

Valentine Party Pleasures

by Janie Huffman

Just when I think Diane Varady and her crew couldn't possibly do better, they do. Their February 12 Valentine Party, attended by approximately 43 people, mostly dressed in red, was a rousing success.

Fellowship and friendship abounded, decorations were fabulous, games were mind-blowing as was the food, served by the crew.

So, what was the advertised "Mystery?" It was the food. At first it was complicated, then, no one cared as it was too much fun. Everyone got a paper with a list of 14 strange words, having no meaning to anything we were expecting. There were three columns on the paper sheet. Those strange words were food items and each column was a course of food: 3 columns = 3 courses. We were to put those words onto the lines in the food columns, then our crew-member-server took it away, filled and delivered our first course plate.

Who would have guessed a Goof Ball was ham, Ring Around the Rosey was a pineapple slice with a cherry in the middle, and Giant's Delight was green beans. Even the utensils had weird names such as Hay stacker for fork and Butterfinger for knife. Few of us ordered Hay stacker in our first course and had to eat our Goof Ball (ham) with our fingers! Know what? By then care was thrown to the wind and we all just had a blast.

After a few games, the very last thing was a Mystery package, tossed from person to person and table to table. When the music stopped, whoever held the package got to open it. There was yet another package and/or a prize and we tossed (and I mean heave-ho tossed) it all over the place. After about 3 more openings, the last person holding it actually did get to keep the main prize—a flying pig. Yep.

Thanks to all for a marvelous evening. Go team! What's next?



Join us on Sunday, March 6, 2011, as we travel to Tiburon Baptist Church for a harp concert to benefit the Kim Foreman Bible Institute.

This is a NO COST event. The music is beautiful and the cause is worthwhile.

We will leave in the church bus at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday and return about 9:00 p.m. There will be no evening service here.

If you can join us, please contact the church office at 510-276-3688.

Linda Rice is the only female Gospel harpist in the world with a full-time touring schedule. She plays on a French Camac Electric Harp. It was one of the first electric harps to be played in the United States.

Week of Prayer for Northern American Missions

March 6 - 13, 2011

What will your investment into the Kingdom of God be? Will you commit to faithfully pray for our North American missionaries and give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering? Will you work alongside our Southern Baptist missionaries and do your part to sow the gospel in your community.

Gideon's

Are you interested in distributing Bibles locally and Around the World? The Gideon's have been doing this for 100 years.

If you are interested in becoming a Gideon please contact deacon Mike Fortner at 510-872-4080.



Listening to God

In this time of personal grief, I long for connection with God. Like the young Samuel, I find myself pleading, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening". But unlike the prophet, I have never heard the audible voice of God. Nevertheless I do hear God speak. Most often, I hear His voice while meditating upon His Word. I used to think of these words-to-the-heart as "coincidence", but now I prefer the word "providence" because God "provides" His words of comfort just when I need them most.

I don't know how God works these things out. On February 4th, my son Simon became the father of a little girl named Gia. Of course I had to let my church family know that I was a grandpa for the second time, so I put Gia's one-day-old picture on an overhead slide along with her birth announcement: "Gia entered the world at 6 lbs, 6 oz, and is 18" top to bottom. Baby and mother are both doing great." People were looking at this joyful announcement before the start of the morning church service. By coincidence this baby slide rotated next into a slide announcing the celebration of Kim Foreman's 60th birthday party on February 19th. You must understand that my wife Kim died on August 3, 2010, and this milestone birthday – 200 days after her death – was planned as a day of remembrance and reflection. There you have it: a celebration of birth followed by a celebration of death; one after the other.

I don't know how God works these things out. At the evening church service on the same day, we had been studying our way through the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter by chapter. By providence on Sunday evening, we rested on chapter three of Ecclesiastes. It's like the words jumped off the page and into my soul: **"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die ..."** I knew that God was speaking directly to me. As surely as He once spoke to Samuel. These three events – a birth, a death, and a Scripture verse – intersected in time and space to give me this message: "There is a season and a purpose for everything". My LORD reminded me that He is sovereign over the universe; that He is the one who set the stars in motion; that before the foundation of the world, He set the season of Gia's birth and the season of Kim's death. This reminder from God is a comfort to my soul as my heart continues to mend.

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

- 2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - 13th - Week of Prayer for Northern American Mission
- 6th - Gospel Harp Concert to benefit the Kim Foreman Bible Institute - 6:00 p.m. Tiburon Church
- 9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 11th - 13th - Women's Retreat
- 13th - Daylight Savings Time
- 14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 20th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 24th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 26th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.
- 28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



- 1st - Carrie Ayala
- 2nd - Debra Rice
- 2nd - Ivanka Govednik
- 6th - Dorothy Silva
- 7th - Ken Day
- 14th - Bob Belger
- 17th - Don Walton
- 17th - Eldora Walton



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



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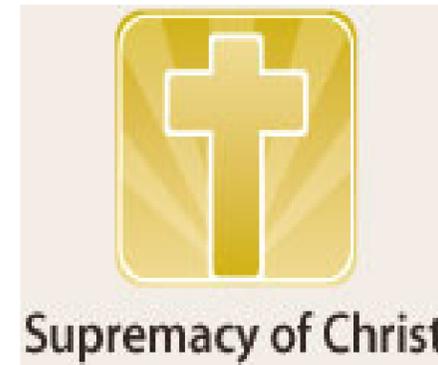
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The Supremacy of Christ

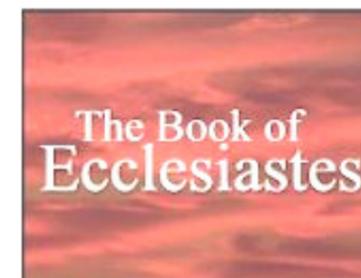
Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris continues speaking from Colossians on "The Supremacy of Christ".



- ~ **March 6th** ~ The Christian Family ~ Colossians 3:18 - 4:1
- ~ **March 13th** ~ Fullness in Speech ~ Colossians 4:2-6
- ~ **March 20th** ~ Fullness in Fellowship ~ Colossians 4:7-14
- ~ **March 27th** ~ Fullness in Heart ~ Colossians 4:15-18

The Book of Ecclesiastes

You are all invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we continue in "The Book of Ecclesiastes".



- ~ **March 6th** ~ Chapter 5
- ~ **March 13th** ~ Chapter 6
- ~ **March 20th** ~ Chapter 7
- ~ **March 27th** ~ Chapter 8