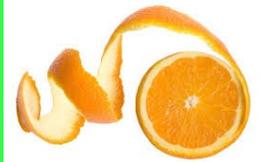


THE ORANGE PEEL



PROFILE: ANDREA PEREZ



Our church has had the good fortune to acquire a wonderful Children’s Ministry Director, Andrea Perez, who has returned from a one and a half year mission working at an orphanage in Haiti.

Andrea grew up in the Coachella Valley, moved to San Diego in 2011, and then to Haiti in 2014. When she was 13, Andrea heard a missionary speak at her church and knew then that it was God’s will that she follow suit. Since then, she has served in ministries all over the world.

Andrea’s hope is “to expand the OCC Children’s Ministry and to build a great volunteer group that has the same desire to serve the families of Escondido.” According to Andrea, “there are many ways someone could volunteer, Sunday mornings, outreach events, Teaching and much more.”

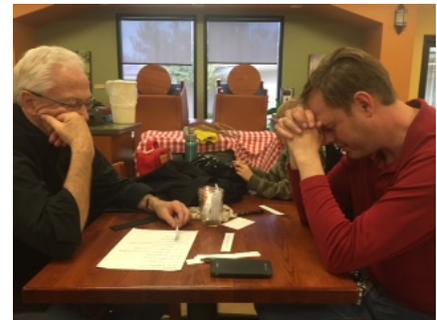
PRAISE, PRAYER, and PIE

Our second annual event was well-attended and provided an opportunity for our congregation to concentrate on and pray for the needs of our church and one another. The Holy Grounds Cafe was a cozy place to be — sharing prayer, conversation, and tasting fragrant pie in an extended family

CHRISTMAS TIME

At OCC, we share the belief that 2000+ years ago, God took a human form, lived on this earth, and walked in our sandals for a while. The implications of this event are enormous because through Jesus’ life and words, we were given a model of how to live our own lives. This is a big deal because, due to all Jesus said and did, I can attempt to transcend my own bad behavior. And you can bet this is worthy of celebration. But to know Him fully, one must believe the Gospel stories: God begat a human son and was willing to sacrifice Him in order to deliver *us* from our sins.

As for Christmas gifts - do not rush them and count them off as a chore, but may you



truly enjoy the gift-giving — like God does. And may you not choose generic gifts, devoid of individuality, but rather may you choose appropriate gifts, like the wise men did. (I checked on amazon.com and they actually sell affordable frankincense and myrrh!) And may my own family members read these words! Hope you enjoy your portion of His blessings and have a **Merry Christmas**, celebrating them.





PROFILE: AMANDA WAN

The worship team has added a keyboard player: Amanda Wan. Amanda has played classical piano since she was a child and now she gets to use her musical training at Orchard!

Amanda is presently studying to be an occupational therapist at the University of St. Augustine in San Marcos, where she hopes to specialize in children's therapy. She loves to travel everywhere and anywhere. Amanda is from Los Angeles but lives in Escondido due to its proximity to her school.

Welcome, Amanda!

Cookie Decorating Event

Bring your family out for a fun time that's filled with games, cookies, hot chocolate, prizes and more. This is a great opportunity for family togetherness and to bring someone that has never been to church. Join us in reaching people this Christmas Season. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, December 16th at Orange Glen High School, from 6:30-8pm.

Congratulations to Lara Gray on her new job as pre-school teacher in Discovery Isles in San Marcos

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Festival of Lights

If you have any Jewish friends or co-workers, you might wish them a "Happy Hanukkah" between December 6th and December 14th. Though an apocryphal story and not a Christian celebration per se, it is yet another example of God's great faithfulness in times of dire circumstance. Two miracles occurred when the Greek army invaded Judea in ancient times: one was that a tiny army of Jewish fighters (Maccabees) won over its powerful enemy. The other was that when re-dedicating the temple, there was only enough olive oil to light the candelabra for one day and it would take

