin Wallace
- 4th Gemma Munoz
- 6th Jhaliah J'nae Edwards
- Alida Tallman
- 11th Kayla Zajicek
- 12th Pastor Jesse Gonzalez
- 13th Abigail Iris Longino
- 15th J.T. Longino
- 16th Kofi Vida-Torku
- 18th Aquanetta Hicks
- 22nd Wonho Shin
- 24th Lucy Oglesby
- 25th Angel Mojica
- Lydia Marion
- 28th Saul Cortez

MAY

- 4th Anayah Mojica
- 5th Said Bohn-Hall
- 10th Dexter Lee, Sr.
- 11th Placid Unegbu
- Dana Williams
- 13th Mallorie Muñoz
- 16th Caly Fernandez
- Kathryn Aldas
- 17th Luke Oglesby
- 20th Fortune Unegbu
- 21st Philippe (Jimmy) Bohn
- Robert Booth
- 26th Lillie Daniels
- Dexter Lee, Jr. (DJ)
- Margaret Spinks
- 28th Alex Hernandez
- 31st Pam Nemir

APRIL AND MAY

Session Members

***Rev. Jesus (Jesse) Gonzalez**
Interim Moderator

***Elder Nikkie Shubitz**
Clerk of Session

***Elder Oliver Smith**
Administration & Personnel

*** Elder Zaira Amado**
Buildings & Grounds

***Elder Randy Mojica**
Children and Youth

***Elder George Washington IV**
Discipleship & Men's/Women's Ministry

***Elder Mary Jo Mojica**
Finance & Stewardship

***Elder Robert Booth**
Congregational Life/
Lay Ministry

***Elder Kimberly Hall**
Missions/Evangelism

***Elder Viola Lee**
Worship & Membership

Deacons

Ulysses Cox
Rey Mojica
Ashley Phillips
Scott Phillips
Cathy Trifiro

30th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Family– Friendly Sunday

Youth Led Worship

9-10am Adult Sunday School

9:45am Praise Team Rehearsal

10:15am Worship at Wilshire Blvd.

Pastor Jesse Gonzalez, preaching
Baptism: Bennett Michael Longino
Children's Sermon-Elder Mary Mojica
Sunday School—Nursery & Ages 3-5
(Rm. 1)

2nd

6:30pm Men's Bible Study-Dinner
7:00pm Bible Study

3rd

5:30pm Worship, Lay Ministry/
Congregational Life; and
Mission & Evangelism
committees meet

6:30pm Fellowship Dinner
7:00pm Bible Study

7th

4th Sunday of Easter

9-10am Adult Sunday School

9:45am Praise Team Rehearsal

10:15am Worship at Wilshire Blvd.

Pastor Jesse Gonzalez, preaching
Sunday School—Nursery & Ages 3-5
(Rm. 1); Grades 1-5 (Rm. 7); and Jun-
ior/Senior High (Pastor's Office)

12:30pm Sessions Meets in Kitchen
Deacons meet in Pastor's Office