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Adam's Road
Friday, October 7,
7:00 p.m.

Adam's Road is a Christian, non-profit ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus

Christ through song and testimony. Four individuals will be sharing how God rescued them out of Mormonism and brought them into a personal and saving relationship with Jesus. Through the transforming power of the Gospel, those who once were blind, lost, and dead are now trophies of God's amazing grace. Invite family and friends and come hear their stories here at Torrance First Baptist.

A freewill offering will be taken.

Monday
October 31
5:30~8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends for a great time of **FREE** family fun **here at the church** with:

-  Food (hot dogs, cotton candy)
-  Game Booths
-  Pumpkin Carving Contest
-  Bounce House
-  Chili Cook-Off

Carve a pumpkin and bring it with you to be entered in our pumpkin contest. Come in costume (no witches, ghosts, or goblins, please) and have your picture taken.

Drop off candy and small toy donations and/or sign up at the Children's Ministries table in the patio to create and/or man a game booth or to enter the Chili Cook-Off.

This is a family event and a wholesome, fun and safe alternative to "Trick or Treating."

Proclaimers are also available for viewing and printing on-line: www.tfbclife.org

From the Pastor's Heart



In his book “Canoeing the Mountains,” Tod Bolsinger shares insights about church life and our Christian walk from events surrounding the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806. One that means a lot to me is when they first came face to face with the Rocky Mountains.

You see, they were given the assignment by President Jefferson

to find the water route to the West Coast. Everyone was convinced that there was a water route. There were even maps that displayed the most likely places for a water route. And since Lewis and Clark were both expert boatmen, knowing how to navigate all kinds of water and how to build whatever type of boat was needed, they were the perfect choice to lead this “find the water route” expedition. Also, although everyone knew they would face some difficult terrain, they all assumed the mountains and terrain would be like those on the East Coast. Nobody could even imagine the Rocky Mountains. So off they went with multiple assumptions and understandings to lead them.

After months of navigating water routes, with some short overland travels, they came face to face with the Rocky Mountains. At this point they had two choices. Choice one would be to return to President Jefferson and report that there was in fact no water route all the way to the West Coast. After all, that was their assignment, and no one would have thought less of them if that is what they did. Choice two would be to recognize reality – the Rocky Mountains; to decide that their ultimate mission was to find a route to the West Coast; to abandon their past mode of transportation and choose a new appropriate mode of transportation; and then continue their expedition with a whole new set of realities.

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Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

PRAYER—it’s a subject which is often spoken of but often neglected. But why is it neglected? Well, people have said:

“It’s time-consuming.”

“It’s too hard.”

“It’s boring.”

“It doesn’t work.”

Our Heavenly Father certainly doesn’t think so.

Interestingly, the Bible has much to say about this matter of prayer. In fact, PRAYER in its various forms (prayer, prayed, praying, prays) is found 375 times in the New International Version.

The point is that this matter of prayer is important to God, and it should be to us.

In 2 Corinthians 13:7-9, the apostle Paul shares his desires for the believers in Christ residing in

Corinth. He says:

“Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is for your perfection” (NIV).

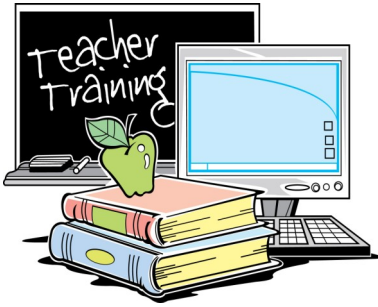
As we read God’s Word, we see that Paul constantly prayed for others’ needs. Even in His weariness, he was glad for the strength of others. He prayed that God’s church would be brought to perfection (a state of spiritual



maturity and completeness). The Greek word for completeness describes the setting of bones and the reconciling of the alienated. In other words, Paul prayed for reconciliation of divisions and restoration within the church. Oh, how this is needed today.

We are called to lift up others’ needs before the Lord in sincere earnest prayer. Prayer such as this, touches people’s lives and is blessed of the Lord. Prayer isn’t just bringing our needs before the Lord, rather it is a time of CONNECTING with Him in an intimate way while interceding for others. Oh, how we need to be

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Attention Teachers and Children's Workers

You are invited to attend a Children's Ministries half-day training event on **Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.**

This event will give our team a chance not only to refresh and refocus on the heart of ministry, but also a chance to network with other children's ministry leaders. The hottest topics will be covered, and we will also learn what is happening in our churches today—and how that impacts our ministry to children. Myths that keep kids from growing will be exposed, and effective methods that can be used immediately will be explored. We want to move from a ministry that merely teaches kids about Jesus to an environment that introduces kids to a living, loving relationship with Him. We will get dozens of practical ideas to bring back and use.

