

Communities of Joy!

Southern California Mission Center

August 2003



So Cal Mission Center Reunion Draws 215

Our first reunion as Southern California Mission Center saw 215 happy campers of all ages sharing a week with the president of our church, Grant McMurray, at Camp Buckhorn in the mountains near Idyllwild, with perfect weather, great worship, and good food. We felt the spirit of peace and community throughout the week, with everyone pitching in.

Brother Grant preached on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, taught the adult class most of the week, spent time with the youth classes, read a story to the nursery children, and still found time to chat with almost everybody.

Talent Night was filled with applause and laughter as many provided entertainment for the crowd. At the conclusion of the evening, Sterling Respass gave a slideshow of photos taken

during the earlier part of the week of reunion. Sterling also worked with several groups on his specialty, "Family Financial Planning."

Other highlights included a class taught by Sharon Troyer on "Enneagram" personality traits, morning prayer and testimony services led by Craig Crownover, and movie night with popcorn, pizza, and licorice. Sunday evening ended with a musical concert by the group "Four in Faith," from the San Diego area. Paul Davis, our Mission Center President, brought the closing message for reunion and taught some of the adult classes. The week ended with the

baptism and confirmation of Linda Peters, a worker at Camp Buckhorn. Next time you are at Buckhorn, say hello to her.

Submitted by Tom & Tonia Cooper, Reunion Directors



Jr High Camp

Anaheim Angels

Center for Christian Ministries
Temple City
August 14-17

Catalina Island

Cost: \$80.00

Scholarships available. Please register by August 9 with
Terry Norwood, 29830 Cabo del Oeste, Highland, CA 92346
Call Terry for info at 909-863-9849

La Nueva Esperanza Attends SMC Reunion

La Nueva Esperanza attended the first weekend of the Southern California Mission Center Reunion as a congregation, to worship with Brother Grant McMurray and the Saints of our mission center. Around 15 members were able to attend and enjoyed the mixers on Saturday night and the classes and sharing in the worship service on Sunday. They returned to their homes on Sunday night. Sergio and Sesar Juarez and Linda Espiritu Santo spent the week at reunion working with the children. It was a very rewarding experience.

Returning home, the work of the YPC continued on Saturday as the youth gathered on 35^s Street to do cleanup work. The challenge of community service continues to be a major part of the congregational purpose. The members of YPC seem to always be ready and waiting to come together and work in the neighborhood.

We also continue to prepare for the 8^s annual Hispanic Retreat at Buckhorn over the Labor Day Weekend, August 30 thru September 1. This year the camp will be directed by Sergio Juarez, Gina Norton, and Linda Espiritu Santo. There will be classes, recreation, worship, and fun beginning Saturday at 1 pm and ending Monday at 12 noon. We would like to invite all who are interested to attend and enjoy the weekend with us.

Submitted by Linda Espiritu Santo

Costa Mesa Pancake Breakfast

The Costa Mesa Congregation is having its annual pancake breakfast on August 9th from 8:00 - 11:00. Join us for breakfast and conversation. If you plan to attend please call Tonia Cooper at 714-847-1148.

CHILDREN'S CAMP AT BUCKHORN



Buckhorn Camp
August 9-12
Children 1st-6th grade
(Call Wynn Maile for
information at 909-657-5879
or mailebox2@aol.com)

Cost: \$100.00

Scholarships available. All registrations must be in by August 4 to
Tonia Cooper, 6441 Meadow Crest Dr, Huntington Beach 92647-5575

Upcoming Events

Aug 9-12
Aug 14-17
Sept 13
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Children's Camp at Buckhorn
Junior/Senior High Camp at Temple City
Temple School: Intro to Caring Ministries
Temple School: The Elder

Sept 13 Basic First Aid/CPR class
Sept 20 Temple School: Intro to Understanding Scripture
Oct 4 Temple School: Aaronic Ministry of Presence