



We welcome Heidi Brogan and Jimmy Martinez into our church family. They were both baptized on Sunday, June 21st.

Fellowship BBQ

One of the five purposes of the church is FELLOWSHIP, and we at First Southern are pretty good at it! Jean Johnson hosts an annual Memorial Day BBQ at her house, and the goal is not just great food, but also bringing people together. Several churches are represented at the BBQ, so we are always making new friends.

Probably the most memorable and special moments came as the people praised the Lord in songs. It was a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and fellowship, and a great time was had by all.



Block Party

Saturday, July 4th
12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a FREE Hot Dog, chips and a drink. There will be a kid's inflatable jumper along with some games and prizes, so come and have some fun.

High Attendance Day

Sunday, July 12th

Mark Your Calendar.... Sunday, July 12th Let's make a special effort to increase our attendance in Sunday School and Worship on Sunday, July 12th. We need everyone's help in making this happen, so invite your friends and relatives to attend. There will be a gift for each one who attends and several special gifts for the people who bring the most first time guests.

Vacation Bible School

For All Ages Including Adults

August 2 - August 7 - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Our next planning meeting for all workers will be on Saturday, July 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We are excited and are looking forward to this year's VBS.

Solid Ground Trio

Sunday, July 19th
6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and family to come join us on Sunday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. for a night of music and worship.

This exciting trio is out of Northern California and was here in December of last year and was a delight to listen to. They enjoy singing and preaching and sharing about Jesus Christ. They speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Evening Service

July 5 ~ Post Modernism ~ in the World

July 12 ~ Kim Foreman Testimony

July 19 ~ Solid Ground Trio

July 26 ~ Guest Speaker - Tim Fortescue

Kim's Corner

Church Parking Lot Sale

For several months, we collected used items for our church parking lot sale. On Friday, with Caryl's masterful guidance, we sorted and priced items. On Saturday morning at 7 am, volunteers began arriving at church. The weather was nice and the breeze was pleasant. I counted 9 workers from the Korean church and 17 workers from our church. Throughout the day, many church members came and encouraged us as well – 32 in all. This year, we even had a food booth. Stacie and John were in charge of the bakery stand. Mrs. Hahn sold kimbap (Korean style sushi) while Steve and Shirley ran the hotdog stand. We enjoyed working together, eating, and having fellowship with one another.



The Youth group from the Korean church helped the event to be fun and successful. Girls were in charge of clothing sales and boys were helping out wherever they were needed. Once in a while, these young people would go to the main street with the "Yard Sale" sign and welcome drivers to our parking lot sale. They were such a delight to work with. A Korean girl asked "when are you going to have the next one?" She was having lots of fun. Indeed, it is fun to serve God with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Every penny we raised is going to equip students at the University of Rwanda as they serve their local community with open Christian hearts. When I heard that we raised over \$1500, I was surprised. It is almost miracle to me. Many items were sold for only a dime or quarter. I learned that every penny counts, and that God can multiply our dimes and quarters a \$1500 miracle.



Music of the Genocide

In a few weeks I will be going on my 13th mission to Rwanda. This will be a solo trip for me, but I will be meeting a fellow missionary when I arrive in the university town of Butare. Jason McCoy [son of our own Mary Nell] has been in Rwanda since the beginning of May. Jason is on the ground in Africa as an "ethno-musicologist", studying traditional Rwandan music as part of a doctoral program. Jason is attracting attention in his field because he is investigating the relationship between popular music and mass murder.

Here's the story. After colonial independence, the small East-African country of Rwanda was wracked by racial hatred between the majority Hutu tribe and the minority Tutsis. On several occasions this hatred flared into open genocide. These episodes exploded in April 1994 when, in the space of 100 days, about 800,000 people were murdered. After the defeat of the genocidal regime, many of the perpetrators were put on trial by the United Nations. One of those convicted of war crimes was not a general, nor a militiaman, nor a political leader, but a singer-songwriter by the name of Bikindi. This man's songs were played incessantly over official radio at the time of the genocide. His lyrics called for the merciless extermination of "cockroaches". Bikindi is now in prison in Tanzania -- the only person convicted of genocide for singing songs.

Jason is now in Rwanda interviewing genocide survivors, trying to get a handle on the influence that Bikindi songs had on the terrible events of 1994. He is also interviewing genocide perpetrators who have sought forgiveness for their crimes.

As a Christian, I understand the influence of song. Every Sunday morning I feel the power of praise as it lifts up the Christian heart toward God. I recognize that God's gift of song, used to encourage love, could also be misused to encourage hate. I once heard it said, "Give me the one who writes the songs of a nation and you can keep to one who writes its laws". Jason could use your encouragement while he is in Africa investigating this dark and difficult subject. Feel free to drop him a note at mccoyafrika@gmail.com.



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"

Mike Brown – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell
Branch – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant
Assignment – Stationed in Japan through August

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

July Calendar

- 1st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 4th - 4th of July Block Party - 12:00 p.m.
- 6th - Pastor Chris leaves for Africa
- 8th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 12th - High Attendance Day
- 13th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 15th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 18th - Vacation Bible School Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- 19th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
 - Solid Ground Trio - 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 25th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
 - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 26th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 28th - Pastor Chris returns from Africa
- 29th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



- 6th - Don Thornburg
- 8th - John Kopet
- 8th - Mary Nell McCoy
- 9th - Gerri Lance
- 12th - Eva Emerson
- 14th - Lorna Prickett
- 17th - Sue Abbott
- 20th - Betty Costa
- 23rd - Sita Abulencia
- 29th - Don Clark
- 29th - Elmonta Hillard
- 30th - Millie Brogdon
- 30th - Martha Housley



- 2nd - Bill & Millie Brogdon
- 5th - Jeff & Debbie Machetta
- 16th - Alex & Lisa Villafuerte



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~ Off To Africa ~

Pastor Chris will be on mission to Africa from July 6 to July 28. This will be his thirteenth journey to the same university community in Rwanda. He will be staying at the Christian Fellowship House near campus. Pastor Chris will be teaching university students and local pastors.



“and pray for me, that God may open a door for the message, so that I may proclaim the mystery of Christ...Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. [Colossians 4:3 & 4]

Let's all be in prayer each day for Pastor Chris and the mission team while they are on a Mission Trip to Africa.

~ Associate Pastor ~

Our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be leading the church while Pastor Chris is in Africa on Mission and will be preaching in the morning service on July 12th, July 19th and July 26th.

~ July 12 ~ Superiority of Love ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

~ July 19 ~ Watch Yourselves ~ 2 John 1-13

~ July 26 ~ Hard Sayings ~ Luke 13:1-9



If you have any concerns about the church you can contact Pastor Ken.



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