

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY VIOLENCE

April 2019

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National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 7-13, 2019
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MISSION STATEMENT

POMC® makes the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness.

VISION STATEMENT

To provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

2019 Candlelight Vigil & Names Dedication Ceremony

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 6:00PM

Memory Garden Memorial Park
455 W. Central Ave., Brea, CA 92821
714-529-3961

You are cordially invited to our 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony. On April 14, we will be adding 6 more names - 6 more loved ones whose lives were cruelly taken by violence. We promise that our loved ones will always be remembered and this memorial in Memory Garden Memorial Park provides us a special place for that remembering.

This year, we are pleased to have Todd Spitzer, District Attorney of Orange County, CA as one of our speakers. He is a former Orange County Supervisor and former California State Assembly Member. We also welcome Veronica Herrera, PH.D. California State University, Fullerton. She is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and for many years been a friend of our group. Our third guest speaker, Karissa Derhovanisian, is one of our own and she will speak to us in loving memory of her brother Arthur "Billy" Boucher. We are honored to have these individuals celebrate the memory of our loved ones with us at this event.

As we participate in events this year commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week, help us embrace and show support to the 6 new families whose loved ones' are being dedicated here today. Help us honor those whose names have been dedicated in previous years and those who no longer have anyone to remember them.

Thank you for joining us this year!

Your 2019 Candlelight Vigil Committee

**** see the Announcements page for additional ceremony information**

Newly Inscribed Names Dedicated April 14, 2019

Dedicated to Those Who Lost Their Lives In Violent Crimes

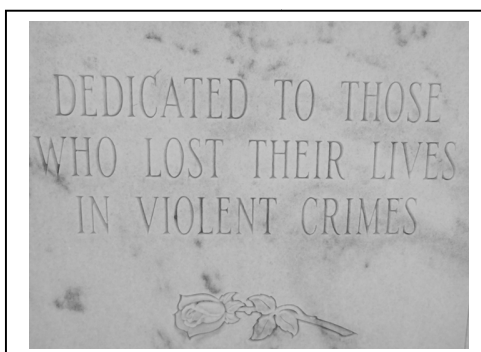
Year of Birth	Name of Loved One Always to be Remembered	Year of Death
1983	AARON C. MACIAS	2018
1978	JUDAH ANN SEELKE	1998
1932	SGT. DONALD J. SOWMA	1976
1937	RICHARD D. DARLAND	2017
1997	BRYAN ANTHONY STEUBING	2018
1997	LUKE PHILLIP LINDSEY	2018



*When you lose a loved one,
you gain an Angel
whose name you know.*

*As you were, you will
ALWAYS BE*

*Treasured forever
in our MEMORY.*



*There is a beautiful road called REMEMBRANCE, where loved ones meet.
I'll take that road in thought today to the one someday I'll meet.*

