

## Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris will be bringing his final message on September 2nd.

~ **September 2** ~  
Love for Self -  
A Matter of Humility  
2 Corinthians 4:5-7

## Sunday Evening Messages

(Theological Gospel Corner)

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Associate Pastor Ken Hillard continues his series entitled "Communion of the Saints."

~ **September 2** ~  
Signs and the Things Signified  
Acts 2:38



### for Pastor Chris

Sunday, September 2nd  
12:15 p.m.

You are invited to come join us on Sunday, September 2nd right after church as we will be having a retirement party to celebrate Pastor Chris' time at First Southern. This is Pastor Chris' last Sunday, so let's make it a special time of eating and sharing together. The Korean Church (Heaven's Opening Church) is providing the main course. We, our church, is to provide desserts. I know we can do that very well! There will be a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board so you can let us know what you are bringing.

## Christmas in September

Saturday, September 8th  
10:00 a.m.

Ladies, come and join us for Christmas in September on Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We will be doing some wonderful crafts to enhance your holiday season. There will be a potluck so bring your favorite brunch dish.

## Special Guest Speaker

Sunday, September 9th  
10:45 a.m.

Come join us on Sunday, September 9th as Josias (Joe) Robledo will be our special guest speaker. He is a California Southern Baptist Convention Language church starting strategist. His primary responsibility is starting Spanish-language churches in the Bay Area and helping train church leaders.

## CMO Dinner & Speaker

Wednesday, September 12th  
5:00 p.m.

Come join us for dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed at 6:00 p.m. with our guest speaker William Nathaniel. He will be sharing how the CMO offering impacts his ministry in planting churches to the Pakistani and Indian families.

## In Loving Memory

**Pauline Ford**

On Tuesday, August 21st, Sister Pauline Ford released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of her Savior Jesus Christ. Remember the family in your prayers.

## Retiring, Reverting, and Reinventing

Life is about to take a sharp turn. After nearly six years of serving as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in San Lorenzo, I am voluntarily stepping down and moving along. I have always been of the opinion that is better to exit employment freely, than to be carried out feet first. As I look ahead to a new season in life, I am facing the three "Rs" of "retiring, reverting, and reinventing".

**Retire** – "To withdraw from office, business, or active life, usually because of age".

The word "retirement" fits me because I am withdrawing from my paid clergy position and, at 62 years old, I am doing so because of age. Even as I step down as pastor, I am stepping up to new opportunities to serve the Gospel. God has blessed me with both the resource and health to become more active as missionary, professor, chaplain, and writer. I consider my stepping down as a "strategic withdrawal". I am retiring in order to advance.

**Revert** – "To return to a former condition, practice, subject, or belief."

The word "revert" fits me because I am returning to a former Gospel calling. In the spring of 2006, I incorporated a non-profit charity called "Come and See Africa International." I was focused on nurturing that ministry when First Southern called me as pastor. For the past six years I have been pastor first and missionary second. Soon I will be reverting to African missionary as my primary calling and doing my utmost to raise awareness and funds for this great work of God in Rwanda

**Reinvent** – "To invent again. To remake or make over, as in a different form."

The word "reinvent" fits me because I am anticipating three major life changes. The Chris Foreman of 2013 will be a different animal than the Chris Foreman of 2012. Along with the big change in employment status -- worker to retiree, I also plan to change my marital status -- widower to re-married, and my residence status -- Hayward, California, to who-knows-where. It's like starting life all over again, both scary and exhilarating at the same time. [As you read this, I covet your prayers because I must navigate these back-to-back-to-back changes in a way that brings glory God.]

In the midst of life-changing events, I am so blessed that the "Unchanging One" holds me close to Himself. I have an anchor -- a solid rock -- even as I retire, revert, and reinvent. I understand that my earthly life will always be in flux. That is the human condition, but "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [Hebrews 13:8]"



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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 11:00 am  
Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship 5:00 pm

*"Pray for Our Men and and Women in Uniform"*

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
Branch - Navy Rank - 2nd Class  
Assignment - Virginia Beach

# September Calendar

2nd - Pastor's Retirement Party - 12:15 p.m.  
3rd - Office Closed  
5th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
8th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.  
10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
12th - CMO Dinner/Guest Speaker 5:00 p.m.  
16th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.  
19th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
22nd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
26th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.  
27th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

1st - Sean Kelleher  
2nd - Justine Hillard  
4th - Elliott Seigal  
6th - Ken Hillard  
8th - Justin Smith  
9th - Laureen Escobedo  
14th - Mike Fortner  
16th - Ed Kelton  
25th - Esmeralda Bocar

## Happy Anniversary

23rd - Steve & Shirley Halbach



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