



Sunday, April 13th
1:00 p.m.

At First Southern Baptist Church

If you are interested in establishing your own "family trust" or leaving a legacy to the church, please plan to attend. Representatives from the California Baptist Foundation will be speaking.

**WHY HAVE AN ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR?
HOW DO I BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING?**

Do I know and understand what the Bible teaches regarding inheritance?

Have I applied God's teaching about the inheritance to my estate plan?

If so, have I reviewed it within the past five years for changes in my life, or changes in the law, or increased understanding of God's plan for inheritance?

What happens if my spouse or I am incapacitated or die without an estate plan?

Do I want to leave a testimony in my will or trust about God's goodness and faithfulness to me that reminds my heirs of what my values are?

BIBLICAL ANSWERS and guidance are available through a free estate planning seminar provided by your California Baptist Foundation.



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6:00 p.m.

Can you sing, play an instrument, tell jokes? At the evening service we will host a special talent night. Who knows, maybe a talent agent from Hollywood or Nashville may be sitting in the audience. Talk with Shauna if you would like to share your God-given talent with our congregation.



Vacation Bible School

It's time to plan for Vacation Bible School. This year think "palm trees, leis, grass skirts, and luaus." No, we're not going to Hawaii for VBS!! But the theme is "Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth."

We are putting together another wonderful, capable, excited staff. We will have classes for all ages from preschool to adults. We will learn that God is real, and Jesus is His Son, and that the Bible is His Word. It will be an exciting week!

We will need lots of decorations, so if you have items that you can share that fit the theme, please let Jane know. The dates are July 27 - August 1 (that's a Sunday evening through Friday evening, just like last year.) Join us for a week of fun and Bible study.

Kim's Corner

Rekindle Our Soul, God!

Richard, Rachel, and George Bocar were baptized on Easter Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of the Bocar family in attendance to witness their baptism. When I took a picture of little Rachel coming up from the water with a big smile on her face, I recognized the value of Christian baptism. For over two thousand years, believers have been publicly baptized to announce their re-birth. Regardless of culture and language, Christians everywhere pass under the same baptismal waters that signify the death of the old nature and the re-birth of the new.

After a week of whirlwind activities, Chris and I needed to relax. For us, an overnight retreat at the Prayer Mountain is the best way to reinvigorate. The last time we were at the Prayer Mountain was about six months ago. Before we came to the First Southern, we used to go there once a month. I miss the place and people so much.

When we opened the gate of Prayer Mountain on Monday, Pastor Choi, who runs the place, greeted us with "Hallelujah!" I usually greet her back with "How are you?" But this time I greeted her with "Thine the Glory!" Pastor Choi commented how refreshed I looked. I was surprised by her remark since I was physically tired. I guess my soul was refreshed from the revival and baptism services.

As I entered the office, I noticed familiar photos on the wall. One was a photo of twelve young people wearing white robes. These were young Korean-Americans that Chris baptized in 2004. Another photo was of Chris and me at the front door of our church. Rebecca, who is Dr. Choi's sister, explained to us that they had been praying for our ministry. They were blessed to see God's hands in our life. I thanked them for keeping our church in their prayers and I shared about our revival meetings and Easter service. I was greatly encouraged by their remarks because they affirmed my belief that our church is being revived. I told them that fire from above has rekindled our congregation. "Hallelujah, Amen!"



A Triple Header

Kim and I have been celebrating our anniversary on March 23 for thirty-four years. (Yes, I know. I'm a lucky guy.) I have been a participant in Easter celebrations for my entire life – that equals 58 Easters. (Yes, I know. I'm a lucky old guy). But something strange happened last Sunday – something wonderful. We celebrated our anniversary and Easter on the very same day! I didn't realize this coincidence until I ripped FEBRUARY off my office calendar and circled my anniversary date. Sunday, March 23, 2008 would be a double-header.

