



I hope and pray that all of you experienced a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year. It seems, the older I become the faster Christmas comes every year! I want to thank all of you who helped with the Christmas events this year. It was delightful to see so many people pitch in to lend a hand.

With a new year now upon us we must be mindful of many things. Every New Year normally starts with a big bang and then before long all the good intentions and resolutions fizzle. Good intentions and resolutions fizzle because we do not carefully consider the cost or the expected sacrifices required to accomplish our aims and goals.

Remember, we must fight for anything and everything worth having or achieving. This year, may we as a church aim to grow closer to God and one another. We must admit-if we are going to accomplish any goal, we need God and each other. All throughout the New Testament, we find a call for Christians to pursue peace and harmony amongst the members of Christ body. Notice this call in I Corinthians 12:25-27 (NLT) *"This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. 26 If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 27 All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."*

May we all commit to honor God with our lives and make it our mandate to please Him. How can we do any less than to offer Him our lives as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service? Remember, God has done so much for us it is reasonable for us to consider Him first and give Him our best!

With the month of February, we sense the spirit of LOVE in the air. Since LOVE is in the air, Caryl Shaw and her crew of four other ladies decided we needed to celebrate! Therefore, on February 14, 2015 our church will sponsor a Valentine Banquet. The theme of the banquet will focus on The Love of God.

If you have not signed up for the banquet, or already purchased your tickets, please see or contact Caryl at church or contact her at the office at 510-276-3688. If you are on a diet, like I am, forget about it! The ladies have put together a wonderful menu. The dinner will be catered by Rigatoni's Italian Restaurant with a plethora of wonderful Italian delicacies. We have allotted fifty tickets for this event so do not delay, pay today or Caryl might say it's too late no way!

My oldest daughter Megan will be coming to visit during Valentine's week. I hope many of you will be able to visit with her; she will be **MY** date at the Valentine's Banquet!

I want to thank many of you in the church who are praying for my wife Donna and daughter Mallory. Please continue to pray for them as they try to minister to Donna's mother and family.

May God continue to bless and keep you all in His loving care.

Pastor Tim



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



Wednesday Evening
Family Dinner - 5:00 pm
Bible Study - 5:45 pm
Choir Practice - 6:30 pm

Wednesday Night Dinner

Starting February 4th
5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come join us for dinner every Wednesday night. A reasonably-priced, 'home-cooked' meal with dessert. Adults \$5 suggested donation, Children 11 and under free.

"World Religions from a Christian Perspective"

Starting February 4th
5:45 pm

Come join us on Wednesday, February 4th at 5:45 pm as Tim F. with Global Gates who has been with Afghans for 10 years will lead us in a six week study of four religions that are prevalent in our area.

Much of the world has come to us. How can we be the hands and feet of Jesus to our least reached neighbors? If you want to know how better to relate to your least reached neighbors, the study book will be provided. For those wanting to go deeper, on the Saturday following our Wednesday study, we'll be visiting the primary religious center for that religion and will have lunch in an ethnic restaurant. Much of the world has come to us, let's embrace this opportunity!

Week One - Wed., Feb. 4 - Introduction and orientation - **Sat., Feb. 7** - Tour a Mosque, Hindu Temple, Buddhist Temple and Sikh Temple and have lunch in an Afghan restaurant.

Week Two - Wed., Feb. 11 - Study Hinduism **Sat., Feb. 14** - Visit a Hindu temple and have lunch in an Indian restaurant.

Week Three - Wed., Feb. 18 - Study Sikhism **Sat., Feb. 21** - Visit a Sikh temple and have lunch at the Sikh temple.

Week Four - Wed., Mar. 4 - Study Buddhism **Sat., Mar. 7** - Visit a Buddhist Temple and have lunch in a Thai restaurant.

Week Five - Wed., Mar. 18 - Study Islam **Sat., Mar. 21** - Visit a Mosque and have lunch at a Yemeni restaurant.

Week Six - Wed., Mar. 25 - Debrief, wrap-up and evaluation. **Sat., Mar. 28** - Take another member not a part of the study to lunch in an ethnic restaurant of their choice and meet back to share experiences of the training, to wrap-up and debrief.

Valentine Banquet "God's Love"

Saturday, February 14th
4:00 pm

FSBC will be hosting our annual Valentines Banquet, centering on God's Love. We invite everyone to come join us at 4:00 pm in our fellowship hall. The cost of this event is \$12.00 a person, this includes a full course meal catered from Rigatoni's, drinks, desert, door prizes, games, music, photo booth and a brief devotion.

Tickets will be sold in advance of this event. There is limited space; we have fifty tickets for sale and they will be sold first-come, first served! Please purchase your tickets right away to ensure your place at the table! Tickets can be purchased from Caryl, Linda or Reva.

Feel free to call the church office for more information. Remember, God loves you!

Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

Joshua Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Navy **Rank** - Basic Training
Assignment - Great Lakes, Illinois

Megan Hines - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines
Rank - LC- **Assignment** - South Carolina

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air force **Rank** -
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona



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Our Doors are Open

Come join us each week as we open our doors for worship, teaching, fellowship and discipleship training.

Each Sunday our doors are open at 8:30 am for a time of fellowship around the coffee pot. Starting at 9:30 am we have a time of Bible study and then at 10:45 am we begin our weekly Sunday morning service.

Our Sunday morning services burst with energy as our worship leader leads the congregation to praise and worship our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Our pastor is committed to preaching dynamic sermons proclaiming the truth of God's word to our hearts.

In the same fashion, our pastor has dedicated our Sunday evening fellowship time to focus on the Old Testament book of Daniel. The book of Daniel is an enchanting study; it is chock full of mystery, suspense, action and faith. Please make plans to attend these evening sessions, as they will enlighten and encourage you in your daily walk with the Lord.

Our doors are open each Wednesday evening. Our fellowship begins with a meal at 5:00 pm in our fellowship hall. Following the meal, we gather in the auditorium for our midweek Bible study. Our Bible study for the next six weeks will be lead by Tim F. on "World Religions from a Christian Perspective." The schedule and agenda is on the next page.

Please make plans to attend all of the weekly events sponsored by your church. Remember, our doors are open!



February Calendar

- 4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 10th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
- 11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 14th - Valentine Banquet - 4:00 pm
- Happy Valentines Day
- 18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 22nd - Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 5:00 pm
- Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm
- 23rd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 24th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
- 25th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 26th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
- 28th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am

Happy Birthday

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



Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

John 4:7-8 (NIV)