

Church Elections



On Sunday, July 22nd we conducted Church Elections.

The following people were elected to their positions effective October 1st.

- Deacon - Ken Abbott
- Deacon - Mike Fortner
- Church Trustee - Robert Shaw
- Fellowship Director - Linda Furuyama
- Outreach & Mission Director - Kim Foreman
- Finance Chair - Al Thornell
- Membership Chair - Mabel Miller
- Personnel Chair - Sue Abbott

The following leaders were affirmed in their positions effective October 1st.

- Senior Pastor - Chris Foreman
- Chairman of Deacons - Al Thornell
- Deacon - Ken Day
- Deacon - Ken Hillard
- Deacon - John King
- Church Clerk - Mabel Miller
- Treasurer - Al Thornell
- Education Director - Jane Thornell
- Worship & Music Director - Shauna Shoptaw



The Mountainside Teaching of Jesus

- ~ August 5 ~
Giving with Integrity [Matthew 6:1-4]
- ~ August 12 ~
Praying with Integrity [Matthew 6:5-8]
- ~ August 19 ~
The Model Prayer [Matthew 6:9-15]
- ~ August 26 ~
No Sad Faces [Matthew 6:16-18]

"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 Miramar

Nate Fielding – Grandson of Lillian Fielding
Branch – Army **Rank** – PFC Medic
Assignment – Iraq

Jenny Merritt – Great Niece-in-law of Jean Johnson
Branch – Marines **Rank** – Corporal
Assignment – Iraq

Kevin Seigal – Son of Elliott & Teresa Seigal
Branch – Air Force **Rank** – Sergeant
Assignment – Travis Air Force Base

Todd Shaw – Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch – Army **Rank** – Staff Sergeant
Assignment – 101st Airborne Special Forces

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

Team Report



Hi O Silver!

July was the Silver Team Month. Along with the usual responsibilities like cleaning the church we also shared a meal together.

On July 21st, the team was treated to a scrumptious Bar BQ at the home of Gertie Hankins. The luncheon was hosted by Gertie's daughter and son-in-law -- Shirlene and Chad Nickerson. We feasted on grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, along with a delicious potato salad, and baked beans with lemon aide. And although we were filled up by then, we all made room for "out of this world" desserts like cheese cake topped with strawberries and a "to die for" chocolate mousse pie.

There was lots of laughter and fellowship, but I almost missed it. I was shopping for VBS supplies at Party City, Staples, and other places. I was distracted and forgot about this 1 PM luncheon until I got a phone call from Roberta. Thankfully, I arrived before all the wonderful food was gone.

We want to thank Gertie and Shirlene for their hospitality and for members of the Silver Team for making this a delightful afternoon.

~ by Pat Harrelson ~

Kim's Corner

Building a House for a Widow

This summer, the CASA Rwanda team helped one widow who needed a house desperately. She is HIV positive and has five children. She had been coming to CASA every morning for 2 years to participate in praise and celebration. When Pastor Chris asked the CASA Rwanda team to select one family for a building project, this poor widow was recommended.

On Saturday morning, June 30, about thirty university students stopped by our CASA house with hoes and shovels. I walked with them about a half mile down a dusty road to get to the building site. When we arrived at the site, many local people were already helping. Even kids came out to carry water. It took about a week to construct her house, mostly with local material like timber, reed, and mud.



We had a party at the completion of the house. The CASA team handed the house over to her, and put her name on the front door. University students bought her plastic cups and tubs for her new kitchen. Women from her church bought her a blanket. We provided a mattress, rice, and beans. Her new house was filled with supplies and well wishes. She was indeed a rich woman.

When she gave her testimony at the next morning devotion, she shouted "I am the happiest women in Rwanda!" and she blew kisses toward heaven. Many saw and experienced God's love toward us through this building project. To read more about Africa 2007 mission, you can go to:

- <http://comeandseeafrica.blogspot.com>
- <http://elnata.blogspot.com>



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



Mid-Week WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
 5:00 p.m.