March 23 is a very early date for Easter. As a matter of fact, the last time Resurrection Day fell on March 23 was in 1913, a few years before my parents were born. Unlike the rest of our holidays, Easter does not stay put, but hops around like an Easter bunny. That's because, the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon (Paschal Full Moon) after the first day of Spring (Vernal Equinox). In 2008 those three days were stacked one after the other.

But this Easter/Anniversary was even more special because I was blessed to baptize three believers in Christ. So for me this made March 23 not a double-header, but a triple-header. I baptized new believers, then I preached an Easter sermon, then I presented my wife with 34 roses. It was a good day all around.

I wanted to calculate the next time of my anniversary and Easter would fall on the same date. It turns out to be the year of our Lord 2160. By my reckoning that Easter would be our 186th wedding anniversary. My common sense tells me that Kim and I won't be around on earth to celebrate that day. However, my sense of faith tells me that in 2160, Kim and I will exist in another realm where we will recognize one another. Maybe we will even share memories of the Easter/Anniversary that occurred 152 years earlier. It's worth waiting to see.

Pastor Chris



Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Mid-Week
WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Mike Brown – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell
Branch – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant
Assignment – Stationed in Miramar

Nate Fielding – Grandson of Lillian Fielding
Branch – Army **Rank** – PFC Medic
Assignment – Iraq

Jenny Merritt – Great Niece-in-law of Jean Johnson
Branch – Marines **Rank** - Corporal
Assignment – Iraq

Kevin Seigal – Son of Elliott & Teresa Seigal
Branch – Air Force **Rank** - Sergeant
Assignment – Travis Air Force Base

Todd Shaw – Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch – Army **Rank** – Staff Sergeant
Assignment – 101st Airborne Special Forces

Devon Henesley – Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch – Navy **Rank** – Petty Officer 3rd class
Assignment – Overseas

April Calendar

- 2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 12th - EBBA Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 13th - Estate Planning Seminar/Potluck - 10:45 a.m.
- Talent Night - 6:00 p.m.
- 14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 19th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 20th - Business Meeting - after the morning service
- 23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 24th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 26th - Vacation Bible School Workshop - 9:00 a.m.
- 28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.



- 4th - Al Marsh
- 12th - Logan Villafuerte
- 13th - April Machetta
- 19th - Barbara Day
- Rachel Bocar
- 21st - Tuta Hillard
- 23rd - Richard Bocar
- 25th - Diana Belger
- 29th - Edith Currie



- 7th - Sean & Brenda Kelleher
- 13th - Al & Lillie Marsh



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Revival Report



The week leading up to Easter was a busy time of celebration at First Southern. We began on Palm Sunday with a wonderful cantata entitled "I've Seen Jesus". We thank our worship leader, Shauna, for her devotion to the choir.

From Sunday evening to Thursday evening, we held a revival. Even the oldest members of the church could not recall

when such a revival was held. Our featured revivalist was Kyle Jagers, a graduate student at Southwestern Seminary. For four evenings, Kyle challenged us with the Gospel and the saving message of Jesus Christ.

We wish to thank all who made the revival a success: especially Ron Standifer from Hillview Baptist in Union City, Kevin Waldrop from Village Baptist in San Lorenzo, Dr. Lyman Alexander, our own Ken Hillard, and evangelist Vance Hunter. Thank you, all.



On Friday we commemorated the death and burial of our Lord with a Good Friday Lord's Supper and on Easter Sunday we were blessed to baptize three believers into God's Kingdom.

As Pastor of First Southern, I want to thank all of you who faithfully attended and supported a hectic week of activity. It was not easy, but then nothing of eternal value ever is.

Pastor Chris

Upcoming Messages for the Month of April

Join us on Sunday mornings as we take an in-depth look at The Book of Revelation.

~ April 6 ~
Philadelphia - The Obedient Church
[Revelation 3:7-13]

~April 20~
The Throne in Heaven
[Revelation 4:1-5]

~ April 13 ~
Laodicea - The Useless Church
[Revelation 3:14-22]

~April 27~
Holy, Holy, Holy
[Revelation 4:6-11]



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