

## God, Me, and a Cup of Tea

by Janie Huffman

Indeed, that's what happened at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 4. With about 35 women members plus guests in attendance, fellowship sprang into action and God was totally with us along with dozens of different teas.

A stupendous lunch was offered beginning with home-made scones and lemon curd, continuing on with hot and cold luncheon surprises, and ending with baked goodies covering a table.

The room was decorated like a fancy tea shop; each table was totally different from all others with tea pots, cups, plates and center-pieces. Games were played and prizes awarded. Our guest speaker, Isabel Patton, a Pastor's wife and member of the state WMU Women's Team Council, gave an outstanding and very loving talk on why and how we should plan for and spend time with God. Hence: God, Me, and a Cup of Tea.

Diane Varady and her crew did an extraordinary job once again, for which we're all extremely grateful.

### Congratulations



to Shauna Shoptaw on her recent marriage to Bill Duncan. They were married on Monday, July 4th at a small ceremony in her backyard. Bill's father a retired Judge performed the ceremony. The cake reception was held in their honor on Sunday, July 17th. The church presented them with gifts.

### Continue to Pray for Pastor Chris while on Mission in Africa

Continue to pray for Pastor Chris as he is still on mission in Africa until August 6 preaching, teaching, and ministering to our Christian sisters and brothers in Butare, Rwanda. Please lift Pastor Chris in your prayers as he does this. Pray for boldness, that he preaches the Gospel as he should. Pray for an open door, that people in Rwanda respond to God's Word. Pray for safety, that he will return to California on August 10 healthy and whole.

## Church Parking Lot Sale

For several months, both First Southern and Heaven's Opening church collected items for our church parking lot sale. On Friday June 24th, we sorted and priced items. On Saturday morning June 25th, volunteers began arriving at the church. We had workers from both churches and raised over \$500.00. All proceeds went to the Kim Foreman Bible Institute in Rwanda, Africa. Thank you to all who helped and worked at the parking lot sale.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Attention All Members - Our quarterly business meeting will be on **Sunday, August 28th** following the morning worship service. Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we will be voting for Church leaders.

### Upcoming Event Solid Ground In Concert

Sunday, September 4  
6:00 p.m.

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

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.

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



## Grief and Mourning

Over the past several months I have occasionally attended a small group called "Grief Share". Reading the book and listening to others speak has helped me deal with my own grief after the death of the lovely Kim. One of the things that I have learned is the difference between grief and mourning.

"Grief" is a personal sorrow felt after the loss of someone dear. Grief is felt in the heart and can last for days or for decades. My grief is stabbing, comes in bursts of sadness, and will endure as long as memory endures. But like the rings of a pebble cast into still water, my bouts of grief are lessening and growing farther apart. ["Surely He hath borne our grief and carried our sorrows" ~ Isaiah 53:4]

"Mourning" is the public expression of grief, typically marked by ceremonies, customs, and special dress. After my wife's death in Africa on August 3, I determined to observe one full year of mourning. I vowed not to make any major life decisions until August 2011 – no re-locating, no change of occupation, no house-buying, and no romantic entanglements. I have done this imperfectly, but after 11 months, my only current entanglement is with a dog named Jody.

During this difficult year of mourning, I marked an African funeral on August 7 and a California funeral on August 14. I marked Christmas without my wife in December and celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> Korean birthday in February. I placed a special gravestone at her gravesite in April. In May, my children marked their first Mother's day without their mother.

On July 31, I will be on Rwandan soil once again. I will dedicate a plaque at the point on the road that Kim suffered her fatal car accident. I am praying that this dedication will be a day of forgiveness and reconciliation. Finally on August 3 – after the sun has revolved in its orbit one complete circuit – I will visit King Faisal Hospital in Kigali and thank the doctor and his staff for all they did in helping Kim during her last moments. I thank all of my church family for all your prayers and support during this most difficult year of my life. May God bless you all.

## Dr. Kim Hyun Deok Foreman

February 20, 1951 – August 3, 2010

Hano kuri uyu muhanda kuri 31 Nyakanga 2010 Dr. Kim Hyun Deok Foreman Yababariye mu mpanuka ikomeye Aruhukira mu bitaro I Kigali muri King Faisal Hospital Kuwa 03 Kanama 2010. Kim yari umugore w'igikundiye Umubyeyi ukundwa, akaba n' umukozi wa Yesu Kristo umwizerwa Kim yakunze abantu bo mu Rwanda. Azahora mu mitima yacu.

"Kuko mwapfuye, kandi ubugingo bwanyu bukaba bwarahishanywe na Kristo mu Mana. Kandi ubwo Kristoari We bugingo bwacu azerekanwa, namwe muzaherako mwerekanywe na We muri mu bwiza" (Col.3:3-4).



At this point, on this road, on July 31, 2010, Dr. Kim Hyun Deok Foreman suffered a fatal car accident. She died in Kigali at King Faisal Hospital on August 3, 2010. Kim was a beloved wife, a loving mother, and a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Kim loved the people of Rwanda. She will forever live in our hearts.

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory" (Col.3:3-4)

[www.kimforeman.com](http://www.kimforeman.com)

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

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

# August 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.
- 21st - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 24th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 25th - Open Door Mission
- 27th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 28th - Business Meeting - 12:15 p.m.
- 31st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

- 2nd - Cindyann Lucas
- 7th - Shirley Halbach
- 10th - Robbie Currie
- 10th - Jane Thornell
- 17th - Janie Huffman
- 24th - Al Thornell
- 28th - Bea Dal Ferro
- 29th - Joy Lee
- 29th - Ann Paulson

## Happy Anniversary

- 10th - Mike & Barbara Trimble
- 18th - Bob & Caryl Shaw
- 19th - Don & Joyce Thornburg
- 28th - Ambrosio & Ofelia Agbayani
- 28th - Charles & Diane Varady
- 30th - Pete & Bea Dal Ferro



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## Return Service Requested



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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 11:00 am  
 Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship 5:00 pm



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## Sunday Morning Messages

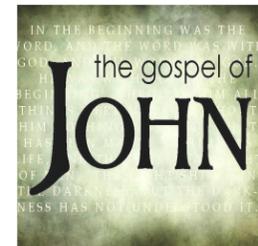
Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris will be bringing the message starting August 14th from the Gospel of John Chapter 6.

~ August 7 ~ Guest Speaker Tim Fortescue  
 Afghan Ministry

~ August 14 ~ A Boy's Lunch ~ John 6:1-13

~ August 21 ~ Walking through the Storm ~ John 6:14-21

~ August 28 ~ The Bread of Life ~ John 6:22-27



## Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Chris will be bringing the message starting on August 14th from the book of Judges.

~ August 7 ~ Guest Speaker Sherry Hsu  
 Migrant Ministry

~ August 14 ~ Introduction to the Judges ~ Chapters 1-2

~ August 21 ~ The First Four Judges ~ Chapters 3-5

~ August 28 ~ Gideon ~ Chapters 6-8

