



Christmas Caroling

by Jane Thornell

O Come All Ye Faithful

Our annual Christmas caroling was a great time, again. We had good weather, a little cold but no rain. We were blessed with some new carolers this year. Jody (the Pastor's new dog) came along, but she, wisely, did not sing! We also had two children singers - Quentin and Gabriel added a few new words to some of our carols, and just had so much enthusiasm!

It is always a blessing to visit church members and bring a little Christmas cheer to them, and their neighbors. Each family is always so grateful. It doesn't matter how well we sing. We just share the love of Christ and leave a gift of joy. This year Deacon Al offered a prayer of blessing at each home, which gave encouragement to our members.

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

Christmas Cantata

by Ann Paulson

A Cantata at First Southern Baptist Church of San Lorenzo means a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, involving some awesome solos, some clapping and stomping, some prayer, and a gathering of many religions to celebrate the birth of Christ and give thanks to our Lord for being our Creator and our Savior.

If you happen to have been at this particular Cantata this year, you would have been completely overwhelmed by the many people who were packed inside our church. It was wonderful to see Miss Shawna lead our choir and also have someone help out as she joined the choir on one particular song. The solos were amazing and I must say, Al Thornell, you brought the house down that evening! A bit of a southern draw and some clapping and I even heard a heehaw from the audience as Al sang to the song "Look Who Just Walked In?"

But the meaning of Christmas hits home as the lights go dim and everyone lights the candles and sings "Silent Night". It was precious! A time of remembrance. A time when our Savior was born! Let us not forget the reason for this Cantata. Let us not forget the reason we celebrate Christ!

Christmas Party

by Julie Corrington

Thanks to Diane, Charles, Karen and Chery for decorating the Fellowship hall with snowflakes everywhere! Thanks to all who brought food! Yum!

The highlights of the evening included: The group at each table had to make a snowman from items provided. Each snowman had to be given a name, a life story and be able to perform a trick. The snowman that was unanimously voted the best was created by Al, Jane, John, Stacie, Debbie, Jeff and April. Their snowman's trick was to stare down anyone and win! If you saw his eyes, you would know it was possible.

Everyone brought a snowflake. Diana's was the most original, Pete's was the funniest, Jane's was the prettiest and Gary had the most interesting; it would light up.

We sang Christmas Carols with our wonderful Jean playing the piano. Jean's friend, Juanita, led us with "Jesus, Jesus" and Bea sang a solo of, "O Holy Night." Both ladies had beautiful voices! Al led all the other songs, including, "Hark the Harold Angels Sing," done on Kazoo's that Diane provided for everyone!

Pastor Chris led us in exchanging white elephant gifts and reading from the Scripture in Luke, of the original Christmas Story.

A good time was had by all who came!



Good-bye 2010

It was the habit of me and Kim to mail out end-of-year letters to our family and friends. For the past few weeks, I've carried out this conversation in my head, "Should I mail out Christmas letters this year or not?" My first inclination was: "no, of course not. People will understand my grief". My second inclination was: "yes, I won't allow grief to take the mastery of me. My family and friends deserve to know how I'm doing." This brings me to my third inclination. I have decided to save myself 100 postage stamps and include my Christmas letter in our Church newsletter. I hope you don't mind.



Last picture taken of Chris and Kim

"So, how am I doing?" you may ask. Let me say this: "I am glad the year 2010 is behind me." It was my worst year ever -- my "dark night of the soul" -- my "valley of the shadow of death." I will never comprehend why my lovely wife Kim was killed in a car accident and why I was spared. That is for God to know and I have fully accepted Him as my Sovereign. My past was filled with grace and love; my future is filled with hope. It's my present that's bleak, but I recognize and expect my present to slowly turn into my future.

Some questions are just impossible to answer, like this one addressed President Lincoln's wife, "Other than that Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?" If you redirect that question to me, it becomes, "Other than that Pastor Foreman, how did you enjoy 2010". For me, 2010 equals tragedy. 2010 will always be the year that Kim Foreman died. Let me repeat. "I'm glad 2010 is behind me. Good-bye and good riddance! ". And yet ... I expect great things for 2011 and beyond. God is not done with me yet. My life is at the service of the Gospel. God has given me this gift of grace. I am surviving my grief because I continue to have Christ in me, the hope of glory.



Chris with Jody sitting in their VW camper



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"

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

January Calendar

- 5th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.
- 10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 12th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 16th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 19th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 26th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 27th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 30th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.



- 1st - Ofelia Agbayani
- 3rd - Lucille Halbach
- 3rd - Michael Rice
- 5th - Quentin Torres
- 6th - Linda Furuyama
- 6th - Charles Varady
- 6th - Georgia Wheat
- 10th - Debbie Machtetta
- 19th - Ken Abbott
- 31st - Caryl Shaw



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



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Sunday Morning Sermon Series

Come join us at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris continues on January 9 speaking on the



- ~ **January 2** ~ Guest Speaker ~ Lyman Alexander
- ~ **January 9** ~ The Supreme Charge ~ Colossians 2:1-7
- ~ **January 16** ~ Safeguard Against Seduction ~ Colossians 2:8-10
- ~ **January 23** ~ Fullness in Christ ~ Colossians 2:11-15
- ~ **January 30** ~ Guarding Your Treasures ~ Colossians 2:16-23

Sunday Evening Sermon Series

You are all invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

- ~ **January 2** ~ Associate Pastor Ken Hillard ~ Is The Trinity Biblical? ~ Deuteronomy 6:4
- ~ **January 9** ~ Solomon Video ~ Part 5
- ~ **January 16** ~ Solomon Video ~ Part 6
- ~ **January 23** ~ The Book of Ecclesiastes ~ Chapter 1 & 2
- ~ **January 30** ~ The Book of Ecclesiastes ~ Chapter 3