Always In Our Hearts



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1968	Maria Alcocer	Sister of Ivonne St. Julien	1994
1988	Robert Porter Alexander V	Son of Tawnia Gray	2013
1978	Kristopher P. Alofaituli	Son of Mark & Ann Eckels	2016
1992	Dylan James Austin	Grandson of Debra Voeltz	2011
1976	Dyton Oneil Bailey	Son of Beverly Gail Miller	1994
1953	Richard "Rick" Deene Brandt	Son of Ada Brandt	1988
1942	Jack Brant	Husband of Cynthia Brant	1995
1975	Ian J. Burkett	Husband of Kathy Burkett	2007
1984	Guillermo Carbajal	Son of Lidia Diaz	2001
1968	John Patrick Caulfield	Son of Judy Sparanese	1998
1985	Julian Collender	Son of Richard Collender	2010
1980	Felice DeCicco	Daughter of Victor & Sylvia DeCicco	2002
		Sister of Trina Carrasco	
1968	Benton Colby Dunscombe	Son of Bonnie Cohen	1993
1942	Richard Eggett	Husband of Sheila Eggett	1986
1967	Ralph Elguezabal	Brother of Renee Portillo	1992
1977	Brett Engemann	Son of Fara Engemann	1998
1957	Marisela G. Espinoza	Mother of Daniel & Deborah Espinoza	2010
1974	Mary Susan Estes	Daughter of William & Cynthia Estes	1995
1952	Toni Marie Fatone	Remembered by MaryAnn Rienzo	1990
1988	Edward Martin Fernandez Jr.	Son of Dorrine Fernandez	2002
1981	Mark Abdul Franklin	Son of Selene Franklin	2002
2001	Andrea Gonzalez	Daughter of Maria Gonzalez	2014
		Sister of Brenda Gonzalez	
1994	Jessica Gonzales	Sister of Corinna Gonzales	2016
1986	Diego Gonzalez	Son of Maria Sanchez Cid	2003
1979	Brian S. Gregorio	Son of Evangeline Gregorio	2005
1937	John Haaren	Father of Sharon Laufer	1995
1973	Stacey Lyn Hall	Daughter & Stepdaughter of	1987
		Alan & Sandra Hall	
1974	Harold	Brother of Bridgette Powers	2002
1937	Donna Jacobson	Wife of Michael Jacobson	1996
1968	Scott Ira Kaufman	Son of Renee Kaufman	1995
		Brother of Melisa Kaufman	
1969	Joseph "Joey" Andrew Kondrath	Son of Joe & Sandy Kondrath	1992
1985	Rodney Veron Lee	Grandson of Barbara Rockwell	1999
1976	Daniel Leplat	Grandson of Marcella Leplat	1996
1908	Lester Lewis	Grandfather of Anita Lewis	1977

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YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1965	James Robert Loy III	Son of James R. Loy	1993
1980	Chad Allan MacDonald	Son of Cindy Ann MacDonald	1998
1972	Christopher Stephen Mains	Brother of Laura A. Lake	1999
1954	Timothy "Tim" McCarthy	Son of MaryAnn McCarthy	1993
1960	Timothy McVeigh	Son of Carol McVeigh	1994
		Brother of Cheryl McVeigh	
		Brother of Michael & Trish McVeigh	
1958	Linda Ann Meteer	Daughter of Olga M. Meteer	1992
1971	Danielle L. Monroe	Daughter of Tonia Monroe	2011
1965	Armando Montes	Husband of Dolores Montes	1999
1938	Allen R. Motis	Husband of Darlene Motis	1991
1950	Dayle Y. Okazaki	Son of Thomas Y. Okazaki	1985
1978	Adam Ozuna	Son of MaryLou Rojas	2002
1975	Daniel Adam Perez, Jr.	Son of Daniel & Lucy Perez	1994
1990	Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs	Daughter of Jerry & Jennifer Lundy	1993
1979	Alex Leo Reyes	Son of Gilbert & Irene Reyes	2006
1962	Paul B. Rivas	Brother of Jennie Carranza & Peggy Ortiz	1994
1988	Joshua David Rodriguez	Son of Maria Rodriguez	2008
		Brother of Monica Cardenas	
1982	Desiree Roman	Daughter of Lea Roman	1998
1982	Roberto "Bobby" Ruiz Jr.	Son of Luz Ruiz	2005
1946	Robert Foster Runyen	Husband of Catherine Runyen	2004
		Father of Tammy Harbin	
1952	David Ray Sanchez	Husband of Lois Runyon-Petersen	2001
1996	Jose J. Sanchez	Son of Norma Sanchez	2000
1983	Robert Allen Sickles	Son of Jim & Robin Sickles	2011
1968	Anthony Eric Smith	Son of Wanda Williams	1988
1988	Justin A. Soto	Son of Maryann Soto	2013
1932	Sgt. Donald J. Sowma	Father of James P. Sowma	1976
1982	Rhiannon "Rae" Vitier	Daughter of Jeri Vitier	2003
1996	Jeremy Kenneth Wilder	Son of Rebecca Wilder	2012
1971	Ardell Love Williams	Daughter of Angie Williams	1994
		Sister of Liz Fontenot, Petra Williams,	
		Candace Westbrooks, Fay Williams Scott	
		Niece of Benny Williams	

