



*Harvest Festival  
October 31st  
5:00 p.m.*

**A Fun Time For The Whole Family!**

A great alternative to “Tricker Treating!”

Don’t be left out come join us for dinner, followed with some singing, devotion, games, prizes, contests and a lot more.



Here are some church members who have recent health problems or need continuing prayer for their health. Pauline Ford, Lillian Fielding, Lillian Kopet, Linda Baker, Mabrie Huff and Justine Hillard. If there are others with special health needs please let us know.

**Church Leadership Training**  
*by Jane Thornell*

The bus left the church early on a Saturday morning. Ten of our church leaders were eager to participate in the all-day Church Leadership Training in Milpitas.

A wide variety of classes were offered. Our group attended sessions on Sunday School leadership, how to teach like Jesus, men’s and women’s ministry, church finances, the church office, how to assimilate new church members, and how to write a church policies and procedures manual. We got SO many ideas --- almost an information overload!

Every one of our group said they were so glad they attended the CLT. We all got valuable insights and information on how to be better leaders. One person said it this way, “It wasn’t so much that I learned new ways, but I found that I’m already doing it right!” It is always good to be affirmed, to hear from others that what you’re doing is right.

It was a time of encouragement and challenge. We are doing lots of good things at First Southern, but there is always room to improve, and always more we can do to grow our church and impact the Kingdom of God. It was a good time to see friends from other churches in the East Bay, and get ideas on how to be better leaders.

The CLT is a yearly event. I hope that next September we can fill two buses with church leaders eager to learn!

**Kim’s Corner**

**The Role of Grandparents**

On Sunday night, while studying the Gospel of John, we watched a video about the crucifixion of Jesus. During the communion service which followed, I heard whispers from the seat behind me. “How do you get saved?” “You accept Jesus as Lord and Savior”. “How do I get saved?” “You invite Jesus in your heart.”

As the service was ending, Pat tapped me on my shoulder and said, “Antonio wants to be saved”. Without a second delay, I shouted, “Pastor, Antonio wants to get saved”

It may have appeared that Antonio’s decision was spur of moment. Later Pat (who is Antonio’s grandmother) told me about their weekend together. When she picked up her grandson on Friday they left his bag on the street. They learned about it later. All the way back home, Antonio was so worried. Pat tried to comfort the boy by urging him to pray and told him “Let’s have faith it will be there”. But he was worried about it all the way back to his house. When he saw his bag on the street, just as they left it, they thanked God. Antonio’s heart was opened on that night, and he invited Jesus into his heart. Antonio stepped forward. Pastor asked all deacons to come up and lay their hands on Antonio. The whole congregation reached out toward this young man and blessed him as he accepted Jesus into his heart. What a joy to witness a child come to the Lord and publicly announce his decision to follow Jesus.



This is a testimony about the important role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. Nowadays, many parents are so busy taking care of physical needs, that they overlook their child’s spiritual needs. Yet we know that when we seek God first, all other things fall into the right place. I urge all grandparents to take an active role in meeting the spiritual needs of grandchildren. To do that, first we need to pray for them daily. We need to bring them to church every chance we get so that they will have an opportunity to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are praying that Antonio finds a church near his home and grows in Christ.



**Class B Passenger Endorsement**

I have earned a lot of awards, certificates, and diplomas in my lifetime. Most are tucked away in a closet someplace, a few are on the wall, and several have been lost to the mists of time. Out of all these honors, the one I feel most proud about -- at least at this moment -- is my California Drivers License, Class B Commercial, Passenger Endorsement.

When I glibly volunteered to be a church bus driver last March, I didn’t realize what was ahead for me. First, I had to pass the physical exam. On that I managed to pass. Next there was the DMV written test. I studied the book but still I was unprepared. I faced 3 separate fill-in-dot tests: one was the basic rules of the road, the second was the Commercial Class B, and third was the passenger endorsement. On my first try, I passed the basic and passenger endorsement but I failed the Class B portion by one point. The nice lady at DMV let me take that test a second time. This time I passed by one point.

Next came the driving test. This challenge also came in three parts: a pre-inspection test, a skills test and an on-the-road test. On my first try, I failed the pre-inspection miserably. I could only miss 7 and the inspector stopped counting at 20. I didn’t even get to drive out of the parking lot. That really bruised my ego. I rescheduled the driving test six weeks into the future.

