

Kim Foreman's Birthday Celebration

by Shauna Shoptaw

On Saturday, February 19, we came together and celebrated Dr. Kim Hyun-Deok Foreman's 60th birthday. (Technically, her birthday is on the 20th, but at 5:00 p.m. in San Lorenzo, it was already February 20 in Korea!) In the Korean culture, reaching the age of 60 is a very big deal. It is referred to as the "hwan-gap," and is considered a milestone, as many people begin thinking about retirement on that day (and in older times, not many people attained 60, so to live that long was a cause for celebration). Sadly, we had to hold our celebration without Kim in attendance, as she was taken from us 200 days before her birthday. As we were told at the beginning of the celebration, "the events are different, but it *is* her birthday."

The celebration was highlighted by a slide show, presented by Pastor Chris, showing photos and videos of Kim's life. Pastor Chris and Kim's two sons, Zachary and Simon, were able to come out from the East Coast and be a part of the events. The song "For Those Tears I Died" was another highlight—it was Kim's favorite song, as she came to America in her early twenties, not knowing anybody, and not really speaking much English. The song helped to comfort her in those early days. Zachary and Simon both spoke of Kim, and of her devotion to her family and others. A 60th birthday balloon was sent off into the heavens.

An amazing feast was enjoyed by all, with both Korean and American food. (Special thanks to everyone who prepared beforehand and cleaned up afterwards!) After the feasting, a birthday cake was cut and shared. As a "final layer" to the cake, those who wanted to were able to view a professionally-done DVD with highlights of the funeral services in Africa and America, to end our evening.

Pastor Chris and his sons left soon after, to travel to Vancouver, Washington for another celebration the following day, with members of their family and additional friends. It was such a wonderful opportunity to remember Kim and all she meant to us, and will continue to mean to us and others, in the building of the Kim Foreman Bible Institute in Rwanda.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 29:11) Although God has plans for us, we don't always understand how His plans and our plans can intersect. Often, our plans seem important to us, but God's plans are bigger and better than anything we could possibly imagine, and with a farther reach. As we continue to struggle with the reality of Kim being gone, physically, from our lives, we have to remember that God has a plan for all of us, and we have to be patient as we wait for it to be revealed.

Harp Concert

by Eldora Walton

On a rainy Sunday evening March 6, 2011 fourteen people plus Pastor's dog Jody boarded our church bus and traveled to Pastor Chris and Kim's former church Tiburon Baptist Church.

A delightful and spiritually Harp Gospel Concert was given by Linda Rice and her husband. A love offering was taken and was donated to the Kim Foreman Bible Institute by the performers.

It was a special time for all of us.

Ladies Retreat at Mt. Herman

by Mary Nell McCoy

Combine beautiful, tall Redwoods with lots of Uno, homemade ice cream cones, sharing and laughter and what do you have---the East Bay Ladies Retreat at Mt. Hermon! If you have never been to Mt. Hermon, you don't know what you are missing. It is the nicest retreat center possible with wonderful accommodations and great tasting food!

Beyond the gorgeous atmosphere, there were also great conferences from which to choose and spirit-filled worship. 5 ladies from FSBC attended—Linda Furuyama, Stacie Kopet, Latoya Williams, Caryl Shaw, and Mary Nell McCoy. The theme was *God, Me and a Cup of Tea*, based on Zephaniah 3:17: "The Lord your God is with you...He will take great delight in you...He will quiet you with his love." (Yours truly was the Sunday morning speaker giving a message on how He quiets us with his love based on Scripture and personal experiences.)

One of the conferences that all 5 of us attended was about letting go of all the past that weighs us down such as resentments, guilt, depression, jealous, blame, etc. and covering ourselves with the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit in the inner self which comes from God Himself. It was vividly portrayed in drama by Lorraine Joseph from St. Matthew's Missionary Baptist Church and another young lady.

Begin now to save money in order to attend next year. Perhaps a scholarship fund could be set up here at FSBC to assist you if the cost is holding you back. I promise you will not regret attending!

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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



Good Friday Service/ Lord's Supper

April 22nd - 7:00 p.m.

We are offering a special communion service beginning at 7:00 p.m. A short video will remind us of the "last supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples. Afterwards we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Easter Cantata "Because we Believe"

Sunday, April 24th - 10:45 a.m.

You are invited to the morning service as the choir will be presenting an Easter Cantata called "Because we Believe" on Sunday, April 24th at 10:45 a.m. You will be blessed by the presentation through powerful songs of grace and resurrection.

Jody

by Eldora Walton

Pastor's dog Jody is a joy to behold
She even wears sweaters to ward off the cold
Friendly, cuddly and quite a gal as she greets
others who become her pal
Now a member of our church staff
She really makes us laugh and laugh
Jumping high into your lap
Soon to settle down to have a nap



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.



Who Rescued Whom?

A few weeks ago while driving, I pulled up behind a car at a stoplight. I read the bumper sticker "Who rescued who?" I didn't catch the meaning until I saw the paw print. 

And then I smiled. I thought to myself, "That's me too". Being a stickler for grammar, I mentally corrected the words to "Who rescued whom?"

My dog Jody is a "rescued dog". She was rescued off the streets of Santa Rosa, she was rescued from a put-down list, she was rescued from an animal shelter. But after that series of rescues, it was Jody's turn to rescue. She rescued me with companionship, she rescued me with affection, she rescued me with joy.

Sometimes I walk Jody across the campus at Cal State East Bay. Off the leash, early in the morning, she romps across open athletic fields. She turns her head to keep me always in view. Inside our church, she greets everyone with a sniff of her nose and a wag of her tail. The lucky few get a leap to the lap. Whenever I leave this dog, even for a moment, she is overtaken with joy at my return. Jody is a blessing to me and fills a portion of that vast void left by the death of my lovely wife.

Often times in my theological ramblings, I mention that "faithfulness" is the virtue that God most expects of His people. I suspect that I am attached to Jody because she exhibits this virtue of faithfulness *par excellence*. Have you heard the prayer: "God, make me into the man that my dog thinks me to be"?

April Calendar

3rd - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
6th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
11th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
13th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
15th - Kim Foreman Women's Home Group Ministry - 7:00 p.m.
16th - Church Work Day - 9:00 a.m.
20th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
22nd - Good Friday Service/Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
23rd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
24th - Easter Cantata - 10:45 a.m.
 - No Evening Service
25th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
27th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
28th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.

Happy Birthday

12th - Bob Rice
12th - Logan Villafuerte
13th - April Machetta
16th - Angie Pittaluga
19th - Rachel Bocar
19th - Barbara Day
19th - Milt Hetzel
20th - Curt Smith
21st - Tuta Hillard
23rd - Richard Bocar
25th - Diana Belger
29th - Edith Currie
30th - Jasmyn Marie Villafuerte

Happy Anniversary

17th - Sean & Brenda Kelleher



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Alleluia!

Jesus Lives, Let us Rejoice!

Sunday Morning Easter Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris will be bringing three weeks of Easter messages:

- ~ April 3 ~ The Trials of Christ ~ Matthew 26:47-56
- ~ April 10 ~ The Steps of Christ ~ Luke 23:24-34
- ~ April 17 ~ The Wounds of Christ ~ John 19:31-37
- ~ April 24 ~ Easter Cantata ~ "Because we Believe"

The Book of Ecclesiastes

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we continue in "The Book of Ecclesiastes".

- ~ April 3 ~ Chapter 9
- ~ April 10 ~ Chapter 10 & 11
- ~ April 17 ~ Chapter 12
- ~ April 24 ~ No Evening Service



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