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure;
 You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Forever Remembered



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1975	Ian J. Burkett	Husband of Kathy Burkett	2007
1954	Scott Campbell	Son of Gary & Collene Campbell	1982
1987	Ryan William Dasalla	Son of Steve & Maria Dasalla	2005
1973	Ronald DaSilva	Son of Agnes Gibboney	2002
1966	David Robert Dill	Son of Alice F. Dill	1990
1968	Denise Marie Duerr	Daughter of Mary Ellen Ducharme	1989
1988	Ronson Joseph Edgerly	Son & Stepson of Scott & Betty Bakken	2009
		Brother of Hethyr	
		Boyfriend of Kimberly Toups	
1964	Jacqueline Frezza	Friend of Ashley Lenton	1999
1967	Michael L. Gaybrant	Son of Maria Gaybrant	1996
1969	Johnny F. Gollette	Son of Mary D. Gollette	1990
1955	Kenneth N. Gullon	Son of Lillian Nizinski	1993
1965	Walter B. Hackman Jr.	Son of Diane Magrina	1989
1983	Angela Hill	Daughter of Ashley Hill	1989
1988	Heidi Hubrecht	Cousin of Melissa Hubrecht	2012
1983	Sergio Huerta Jr.	Son of Sergio & Sandra Huerta	2004
1962	Lori Hughes	Mother of Emmalynn Young	2014
1955	Wayne Hughes	Brother of Pam Johnson	1992
		Uncle of Tawny & Jamie Hughes	
		Remembered by Jonnie & Pam Graddy	
1950	Sherry Lynn Jewell	Daughter of Ruth Mosher	1993
1978	Hollie Karr	Granddaughter of Dotty Karr	1993
1972	Fred James Leglar	Son of Fred & Betty Leglar	1994
1997	Luke Phillip Lindsey	Son of Frank Lindsey	2018
1943	Carl M. Madsen	Husband of Janet Madsen	1989
1969	Deputy Dave W. March	Husband of Teri March	2002
1986	Anthony Michael Martinez	Son of Diana Medina	1997
1990	Robbie Martin	Son of Darren Martin	2011
		& Step-son of Danielle Bitar	
1975	Arthur R. Martinez III	Son of Arthur & Lupy Martinez	2001
		Brother of Marty Torres & Diana Alcala	
		Brother/BIL of Carlos & Gina Martinez	
1994	Kylee Caitlin Mc Gowen	Granddaughter of Judy Mc Gowen	2005
1978	Jason Miller	Son of Brenda Mc Dowell	1997
~	Sean Murray	Son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray	2001
1968	Gene Neal	Son of Claudie Neal	1999
2012	Piqui	Son of Ana Estevez	2017
1992	Andrew Powell	Son of Mydes Powell	2013
1990	Adrian B. Ramos	Son of Jorge & Rosa Ramos	2010

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1982	Sarah J. Rodriguez	Daughter of Martha Dewar	2003
		Fiancé of Matt Corbett	
		Sister of Marilyn Mungarro	
		Sister of Jorge Rodriguez	
1942	Monte Tewksbury	Husband of Sharon Tewksbury	1983
1954	Lisa Ann Tyson	Daughter of Dorothy Tyson	1989
1964	Ralphy Valenzuela	Son of Maureen Valenzuela	2008
1969	Steven G. Valdivia	Son of Jorge & Shirley Valdivia	1996
1982	Rhiannon "Rae" Vitier	Daughter of Jeri Vitier	2003

Every effort is made to honor all our loved ones on their anniversary and birth dates.
 If you do not see them in this newsletter, Please contact us. (714)402-3171 email gocpomc@yahoo.com.
 Please help us be accurate on these lists.

