



Mother's Day Breakfast

Everyone is Invited!

Sunday, May 8th - 8:30 a.m.

Come join us for breakfast on Mother's day .

Quarterly Business Meeting

Attention All Members - Our quarterly business meeting will be on Sunday, May 22nd following the morning worship service.

Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Remember - Memorial Day

Monday, May 30th

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.

Easter 2011....

by Janie Huffman

...*began Saturday, April 16*, 9a.m., Church Clean Up day with seven workers from First Southern and seven from Heaven's Opening Church, our Korean friends. Painting was done in areas outside along with massive weeding, and plant trimming. One of our members even used his machete on a long row of plants. Talk about the rest of us standing clear of him and holding our breaths!

Windows were washed, the kitchen and its cupboards were cleaned, and dusting and vacuuming was done upstairs and down. Our only stop was around 11a.m. when Heaven's Opening ladies offered lunch they had prepared. We were so grateful for the meal and the wonderful team work shown by all. Philippians 4:13 comes to mind here.

....*continued on Good Friday, April 22* in a service shared with Heaven's Opening. Total attendance was about 50. Their Praise Team began at 6:50pm with songs in Korean and English and at 7pm Pastor Chris and Pastor Han officially began the evening.

We had prayers in both languages along with more songs and music from Heaven's Opening Choir. Both the Praise Team and Choir sang like true professionals and sounded like angels in Heaven. The Good Friday reading was from Matthew 26:26-30 and the Lord's Supper was shared, followed by special music with Gary and Mary Nell McCoy. Then more inspiring music from the Praise Team.

This special evening closed in prayer and I would have gladly spent several hours more, singing and praising God. Moving and inspirational indeed.

....*arrived Sunday, April 24* and began with a very loving baby dedication. Pastor Chris married the couple five years ago and now dedicated their first baby.

The Easter Story according to the Gospel of John, KJV, was recited by Pastor Chris. He had actually *memorized* it and related it to us. Honestly, no Bible held in his hands! Unbelievable. What a wonder he is.

The Easter Story in Song by our choir, led by Shauna, was remarkable. Singing was outstanding and song choices perfect. With 125 counted in the sanctuary, it was quite a moving service.

And, last but certainly not least, the Easter Bunny paid us a visit. Yes indeed, he was outside under a canopy to greet and give us, young and old alike, an Easter basket treat. Yum and what a day.

Because He's alive, praise God.

God, Me and a Cup of Tea

Saturday, June 4th - 11:30 a.m.

Attention Women: Mark Your Calendar! First Southern Baptist Church is having a Women's tea on Saturday, June 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the church. It will be a fun time with lunch and tea served.

You can either call the church or sign up but please make your reservation no later than May 29th.

Parking Lot Sale for African Mission

Saturday, June 25th - 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.



My Principal Task

I am a lover of language. I am constantly on the lookout for a quip or a quote that expresses my thought, but articulates it better than I am able. Last week I heard such a remark on the radio. I had to write it down right after I heard it. It was attributed to J.R.R. Tolkien and went like this: "the principal task of life is to order your loves rightly."

This quote may have the ring of Plato or Augustine, but it resonated with me as the implementation of Jesus' words in Matthew 22:

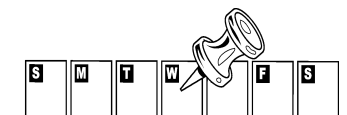
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

"The principal task of life" then is to implement these Great Commands in the order specified by Jesus: God first > others next > self last. This quote appealed to me because I accept this as my great task in life, to "order my loves rightly". My goal is to exalt God, to humble myself, and to put people in between. What about the real things of life like my children, my career, my dog, my hot cup of coffee? Where do they fit in this order of loves? My answer might be: "that's why this task is the principal one." I must constantly be aware of my own loves and passions. I must monitor them using the Great Commands as my framework. I must love freely, love compassionately, love as Christ would love. [LORD, help me to do this.]

Someday I may wish to re-marry. I believe that I have only two requirements for a wife-to-be. The first requirement would be that she loves me. That's sensible enough. The more important requirement would be that she loves God more than she loves me. That's "rightly ordered love". Is there such a woman in the world? God knows the plans that He has made for me, plans to prosper me and not harm me, plans to give me hope and a future.



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



Mid-Week
WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

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

May Calendar

4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
8th - Mother's Day
9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
14th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.
15th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
21st - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
22nd - Business Meeting - 12:15 p.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.

Happy Birthday

1st - John King
3rd - Chery Hanna
6th - Kathy Musil
10th - George Bocar
16th - Betty Vanamon
23rd - Joyce Thornburg
31st - Gabriel Torres



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Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris will be bringing the messages on May 1, May 22 and May 29 and our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be bringing the messages on May 8 and May 15.

~ May 1 ~ The Risen Christ ~ John 21:15-19

~ May 8 ~ Superiority of Love Part One ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-6

~ May 15 ~ Superiority of Love Part Two ~ 1 Corinthians 13:7-13

~ May 22 ~ A Letter of Appeal ~ Philemon 1:1-10

~ May 29 ~ An Appeal to Love ~ Philemon 1:11-16



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Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Chris will be bringing the messages on May 1, May 22 and May 29 and our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be bringing the messages on May 8 and May 15.

~ May 1 ~ The Kings of Judah and Israel

~ May 8 ~ Mission Part One - William Carrey

~ May 15 ~ Mission Part Two - David Livingstone

~ May 22 ~ The Book of Isaiah ~ Part One

~ May 29 ~ The Book of Isaiah ~ Part Two

