

## In Loving Memory of Jual Lynne Rydell

On Friday, January 1st, Sister Jual Lynne Rydell, released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of his Savior Jesus Christ. Remember the family in your prayers.

### God is at Work

God Is Good and is at work here at First Southern Baptist Church.

On January 17th Bob Rice was baptized and joined the church. In November and December Angie, Charles and Gary came forward to join our church

Praise God as we welcome them into our church family.

### "Pastor's Surprise Birthday Party"

by Janie Huffman

If Pastor knew this surprise was coming, he sure didn't show it when he walked into the Fellowship Hall on December 23rd. No regular events were scheduled since it was Christmas week. Robbie, Edith, Kim and Pastor were meeting at the church before going to dinner.

Sentries were stationed inside at the window to advise when they drove up and were about to walk in. I would have loved to have read Pastor's mind when he saw the lights on the cars all over the lot and street. After a hearty call of SURPRISE from about 50 of us, I'm sure he figured it out.

We all had a blast, along with a fine dinner of salad, lasagna, green beans, rolls, and birthday cake for dessert.

May God bless you, Pastor, on this momentous birthday and provide you with love, health, happiness, and His ever present grace.

## Responding to the Haiti Earthquake

You can help support the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief. For information go to [www.namb.net/haiti](http://www.namb.net/haiti) or you can call 1-866-407-6262.

Make check's payable to North American Mission Board and send to Haiti Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 116543, Atlanta, GA 30368-6543

### Valentine's Chocolate Tasting Party



You Are Invited ---- Reserve this date Saturday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m. at First Southern Baptist Church for our Valentine's Chocolate Tasting Party. Of course you may come alone, but you are encouraged to bring a date, spouse or otherwise.

Dinner is being served at 5:00 p.m. which will include: chuck roast with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables and salad.

Dessert can be summed up in one word: CHOCOLATE

### Upcoming Event



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## Kim's Corner

### Experience and Obedience

At six o'clock on a Saturday morning, Chris told me that three people were registered to attend a *Celebrate Recovery* workshop in San Jose even though the church paid for four people. I recognized the name of the program but knew little about it and how it worked. My friend who is attending a local *Celebrate Recovery* program told me that it is like a Christ-centered "Alcoholics Anonymous" meeting. As Chris was preparing to leave the house, he mentioned the fourth open seat. I don't know what came over me. I thought about the wasted money and I was curious about the program. I got out of bed and accompanied Chris to the church parking lot. I turned out to be the fourth person.

The founder of *Celebrate Recovery* introduced himself by saying, "My name is John. I am a believer in recovery from alcoholism" and his wife said, "I am Cheryl. I am a believer who is in recovery from co-dependence". The couple shared their powerful stories. When John had acknowledged his alcohol addictions and gave it to God, then his recovery began. There were two things that stood out from the couple's testimonies: first their experience and second their obedience. Because they had firsthand experience with alcoholism and its destructive ways, they established a ministry for people suffering in similar situations. Because of their obedience, God was able to use their ministry to change lives.

Pastor Chris and I see a need for a recovery ministry at First Southern, but we are not the ones to lead it. God must call the right person into service. The right person would come from a "12-step" background, would be an experienced follower of Jesus, and would have a burden to help other people deal with addictions and dysfunctions. He or she would require both experience and obedience. Listen to your heartbeat. Are you that person?

### The Words of the Preacher

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; ... A time to weep, and a time to laugh;" [Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2 & 4]. I first heard these words in 1965 when they were sung by a rock & roll group called the Byrds. The song, called *Turn, Turn, Turn*, was a number one hit. Since these words are credited to "the Preacher", that is King Solomon, *Turn, Turn, Turn* contains the oldest lyrics which ever appeared in a number one pop song. At 3000 years old, they even pre-date the song lyrics of Bing Crosby.

These words of the Byrds and of King Solomon returned to my memory on New Year's Day. I had just fallen asleep after some minor celebrating on New Year's Eve. The year of 2010 was only three hours old, when the telephone rang. Steve told me that his sister, Jual Lynn, had just passed away a short time earlier. The death of this faithful church member came as a surprise to me, though not so much as a shock. As the song goes, there is "a time to be born, and a time to die". January 1, 2010, proved to be Jual Lynn's time. The church held a memorial service for her on January 9.

By a strange coincidence, I officiated at a wedding fourteen hours later. This was all planned months in advance, so at five PM, I pronounced the words, "what God has joined together, let no man put asunder". After this solemn occasion, Kim and I sat down to a reception and a meal. There was dancing, celebrating, and an abundance of joy. My mind returned to the early morning phone call and I thought, "a time to weep and a time to laugh" both on the same day – both on the first day of the year.

Ecclesiastes is an odd book of the Bible, responding to the mysteries of life. The words are philosophical and, to many, overly pessimistic. But let's not neglect the final words of the Ecclesiastical Preacher: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." [Ecclesiastes 12:13 & 14].



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"

Mike Brown – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell  
Branch – Marines Rank – Master Sergeant  
Assignment – Stationed in Japan through August

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

# February Calendar

- 3rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Women's Potluck Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 7th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 10th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 13th - Valentine's Chocolate Tasting Party - 5:00 p.m.
- 15th - Office Closed
- 17th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship
- 20th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 21st - 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 - 6:15 p.m.



- 1st - Rena Harrelson
- 7th - Stacie Kopet
- 10th - Pat Harrelson
- 10th - Donna Riley
- 10th - Latoya Williams
- 12th - Pauline Ford
- 17th - Heidi Brogan
- 18th - Eugene Ivey
- 20th - Kim Foreman
- 21st - Ruth Cavin
- 23rd - Marty Starry Pardue



- 12th - Eugene & Betty Ivey



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## The Hope of Resurrection

Join us on Sunday mornings as Pastor Chris continues speaking on "The Hope of Resurrection which will continue until Easter Sunday.



- ~ February 7 ~ The Hope of Resurrection [1 Corinthians 15:15-19]
- ~ February 14 ~ Anticipating Resurrection [1 Corinthians 15:20-27]
- ~ February 21 ~ Dying Daily [1 Corinthians 15:28-34]
- ~ February 28 ~ The Manner of Resurrection [1 Corinthians 15:35-41]

## The Parables of Jesus

On Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Chris will be continuing his sermon series on The Parables of Jesus. Come and learn what the parables from the Gospel of Luke have to say to you.

- ~ February 7 ~ Humbled Guest/Dinner Guests/Unprepared  
Builder/King's War Plans
- ~ February 14 ~ Unjust Steward/ Lost Sheep/ Lost Coin
- ~ February 21 ~ Unjust Judge/ Tax Collector and Pharisee/ Two Debtors
- ~ February 28 ~ Watching Servants/Wise Steward/Servant's Duty

