



God is at Work

God Is Good and is at work here at First Southern Baptist Church.

On Easter Sunday April 12th Latoya, Donna and Jervance were baptized. In April and May Laureen, Mary Nell, Diane, Chery and Janie came forward to join our church while Jimmy and Heidi came forward to be baptized.

Praise God as we welcome them to our church.

New Sunday School Classes

Two new Sunday School classes will begin on June 7.

1. **Kim Foreman** will be offering a "Beginner's Class" for people new to the Christian faith. This class will be studying "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. Please speak to Kim if you are interested in learning the basics of our Christian walk.

2. **Jane Thornell** will be offering a "Newcomer's Class" for Christians new to First Southern. This class will meet only two or three times and will orient newcomers to procedures, opportunities, and people within their new church family. Please speak with Jane if you are a newcomer.

These classes will meet at the Sunday School hour of 9:30 to 10:25 on Sunday Mornings.

Parking Lot Sale for African Mission

Saturday, June 20th
9:00 a.m.

First Southern is sponsoring a church-wide / community-wide sale on Saturday, June 20, from 9am to 4pm in the parking lot next to our church. All proceeds will go to *Come & See Africa*, a religious non-profit organization that assists African students at the University of Rwanda.

You can help in several ways. First, we need people to donate household items. You can drop them by the church now or you can schedule a pick-up for June 18 or June 19. On Thursday and Friday, we need volunteers to sort and price items at the Church. On Saturday we need people to help with setting up tables and taking down tables. We also need volunteers to sit and sell the household items. There will also be a bake sale, a church open-house, and activities for kids.

If you have items to donate or would like to help with set-up or sales call Caryl at the church: 510-276-3688. One more thing: We do need people to drop by and buy things. But I know that you were already planning to do that.

Church Block Party

Saturday, July 4th
11:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar You are invited to come have a free Hot Dog, Chips and a Soda with us here at the church on Saturday the Fourth of July. There will be a kids jump jumpers along with some games and prizes. This will be a good opportunity for all of us to come and meet our neighbors.

Kim's Corner

Guarding Your Heart With Gratitude

We moved from the parsonage to a condo on May First. What I like about the new place is that we have lots of light. As a matter of fact, we have so much afternoon sun that I have to draw the curtains. I do love the light-filled house. I also love my new kitchen countertop that we installed just before we moved in. For the first few days after we moved, I would greet Chris in the morning with, "I love this house".

When our friends from Rwanda stayed with us for five days, we visited several supporters of Come & See Africa. Along with Pastor Paul and Marie Jeanne, we shared a meal at several homes. One home we visited was big and light-filled. The newly-constructed house was tastefully furnished and decorated.

When I returned home that night, our condo looked dingy and our furniture looked shabby. Only that morning I had told Chris how much I liked my house, but that evening I complained, "O, my, there is so much junk in this house. There isn't enough air in this place. There's a pee-pee smell in our bedroom. They must have had a cat or dog in this house before". I was suffering from a bout of "home-envy". My condo didn't change; my mind had changed.

On the next morning, I became aware of my negative attitude. My grateful heart was turning grumpy. My mouth was speaking from the overflow of an envious heart-and it wasn't pleasant. I was in this foul mood for only one evening, but think of it, we constantly feed our mind with things we see around us. It is comparison that makes people miserable. If I am not watchful, I could make comparisons all day long and always be grumpy. I need to remind myself that there will always be some people with a nicer house than mine; just as there will always be people with a worse home than mine. I must be satisfied with what God provides. A grateful heart brings joy to our soul, so let's guard our heart with gratefulness. It is enough that I have a home and that I share it with my husband.



Pomo and the Christian Witness

Starting on June 14, we will be spending four Sunday evenings looking at a world view called "post-modernism" or "pomo" for short. Perhaps you have heard of this word, but are unclear about its meaning or what it has to do with you. To share the Gospel effectively with your neighbors in the 21st century [especially with your young neighbors], an understanding of pomo is important.

One way to understand this word is to break it into its two halves. "Post" means "after" and "modern" refers to most people are who were born in the first half of the 20th century. Being born in 1949, I count myself as a "modern" person. I have faith in science & religion. I tend to be rational, nationalistic, & a seeker of truth. This is not true for many born in the generations after me. Post-moderns tend to distrust science & religion. They think globally & environmentally. They value technology, subjective experience, and are skeptical of certainty.

If you [as a modern] have experienced difficulty in sharing the Gospel with younger people [post-moderns], come to church on Sunday evenings and maybe some fog will lift.

June 14 ~ The Postmodern situation
June 21 ~ Five Unfriendly [Christianity, Religion, Church, Authority, Rationalism]
June 28 ~ Five Friendly [Individualism, Globalism, Environment, Technology, God?]
July 5 ~ Witnessing to the Postmodern



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

June Calendar

3rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
7th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
10th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
14th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
17th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
20th - Church Parking Lot Sale - 9:00 a.m.
21st - Happy Father's Day
22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
24th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
25th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
27th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.



10th - Jimmy Martinez
15th - Timothy Connolly
18th - Lillian Kopet
20th - Char Fortner
28th - Gertie Hankins



5th - Bob & Doris Curlett
8th - Clarence & Dorothy Silva
13th - George & Aldin Bocar
14th - Al & Jane Thornell
23rd - John & Roberta King
27th - Don & Eldora Walton



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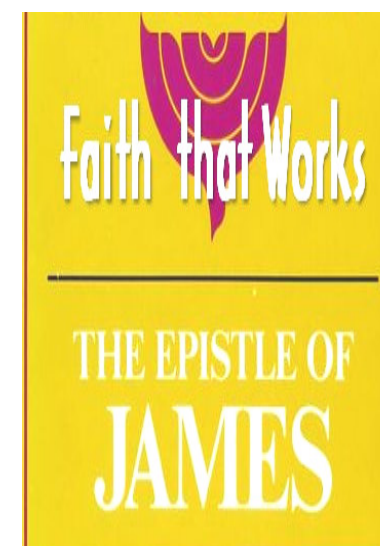
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~ The Letter of James ~

Sunday mornings Pastor Chris will continue the sermon series called "Faith that Works" taken from the Letter of James.



~ June 7 ~

A Living Faith [James 2:14-26]

~ June 14 ~

A Flaming Tongue [James 3:1-12]

~ June 21 ~

Wisdom From Above [James 3:13-18]

~ June 28 ~

Grace To The Humble [James: 4:1-6]



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~ The Study of Post-Modernism ~

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