

Christmas Cantata

by Joyce Thornburg

CHANGED BY A BABY BOY

A Christmas Musical

Arranged and Orchestrated by Lari Goss.

Our Christmas musical was conducted by Shauna Shoptaw-Duncan. She did an excellent job, as usual. Narration was done by Bill Duncan; we all agreed that he has such a good voice and did an excellent job. Thanks so much to both of them.

On the night of December 16 and the morning of December 23, 2012 we had the above mentioned musical. Our soloists for this musical were Paul Schultz, Char Fortner, Debbie Machetta, Al Thornell, Roberta King, Mike Fortner and Shauna Shoptaw-Duncan. Our guest conductor for one song was Paul Schultz.

What anticipation of the people as they waited for the long-expected birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just singing the cantata made us feel that we were witnessing the Wise Men as they knelt and offered gifts to Him more than 2000 years ago.

I could just hear the angels joining in with us singing these glorious songs. I just know that my honey, Don, along with Betty, Ruth and others who have passed away this year were part of the Angels Clapping Their Wings.

Hallelujah for the birth of the Baby Jesus who has changed our lives forever.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Praise the Lord!

We reached our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal. This year our goal was \$5,000 and we collected \$10,000.

Welcome to our Church Family

In December we had three people come forward. They were: Mary Drury, Bill Duncan and Ed Kelton. Mary came forward and wants to be baptized and to join the church. Bill and Ed also came forward to join the church.

Praise God for their commitment to follow the Lord.

" A Homemade Heart " Valentine Banquet

Saturday, February 9
4:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
28924 Ruus Road
Hayward, CA

COST: \$10.00 per person

A beautiful catered dinner of Roasted Italian Chicken, Tri Tip, red roasted potatoes, green veggie, and spring salad. (NO dishes!)

To Buy Your Tickets

see Caryl, Diane, Chery, Cindyann
or call the church office.

Upcoming Events in March

Mark Your Calendar.....

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Annie Armstrong (Week of Prayer)
March 3rd - March 10th

Church Revival
March 10th - March 13th

Easter Cantata
March 24th

Jews For Jesus
March 27th

Ron's Corner

Greeting FSBC,

The most important and influential part of my young life was CHURCH.

Both my Mother and Father were raised in families that seen the ravages of alcoholism. Because of this alcohol was prohibited in our families and we attended church regularly. We seem to always be at church, the first to arrive and the last to leave. We attended Sunday School, Morning Worship, Training Union, Sunday night services, Tuesday visitation, Wednesday services, RA's and GA's, once a month cleaning, Church Camps in the summer, Revivals in the fall and spring.

With all of these good influences I still tried alcohol and drugs which led me alcoholism and drug addict. Thank you God that those days are now behind me. I have been clean and sober for 2 years. Praise God.

In my next month's article I will write about two members of FSBC. I will give you two clues about whom I will write about and you try to guess who they might be?

First person: Was named after the family doctors spouse. Second clue: Favorite movie, Gone with the Wind.

Second person: First person in their family to attend church. Rode the church bus to church.

Another clue: Pitched a no-hitter in high school.

Who are these two people????



Like December, January has come and gone with quick abandonment. The Lord has been so good to us here at First Southern. During the month of December and January several people have expressed interest in salvation and in joining the church. To God be the Glory; great things He has done!

With all this new interest in our church, we are compelled to respond to the various requests. One of the ways we are responding is by starting a "New Members" class. Diane Varady will be leading this class. I am looking forward to the genesis of this class, and I believe it will be the catalyst for new growth in our church.

By the time this news letter will have been sent our church will have collected \$10,000.00 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. I want to thank all of you that gave sacrificially to this annual offering. What a great testimony! We give God all the glory for allowing us to participate in the worthwhile effort.

I want to encourage our members to continue to pray for the church, staff, leadership team and for one another. We need to continue to be faithful in our attendance, giving, and service. There is much to be done. We need the help of all our membership to accomplish God's purpose for our church.

Remember, Gal 6:7-10 *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*

May God richly bless each and every one of your lives. We serve a risen Lord who is worthy of all of our praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name for the Lord is good His mercy endures to all generations. See you all at church.

Pastor Tim

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

February Calendar

6th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
9th - A Homemade Heart Valentine Banquet 4:00 p.m.
11th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
13th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
17th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
18th - Office Closed
20th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
23rd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
25th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
27th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
28th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.

Happy Birthday

4th - Harold Sterling
7th - Pete Dal Ferro
7th - Stacie Kopet
10th - Pat Harrelson
10th - Latoya Williams
17th - Heidi Brogan
18th - Eugene Ivey
25th - Maurice Queen



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Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Dr. Timothy Hines will be preaching a series of sermons on "The Wonderful Story of Jesus".

Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Timothy Hines will be leading us in a series of sermons on "Treasures of Truth".



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Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Family
Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.

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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)

FEBRUARY