

The Life of Ken Hillard

She willingly, and might I add, without provocation, shared with me almost every detail of her seventy years on this earth along with long history of her church! I was tired and did not particularly care about all of this information, but I tolerated all of her stories because of the foreseen reprieve I would enjoy once I was seated on the plane for my four-hour ride home. I was relishing the quiet ride home. However, God had other plans; He saw fit to have us **sit together** all the way to Oakland!"

After some time of being a member at our church, Ken became an elected deacon and later served as chairman. Due to Ken's leadership and spiritual growth he was asked to join the church staff as the associate to the pastor. As an associate staff member, Ken taught an adult Sunday school class, preached, made visits and assisted in other ministerial duties.

Under the guidance and encouragement of Pastor Chris Foreman, Ken entered seminary at the Golden Gate Theological Seminary the fall of 2006. There Ken was able to hone his skills as a minister; after a few years of training and instruction, he graduated with his Master's of Divinity degree. His seminary training has better equipped him as a minister and teacher of God's word.

During this time of training, Ken felt God nudging him to serve in the field of evangelism. Ken yielded to God and accepted His call. He is thrilled with the thoughts of sharing Jesus wherever he goes and with whoever crosses his path.

Ken believes his life's goal is to personally know and experience God on a daily basis. He is humbled by the knowledge that God is with him always and will never leave his side. He is convinced if he continues to trust the Lord with all of his heart God will always direct his path.

Ken feels passionate about evangelism along with helping and caring for those in need, especially those who have lost loved ones to death.

Ken feels it is time to branch out to explore the possibilities that await him outside the four walls of the church. He desires to share his core values with those whose values are twisted and void of any substance. He feels it is important to be humble and respectful to others as we strive to convey God's views on traditional marriage, Biblical precepts, issues of life and death, the family and the church.

May God bless you Ken "Hilliard" Hillard as you step out in faith to pursue your goals and dreams to fulfill the aspirations God has placed in your heart.

Your church home sends you off just as a new ship is launched into the deep blue waters of the ocean for the first time. May the sails of your faith remain strong through the storms you'll encounter and may you keep your compass set on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, amen.

In Loving Memory Of

Robert "Bob" Belger

On Wednesday, March 18th Brother Robert Belger released his bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of his Savior Jesus Christ. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New Members Class

"New Members class will be coming soon... watch for details."

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our 2015 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$3000.

One hundred percent of your offering supports North American missions in the following ways:

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING PERSONNEL AND PROJECTS—54%

Includes:

- › Church Planting Missionaries
- › Collegiate Evangelism Missionaries
- › LoveLoud Missionaries
- › Convention Directors of Evangelism and Missions (new work areas)

FARM SYSTEM (RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF MISSIONARIES)—33%

Includes:

- › Student Missionaries
- › Church Planting Interns
- › Church Planter Apprentices
- › Church Planters

HEALTHCARE BENEFITS—13%

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd
7:00 pm

We will be holding a joint service with Heaven's Opening Church (our Korean friends). Bring your family and friends and join us as we share the Lord's Supper in a multicultural setting.

Friday Night Out

Friday, April 10th
4:00 pm

Come join us on Friday, April 10th at 4:00 pm for a Potluck dinner and Game Night.

Bring your favorite dish and games and let's have some fun!

We will be starting at 4:00 pm playing games and dinner at 6:00 pm.

Women on Mission

Saturday, April 11th
10:00 am

Ladies, on April 11, 2015 at 10:00 am, come and help us plan for our Annual Tea. Our Wacky Tea Party needs your input. Bring a pot-luck dish, and find out how our dollars are working in the world.



Alleluia!
Jesus Lives,
Let us
Rejoice!

Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

Joshua Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Navy **Rank** - Basic Training
Assignment - Great Lakes, Illinois

Megan Hines - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines
Rank - CPL - **Assignment** - South Carolina

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air force **Rank** -
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona



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Sunday Services

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

Wednesday Services

Family Dinner 5:00 pm
 Bible Study 5:45 pm
 Choir Practice 6:30 pm

April Calendar

1st - 5th - Week of Prayer and the AAEO
 1st - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
 3rd - Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm
 5th - Easter Sunday
 - No Evening Service
 8th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
 10th - Friday Night Out - 4:00 pm
 12th - Ken Hillard Sunday - 10:45 am
 11th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am
 13th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
 14th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
 15th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
 23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
 25th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
 27th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
 28th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
 29th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Happy Birthday

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



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The life of Ken Hillard began on September 6, 1948; he was born to Mose and Etta Lee Hilliard. Mose and Etta Lee raised a total of seven children in a very small town of Mississippi called Brookhaven. Ken describes his mother; "She was a godly woman who held our family together".

After high school, Ken joined the Navy in June of 1967 during the beginnings of the Vietnam conflict. Ken reflects on the hardships of being a minority while stationed on the battleship but that did not deter his resolve to make the most of his time in the Navy.

Early on, Ken was attached to a squadron where he learned a new trade; little did he know it would define his career in the future. Ken's service in the Navy, where he specialized in the field of electronics, lasted for nearly 23 years. While in the Navy, Ken received special training awards, ribbons and various citations for his stellar service. He also earned two academic degrees: one in Electronics Engineering Technologies and the other in Computer Science.

After retiring from the Navy in 1989, Ken started a new career with the FAA in September of 1990. Based upon his years of knowledge and experience Ken was hired as an Electronic Systems Specialist and remained in that area for ten years. For the last fifteen years Ken has been working as a Senior Technical Support Analyst lending his support and expertise to this critical area of the FAA. For those of you who fly a lot, he is the one you need to thank every time you land safely!

After coming to know the Lord, God began to speak to his heart about ministry. Ken reflects on the times he listened to sermons on the radio and how they were instrumental in his spiritual growth. Ken recalls the first time he was asked to preach. He said, "I was attending Sunday school at Westside Baptist Church of Alameda when I was approached by the chairman of the deacons. He informed me the pastor was ill and we need someone to fill the pulpit". Ken described that experience as a great challenge! Since that time, Ken has prepared and preached many sermons.

After visiting several churches in the area, Ken came to move his membership to First Southern Baptist Church in San Lorenzo. Ken recalls the journey that led him to our church. He writes, "One day, as I was **quietly** waiting for my plane in the Dallas airport I had a run-in with a woman by the name of Joy Lee. The best way to describe Joy Lee; excited and loud! (Continued)