



Welcome Home Pastor Chris and Kim.

Happy Valentine's Day

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13:13 (NIV)

Valentine Get Together Potluck

Saturday, February 14th

You are invited to a Valentine Get Together Potluck on Saturday, February 14th at 5:00 p.m. Come see what we have in store for you. You won't want to miss out. This will be a good time to fellowship and to get to know your church family better. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish. The church will be supplying the dessert.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday Nights as we gather together at 5:00 p.m. for some good food. At 6:00 p.m. we have a bible teaching by Pastor Chris and at 6:30 p.m. you can either go to choir practice, prayer time or bible study. Bring your appetite and your friends and come fellowship with us.

Bus Ministry

We are now operating our 14-passenger church bus for people who want to attend both the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service! If you live within 5 miles of the church...If you need a ride to church...If you know of someone who needs a ride, please contact the church office at (5120) 276-3688. We will pick you up at your front door and drop you off at the side door of the church! We even have a handicap lift! We will return you safely to your front door.

EBBA Women's Retreat

March 13 - 15

Mt. Hermon Christian Camp

Have you ever wanted to be on The Amazing Race? Okay, a "milder" version of it? This year's retreat will be your opportunity to participate in "The Amazing Race" God's Way". Bring your "training manual" - the Bible, your "running shoes", comfortable walking shoes, and openness to learn and grow. Come hear personal testimonies from women who are running the Race. This will be an opportunity that you won't want to pass up. The cost for 2 nights/6 meals: Economy - \$169.00 - Moderate - \$212.00 - Deluxe - \$249.00 - Private Rooms Available. If you need more information or are planning on going please call the church office at (510) 276-3688. The deadline will be on Sunday, February 8th.

Upcoming Event

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 1-8, 2009

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"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Mike Brown - Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell
Branch - Marines **Rank** - Master Sergeant
Assignment - Stationed in Miramar

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



Making History

My intention was to be a part of history by attending the inauguration in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 2009. I purposefully postponed my return flight out of Dulles Airport from January 17 to January 22, first to spend more time with my son in Alexandria and second to accompany him to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

Zachary and I traveled by Metro train to D.C. on January 19 and stood at the front gates of the White House. It was the last evening that George Bush would occupy the building. Even after dark and with temperatures well below freezing, we were thronged by inaugural pilgrims. We pushed through the crowds carrying our cameras and covered with layers of clothing. I was fatigued and foot-sore when we returned to Virginia.

On the next morning we decided not to make the return trip to the capitol. The press of people and freezing temperatures dissuaded us. In addition, neither of us was a passionate follower of the incoming president. Instead, we traveled a few Metro stops to Old Town Alexandria to watch the inauguration on a big-screen TV. The room was warm, the seats were soft, and the hot dogs were free!

Although I missed this gigantic event of 1.4 million people, I am already planning to be a participant in the biggest celebration ever. I plan to join in with every living creature as we sing and shout together, "To Him that sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, be blessing and honor, and glory and power forever and ever" [Revelation 5:13]. The 2009 inauguration has given me a mental picture of that end-time event. Will I see you among these multitudes?

Kim's Corner

What do you do at 5:30 in the morning?

When I am in Africa, I attend the daily devotional meeting which happens at the *Come and See Africa* (CASA) house where I stay. Around 5 am, while it's still dark outside, I hear the CASA house gate creak open. Jack, who is the watchman for CASA, takes white plastic chairs out from the living room to the yard.

Soon mamas and kids enter the gate. These are poorest of the poor people in Butare. Most of the mamas are widows and some of these kids are orphans. These children often go to bed hungry and wake up hungry. And yet, they get up early, walk the dirt road in the dark, to get to CASA in the twilight. They give thanks to God that they are alive for the day. They pray, they sing, they are grateful.



Pastor Chris and Jane pray at the Morning Prayer meeting in Rwanda.

Whenever I see the way they express their gratitude to God, I am humbled. I am reminded by them that true joy comes from a grateful heart, not from an abundance of things.

Let's make 2009 a year of prayer! You are invited to accompany Pastor Chris and me as we begin each day in prayer. Join us in the Church sanctuary at seven in the morning. You can stay for five minutes or a whole hour. The door will be open.



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

February Calendar

- 1st - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Villa Fairmont - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 14th - Valentine Get Together Potluck - 5:00 p.m.
- 15th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 16th - Office Closed
- 18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 20th - Villa Fairmont - 7:00 p.m.
- 23rd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 25th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 26th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 28th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.



- 1st - Rena Harrelson
- 7th - Stacie Kopet
- 10th - Pat Harrelson
- Latoya Williams
- 12th - Pauline Ford
- Jonathon Jefferson
- 18th - Eugene Ivey
- 20th - Kim Foreman
- 21st - Ruth Cavin
- 23rd - Marty Starry Pardue



- 12th - Eugene & Betty Ivey



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~ The Gospel of John ~

Come join us on Sunday mornings as we look into "The Gospel of John". This Fourth Gospel is noted for the several "I am" sayings of Jesus. These sayings provide great insight into the purpose, position, and person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ February 1 ~

The Bread of Life [John 6:28-35]

~ February 8 ~

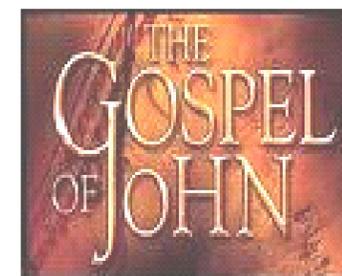
The Light of the World [John 8:12-20]

~ February 15 ~

Before Abraham [John 8:52-59]

~ February 22 ~

The Door [John 10:1-10]



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~ A Study in the Book of Nehemiah ~

Sunday Evenings for 4 weeks - February 1 to February 22

~ February 1 ~

[Nehemiah Project - Steps 1-2]

~ February 8 ~

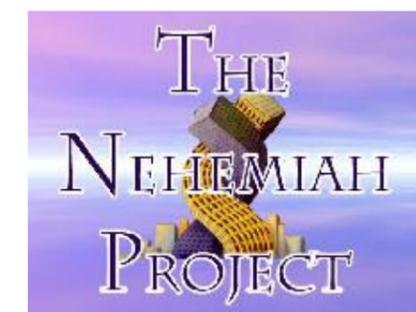
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~ February 15 ~

[Nehemiah Project - Steps 6-7-8]

~ February 22 ~

[Nehemiah Project - Steps 9-10-11-12]



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