

Boomerang Express: *It All Comes Back to Jesus*

by Jane Thornell

G'Day Mates!! It is time to get ready for Vacation Bible School. You can see by our theme "Boomerang Express: *It All Comes Back to Jesus*" that we are thinking Australian outback this year. Our VBS is scheduled for August 2-7, which seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it!

The first planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 beginning at 9:30am. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please come to the meeting, which will be held at the church. We have some of the literature already, so we can get started planning right away.

As you know, VBS is always a lot of work, but also a lot of blessings. We plan to partner with the Korean group, and we also have contact with some Hispanic workers, so we can look forward to a truly international VBS this year! We expect God to do great things - come and be a part of it!

Valentine Get Together Potluck

by Steve & Shirley Halbach



On Saturday, February 14th we celebrated Valentine's Day with great food and our church family. We all joined in playing

Bingo, Name that Tune and a Crossword Puzzle. We gave out prizes for the games and had two See's candy certificates for the door prize. We had a few new visitors and had a lot of laughs but best of all we were together.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Hunting season is over. The chef has returned. The delicious meals that we have been serving every Wednesday evening are getting even better. Here are a few of the recent dinners: On February 4th we had pheasant cacciatore, smoked pheasant and duck breasts wrapped in bacon. On February 11th we had Cornish hens, rice, fresh asparagus, salad and always a delicious dessert. On February 18th we had oven baked chicken in a sauce with mushrooms, mashed potatoes, vegetable and salad. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship followed by singing, bible study, prayer and choir practice.

Bus Ministry

We are now operating our 14-passenger church bus for people who want to attend both the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service! If you live within 5 miles of the church...If you need a ride to church...If you know of someone who needs a ride, please contact the church office at (510) 276-3688. We will pick you up at your front door and drop you off at the side door of the church! We even have a handicap lift! We will return you safely to your front door.

New & Old Hymnals

If you would like to purchase an old hymnal, we are asking you to make a voluntary donation to the church or if you would like to purchase a new hymnal the cost is \$13.99 plus tax. If you want to purchase one please call the church at (510)276-3688 and we will order one for you.



Thoughts on becoming a Grandfather

I was wondering if it would happen to me before I reached my sixtieth birthday. I was wondering if it would happen at all. And then it happened: Hugo Lorenzo Oron Foreman, the first-born son of my second-born son, entered into this world on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

With Simon as his proud father and Dilia as his nurturing mother, Kim and I are extending our existence through our own grandchild "Lorencito". The words that God spoke to the first mother and the first father are now being carried out through us. "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" God commanded. By producing our own two sons, Kim and I were merely "adding"; now with a grandchild we are truly "multiplying".

I believe that our wise Creator planted into each human heart a vision of immortality; an intuition that, if we are His children, we will live forever. Jesus Christ promised us as much. ["whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" John 11:26] By once looking into the shining face of my own newborn son - and now newborn grandson - I glimpse that eternity, that "never dying". I receive confirmation that being made in the image of God includes the

Simon & Lorenzo



proposition that I will live forever.

I understand that these thoughts are vanity. Yet it is gratifying to me that my progeny (my offspring, my genetic material) is now extending through one more generation of human history into the indefinite future. Thank you, Simon and Dilia. Thank you, baby Lorenzo. "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them" [Psalm 127:3-5].

Kim's Corner

Can we grow our church like Facebook?

I spend several hours a day on my computer - for both work and pleasure. One of the internet locations that I often visit is called "Facebook". You may ask, "What is Facebook?" It is a social networking Internet site. Many of my relatives have joined Facebook this year, and have discovered me there. I see my relatives pop up on my computer screen to let me know what they are doing. My niece in Oregon said she is ready to bake cookies, my sister-in-law in Washington is tired, and my son in DC is ready to go ballroom dancing. The conversation is pretty mundane but reflects our everyday conversations with family and friends.

I used to keep up with family and friends by telephone or by e-mail, now many of us are using an Internet site like Facebook to communicate. A social networking site makes it possible for friends and family to be connected all the time. They can share photos, leave messages, they can even peek at who hangs out with whom. My 4-year-old nephew has his own Facebook account and communicates with his grandmother in Korea.

Over 170 million people have joined the Facebook community in the past few years. Now people are joining at the rate 400,000 per day worldwide. It is amazing how fast this kind of online community grows. What is the magic formula for Facebook? I think that I have discovered it: A person invites a friend on join his Facebook page - one at a time. Or a person who is not on Facebook asks a friend if she can join her page. People want to hangout together and people are curious about what others are doing.

Can this magic formula be applied to church growth? Could each of us invite a friend or family member to Christ, then expect them to invite their friends and family to Christ, and on and on? Could the church add 400,000 people everyday to the Kingdom of God? Maybe we could add them to our faith community. But first we would need to hang out with them and show them the love of God.

"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



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

March Calendar

- 4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 7th - EBBA Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 8th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 13th - 15th - EBBA Women's Retreat
- 15th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 21st - Vacation Bible School Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
- 23rd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 25th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 26th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 28th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
 - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.



- 2nd - Ivanka Govednik
- 2nd - Debra Rice
- 6th - Dorothy Silva
- 7th - Ken Day
- 14th - Bob Belger
- 17th - Eldora Walton
- 17th - Don Walton



- 23rd - George & Linda Baker
- 23rd - Chris & Kim Foreman
- 24th - Ken & Barbara Day
- 26th - Robbie & Edith Currie



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~ The Gospel of John ~

Pastor Chris will be continuing the sermon series on Sunday mornings from "The Gospel of John".

~ March 1 ~

The Good Shepherd [John 10:11-19]

~ March 8 ~

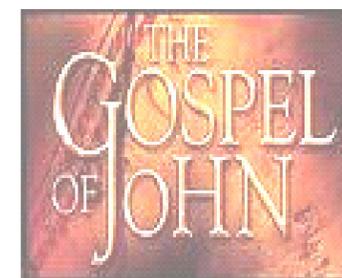
The Resurrection and the Life [John 11:17-27]

~ March 15 ~

The Way, Truth and Life [John 14:1-7]

~ March 22 ~

The True Vine [John 15:1-9]



~ A Study in the Book of Esther ~

Sunday Evenings for 4 weeks - March 1 to March 29

Join us for this video journey

~ March 1 ~

The King Rejected [Esther Chapter 1]

~ March 8 ~

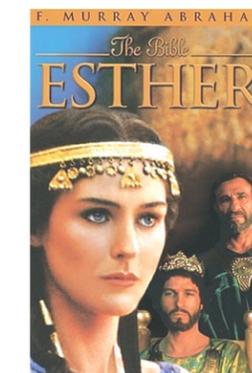
The Queen Selected [Esther Chapter 2]

~ March 15 ~

The Jews Condemned [Esther Chapters 3-6]

~ March 29 ~

The Jews Rescued [Esther Chapters 7-10]



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