

El Camino Baptist

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What a great time everyone had who attend the **Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival** on October 30th. Everywhere you looked you could see babies, tots, youngsters and grown kids who enjoyed sharing the **Spirit of God's Harvest**.

The **Chili Cook-Off** was **The Bomb!** **1st** Place went to Cheryl Trevor, **2nd** Ramona Bowker and **3rd** Jamie Davis.

The **Dessert Contest** was **Yummy!** **1st** Jeanie Shirai, **2nd** Mary Reinks and **3rd** Place Betty Raiford.

The **Costume Contest** was the most difficult to judge.

Girls ~ **1st** Abigail Nixon — fairy butterfly
2nd Amariah Stewart — pirate baby
3rd Chenice Mitchell — Jeannie

Boys ~ **1st** A guest from the community — Boo Boo the Bear
2nd A guest from the community — Black Spider Man
3rd Brice Wildrom — Race Car Driver *Cars Movie*

Families ~ **1st** Ted and Ashley Hansen
2nd Schrokosch Family — the *Smurf Family*
3rd Stewart Family — a Pirate Family.

A huge thanks goes to **April Schrokosch** and her team who put together a great **Haunted House** filled with fun and exciting tricks. It was put together to show that even Christian Believers know how to have *fun* and enjoy this season of God's Blessings of His Harvest with those who love and share the joy of the Lord.

We want to thank those who decorated awesome **trunks** for us and handed out candy. Also a **Big Thank You** to all those who donated candy, pies, cookies and cupcakes. And to our own mystery Judges who had to taste all those pots of Chili and Desserts.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped in anyway at our Harvest Festival. **See our Photo Insert**

We look forward to next year having even more fun sharing God's Harvest of the Season with many more kids and their families.

An Epilogue to Victorious Living



This month ends our journey through the Book of Joshua learning the principles for living victoriously. As we go into the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I wanted to leave you with an epilogue to what we've learned, because the X-factor to living victoriously is you – and what you do with the great equalizer of all men: fear.

Joshua is one of the great examples of how to overcome adversity and set backs to live a victorious life. Born into slavery – the fate of every Jew of his generation – Joshua also experienced firsthand Israel's deliverance from Egyptian oppression. On the journey to the land promised by God he rose to a position of leadership as Moses' assistant. Things were looking good...

It was then, at the very border of the Promised Land, that disaster struck. When the people heard that giants and walled cities stood between them and taking possession of their destiny, they panicked. Everyone wanted to turn back to Egypt and slavery – everyone except Joshua and Caleb.

What made the difference? Unlike the others sent in to spy out the land, Joshua and Caleb had returned with a message of faith, not fear. Numbers 14:7-9 records:

The land we passed through and explored was exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up..."

Sadly fear won the day and the consequences were huge – forty more years in the wilderness. The problem was, God's people didn't understand that to experience God's blessings, to live life victoriously, radical faith is not an option. Amazingly, even after witnessing and experiencing amazing miracles in the desert, they still hadn't grasped that what seems impossible for God's people to accomplish is exactly what God wants to do in and through them.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for Joshua and Caleb to experience forty years longer in the wilderness because of other people's fears and doubt? None the less, it seems that Joshua never wavered. He never gave up. He never lost sight of the dream. And when Moses died, God chose him – the radical dreamer, the optimist – to be his successor.

But even then fear was a threat. Its shadowy presence in God's call to Joshua to step up is evident...



"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Joshua 1:5)

"Be strong and courageous..." (Joshua 1:6)

"Be strong and very courageous..." (Joshua 1:7)

"Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Joshua replaced fear with faith and courage, and as a result changed the course of events for his people. Think about it: Before Joshua took charge, the Israelites were migrant refugees, living hand-to-mouth; afterward they were settlers – owners of the "exceedingly good" land. They were living in victory.

The story God scripted for your life isn't inferior to Joshua's – or anyone else's, for that matter. There's an "exceedingly good land" that you are meant to occupy; a victorious life you are meant to live. When that happens, God is glorified. The only thing holding you back is fear. What is it that you fear? What doubt shadows your faith in God's ability – in your position as his child?

The key to Joshua's success is that he had a different perception than the rest: he understood that fear is nothing more than **False Evidence Appearing Real**. It's a lie that deceives us. It's a shackle binding us in defeat. Instead of obstacles, Joshua saw reward. Instead of giants, he saw the power of God. Instead of defeat, he saw victory. If a Jewish boy born into and raised in slavery can do it, so can you.

Only one thing overcomes fear: that is faith in the One who is truly sovereign.

