

## Christmas Caroling

by Janie Huffman

Hark, the Herald Carolers Sang...and what a joy it was. Three vehicles arrived last night and we had such a good time. Neighbors came out ranging in age from 11 months (a neighbor's grandson who, truthfully, was more interested in Jody) to a car with three seniors who were too cold to get out so sat in it with the heat on and sang their hearts out. The rest of us gathered together and so enjoyed our time. Thank you, carolers, and to God goes the glory. I'm expecting you next year!

## Christmas Around the World

by Mary Nell McCoy

If you were not able to attend the Christmas Party on Dec. 10 at FSBC, you missed a very fun evening. When you entered the room, you were greeted by tables beautifully decorated from the Philippines, El Salvador, Korea, Rwanda, African-American and Afghanistan! Choose the country you wanted to learn about! After stuffing ourselves with delicious food, we played several games from these particular countries which were very interesting such as unscrambling words of items that come from Africa, a Spanish bingo game from El Salvador, and the game of Yute from Korea which is played by throwing sticks on the floor!

Favorite carols were sung before the fun continued with the gift exchange. No one could become too attached to their gift as it could easily be "stolen" by the next person in line to choose a gift unless it had been stolen three times! This is always a fun event at our annual Christmas party.

Thanks again to Diane Varady and her team of assistants for all the planning, time and effort that goes into making our parties at FSBC such a success. I am thankful Christians can gather together and just have fun being a part of the family of God.

## Cookie Exchange

by Diane Varady

On Saturday morning December 17th about 10:00 a.m., 10 ladies met at Diane's house with armfuls of cookies for the Annual Cookie Exchange. Fun, fellowship, with tea and eating cookies made the time special. Several containers were filled to take to our shut-ins to let them know they are not forgotten. The shut-ins were very thankful to receive the cookies. Then the time came for everyone to fill their containers with cookies they did not make made for a hilarious time. As usual, prayer for our missionaries and other requests were voiced before the Father.

## Christmas Cantata

by Sue Abbott

Each year the choir begins practicing in the Fall for our Christmas Cantata. We enjoy getting together and giving each other a bad time and fellowshiping with one another. Sometimes we are all excited about the music. Sometimes we are a little anxious because the music is more difficult than we are used to. Sometimes the style of music isn't our favorite, but as we begin to work on it the messages begin to work on our hearts. We are blessed, encouraged, challenged and touched by each cantata we sing. We pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of those who come to hear HIS words and that we will honor HIM with our music. Thank you to those who came and to those who provided treats. It is always a good time of fellowship after the service!

Thank you to all the guys in the sound booth, our narrators and especially to Dean, who provided CD's of the cantata for all who wanted them!



## Jehovah Jireh – My Provider

October wasn't a great month for me. Two negative things happened. First, I tried in two places to get a line-of-credit bank loan. You see, I need funds to complete the Kim Foreman Bible Institute in Rwanda. First, my insurance company turned me down, then after 50 days of frustration, my bank also turned me down. That second denial was very discouraging. My back-up plan was to try for another bank loan after the first of the year.

Second, my credit card was compromised. I was refunded the money, but I had to get the card re-issued. That was a hassle, because I had several things on auto-pay. I had been getting mail notifications that my charge card was bad and I needed to furnish them with a new number. They are like parasites sucking money out of me.

One of the minor parasites was something called USAA Life Insurance. As I recall it, that charge was for something that Kim had signed up for many years earlier. I remember her saying that she wanted to be secure so she took out a life insurance policy on me. The pay-out couldn't be much at \$18.90 per month. I couldn't even find the original paperwork after she died. I was lazy and just let it slide along. So in mid-November, I got the notice that the insurance company could not process its monthly payment because the credit card was invalid.

I was sitting in my office on November 29<sup>th</sup> with several things to do. First, modify airline tickets. Second, deal with car insurance. Third, print handouts for seminary students. Fourth, call up this stupid company, give them a new Visa number, or maybe just cancel it. Who wants \$18.90 sucked out of your account every month?

So I dialed up the insurance rep. I told him the new credit card number. Then I mentioned that I needed to change my beneficiary from Kim to my sons Zachary & Simon. He asked me why I was taking this action. I told him that Kim had died in August 2010. He sympathized quietly. He then asked, "and how did she die?" I said, "In a car accident". He shouted, "What? Didn't you know that both you and Kim were on this policy? Didn't you know that this life insurance policy is for accidental death only?" (I confess. I didn't know either of these things -- Yes, I know I'm stupid)

But God supplies funds just when you need them. The accidental death policy turned out to be for \$100,000 and 100% of it is going to Africa. The money will help build the institute named after the woman who had the foresight to purchase an insurance policy ten years before she died. Then I glanced at the picture of Kim that still hangs on my office wall. Her smile seemed even broader than it did before. We have a great God, don't we?



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



*"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"*

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

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

## January Calendar

4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
- Pastor Chris leaves for Africa  
11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
14th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.  
15th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.  
16th - Office Closed  
18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
23rd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
25th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
26th - Pastor Chris returns from Africa  
- Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.  
28th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
29th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

1st - Ofelia Agbayani  
3rd - Lucille Halbach  
3rd - Michael Rice  
5th - Quentin Torres  
6th - Linda Furuyama  
6th - Charles Varady  
10th - Debbie Machetta  
16th - Barbara Trimble  
19th - Ken Abbott  
31st - Caryl Shaw

## Happy Anniversary

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



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## Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris is continuing a series of messages on January 1, January 8 and January 29 from the book of 1 Peter. On January 15 and January 22 our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be preaching while Pastor Chris is in Africa.

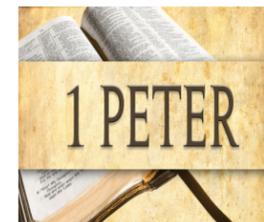
~ January 1 ~ Inherent a Blessing ~ 1 Peter 3:8-12

~ January 8 ~ A Reason for Your Hope ~ 1 Peter 3:13-17

~ January 15 ~ Associate Pastor ~ Ken Hillard  
Supremacy of God's Son ~ Hebrews 1:8-14

~ January 22 ~ Associate Pastor ~ Ken Hillard  
The Great Message of Salvation ~ Hebrews 2:1-9

~ January 29 ~ Christ Suffering ~ 1 Peter 3:18-22



## Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we start a new series on January 15th on "The Seven Churches of Asia".

~ January 1 ~ No Evening Service

~ January 8 ~ Africa Commissioning Service

~ January 15 ~ To The Church in Ephesus

~ January 22 ~ To The Church in Smyrna

~ January 29 ~ To The Church in Pergamum

