

In Loving Memory Of

Betty Costa

On Saturday, November 3rd, Sister Betty Costa released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of her Savior Jesus Christ. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Dr. Timothy Hines will be focusing on "How We Come to Worship".

Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Dr. Timothy Hines sermons will be entitled "From the Jordan to the Wilderness."

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Wednesday, November 14th we had 48 people who came and celebrated Thanksgiving with ham, turkey and all the trimmings. What a joy it was to walk into FSBC and instantly smell Thanksgiving. Everything was so yummy.

Then those who stayed after the meal were treated to a fantastic sermon by Brother Tim. If you missed this year, I hope to see you there in 2013.

Thank you to all of you who helped.

Open Door Mission Caps/Socks

Thank you to those of you who made and bought caps and socks for the men and women at the Open Door Mission. They really look forward to this time of the year and are very pleased in receiving the caps and socks. Thank you to those who came and wrapped the 89 caps. Thank you for helping those in need.

The Saga of the Scarecrow Stampede

by Diane Varady

As the guests arrived they got their photo taken in the scarecrow garden and they had their face painted to scare the crows. Charles must have done a good job because there were no crows eating the food.

Each table had a scarecrow to color, name, and give a job description. Naming the scarecrow after the committee did not win ANYBODY any points!!

Each table was given a pair of mittens ... you needed to put on the mittens, unwrap a candy, put the candy in your mouth then pass the mittens to the next person at your table. You'd be surprised how fast Brother Tim could unwrap a candy with mittens ... you'd think he had some practice!

Then there was the pumpkin stem ring toss! Everybody won a prize.... The people at our church must be used to playing carnival games (Not!)

Our pumpkin dessert contest was a hit! Betty Costa won for best dessert but everybody won in the fact that there were several entries so plenty of dessert to go around!

Several people dressed as scarecrows... Betty won for the best - scarecrow lady ... even if she kept losing her corn cob! Don and Eldora won for the funniest... if you weren't there... I can't describe it! And Al got the worst by default!

Complied by the committee!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



"His heart,
His hands,
His voice."

Week of Prayer for International Missions / December 2-9

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

Women's Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 8th
10:00 a.m.

Wouldn't it be great to have a fantastic variety of homemade treats to enjoy this season with minimal work and money spent? How does this wonderful idea work? Each person brings 5-6 dozen of her favorite cookie. We will then put some of the cookies in decorative containers to be delivered to our shut ins and to some Afghan businesses in little Kabul. The remainder we will fill our own containers and take home a variety. How cool is that? The cookie exchange will take place at First Southern Baptist Church. If you need more information please call the church office at (510) 276-3688.

Hello Church Family

Beginning next month in this newsletter I will publish a column about biographies of various church members. I will start by interviewing people about their history, good and bad. I hope to tell the story of people we know and some people we may not know so well. So I will be calling upon members of FSBC to expound upon their lives so we can know each other better.

Ron Poolaw



FROM THE PASTOR

Well, it is hard to believe that November has passed, and December has arrived! Our Thanksgiving dinner was well attended, and the food was superb. I hope everyone had a great time of fellowship with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table. We, have been given so much; everyday should be a day of thanksgiving.

What a blessing it is to be a part of such a loving church family. I want to thank all the folks who have entertained Mallory and me on Sunday afternoons. All of you have made sacrifices to feed us, and we thank you so much for your hospitality.

Many things are going on in our lives, our country and our world. It appears there is chaos on every hand. Many are distraught and discouraged about the future. Let us take a deep breath and relax. Let us enjoy the time of the Christmas season. Let us reflect on our faith, our families and friends. Let us remember most of all "the reason for the season," and that is Jesus!

Isaiah 9:6-7 TMSG *For a child has been born—for us! the gift of a son—for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings. He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom. He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always. The zeal of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this.*

I pray that the church family will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pastor Tim



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

December Calendar

- 3rd - Christmas Caroling - 6:00 p.m.
- 5th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th - Women's Cookie Exchange - 10:00 a.m.
- 9th - Special Business Meeting - 12:15 p.m.
 - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 12th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 15th - Christmas Party - 4:00 p.m.
- 16th - Christmas Cantata - 6:00 p.m.
- 19th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 23rd - Christmas Cantata - 10:45 a.m.
 - No Evening Service
- 24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 26th - No Wednesday Activities
- 27th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 30th - No Evening Service



- 6th - Dean Marshall
- 11th - Jae'von Queen
- 16th - Adam Smith
- 18th - Roberta King
- 20th - Jeremy Hicks
- 24th - Holly Brewer
- 24th - Mabrie Huff
- 25th - Cathy Garaventa
- 27th - Jean Johnson
- 30th - Lisa Villafuerte



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December Christmas

Events



Christmas Caroling

**Monday, December 3rd
6:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us as we go Christmas Caroling. We will meet at the church and travel as a group. Typically we visit about six homes and sing a few songs in front of each house. It's a great way to spread cheer during this Christmas season and to put a smile on everyone's face. Afterwards, we warm up by sharing cookies and beverages.

Christmas Party, 2012

"What's Under the Christmas Tree"
Saturday, Dec. 15, 4:00pm
Location TBA

It is Christmas Party time! Join in the festivities as we play "What's Under the Christmas Tree". You provide the food and a small gift. Did you receive a gift some time and you really don't want -- well, this is your opportunity to "re-gift" it! Or did you get "a bargain" at a garage sale? Bring that. The idea is not to spend hardly any money! (NO more than \$5.00) It will be fun to see what wonderful things we can bring. There will be games, caroling and a great dinner.

So sign up on the bulletin board for what food item you are going to bring.

You're Invited to Our Christmas Cantata

"Changed by a Baby Boy"

**Sunday, December 16th - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23rd - 10:45 a.m.**

Come and bring your friends and family to this musical Celebration of Jesus Christ. Who would have imagined that a tiny baby born in a small stable over 2,000 years ago could and would change the entire world? *Changed By a Baby Boy* rejoices in The Greatest Story Ever Told and how God's miraculous plan impacted the world then....and now.

Refreshments will be served on Sunday, December 16th.

