

Happy 4th Anniversary



We praise God for the faithful leadership of Pastor Chris. On October 1 Pastor Chris will start his 5th year of ministry at First Southern Baptist Church.

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 know how much you appreciate him.

In Loving Memory of Betty Ivey

On Monday, August 16th, Sister Betty Ivey, released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of her Savior Jesus Christ. Remember the family in your prayers.

God is at Work

God is Good and is at work here at First Southern Baptist Church. On Sunday, August 12th Elmonta Hillard came forward and on September 19th Milt and Eva Hetzel came forward and they all joined our church.

Praise God as we welcome Elmonta, Milt and Eva to our church.

Gathering the Pumpkin

October 30, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Wear your farm clothes for gathering pumpkins!
Potluck Dinner: Any dish for sharing
Desserts – orange or pumpkin
There will be games and lots of prizes.

Church Elections

On Sunday, August 22nd 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 - Diane Varady
Finance Chair - Elliott Seigal
Membership Chair - Mabel Miller
Outreach & Mission Director - Open
Personnel Chair - Open
Treasurer - Elliott Seigal
Worship & Music Director - Shauna Shoptaw

Solid Ground Trio

by Ann Paulson

Much to my delight, on my birthday, August 29th, a trio from Sacramento was to perform at our church that evening. Having never heard them before, but listened to great reviews from other members, I reserved my evening to partake in this event.

There they stood three well dressed men in suits as we opened with a prayer and like fond memories of Bear Jamboree at Disneyland the lights dimmed and music started. The trio began harmonizing and the crowd started clapping. I could hear members singing along to some favorites of theirs. We were all moved and didn't want the concert to end. What an inspirational group. Such wonderful Christians bringing not only songs and music but a message. If you have never experienced Solid Ground make sure you don't miss them the next time they drop in. I will reserve you some front row seats and guarantee you an amazing time praising our Lord and Worshipping through sound.

Alleluia Concert

by Gary & Mary Nell McCoy

On Friday night, August 13, FSBCSL and the Heaven's Open Door Korean Church had the wonderful opportunity to host the "Alleluia Choir" from Kyonggi University in Seoul, Korea (the university from which Kim Foreman had graduated). The choir of 23 college students and young adults was directed by Professor Huang, a university voice teacher who had studied in Seoul and in Milan, Italy. The choir presented an hour long program of classical choir repertoire, Gospel and hymn arrangements, and vocal solos. The quality of the performance and the spirit of the choir were wonderfully joyful and amazingly uplifting for our church as we had just experienced the loss of Sister Kim, our pastor's wife. The choir actually had received the invitation to be in the San Francisco Bay Area from Kim. So when the choir sang "You Raise Me Up to be more than I could ever be," it seemed like we heard her speaking words of hope to us. The second song on the concert was "God will Take Care of You" sung in Korean. The message was so appropriate for a grieving congregation. The closing song for the concert was the Korean folk song "Arirang."

We will always be grateful to Kim and to the Alleluia Choir for the beautiful gift of music that gave consolation, healing and inspiration to all who were there. Heart felt Christian fellowship continued after the concert, through the evening, and for an additional several days as the two churches worked together to provide lodging and food for the choir. What a fitting and closing tribute to Kim Foreman's life!



Present – Past – Future

For several months on Wednesday evenings, I have been speaking from the book of Psalms. On June 30, I addressed the six verses of the 13th Psalm, a beautiful personal lament. I did what I could to explain the meaning of the text. With my head, I analyzed the psalm as an equation: present predicament + past experience = future hope. A few Wednesdays later, I was in Africa with my wife, Kim. A few Wednesdays after that, I returned to California to bury my wife at Holy Sepulchers cemetery.

Last Wednesday, I re-started my series on Psalms. Rather than continue on to the 14th, I lingered one more time at this personal lament. On this second try, I felt that I could not only explain the text, but express the heart of the Psalmist. I have become a better pastor.

The psalmist's present predicament: How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death. [verses 1-3]

The psalmist's past experience: But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. [verse 5]

The psalmist's future hope: I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.[verse 6]

My present predicament: the Lord has taken my wife. I have grief in my heart daily. How long, oh Lord?

My past experience: But always I have trusted in His unfailing love. My life is at the service of His Gospel. He has given me this gift of grace.

My future hope: I will sing to the LORD, because he has been good to me.



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"

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

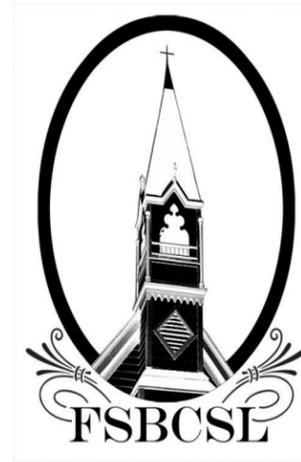
- 3rd - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 9th - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 11th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 13th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 16th - 69th EBBA Annual Meeting
- 17th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- 20th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Cell Group Ministry - 7:00 p.m.
- 23rd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 25th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 27th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 28th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 30th - Gathering the Pumpkin - 4:00 p.m.
- 31st - Quarterly Business Meeting -
following a.m. worship service



- 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 - Bob & Diana Belger



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Sunday Morning Sermon Series

Come join us at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris continues speaking on

"Why I am a Christian"



- ~ October 3 ~ The Cross of Christ - Romans 5:1-8
- ~ October 10 ~ The Image of God - Genesis 1:24-31
- ~ October 17 ~ Keys to Freedom - John 8:30-36
- ~ October 24 ~ An Abundant Life - John 10:7-11
- ~ October 31 ~ The Invitation of Christ - Matthew 11:28-30



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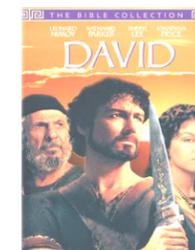
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October

Sunday Evening Sermon Series

You are all invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we continue the video journey of David.

- ~ October 3 ~ Part Four
- ~ October 10 ~ Part Five
- ~ October 17 ~ Part Six



- ~ October 24 ~ Part Seven
- ~ October 31 ~ Part Eight