*If we are loved and remembered,
 then we live on forever
 in the hearts of those who love us.*

*-- Ted Menten
 in After Goodbye: How to Begin Again After the Death of Someone You Love*



Sarah's Anniversary Letter

SARAH J. RODRIGUEZ
01/29/82 ~ 04/16/03

How much I miss Sarah, let me count the ways.

I miss how her smile brightened up my days.
I miss her enthusiastic personality that she always had.
I miss seeing her in her car around the neighborhood.
I miss her angelic little face which was oh, so photogenic.
I miss her big spunky spirit that was very energetic.
I miss seeing her screen name when I logged on the net.
I miss her telling me about the turtle she kept as a pet.
I miss when she'd ask my opinion on things that matter.
I miss her so much and to write this is wrong.

This list can go on and on about how much I miss my Sarah.
I can't even begin to tell you how much I want to hug and kiss her.
But I want you to know you're alive in my heart.
How I just want to call her and tell her I love her.
Now I just say it and hope that she hears me.

Sixteen years and the pain is still alive.
God knows how I miss you so.
I'll keep loving you until the end of time.
Sarah's Mom



REFLECTIONS



A family has been described as a group of people whose trouble is that the youngsters grow out of childhood, but the parents never grow out of parenthood.

How true that is, and how painful when one is a grandparent whose grandchild has died.

Grandparents carry dreadful burdens that are frequently never mentioned.

When a child dies, grandparents bear the grief of the death of a loved boy or girl compounded by the pain of watching their own adult child, the dead child's parent, writhe in an agony they are powerless to ease. It is a double grief.

— Harriet Sarnoff Schiff, in [*Living Through Mourning: Finding Comfort and Hope When a Loved One Has Died*](#)

Treasure Every Moment

**To realize the value of one year, ask a student who failed a grade.
To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who missed the train.
To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.**

**Treasure every moment that you have!
And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special — special enough to spend your time.
And remember that time waits for no one.
Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift.
That's why we call it the present!**

— Author unknown

*When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced.
Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.*

— Cherokee Saying

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Chapter Monthly Support Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church
222 N. East Street
Anaheim, CA 92805**

****** We are always looking for Guest Speakers. If you have suggestions or particular interests that you would like to see and hear presented, please contact any board member at our Message Phone: (714) 999-7132 or email: gocpomc@yahoo.com**

***Please come join us. This step in your journey
will be one of the toughest. We are here to
support you as you go - because we understand.***

POMC provides the on-going emotional support needed to help families and friends of those who have died by violence facilitate the reconstruction of a "new life" and to promote a healthy resolution. Not only does POMC help survivors deal with their acute grief but also helps with the criminal justice system.

LOCATION: Please see map and directions on last page.

SAVE THE DATE

**April 14, 2019 – Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony
6PM Memory Garden Memorial Park
455 W. Central Ave., Brea, CA 92821
714-529-3961**

You are graciously invited to attend and you are warmly encouraged to bring your family and friends to this beautiful event. Even if your loved one is not being dedicated this year, it is a time for sharing and supporting each other.

Here are some suggestions that will hopefully make your vigil experience more meaningful:

- Please plan to arrive early, enjoy the beautiful monument and visit with friends. We will start promptly at 6:00PM. We expect over 300 attendees. Parking can be challenging the closer you come to the 6:00PM start. After that time, there is parking across the street in the business center. Please be careful and cross where indicated.
- The weather is usually comfortable, however, after the sun sets, it cools down considerably. You should consider a sweater or jacket for comfort.
- Please, please bring a framed photo of your loved one for the display board. The photo should be in a frame in case of a slight breeze. A photo up to 8x10 size works beautifully in a frame of any kind, up to a maximum of 12 inches in height. Displaying our loved ones' photos is such a wonderful way to share our memories with others.

• Call for additional information if needed

714-999-7132

Please join us. (Come early if you are available for helping in the set-up.)

