

This is what's up

Sunday School Update

Join us every Sunday for Sunday School around 10:30am to learn more about the Bible and God. Classes are for Pre-K to High School. Pre-K to Elementary school with Ms. Nitaya and Jr. High/High school with Ms. BJ.

Ms. BJ's Office Hours:

M-W 10:00am to 5:00pm

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Upcoming events this month:

- Cookie Walk Fundraiser
 - Night of Champions
- Sunday School "Sakura" (Cherry Blossom) practice w/ auntie Kiku
 - HS/College Fellowship

Summer Exploration 2026 "In the Right Place at the Right Time"

July 6th – July 19th

About a week ago, my kids Ally and Davy plus their cousins Hope, Joshua, and Zachary were together in a car when they realized that their tire was flat. Really flat. As in "there's no more tread on that tire so stop driving IMMEDIATELY" flat. So they pulled off to the side of the road. Fortunately, they were only a few blocks from our house. Unfortunately, my husband and I were not home but were on our way back from San Diego, more than an hour away from them.



Picture this: five kids, ages 14 to 23, stuck on the side of a road and not one with firsthand knowledge of how to change a tire. But they all had phones. Some Googled how to change a tire. Some took pictures of the tire. Some looked for the spare tire. Hope called her par-

ents to see if she had AAA. Meanwhile Ally called us (actually, her dad) because he had shown her how to change a tire before but she needed a refresher course.

You know what? It's *really hard to tell one kid how to change a tire over the phone when you can't see what's going on! Especially when she's relaying what you're saying to four other kids who are in various stages of active listening. How do you tell someone exactly where to put a car jack under a car when you can't point to the spot? It. Is. Frustrating!*

But then, long story short...I called my friends who live about two blocks away from where the kids were and Uncle Adam and Auntie Robyn were home! And they went to the rescue, getting there in about five minutes. Auntie said she's never seen a tire in such bad shape! After scolding them for driving on it, Uncle instructed the kids on using the jack and the spare tire was soon in place, no problem-o! Having someone knowledgeable there IN PERSON made all the difference!

Our theme for Summer Ex 2026 is "In the Right Place at the Right Time" with the Biblical examples of Joseph and Esther coming to mind. Many times in life we find ourselves in worrisome situations that challenge us, maybe even scare us because we don't know what to do. The stories of Joseph and Esther both offer us hope in the midst of our uncertainty and confusion. In their lives we can see divine guidance shaping their circumstances and leading them on paths where, eventually, they save not only their own lives but also the lives of their loved ones because they happen to be in the right place at the right time.

If you have a memorable story you'd like to share of you or someone else you know being in the right time at the right place, I'd love to hear it! You can tell it to me in person or contact me at sandralow.summerex@gmail.com.

If you know of any kids that can join us for July 6th to July 19th for Summer Ex 2026, any high schoolers or college students who would like to join our staff, or any adult volunteers who are willing and able to provide staff lunch or assist afterhours, feel free to let me or Ms. BJ know. Perhaps God has put you in the right place at the right time to guide people to our program this summer! — Ms. Sandra

Upcoming Events

April

- 2 Maundy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday @San Marino UCC
- 5 Easter Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt
- 25 The "Grateful in All Thing Tea"
- 26 H.S./College Fellowship

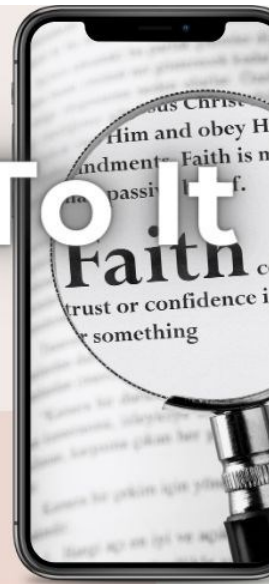
April Birthdays

- 1 Rumi Kwon
- 2 Grant Kawaharada
- 7 Gemma Iwata
- 13 Zora Phillips
- 13 Asa Phillips

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Easter Events