

In Loving Memory Of

Gerri Lance

On Thursday, November 29th, Sister Gerri Lance released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of her Savior Jesus Christ. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Christmas Caroling

Our annual Christmas caroling was a great time, again. We had good weather, a little cold but no rain. We were blessed that we had so many carolers this year including our new pastor Dr. Timothy Hines.

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.

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

Women's Cookie Exchange

By Chery Hanna

On Saturday morning December 8th about 10:00 a.m., 11 ladies met at First Southern Baptist Church with armfuls of cookies for the Annual Cookie Exchange. Fun, fellowship, with tea and eating cookies made the time special.

5 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. 25 containers were filled to the Afghan community. 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.

What's Under The Christmas Tree

by Cindyann Lucas

A special thank you to Charles, Ron and Dean; Who came early to set up tables and turn them all green!

Our guests showed up to WHATS UNDER THE TREE; Some dressed in Christmas attire – it was a sight to see!

Al sang carols and got us into the mood Thanks to everyone there was an assortment of food.

The one handed gift wrap was quite a show Al and Bob won – they curled their bow!

A different volunteer was decorated as a Christmas tree; Cindyann has photos if anybody wants to see

Don, Ken, Joyce, Gabriel, Quentin and Tim It's hard to pick when you want everyone to win !

I thought of this later and this would have been funny; I could blackmail them with their photos for Lottie Moon MONEY!

The gift exchange was nice and didn't get too mean; Unless you saw Pastor fight Damian over the bubble gum machine!

The last game of the night was the left right game; To know Left VS right .. did they even know their name ??

You had to pay attention and pass it every which way; If you got it last with you it would stay.

At the end of the night we all sat in our chair; Pastor told a Christmas story and reminded us why we were there.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2012

Attention All Members - Our quarterly business meeting will be on Sunday, January 27th following the morning worship service. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Ron's Corner

Greeting FSBC, This is Ron Poolaw reporting from "The Biographical Corner." I will begin my column with a brief narrative of my early life.

The early Years: Born in 1958 at Oakland, California to a father who is 3/4 Kiowa (A Native tribe of the Plains) and a Mother who was also 3/4 Kiowa. Do the math, that makes me 3/4 Kiowa. The other 1/4 is a mixture of blood that I have yet to fully trace, but I sure no celebrity or royal blood on this side of the family.

I attended American Indian Baptist Church in Oakland, Ca for most of my adolescent years. Our life was centered around Church and so we went to church more than anything else in our life. Thank goodness for this strict up bring.

I practiced my Native American culture by dancing at a young age at an amusement park in San Jose called Frontier Villlage. I was actually paid, 20 dollars a weekend, to perform on the weekends during the summer at an amusement park from the age of 4 to the age of 10.

My column has limited space so I will end for now. I hope you will begin to know me better as a person and I will begin exploring your life's too. See you next month.



Another Christmas has come to an end along with another year. I hope your Christmas experience was bright and full of cheer. The best gift given to me and my family this year was the call to be your pastor. In the words of Apostle Paul, "*I am bound to thank God always for you*". I want to thank you all for the blessing that you have been to my heart. So many of you have graciously entertained me, fed me and have unconditionally loved me. Thank you ever so much!

The New Year has arrived with much fanfare. People's expectations are high; stress levels are high as we all look for relief. If we look around, there is tumult and chaos at every turn. I want to encourage the church family with a passage from Hebrews 12:1-5 TMSG - *Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. ²Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. ³When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls! ⁴In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! ⁵So don't feel sorry for yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as his children?*

This passage of Scripture encourages us to prepare for the race, begin the race and never stop running the race.

We are encouraged to keep our eyes on Jesus. We are to study how Christ prepared for his race, how he began his race and how he never quit until his race was over.

Finally, we are encouraged to reflect on the race Christ ran for us; so that our faith will remain strong in the work of the Lord.

He said not to get down, and not to feel sorry for ourselves. Compare your sufferings with that of our Lord; then you will not feel discouraged anymore. Here is another passage that encourages us to stay faithful to the Christian cause, in spite of our circumstances.

TMSG Galatians 6:7-10 *Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others ignoring God! ⁸harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. ⁹So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. ¹⁰Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.*

From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Pastor Tim

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

January Calendar

2nd - No Wednesday Activities
9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
12th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.
13th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
20th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
21st - Office Closed
23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
24th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
26th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
27th - Quarterly Business Meeting - 12:15 p.m.
28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 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 School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Family
Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.

Return Service Requested

January

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Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Dr. Timothy Hines continues focusing on "How We Come to Worship".

Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Hines continues with his sermons entitled "From the Jordan to the Wilderness."