AUGUST 8-11, 2019 33RD ANNUAL POMC CONFERENCE

"Together We Climb the Mountain to the Peak of Hope"



POMC National Executive Director & Conference Co-Chair: Bev Warnock (513) 721-5683 bwarnock@pomc.org

Conference Co-Chair: Connie Sheely (507) 358-4017 cjholbrook82@hotmail.com

For more information, go to www.pomc.org

*** At our National Conference, people often donate what we call "table gifts" for each attendee. Table gifts are any little memento that could be something your loved one liked (a candy for example) or something that reminds you of your loved one.

It can be handmade or store bought and we usually ask people to provide about 250 of them. These have become a sweet gesture that people look forward to at each meal. This is also a loving way that you might want to use to share (in remembrance of) your loved one with the conference attendees.

Please contact Faye Jenkins or Marie Belmontez at pomconference@gmail.com for more information, ideas or donations.

Grief Retreat Weekends

Grief Retreat in CINCINNATI, OHIO April 26, 27 and 28, 2019

For information and any questions, please call Bev @ (513) 721-5683 or E-mail bwarnock@pomc.org

The Courage to Grieve: A Weekend of Hope and HealingSM begins with Friday night dinner and ends Sunday at noon. This retreat is held twice annually, spring and fall (October) it is held at a 9 bedroom cabin owned by Roger and Carol Fornoff whose 13-year-old daughter Christy was murdered in 1985 and they founded the cabin specifically for retreats. There is no charge for this weekend which includes board and home-style cooked meals. A reservation deposit is requested.

Grief Retreat in PINE, ARIZONA

Spring Retreat: April 26 - 28, 2019 Fall Retreat: October 18 -20, 2019

For more information and flyer regarding this retreat, please call Beckie Miller (602) 254-8818 or e-mail beckierose@aol.com



Attendees at a Grief Retreat weekend in Arizona are shown here wearing, what facilitator Beckie Miller, called the "MASK." The masks are used as a tool to promote security, safety & confidence that POMC is a safe place to take off their masks and not have to pretend they are FINE in order to conform to our society's expectation.

Special Mentions and Thank Yous for Special People

- ♥ To **Everyone** who gives so generously (of their time, energy and/or monetary gifts) at our support meetings. **David Foster, Debra Hernandez** and the **Jenkins Family** and **all others** who help setting-up, cleaning up and for giving when the basket is passed.
- ♥ To several of our members who give monthly with a **Recurring PayPal Donation** (one time set-up). Even a \$10/ month recurring payment would help our chapter so much! Thank you Claudine Sanchez-Parrott (**son Stephen Sanchez**) for specifically sponsoring the Chapter web site.
- ♥ Thank you to all who participated in the See's Candies Easter Fundraiser.
When some time passes after the murder of our loved one and it seems like people have forgotten them, the anniversary/ birthday letters that Chris and Anita send let us know that our loved ones will never be forgotten as long as POMC is here. We appreciate you both!
- ♥ To Anita Sanchez, for the beautiful birthday cards you send out each month in loving memory of your son, **Steve Sanchez**.
- ♥ To Chris Pearsall, for the beautiful anniversary letters you send out each month, in loving memory of your son, **Henry Clay Mabry**.
- ♥ To former Chapter Leader, Marie Belmontez, (**nephew Stephen Sanchez**) for her generous on-going support of our chapter. **Thank You** for all that you do for us and for POMC, wherever and whenever needed.
- ♥ To Shirley Tapia who generously and faithfully checks the chapter message phone and makes call-backs in loving memory of her sons: **Richie Tapia** and **Michael Tapia**.
- ♥ Thank you to Carolyn McCoy (**daughter Cathy**), to David and Ellen Foster (**son Davey**), and to Ashley Hill (**daughter Angela**). Thank you for all you have always done for our chapter. We miss you already.
- ♥ To Brad Stetson who attends our meetings as a true "friend of POMC" in memory of all of our loved ones.
- ♥ To our special Victim Assistance Advocates from Waymakers, thank you. We appreciate and look forward to your attendance at our meetings; your expertise, your input and your support is a great service to us. We enjoy the "Tip of the Month", too.
- ♥ To Zion Lutheran Church, for graciously allowing the Greater Orange County Chapter the use of a room to meet each month.
- ♥ Thank you to Our Greater Orange County Chapter Board.

