

## Where Is Your Love

By Robbie Currie

Where is your love,  
What loyalty bends your knee,  
Why is there passion,  
But only yourself is pleased...

Where is your sight,  
What fantasies fix your gaze,  
Why does your blindness,  
Lead only yourself astray...

Where is your sound,  
What apathy shields your ear,  
Why is there deafness,  
But yourself you choose to hear...

Where is your touch,  
What surety soothes your feel,  
Why is there numbness,  
Where you have affixed your seal...

Where is your mind,  
What corruption seeds your brain,  
Why is there wisdom,  
But for yourself there's no shame...

Where is your self,  
What wickedness steals your soul,  
Why is there pardon,  
For your transgressions not told...

Where is your love,  
What loyalty bends your knee,  
Why does your passion,  
Comfort no one except thee?



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

Come to our Halloween Alternative on Wednesday evening, October 31. This is like our usual mealtime except food and fun will be provided at no cost. Wear a costume if you like, but please nothing too gruesome or scary.

## Estate Planning Seminar

Sunday, November 11th  
4:00 p.m.

At First Southern Baptist Church

If you are interested in establishing your own "family trust" or leaving a legacy to the church, please plan to attend. Representatives from the California Baptist Foundation will be speaking.

### WHY HAVE AN ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR? HOW DO I BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING?

Do I know and understand what the Bible teaches regarding inheritance?

Have I applied God's teaching about the inheritance to my estate plan?

If so, have I reviewed it within the past five years for changes in my life, or changes in the law, or increased understanding of God's plan for inheritance?

What happens if my spouse or I am incapacitated or die without an estate plan?

Do I want to leave a testimony in my will or trust about God's goodness and faithfulness to me that reminds my heirs of what my values are?

BIBLICAL ANSWERS and guidance are available through a free estate planning seminar provided by your California Baptist Foundation.

## Thank you, God, for Shauna!

By Jane Thornell



We were actually able to surprise her, and that's not easy to do, with Shauna Shoptaw. But, we wanted to honor her for over 10 years of faithful, excellent service as leader of the music program at First Southern. The church family presented Shauna with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a monetary gift. It happened to be the Sunday just before her birthday, too, so it fit right in.

It was easy to find nice things to say in tribute to Shauna. With her leadership and encouragement the choir has presented a cantata or special musical every Christmas, and on many Easters as well, over the last 10 years. She takes the time each week to choose music that prepares the worshippers for the Sunday morning sermon. She works hard to involve as many people as possible in the complete music program of the church.

Several years ago, Shauna was honored as the volunteer music director of the year among all Southern Baptists in California. She is recognized as a talented singer in neighboring churches, and throughout the State. Our church is blessed beyond measure to have her!

When she's not working on the music for our worship services, she is the librarian at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley. One can often find Shauna performing in a play or musical at a local theater. She recently put together a spelling bee for children at the county library in San Lorenzo. She stays very busy!

God has richly blessed Shauna in many ways. He has richly blessed First Southern by bringing her to our church. Thank you, God, for Shauna!



## Talent Night

### First Southern Baptist Church



What has 100 legs, 10 voices, and makes people smile and laugh? If you said "Talent Night at First Baptist", then you are right. In what we hope will be an annual event, ten talented (and semi-talented) people stood in front of a joyous audience on October 7 and let fly with songs, jokes, poems, and other forms of entertainment.

Shauna Shoptaw opened the evening with a voice that shook the rafters. Fortunately our church building is earthquake retrofitted. Jean Johnson then recited a poem and Al Thornell gave his own special rendition of the song "This Old House". Don Clark was the comedian of the evening delivering several jokes in rapid succession. Then Robbie Currie held the audience spellbound with his guitar and two country songs. Ken Abbot broke the spell with a song (or was it a recitation?) of a memorable event from childhood. Big Mike and his daughter sang a duet and Roberta sang "Over the Rainbow". There was also an Abbott duet and an Abbott/Fortner quartet. Throughout the entire evening Jean Johnson tickled the piano keys providing a voice of laughter to an evening of entertainment.



### "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

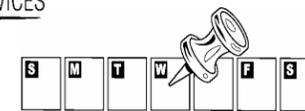
**Kevin Seigal** – Son of Elliott & Teresa Seigal  
**Branch** – Air Force **Rank** – Sergeant  
**Assignment** – Travis Air Force Base

**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



Mid-Week  
**WORSHIP SERVICES**

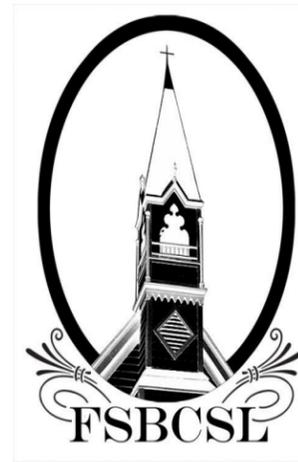
Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

# November Calendar

- 3rd - Set Your Clocks Back
- 4th - Church Council - 4:30 p.m.
- 7th - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 11th - Estate Planning Conference - 4:00 p.m.
- 12th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 14th - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 18th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 21st - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 24th - Hanging the Greens - 9:00 a.m.
- 26th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 28th - Wednesday Evening Dinner - 5:00 p.m.



- 7th - Barbara Martinez
- 10th - Annabelle Hibbs
- 15th - Robert Shaw  
- Alex Villafuerte
- 21st - Angelica Vance
- 23rd - Betty Ivey
- 28th - Jual Lynne Rydell



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Several years ago, I received a coffee mug as a Christmas present. Written decoratively on the cup were the words "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". I like this slogan. Many of our neighbors think that Santa Claus, or gift giving, or flashing lights are the reason for the season. But truly Jesus is the reason for celebrating the season. Even such lofty ideals as "good will toward men" or "peace on earth" fall short of the meaning of Christmas.

Suppose your son was celebrating a birthday in your home. You invited all his neighborhood and school friends to attend his birthday party. Everyone showed up and your house was packed with kids. However, all of the guests ignored your son. They did not recognize him. They played games; they gave gifts to one another; they sang songs about "this most wonderful time of the year", but no one acknowledged the person they were celebrating. This is the way it is with Christmas today. The Father sent His Son into the world. Yet, scripture tells us that "He came into the world and the world knew Him not." The world celebrates Santa, Rudolf, and the Grinch, but Jesus? This child born in an animal feeding trough, this Savior of the World, is pushed to the margin.

For six weeks leading up to Christmas Day, morning messages will be "Christo-centric" focusing on the four highest Christological statements found in the New Testament. Please join us as we discover again why "Jesus is the Reason for the Season".

- The Historical Jesus: November 11 ~ **Rumors of Christ** ~ Luke 24: 17-24
- 1<sup>st</sup> Christology: November 16 ~ **The Mind of Christ** ~ Philippians 2: 6-11
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christology: December 2 ~ **The Character of God** ~ Colossians 1:15-20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Christology: December 9 ~ **The Express Image of God** ~ Hebrews 1:1-4
- 4<sup>th</sup> Christology (part 1): December 16 ~ **The Word was God** ~ John 1: 1-5
- 4<sup>th</sup> Christology (part 2): December 23 ~ **The Word among Us** ~ John 1: 9-14



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