The training will be held at Grace Korean Church, 1645 W. Valencia Drive, in Fullerton.

Call Karla Gaines to register.

Women's Ministries Bunco Pajama Party Friday, October 14 7:00 p.m.

Ladies, you are invited to attend this fun party, which involves a social dice game with a simple set of rules. Anyone can play, and it offers an opportunity to get together with friends and other women of the church and enjoy a good time of fellowship. You might even win a prize! Dress in comfort in your jammies and slippers. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

P.S. If you want to stay for a sleepover, bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

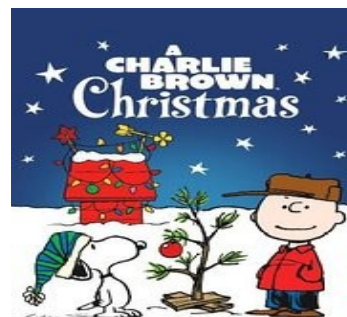


Saturday
October 22
9 a.m. ~ 4p.m.

YOU are needed to participate as we labor to keep our church, that has been dedicated to the Lord, in good working order. Come and be blessed.

A FREE Continental breakfast will be available as well as lunch for everyone that helps.

Pick up one of these beautiful 2017 calendars for yourself or as a gift or both. The cost is \$8 each or 2 for \$15.



DECEMBER 16-17
7:00 P.M.

Auditions on Sunday,
September 25, at 2 p.m.

We also have openings for stage hands, set designers, and other support roles. Contact Daniel Marion at DanielLMarion@gmail.com or call 310/349-7647.

From the Pastor's Heart

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So my question for you, for me and for the church is: What Rocky Mountains are we facing? What new realities are bringing into question our understandings and assumptions? What changes are needed to be able to effectively continue on the path and fulfill the assignments God has given you, me, us?

I invite you to think and pray about this as you continue to walk with and serve our Lord.

Serving the Lord together,
Pastor Charlie



DO YOU WANT TO REDUCE YOUR STRESS LEVEL, ANXIETY AND BLOOD PRESSURE, BOOST YOUR ENERGY AND IMMUNITY, INCREASE CONCENTRATION AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, ENJOY BETTER PHYSICAL FITNESS AND COORDINATION, REDUCE SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER, AND MINIMIZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS?

Take a hike

with us to Palos Verdes and explore the tide pools October 15 with dinner to follow.

Meet at TFB at 2 p.m.



Sunday School Study:

The book of Romans until the Christmas Season

Jr. High Wednesday Nights

The CRAFT

HOW TO READ & ENGAGE IN THE BIBLE

9.21 ~ 10.26
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We want to establish people in the Word of God, helping students read and engage in the Bible. We'll observe, and discover together as a group to help us interact with the Living Word. And through it, we expect God to transform us through the Word. Come join us in the 6 sessions that will help us build a craft in reading and engaging!

Bible Version to be used: New Living Translation



All High School students are invited to attend:

IGNITE TEAMS 2016

Saturday, October 15 @ BIOLA University

Ignite Teams 2016 is a team training event held at Biola University--a day designed to encourage and mobilize student ministry teams to make a difference in their schools, churches, and communities.



See Ann Pursche for information and to sign up.

Jr. High Welcome Event
Come Join the
snowfight
Torrance First Baptist Church
Jr. High Ministry

Oct 1, 2016
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Have you ever had a snowfight in October? Let alone, in Torrance? Well, it's a new school year and time for an early snowfight at TFB! Jr. High School students are encouraged to invite their friends to come join us at our Jr. High welcoming event to have a blast. We'll have pre-made "snowballs" for the fun, so come and discover the mystery behind it all.

- Meet @ TFB at 1 p.m.
 - Snowfight @ El Prado Park (near TFB) from 1:10-2:20 p.m.
 - Return to TFB at 2:30 p.m.
- For added fun: Please wear dark clothing that can get dirty.



Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Dinner Night ~ Saturday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at King's Hawaiian, 2808 W. Sepulveda, in Torrance. Contact Gloria, 562/505-4495, if you have any questions.



Game Night ~ Meet at Gloria Pedersen's, 817 Amapola Avenue in Torrance, on **Saturday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m.** Bring games and snacks to share.



For additional questions, suggestions, or more information, call Brenda-Jean Shephard, 310/901-0816.