Our chapter would not grow and thrive without loving commitment from all !
THANK YOU !

In case you are wondering....

OUR GOC-POMC CHAPTER HAS MONTHLY EXPENSES

OUR CHAPTER doesn't have a PAID STAFF

*We do NOT get Grant money nor do we receive
any money from any outside entity.*

Perhaps you might be able to "sponsor" one of our expenses but never thought of it.
It's easy, just go to our Chapter Website: www.gocpomc.com - click on the "Donate" Button.

You can use your credit card or PayPal for a
one-time donation
or PayPal for Recurring Donation.

Even \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00 per month would be a huge help!

**100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TOWARDS KEEPING OUR CHAPTER
RUNNING !**

Here are just a few of our expenses:

- ~ **STORAGE UNIT - \$193.90 per month**
(Holds all items for our Vigil, our monthly meeting, and all other events)
- ~ **WEBSITE - \$20.99 per month**
- ~ **PHONE LINE - \$200.00 per year**
(Our hotline that new members call to get help and information about our chapter)
- ~ **PRINTING, POSTAGE, NOTECARDS, ETC - \$Varies**
(Vigil invitations, newsletters, notices, programs, etc)

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Our monthly support meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM
At Zion Lutheran Church, 222 N. East Street, Anaheim, CA 92805

From the North:

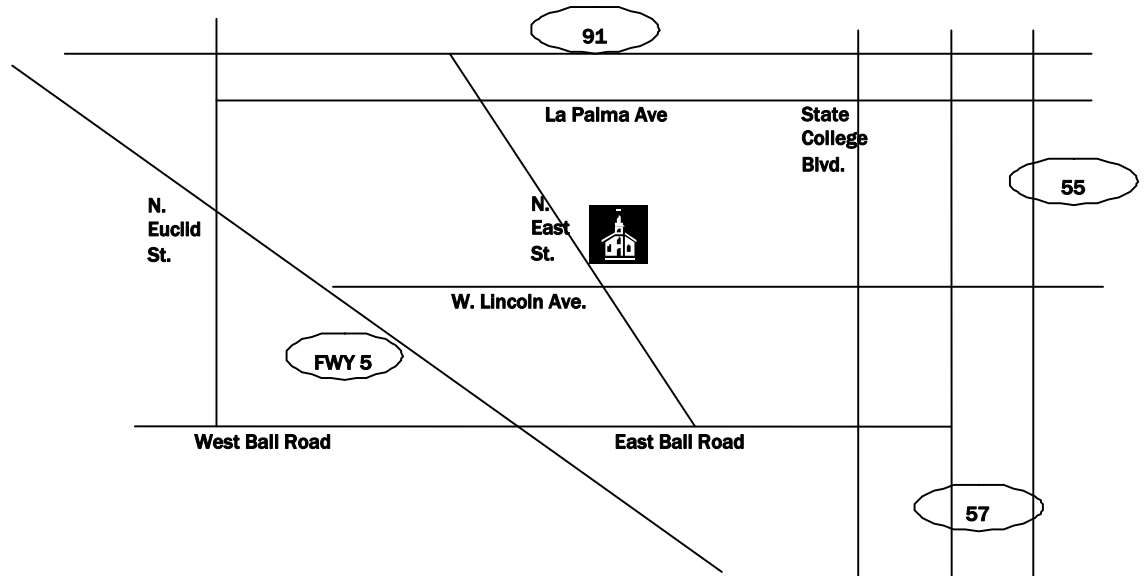
57 FWY, 55 FWY,
or St. College Bl. South,
Right on Lincoln Ave.
Right on East St.

From the South:

57 FWY, 55 FWY,
or St. College Bl., North
Left on Lincoln Ave.
Right on East St.

From the East or West:

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Exit East St., south



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