

Happy Mother's Day



God is at Work

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

We had 7 people that came forward to join our church and one baptized. They are Angie, Carrie, Debra, Gary, Charles, Curt, Jennifer and Bob.

Praise God as we welcome them to our church.

Cell Group Ministry

We had our first cell group ministry meeting at the home of Barbara Martinez on April 26th. Five ladies from First Southern and a guest came for our first meeting. Barbara read a story about forgiveness, then we used the story to discuss how we deal with forgiveness in our lives. We had a stimulating discussion that helped us to reflect on our Christian walk, and we prayed for each other. The next meeting will be on May 28th at 7 p.m. Please come and become a part of our group. Contact Barbara or Kim.

Pray for Pastor Chris & Kim

On Monday, May 3rd Pastor Chris and his wife Kim will be leaving on a trip to Korea. Let's pray that they have a safe trip and may they both have a wonderful time. Pastor Chris will return on May 13th and Kim on May 20th.

Ladies Tea

Saturday, May 8th
11:30 a.m. - at the church

Attention Ladies - You are all invited to a Ladies Tea. The theme is "Women After God's Heart". This will be a good time for all of us to get together and fellowship with each other.

Our speaker will be Mary Nell McCoy and music by Jean Johnson. Both of these ladies are members of our church.

Ladies, this is the time to come and wear a hat or a flower in your hair. There will be door prizes.

We have limited space so please make a reservation by calling the church office at 510-276-3688.

Remember - Memorial Day

Monday, May 31st



Let's remember those who gave their lives for our country and also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.

Parking Lot Sale for African Mission

Saturday, June 12th - 9:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar - There will be more information in the next letter, but look at your stuff before you toss it. One person's junk is another's treasure! Save it for us and get a tax deduction.

Evangelistic Block Party

Friday Night, June 25th - 5:00 p.m.

You are Invited to come to our Evangelistic Block Party. Our purpose is to Tell people about Jesus. There will be food, games, popcorn and snow cones. This will be a good opportunity to come and meet our neighbors and get to know a little about them.

Kim's Corner

Safe Shelter

The weather has been capricious lately. Yesterday, the afternoon sun warmed our condo up to 90 degrees, but this morning was chilly and damp. As I was settling into my armchair, enjoying my morning coffee with newspaper, I suddenly heard a noise from outside the window. I thought someone was scattering salt over our veranda. It was hail! But even before I stood to look, the hail turned into showers. This is a pretty rare happening in the Bay area.

Here in California, we are blessed with good year-round climate, but in many places, people live in the midst of harsh and unpredictable storms. Thunder, lightening, downpours, hail, and blizzards are commonplace. When I hear thunder and lightening, I know a storm is approaching. I quickly find the nearest shelter to weather the storm and stay dry. I know that if I ignore the signs, a storm might catch me and I might catch cold, or even suffer from pneumonia.

Just as we run into storms in nature, we run into storms in life. When you see a life storm approaching, what do you do? Do you run to a safe place? Or do you ignore the signs and suffer the damage it causes? As children of God, we are fortunate that we have a safe shelter – a hiding place – to run to in times of need.

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who make it possible and for those of you who helped make up the Easter bags. We took some of the bags to the children at the Women's Crisis Center and we kept some and gave them out to the children who came to church on Easter Sunday.



Who are the most influential Christians?

A few years ago, *Christian History* magazine polled its readers. The editors asked, "Who are the most influential Christians of the 20th century?" and they came up with a list of ten names. Can you guess who they were? As I studied this list, I ran across some familiar names as well as a few surprises.

The top two were Billy Graham and C.S. Lewis, two of my Christian heroes. Billy Graham has preached the gospel to more people than any man in history, while C.S. Lewis is the pre-eminent author of Christian apologetics with millions of books in print. My personal spiritual journey was greatly helped along the way by C.S. Lewis and his Christian apologetic.

The top ten influential Christians include three Catholic figures [Pope John XXIII, Pope John Paul II, and Mother Teresa] and two German theologians [Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer]. Of course, Martin Luther King, Jr. was on the list for his religious leadership in civil rights. Also making the top ten were two people I did not know: James Mott was an American Methodist who founded the World Council of Churches and William Seymour was an African-American preacher who was pivotal in launching the Pentecostal movement from Azusa Street in Los Angeles.

Of course the most influential Christians in MY LIFE have been family and friends: [1] my dad and [2] my mom for setting the Christian example in childhood; [3] my brother Frank for encouragement in my college years; [4, 5 & 6] my three sisters for their prayers & concerns; [7] my VBS teachers and [8] Sunday school teachers; [9] pastors and seminary professors; and [10] my wonderful wife who has stood by this frail human being for 35 years. Who have been the most influential Christians in your life? If you are able, be sure to give your thanks.



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 San Diego

Todd Shaw – Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch – Army Rank – Staff Sergeant
Assignment – Stationed in Kentucky

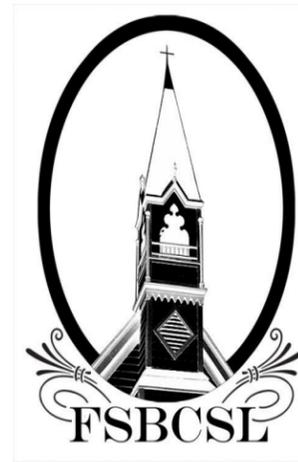
Devon Henesley – Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch – Navy Rank – Petty Officer 3rd class
Assignment – Overseas

May Calendar

- 2nd - VBS Clinic - Hillcrest Church - 9:00 a.m.
- 5th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th - Ladies Tea - 11:30 a.m.
- 9th - Happy Mother's Day
- 10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 12th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship
- 16th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 19th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 26th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 27th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.



- 1st - John King
- 3rd - Chery Hanna
- 6th - Kathy Musil
- 10th - George Bocar
- 23rd - Joyce Thornburg
- 31st - Gabriel Torres



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Encounters With Christ

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris continues speaking on "The Encounters with Christ".



- ~ May 2 ~ Light and Darkness ~ John 3:19-21
- ~ May 9 ~ Faithful Mothers ~ 2 Timothy 1:5-6
(Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard)
- ~ May 16 ~ Complete Joy ~ John 3:22-30
- ~ May 23 ~ The Wrath of God ~ John 3:31-36
- ~ May 30 ~ The Road through Samaria ~ John 4:1-6



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God's Faithful Servant

On Sunday Evening May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. we will finish up "The Parables of Jesus. Then on Sunday Evening May 16th we will begin a new series called "God's Faithful Servant". (A study in the book of Job).

- ~ May 2 ~ Mustard Seed/New Cloth/New Wine
- ~ May 9 ~ Does James Teach Salvation by Works
Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard
- ~ May 16 ~ A Perfect and Upright Man ~ Job Chapter 1
- ~ May 23 ~ A Great Grief ~ Job Chapters 2 & 3
- ~ May 30 ~ No Mediator ~ Job Chapter 4 through 14

