

"A Caroling We Go!"

by Jane Thornell

Going caroling is one of my favorite activities of the Christmas season. It always brings such joy to each household, when we find the right houses!! (This year we tried to go to the wrong address!) It doesn't even matter if we sing all the right notes! We had thirteen people roaming the streets and making a joyful noise, including a friend from Neighborhood Church.

It can be hard sometimes to decide which homes to go to. With time for travel and spending just a few minutes at each stop, we can only visit five or six homes. It takes awhile to get in and out the bus too, especially when some folks forget to unfasten their seat belt!

The year we got to sing to Lillian Kopet, who hadn't been in her own home in over two years. We also went across the street and caroled for her neighbor, who has crocheted many caps for the Open Door Mission. We sang at several other homes, and ended up at the pastor's home for cookies and hot apple cider. Sitting around their table eating and talking was a good way to end the evening.

Sunday Morning Speakers

January 4th - Deacon Mike Fortner

January 11th - Steve Weaver

January 18th - Associate Pastor Ken Hillard

January 25th - Pastor Chris Foreman

Sunday Evening Testimonies

January 4th - Shirley Halbach

January 11th - Linda Furuyama

January 18th - Barbara Martinez

Christmas Party

by Char Fortner



Laughing and Christmas music resounded from the fellowship hall of First Southern Baptist Church as we gathered to celebrate the Christmas season. Our 2008 Christmas party began with a delicious dinner and we had fellowship with our church family. And of course we exchanged gifts. There were 40 gift-givers this year! The nutcracker, apple cinnamon candles and the travel game to name a few were very popular.

Associate Pastor

Our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be leading the church while Pastor Chris is in Africa on Mission.



**Let's make this our number 1
New Year's Resolution for
2009 to grow closer
to Christ!**

"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



When Pastor Chris returns from Africa, he will begin a new Sunday Morning Sermon Series taken from 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.

An introductory sermon, taken from the Book of Exodus, explains the basis of the sayings. The series will conclude with an Easter message on "The King of the Jews". Each of the messages will be accompanied by a short video dramatization of the "I Am" saying taken from the Gospel of John.

1/25/2009	The Great I AM	Exodus 3:11-15
2/1/2009	The Bread of Life	John 6:28-35
2/8/2009	The Light of the World	John 8:12-20
2/15/2009	Before Abraham	John 8:52-59
2/22/2009	The Door	John 10:1-10
3/8/2009	The Good Shepherd	John 10:11-19
3/15/2009	The Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17-27
3/22/2009	The Way, Truth and Life	John 14:1-7
3/29/2009	The True Vine	John 15:1-9
4/5/2009	Palm Sunday /Jesus of Nazareth	John 18:1-8
4/12/2009	Easter / The King of the Jews	John 18:33-40

Kim's Corner - Christmas Cantata



Rain was coming down pretty hard during the morning service. As I ushered people at the door, I kept looking up at the sky, hoping to see a sign that the rain might stop before the evening service. The rain never stopped. In spite of the rain, many people showed up for the annual Christmas cantata.

This year's cantata theme was "How Great Our Joy", and the congregation had an opportunity to sing along with the choir. This made for a much more enjoyable event. We had two youth from the Korean congregation join the cantata, making our choir more youthful and also more multicultural.

As Pastor Chris was reading the Christmas story from the Bible in English, Korean words were projected on the screen to accommodate the Korean audience. It was so nice to see different ages, different races and different language groups come together and be able to sing together such songs as "Joy to the World", "O little town of Bethlehem", and many more. After the cantata, we had a fellowship with delicious finger food. I probably ate half of 250 dumplings which the Korean pastor's wife made.

What a joy to sing and fellowship with our brothers and sister in Christ. Gloria, in excelsis Deo!



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

January Calendar

- 7th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 12th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 14th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 18th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 21st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 24th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 25th - Vote on 2009 Budget after a.m. Service
- 26th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 28th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



- 3rd - Lucille Halbach
- 6th - Linda Furuyama
- 10th - Debbie Machetta
- 19th - Ken Abbott
- 31st - Caryl Shaw



- 16th - Mike & Char Fortner
- 23rd - Ken & Justine Hillard



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OFF TO AFRICA



Pastor Chris Foreman and his wife Kim will be on mission to Africa from December 29 to January 16. This will be their twelfth journey to the same university community in Rwanda. Chris and Kim will be staying at the Christian Fellowship House near campus. Kim will lead a seminar for university professors and Pastor Chris will be teaching the university students and local pastors.



“And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... Pray that we may proclaim it clearly, as we should. [Colossians 4: 3 & 4]

Pray for Chris & Kim and 7 others while they are on Mission in Africa

	ON		IN	WE PLAN TO	
Monday	29-Dec	SF	USA	Depart	Traveling Mercy
Tuesday	30-Dec	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia	Stop over	Gentle & humble heart
Wednesday	31-Dec	Butare	Rwanda	Arrive	Open Door to Gospel
Thursday	1-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	Rest	Team Unity
Friday	2-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	renew friendships	Faithfulness of leaders
Saturday	3-Jan	Bujumbura	Burundi	travel & tour	Open Door to Gospel
Sunday	4-Jan	Bujumbura	Burundi	local church service	Boldness to proclaim
Monday	5-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	teach seminars	A Fearless Testimony
Tuesday	6-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	teach seminars	Graceful speech
Wednesday	7-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	teach seminars	A Clear proclamation
Thursday	8-Jan	"Countryside"	Rwanda	bush church	Gentle & humble heart
Friday	9-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	bush church	Team Unity
Saturday	10-Jan	Ruengeri	Rwanda	travel & tour	Faithfulness of leaders
Sunday	11-Jan	Goma	Congo	local church service	Boldness to proclaim
Monday	12-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	visit & encourage	Open Door to Gospel
Tuesday	13-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	visit & encourage	Make most of opportunities
Wednesday	14-Jan	Butare	Rwanda	board meeting	Gentle & humble heart
Thursday	15-Jan	Kigali	Rwanda	Depart	Team Unity
Friday	16-Jan	SF	USA	Arrive	Traveling Mercy



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