

God is at Work

God is Good and is at work here at First Southern Baptist Church. On Sunday, June 13th Deane Church came forward to join our church.

Praise God as we welcome Deane to our church.

Vacation Bible School

Report from Saddle Ridge Ranch
by Jane Thornell

We had an average of 60 "pardners" join us each night to "round up questions and drive home answers" at Saddle Ridge Ranch. We sang songs about tumbleweeds, ate snacks called "horse feed" and "hay bales", and we learned that if we need answers we can ask God.

There are so many ways to rate the success and effectiveness of VBS. Here are just a few of the ways we did good... Thanks to some of our "seniors" we had students who had never been to VBS before. Thanks to many of our church members, we received the snack and craft items we needed. We had good numbers of students in all of our classes - preschool through adults. We were blessed with a summer missionary who could lead the youth class - praise the Lord for Jacob! And, best of all, we had seven boys who came forward in the evangelistic service. Of those, we may be able to baptize two very soon! We had a huge turnout for the Family Night BBQ, followed by a great program and slide show, put together by Shauna and the pastor.

Vacation Bible School is always a blessing to a church. It is a lot of work, there's no doubt about that. But our people are faithful and willing to put forth the effort, and God always blesses! Thank you to each one who taught, prayed, baked, attended, worked, cooked, and helped in any way to bring glory to God through VBS.

Alleluia Choir Concert

Friday, August 13 - 6:00 p.m.

First Southern Baptist Church of San Lorenzo invites you to come and bring your family and friends to a night of music. You will really enjoy there singing as they sing in both Korean and English .

Quarterly Business Meeting

Attention All Members ~ Our quarterly business meeting will be on Sunday, August 22nd following the morning worship service. Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we will be voting for Church leaders.

Solid Ground

*An Exciting Trio from Northern California
with a heart to share Jesus Christ through
song in venues of all sizes*



In Concert

Sunday, August 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and family to come join us for a night of music and worship.

They have been here before and was a delight to listen to. They enjoy singing, preaching and sharing about Jesus Christ. They speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Kim's Corner

Alleluia Concert

When I went to Korea last May, I visited my alma mater – Kyung Hee University. There I met with Professor Suh, the leader of the Alleluia Choir. He asked me if I could arrange their visit to the SF area. My job was to arrange four concerts and find volunteers to provide food, lodging, and transportation for twenty-seven people for a week. I started out this project with a question, “what can I do to make this happen?”

I made several calls to rich alums, and inquired if they could house students for a week. They were all doing something during the second week of August. Their answer was “No”.

I was losing sleep over concert arrangements. My husband prompted me to go to my favorite place, Prayer Mountain, for an answer. When I told about the concert to the Prayer Mountain pastor, she immediately said, “Let’s pray”. She exclaimed, “We have been preparing for a concert on this mountain one day, and the day has come.” The pastor thanked me for bringing in this good news. They are preparing their first annual concert.

Now the concert tour schedule is set, and many people joyfully offered their services and resources to help out the choir team. I learned valuable lessons through this experience: 1) God chooses His workers for His jobs, 2) Ask God’s people to participate in God’s work, 3) Collaborate with others for the best result, and 4) Be flexible.



I know God is pleased to see how his children work together to make beautiful harmony. Please come and hear the Alleluia choir at the First Southern on August 13th at 6 p.m.



Why I am a Christian

If you have been a Christian for any length of time, I’m sure someone has asked you, “Why don’t you join in our fun?” or “Why do you go to church all the time?” in short “Why are you a Christian?” In a series of seven messages, I will address this question. The structure of this sermon series was suggested to me by John Stott who wrote a short book entitled, *Why I Am a Christian*.

Dear Reader, why are you a Christian? There can be no single definitive answer to this question or else our faith would be too simple. There can be no scientific verification to this question or else we would be walking by sight and not by faith. In the end our statements of religious truth must rest upon faith, but a faith that is both reasonable and defensible. Join us from August 8 to September 19, 2010, as we consider together seven clusters of reasons that address the important question.

So Why Am I A Christian?

Reason One: Because Jesus came to save the lost, and I was lost and needed saving.

Reason Two: Because the claims of Christ are true and reasonable.

Reason Three: Because the cross of Christ demonstrates the love of God.

Reason Four: Because the human condition is best reflected in a shattered image of God.

Reason Five: Because human freedom is best discovered as a disciple of Christ

Reason Six: Because life in its fullness is found only in Jesus Christ

Reason Seven: Because Jesus invited me and I accepted His offer



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

“Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform”

Todd Shaw - Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch - Army Rank - Staff Sergeant
Assignment - Stationed in Kentucky

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

August Calendar

- 4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 5th - Pastor Chris & Kim return from Africa
- 9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship
- 13th - Alleluia Choir Concert - 6:00 p.m.
- 15th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 21st - Women's Potluck Brunch - 10:00 a.m.
- 22nd - Business Meeting - following morning service
- 23rd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 25th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 26th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 27th - Cell Group Ministry - 7:00 p.m.
- 28th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 29th - Solid Ground Trio - 6:00 p.m.



- 2nd - Terri Antener
- 2nd - Cindyann Lucas
- 7th - Shirley Halbach
- 10th - Robbie Currie
- 10th - Jane Thornell
- 17th - Janie Huffman
- 24th - Al Thornell
- 29th - Joy Lee
- 29th - Ann Paulson



- 18th - Bob & Caryl Shaw
- 19th - Don & Joyce Thornburg
- 28th - Ambrosio & Ofelia Agbayani
- 28th - Charles & Diane Varady



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Our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be leading the church while Pastor Chris is in Africa on mission.

Morning Service

~ August 1 ~ God is in Control
Romans 8:1-4

Evening Service

Youth Service

New Sunday Morning Sermon Series

Come join us on August 8th at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris begins a new Sermon Series entitled: **Why I am a Christian"**

- ~ August 8 ~ To Seek and to Save - Luke 19:1-10
- ~ August 15 - The Claims of Christ - Acts 26:24-29
- ~ August 22 - The Cross of Christ - Romans 5:1-8
- ~ August 29 ~ The Image of God - Genesis 1:24-31



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New Sunday Evening Sermon Series

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we start a video journey of David.

- ~ August 8 ~ Part One
- ~ August 15 ~ Part Two
- ~ August 22 ~ Part Three
- ~ August 27 ~ Part Four