For this second driving test, I really studied the DMV booklet and I endlessly practiced my parallel parking. Since my gift is not in driving and since I hate to fail at anything, I placed myself under a lot of stress. I praised God when I passed the pre-inspection test and then began to drive the bus. When I finally pulled back into the DMV testing station, I didn’t know what to expect. Finally the tester smiled and said, “Congratulations, you have your Class B license”. “Yippee”. I thanked her and said a silent prayer. It’s a blessing and a minor miracle that I can now drive church people in our nice looking church bus.



**The Mountainside Teaching of Jesus**

- ~ October 7 ~  
The Two Gates [Matthew 7:13-14]
- ~ October 14 ~  
False Prophets & False Believers [Matthew 7:15-23]
- ~ October 21 ~  
The Two Foundations [Matthew 7:24-29]

**“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** – 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Special Forces

**Devon Henesley** – Grandson of Jean Johnson  
**Branch** – Navy **Rank** – Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# October Calendar

- 1st - Pastor's 1 Year Anniversary
- 3rd - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 7th - Church Council - 4:30 p.m.
  - Talent Night - 6:00 p.m.
- 8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 10th - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 14th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 17th - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 20th - 66th EBBA Annual Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 21st - Business Meeting - following a.m. service
- 22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 24th - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 25th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 27th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
  - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 31st - Harvest Festival & Dinner - 5:00 p.m.



- 2nd - Linda Baker
- 4th - Mabel Miller
- 6th - Brenda Kelleher
  - Lillian Fielding
- 18th - Christopher Connolly
- 21st - Liz Medeiros
- 23rd - Shauna Shoptaw
- 24th - P.J. Lewis



- 2nd - John & Stacie Kopet
- 9th - Roger & Evelyn Calloway
- 15th - Ken & Sue Abbott
- 21st - Elliott & Teresa Seigal
- 28th - Robert & Diana Belger



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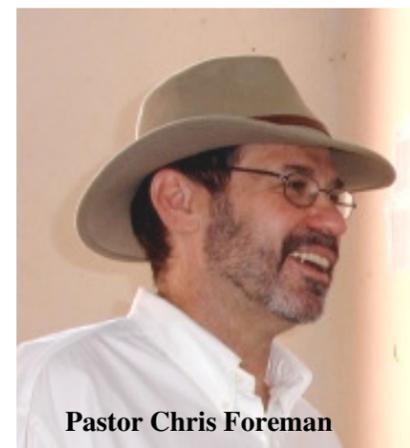


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## Looking Back / Looking Ahead



Pastor Chris Foreman

It was one year ago on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, that I was called by the congregation at First Southern Baptist in San Lorenzo to be their pastor -- YOUR pastor. It has been an honor to serve our great church family over the past twelve months.

Here's what sticks out in my mind: **October:** moving into the parsonage; **November:** handing out turkeys at the seminary; **December:** a great Christmas cantata and caroling; **January:** Off to Africa for two weeks; **February:** A sad memorial for Michael Balsley; **March:** A sermon in sculpture; **April:** A sermon from India; **May:** Serving snacks at a ladies' tea; **June:** Four baptized

on a Sunday morning; **July:** VBS with lots of kids & energy; **August:** A final good-bye to Mr. Wilbur; **September:** Getting my Class B driver's license to drive our church bus.

Of course there was so much more: learning the names, faces, and personal stories of people in our church; choosing and electing our deacons, passing our bylaws, ministering with you at the *Open Door Mission* and the *Driftwood Convalescent Home*. God has been good to me and Kim over this past year. For several years we had prayed for a ministry and now we have one. Pausing at this first-year anniversary, we look back and we thank you for your kindness and patience with us.

Kim and I are also looking ahead. We have accomplished a lot, but there is still so much more to do. Whenever I attend a first aid class, I am reminded that the first order of business is always to "stop the bleeding and stabilize the patient". I believe that we at First Southern have accomplished this first step. (Hurrah!) Our church is "stable" but from this point it gets harder. After all, we don't want to be a "stable church" but a vibrant and thriving church. This is my challenge -- YOUR challenge. How can we make this church -- built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century -- relevant and attractive to our neighbors in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Over the next few months, maybe you can help me and the deacons with this challenge. What do you think? My office door is always open to you. Think "out of the box". Think so far out of the box, that your thoughts are directed from heaven. Let's talk and together we can make First Southern a church will shine its light for a few centuries more to come. And I hope to be here for part of that time.

October

Return Service Requested