



Another month of 2014 has passed, along with the winter season. As winter comes to a close, our minds begin to conjure up all the projects that tend to start during the spring season such as cleaning, painting, upgrading, repairing, pressure washing and mowing our lawns. Spring is always a wonderful time of the year for most folks; it has been known as a time for new beginnings. There is something about this time of the season that stirs in us the desire to make changes in our lives, which makes spring a great time of the year!

Last month, our church had an opportunity to gather with one another to define our values, determine our mission and develop a vision statement whereby we would operate and function. Scripture teaches us that vision promotes values and our values determine our mission. Notice Proverbs 29:18, (KJV) *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

According to Ephesians 2:10, God has a predestined plan for our lives individually and corporately. As we work alongside of one another, our endeavors should center around Christ and His kingdom. Matthew 6:33, *But above all pursue his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things (such as food, clothes, money for bills and other concerns) will be given to you as well.*

As we spring forth into a new era let us consider for a moment Colossians 3:1-4, (TLB) *Since you became alive again, so to speak, when Christ arose from the dead, now set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of heaven where he sits beside God in the place of honor and power. <sup>2</sup>Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here. <sup>3</sup>You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God. <sup>4</sup>And when Christ who is our real life comes back again, you will shine with him and share in all his glories.*

I pray that as we seek God's direction corporately for how we should operate and function as a church we will also seek God's direction on how he wants us to individually operate and function as individuals on a daily basis. It will be of no value to the church for us to make changes corporately and not individually too. We are the church! When we as individuals begin to seek God's kingdom first, then the church will follow suit.

I love all of you in the Lord, and I look forward to working with the body of Christ to make His kingdom known.

With Love From Above,  
Pastor Tim

### Ladies Retreat at Mt. Herman

Combine the beautiful tall Redwoods with lots of games, 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 six ladies from First Southern Baptist Church attend plus one guest. They were: Diane Varady, Chery Hanna, Linda Furuyama, Deborah Davis, Donna Hines, Caryl Shaw and Barbara Stepp.

This year's theme was "Around the World in 3 Days" based on Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Our retreat speaker Janine Joseph is a very dynamic and wonderful speaker.

Here were the workshops that were given: How do I know God's plan for me? How do I tell others about Jesus? Living every SINGLE moment. Matching ministry to your spiritual gifts. Faces in the crowd.

The Women's Retreat was a lot of fun. Hopefully next year more of you will come. Begin now to save money for next years Women's Retreat. The dates are: March 13-15, 2015. I promise you will not regret attending!

### Women on Mission

The Our April meeting is coming up. Hope you will attend.

On another note our May Tea will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Circumstances have changed our date.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

It is getting late. We need to start collecting for Operation Christmas Child. WE NEED SHOE BOXES. We used all we had last year.

For the month of April we can collect Toys. Small items to fit in a shoe box.

### Easter Cantata

On Sunday, April 13th at 6:00 pm our choir, led by Shauna Shoptaw-Duncan will be presenting an Easter Cantata called "Glorious Day."

Come join us and bring your family and friends as we praise the Lord with music.

### Upcoming Event in May

#### Mark Your Calendar

Mother's Day Breakfast  
May 11th - 8:30 am



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

### "Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

**Megan Hines** - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines  
**Rank** - PFC- **Assignment** - Virginia Beach

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 am  
Wednesday Evening Family Dinner - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 5:45 pm  
Wednesday Evening Choir Practice - 6:30 pm.





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## April Calendar

2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 3rd - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
 6th - Church Council - 4:30 pm  
 9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 10th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
 12th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am  
 13th - Easter Cantata - 6:00 pm  
 14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am  
 16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 17th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
 20th - Easter Sunday  
     - No Evening Service  
 23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 24th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
     - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm  
 26th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am  
 27th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 am  
     - Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 5:00 pm  
 28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am  
 30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm

## 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  
 23rd - Richard Bocar  
 25th - Diana Belger  
 27th - Julian Hicks  
 29th - Edith Currie  
 30th - Jasmyn Villafuerte

## Happy Anniversary

7th - Sean & Brenda Kelleher



# Alleluia!

## Jesus Lives, Let us Rejoice!

## Weekly Messages Lead By Our Pastor

### Sunday Morning Messages

Sunday Morning at 10:45 am A series on "Effective Ways We Serve God."

### Sunday Evening Messages

Sunday Evening at 6:00 pm A series on "Deeper Look at the Fruit of the Spirit."

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Evening at 5:45 pm A series on "The Book of Revelation."