



Wow! What a blessing the month of March has been. I was able to spend a little time with my wife when she came out to visit with me and the church. Absence does make the heart grow fonder. She and my youngest daughter Mallory will be visiting with us in the middle of April.

On March tenth through the thirteenth our church participated in a revival. Our guest speaker, John David Stewart, a native from Baton Rouge, LA, was with us all four evenings along with the Southern Gospel Group Solid Ground, FBC Dallas' youth choir, our own Shauna Duncan and the pastor from Village Baptist Church Rev. Kevin Waldrop. These groups and individuals provided a contrast of music that blessed our hearts as they sang and led us in worship of our God and King. I pray that revival will continue in our hearts, church and into our communities and that God will pour out his Spirit upon us like never before.

As we think about the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord let us pray and ask God to help us to live our lives worthy of the price that Jesus paid for our salvation. We are living in dark times. The evidence of sin and its destructive power is all around us. It is imperative that we as Christians be on guard; as we strive to serve and obey the Lord that we may please him and in turn, be blessed by him.

Matthew 5:13 (MSG) *"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage."*<sup>14</sup> *Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.*<sup>15</sup> *If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand.*<sup>16</sup> *Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."*

May God richly bless your lives as we work together for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

Pastor, Tim

### Ron's Corner

Hello Bio Club Reader,

This month, I will complete Charles Varady bio and introduce you to Gertrude Hankins.

Charles Varady, as you know, is a quite and unassuming member of our church. In High School, Charles learned the art of drafting. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy. Great Job Charles! His favorite movies are "A Christmas Story" and "To Kill a Mockingbird." Both of these movies are favorites of mine.

Let me introduce you to Gertrude Hankins. "Gertie" was born at home and named after her Doctor's wife. Her favorite movie is "Gone with the Wind." If you ever want to spend time with Gertie, you can rent the movie and she will supply the popcorn. She invited me, because I haven't seen the entire movie. I like pizza with my movies! The most admired person in Gertie's life was her husband, Dean. I wish I could have known him. You can see a glow in Gertie's eyes when she speaks of Dean. More on "Gertie" next month.

Next month, I will introduce to you a person who was named after their dad and their favorite hymn is "Blessed Assurance".

God Bless,

Ron Poolaw

### Welcome to our Church Family

On Sunday, March 3rd Mike and Barbara Trimble came forward to join our church.

We welcome both Mike and Barbara into our church family. Praise the Lord.

### Ladies Retreat at Mt. Herman

Combine the beautiful tall Redwoods with lots of Phase 10, ice cream, 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?

We had 8 ladies from First Southern Baptist Church attend - They were: Diane Varady, Chery Hanna, Linda Baker, Linda Furu-yama, Lisa Villafuerte, Stacie Kopet, Latoya Williams and Caryl Shaw.

This years theme was "Life is Like...a box of Chocolates." based on Psalm 34:8 - Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him. Our retreat speaker Eva De La Rosa is a very dynamic and wonderful speaker.

Here were some of the workshops that were given: Fun-damentals of Communication and Relationships; I'm a New Leader, Now What; Nuts and Chews; Personality Approaches; Creamy Centers and many more. We also had a Chocolate Medley Talent Show where we had a lot of talented ladies.

Begin now to save money for next years Women's Retreat. The dates are: March 14 - 16, 2014. I promise that you will not regret attending!

### Easter Musical

On Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. our choir, led by Shauna Shoptaw-Duncan presented an Easter Musical called "This We Believe". It was remarkable and the singing was outstanding.

Thank you to the choir and Shauna for the time spent making this a wonderful service.

Refreshments were served.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Here is an opportunity for you to participate in an annual outreach ministry. You will be helping thousands of others to make a child's Christmas something special.

This month we are asking for small toys that will fit in a shoe box.

### Women On Mission

Our April meeting will be Saturday, April 20th and will be held in Fremont. We will be going on a tour of the Afghan community. We will be going to lunch and then to a Mosque. Please be sure to bring a scarf to cover your head.

Everyone is invited to attend. We will have a sign up sheet so we can get a head count for transportation. Come and join us.

### Vacation Bible School

For those of you who are interested in working this year in Vacation Bible School we will be meeting here on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. Come and join us.

*Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"*

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
Branch - Navy Rank - 2nd Class  
Assignment - Virginia Beach

## April Calendar

- 3rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 10th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 17th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 20th - Women On Mission - 10:00 a.m.
- 21st - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 24th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship- 5:00 p.m.
- 25th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 27th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

## Happy Birthday

- 9th - Ron Poolaw
- 12th - Bob Rice
- 12th - Logan Villafuerte
- 13th - April Machetta
- 14th - Vaclav Hrdina
- 15th - Eric Johnson
- 19th - Rachel Bocar
- 19th - Barbara Day
- 20th - Curt Smith
- 23rd - Richard Bocar
- 25th - Diana Belger
- 27th - Teresa Seigal
- 27th - Julian Hicks
- 29th - Edith Currie
- 30th - Jasmyn Marie Villafuerte

## Happy Anniversary

- 7th - Sean & Brenda Kelleher



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Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Moring Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 p..m

## Return Service Requested



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### Sunday Morning Messages

On Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m., our Pastor is preaching a series of sermons on "The Wonderful Story of Jesus".

### Sunday Evening Messages

On Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m., our Pastor is leading us in a series of sermons on "Treasures of Truth".

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Wednesday Evening at 5:45 p.m., our Pastor is leading a Bible Study on "What Does it Mean to be a Christian".

### Who Is Annie?



Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share Gods love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.