

Happy 3rd Anniversary



We praise God for the faithful leadership of Pastor Chris and Kim. On October 1 we start our 3rd year of ministry together. Our attendance is increasing, both in worship and at our Wednesday night fellowship dinners, and we've seen new members and baptisms throughout the past year. We look forward to what God will do among us in the year to come! Be sure to let Pastor Chris and Kim know how much you appreciate them.

Church Elections

On Sunday, August 2nd we conducted our Church Elections.

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

Senior Pastor - Chris Foreman
 Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard
 Chairman of Deacons - Al Thornell
 Deacon - Ken Day
 Deacon - Mike Fortner
 Deacon - John King
 Church Clerk - Mabel Miller
 Church Trustee - Bob Shaw
 Educational Director - Jane Thornell
 Fellowship Director - Linda Furuyama
 Finance Chair - Al Thornell
 Membership Chair - Mabel Miller
 Outreach & Mission Director - Kim Foreman
 Personnel Chair - Sue Abbott
 Treasurer - Al Thornell
 Worship & Music Director - Shauna Shoptaw

Welcome to our Church Family

We welcome Gabriel Torres into our church family. He was baptized on Sunday September 20th.

Baby Dedications

Also, on Sunday, September 20th Jeremy "Julian" Hicks, Jr. and sister Vanessa Hicks were dedicated. Praise the Lord!

A Fun Time For The Whole Family!

A great alternative to "Tricker Treating!"



Harvest Festival
October 28th
5:00 p.m.

Come to our Halloween Alternative on Wednesday October 28th at 5:00 p.m. Join us for dinner, followed with some singing, devotion, games, prizes, contests and a lot more. You can wear a costume if you like, but please nothing too gruesome or scary.

Set Your Clocks Back!



Saturday Night
October 31st

Before you go to bed.

The Parable of the Three Builders

Two things that I have been pondering lately are parables and attitude. The reason parables have been on my mind is obvious. I am preaching 13 sermons based on the Jesus parables as they appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Maybe my preoccupation with parables is also a sign of advancing age. They say that the older you get the more things remind you of other things. One begins to answer every question with a story.

I have also been pondering attitude, considering how important our attitude is to every facet of our life. Do we have an attitude of gratitude or an attitude of entitlement? Do we view ourselves as victors or victims? It makes all the difference in the world. And so let me combine my ponderings by telling you a parable about attitude. It's called the parable of the three builders.

Many centuries ago three men were working at a construction site. A visitor stopped and asked the first builder, "What are you doing". The builder answered "I'm putting one stone on top of another.. I am a poor laborer and the work is thankless". The visitor walked a ways and saw a second builder doing the same work. The visitor asked, "What are you doing?" This second man took pride in his accomplishment and said, "I am building a wall." and with arms outstretched he added, "Doesn't it look great?" The visitor walked further down the wall and observed a third builder cheerfully singing to himself. He asked, "What are you doing?" And he answered, "I am building a cathedral to the glory of God!"

All three builders were doing the same thing and all three answered honestly. So then, what's the difference? The difference is attitude. What is your attitude toward the daily grind of life? Are you grudgingly stacking stones? Maybe you take pride in building your own wall? Or perhaps you have discovered one of the great secrets of the Christian life. With a humble heart, you are building your life as a monument to the glory of God.

Kim's Corner - Reunion of Friends

I recently spent a weekend in Oregon catching up with lives of my old high-school friends. One friend flew in from Korea, another from Canada, another from LA, and I came from San Francisco. Two of them I had not seen in over 40 years. After I came to America, I was too busy building my career, raising kids, and moving around the country. I lost touch with these dear friends. The internet is a wonderful thing. With diligence and determination my friend from Korea first found my sister, then found me.

Their wrinkles and grey hair shocked me at first, but within a few minutes, my eyes got adjusted. I only saw faces of my 15-year-old friends. We talked, laughed, and ate Korean food for three days and nights. My mother's grave is near Salem Oregon, so all of us went to her grave. We sat in a circle and talked about our old days. I learned a lot about my mother and the influence that she had on my friends. My mother was the first Christian lady they ever encountered. They equated her kindness with Christianity. All of my friends became Christians. I am not sure how much my mother influenced their choices, but the way they talked about her, she seemed to be their first and most significant Christian example.

As adults we play an important role in the lives our children's friends. Without realizing it, we may be the only Christ they ever see. They may decide to follow Jesus because of the kindness that we show to them. We exchanged many gifts during this reunion. The greatest gift that I received was the testimony of friends about the Christian witness that my mother showed to them through her life.



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 Japan through August

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

October Calendar

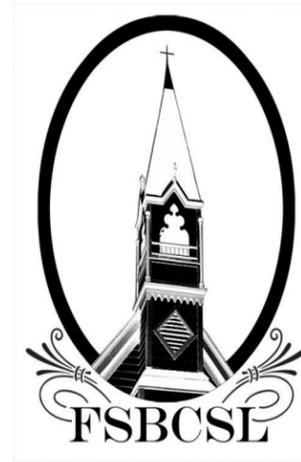
- 2nd - 3rd - Men's Retreat
- 4th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 7th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 11th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 12th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 14th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 17th - 68th EBBA Annual Meeting
- 21st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 24th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 25th - Business Meeting - following a.m. worship service
- 26th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 28th - Harvest Festival - 5:00 p.m.



- 2nd - Linda Baker
- 4th - Mabel Miller
- 6th - Brenda Kelleher
- 18th - Christopher Connolly
- 23rd - Shauna Shoptaw
- 26th - Doris Curlett



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



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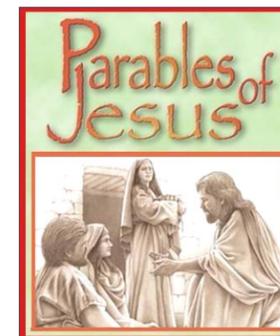
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~ The Parables of Jesus ~

Pastor Chris will be continuing the sermon series called "the Parables of Jesus" on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. Join us for this journey through these timeless words of Christ



~ October 4 ~

Parable of the Great Banquet
[Luke 14:15-24]

~ October 18 ~

Is There Another Gospel?
[Galatians 1:6-10]
Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard

~ October 11 ~

Parable of the Lost Sons
[Luke 15:11-32]

~ October 25 ~

Parable of Rich Man & Lazares
[Luke 16:19-31]



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October

~ Upcoming Sunday Evening Messages ~

~ October 4th ~ Pastor Chris concludes
the video journey based on the life of Paul

~ October 11th ~ The Cost of Discipleship

~ October 18th ~ Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard
If We Can't See God, How Can We Know He Exists?
[Psalm 19:1-6]

~ October 25th ~ The Cost of Discipleship