Poverty and Suffering

Immediately after my arrival in Africa, I noticed the poverty. Traveling from the international airport into the countryside, I saw mud huts along dirt roads and bare-foot children running between banana trees. Later we visited these same humble dwelling places. We talked with Africans who had no electricity, no plumbing, no telephone, and very little money. And yet, most of these poor people appeared to be genuinely happy. How could such a thing be? Isn't poverty the same as suffering? If so, then how can suffering people be happy?

My meditation over the past few weeks has been two-fold. First, what is the relationship between poverty and suffering? And second, what should be the Christian response to poverty and suffering? These are my conclusions.

First, sometimes poverty is the same as suffering. When you are cold or wet because you cannot afford a roof over your head then poverty equates to suffering. When you cannot acquire enough food to sustain you, or enough clothes to cover your body, then poverty equals suffering. Also when you cannot afford even the simplest medical treatment, then poverty means suffering. As a Christian, I should do all I can to alleviate this extreme poverty by providing emergency food, clothing, shelter, and medicine.

Second, poverty is relative while suffering is an absolute. A few hundred years ago a man who owned one house, ten acres, and some livestock was counted as rich. Today, this same person would be considered poor. The standard of poverty has shifted over the years. However, a person with a toothache today might suffer just as much as someone who suffered a toothache one hundred years ago. Pain is pain.

Third, most suffering that I encountered in East Africa was not due to poverty, but to the same set of human conditions that we find in America. There are dysfunctional families, abandoned widows, and the strong taking advantage of the weak. Of course, war, disease, and bad government have made these problems worse.

Fourth, poverty is a society-wide problem and calls for a system-wide solution. Africans must build their own roads, schools, and hospitals. Most importantly they must establish good governments. Americans can assist in this, but Africans must solve the problem of their own poverty. In contrast, suffering can be dealt with one person at a time. Love is the cure for suffering, and love can be delivered directly person to person.

This is my advice to first-time travelers to Africa: You are going to encounter many people who will ask for your money. Be sure to distinguish between the poor and the suffering. Use your limited resources to comfort the suffering. Sometimes that means providing them with money. Always that means sharing with them your love.

August Calendar

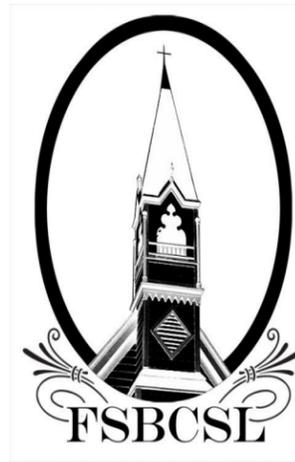
- 1st - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 pm
- 1st - 3rd - Vacation Bible School - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 8th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 11th - Secret Sister Potluck Lunch - 1:00 pm
- 12th - Church Council - 5:00 pm
- 13th - Driftwood Ministry - 11:00 am
- 13th - 17th - Omega Children's Camp
- 15th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 19th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm
- 22nd - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
- 25th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 am
- 27th - Driftwood Ministry - 11:00 am
- 29th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm



- 6th - Dawn Wharton
- 7th - Shirley Halbach
- 10th - Jane Thornell
- 24th - Al Thornell
- 29th - Joy Lee



- 18th - Bob & Caryl Shaw
- 19th - Don & Joyce Thornburg
- 28th - Ambrosio & Ofelia Agbayani



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For the first time in perhaps eight years we have children from our church going to OMEGA camp! They will spend five days in the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains with probable 100 campers and counselors from other East Bay churches.

The camp program included daily worship and Bible study, missionary time, singing, outdoor recreation and free time. They will meet new friends, have new adventures, and most important of all, learn more about Jesus.

Every year many campers accept Jesus as their Savior at children's camp. Please pray for our campers—Angelica, Rachel and Richard—that they will grow in their relationship to God during this week.

Thank you to each one who gave to help these children go on this life-changing adventure. Thank you in advance for your prayers for them.



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