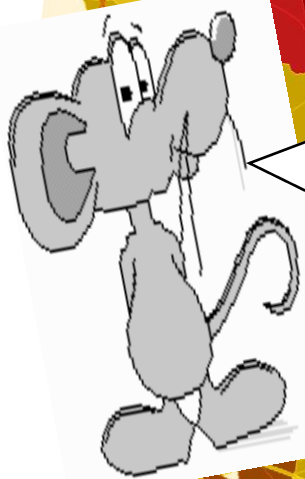
*"The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Psalm 27:1

As the Apostle Paul questions in Romans 8:32, if God gave his Son as a sacrifice for us, why would he withhold his blessings from us?

Lay your fears aside and live with an attitude of victory; you are God's,

Pastor Bill



Fear is nothing more than a misuse of your imagination.

Church Mouse Sez

**Never Forget
Veteran's Day Nov 11, 2011**



October Receipts
\$31,893.08



Financial Matters

2011	Income	Expenses	Over/Under	Budget	Over/Under
January	\$ 32,311.99	\$ 27,244.95	\$ 5,067.04	\$ 30,202.91	\$ 2,109.08
February	\$ 30,570.99	\$ 25,443.71	\$ 5,127.28	\$ 30,202.91	\$ 368.08
March	\$ 29,743.07	\$ 28,317.51	\$ 1,425.56	\$ 30,202.91	\$ (459.84)
April	\$ 28,864.29	\$ 26,532.97	\$ 2,331.32	\$ 30,202.91	\$ (1,338.62)
May	\$ 32,398.71	\$ 24,166.61	\$ 8,232.10	\$ 30,202.91	\$ 2,195.80
June	\$ 27,443.34	\$ 25,637.09	\$ 1,806.25	\$ 30,202.91	\$ (2,759.57)
July	\$ 31,258.02	\$ 31,393.20	\$ (135.18)	\$ 30,202.91	\$ 1,055.11
August	\$ 23,318.79	\$ 27,644.77	\$ (4,235.98)	\$ 30,202.91	\$ (6,884.12)
Sept	\$ 25,070.74	\$ 27,060.35	\$ (1,989.61)	\$ 30,202.91	\$ (5,132.17)
October	\$ 25,118.49	\$ 30,042.23	\$ 1,850.85	\$ 30,202.91	\$ 6,090.17
YTD	\$ 293,415.89	\$275,186.74	\$18,229.15	\$ 30,202.91	\$ (8,613.21)

Help Us **FILL** the Month

Weekly Needs:
\$6,969.90

Monthly Needs:
\$30,202.91

Food Closet Update

Our Food Closet Ministry now includes USDA for zip codes 95821-95825.

Fridays
12:30 pm — 3:30 pm

A Time for Sharing

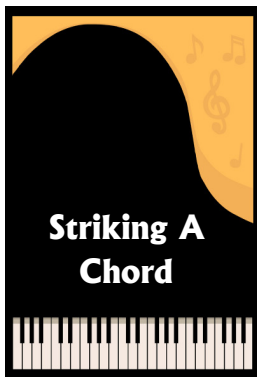
Whenever you get a blessing from God,
give it back to Him as a love gift...

Offer the blessing back to Him in a
deliberate act of worship.

If you hoard a thing for yourself,
it will turn into spiritual dry rot, just as the
manna did when it was hoarded.

God will *never* let you hold
a spiritual blessing for yourself;
it has to be given back to Him
that it may be made a blessing to others.

from Oswald Chambers,
My Utmost for His Highest



...it's time for your home groups and Sunday groups to think about **A fellowship and ministry event** for the month of December. Most groups will be on br, so schedule an early-in-the-month fellowship! Call or chat with me or any of the leadership team for ideas!

...singers...we can use your voices to help lead our worship during Christmas time.

We have some of our team who have family events to attend and won't be able to sing with us at both the Saturday evening service and the Sunday morning service. Don't forget, we have two identical Christmas services for you to choose from...one on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. and one on Christmas morning at 11 a.m./djb

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November / December

11/5	10:00 am	Convoy of Hope—Cal Expo
11/5	5:00 pm	Bible Fellowship Group Huddle
11/17	6:00 pm	International Missions Rally
11/18	6:30 pm	Harvest of Thanks Operation Christmas Child Party
12/8	7:00 pm	Women's Ministry Christmas Party
12/18	12:30 pm	KingsKidz Xmas Party for Jesus
12/24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
12/25	10:30 am	Christmas Day Service

International Mission Rally

November 17, 2011
6-8 PM
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*Missionaries
Mission displays
Ethnic foods
Testimonies*

For more information or to set up a display contact
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Save The Date

Dec 11 **Annual Meeting** (Budget Adoption) 2:00 pm
Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Service** 6:30 pm
Dec 25 **Christmas Day Service** 10:30 am

Committee Meetings in November

Sunday 11/6 Playground Team 12:30 pm Conference Room
Building & Grounds 12:30 Suite A
Thursday 11/10 Mission Team 6:30 pm Suite E
Finance Team 7:00 pm Conference Room
Sunday 11/13 Church Council 2:00 pm Suite E

For More Information

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