"God Is All Powerful (Omnipotence)"

By Laura K. Springer, M.Div., Th.M.

Just the other day, someone brought up a tired, old question: "Can God make a rock too heavy for him to pick up?" The question usually comes from someone eager to "prove" that God is not who he says he is. The truth is, there is no answer to the question because it is based on a flawed understanding of God's power. God's power, his omnipotence, does not mean he can do absolutely everything.

Rather, God's omnipotence means that "he can, by the mere exercise of his will, bring to pass whatsoever he has decided to accomplish" [1]. God's omnipotence is good news.

God's righteousness, justice, and love ground his power (Psalm 33:4-7). In his righteous power, he withstands all violations of his holiness. In his just power, he gives rewards and punishments in keeping with love and wrath. In his loving power, he acts for us in keeping with grace, mercy, and forbearance.

God's power is complete and eternal (Psalm 33:10-11). God's power is complete because there are no gaps in his capacity to do what he desires. God's power is eternal because there is no time when his capacity to act is hindered.

God has power over all peoples and persons (Psalm 33:13-15). He accomplishes his will for all people groups, whether tribes, tongues, or nations. God accomplishes his will for all individual persons. He does all this while respecting the dignity he gave humans as his image bearers (Genesis 1). Through his power, God seeks the good of his people (Psalm 33:18-19). He seeks for them all that is in keeping with his will and all that is fit to their divine design.

Worship is our proper response to his great power (Psalm 33:1-3, 8-9). Our holy fear does not cower in the corner. Rather we come with raised hearts and voices to declare his worth. We come, expressing our worship through our trust and hope in God and his power (Psalm 33:20-22). Those who worship him are counted happy (Psalm 33:12).

So, what about the rock question? The next time someone asks that question, start sharing with them about who God is. Tell them why you worship him. Point them to Jesus. If your heart raises similar questions, then tell yourself the same things.

[1] Sovereignty of God, Berkhof, L. *Summary of Christian Doctrine*, Christian Classics Ethereal Library.

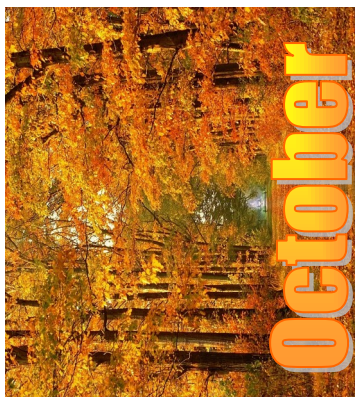
PASTOR'S ORIENTATION/MEMBERSHIP CLASS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 ~ 9 AM. UNTIL 12 NOON

Call the office to let us know if you are interested in attending this class led by Pastor Charlie to learn more about what we believe here at Torrance First Baptist Church. This class is also a pre-requisite to becoming a member.

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sunday	
Worship Services: 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Adult Sunday School, 9:15 & 11 a.m. Children's Church, 9:15 a.m. Patio Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Children & Youth S.S., 11 a.m. Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m. Covenant (Korean) Worship, 12:45 p.m. Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.	
Monday	
Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Fellowship, 6:55 p.m. King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m. [except 10/31]	
Tuesday	
Classical Conversations, 8:30 a.m. High School Revive, 7 p.m.	
Wednesday	
Family Dinner, 6 p.m. Colossian Kids, 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Quest, 6:30 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, 7 p.m. Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m. Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.	
Thursday	
Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m. H.S. Band Practice, 7 p.m.	
Friday	
Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.	
Saturday	
Men's BSF Leaders, 6 a.m. Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.	

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 11a Loaves & Fishes 1p Jr. High Snowfight
2 2p Sing @ Royalwood	3	4	5	6	7 7p Adam's Road 7p Young Marrieds	8 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
9 5:20p Prayer Gathering	10	11	12	13 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice 7p Beacon Light Mission	14 7p College NeXus/ Young Adults 7p Women's Bunco/ Slumber Party	15 8a H.S. to Biola "Ignite" 9a Orientation/ Membership Class 2p NeXus Hike & Dinner 7pm Share & Care
16	17 7p Finance & FacMan Teams	18 6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess	19	20	21 6p Kids' Night Out 7p Young Marrieds	22 9a All Church Work Day 6:30p Singles' Game Night
23 5:20p Prayer Gathering	24	25	26	27 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	28 7p College NeXus/ Young Adults	29
30 7p NeXus Movie Night	31 5:30p Harvest Festival					



Upcoming November Events:

- 11/5 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 11/5 ~ Daylight Savings ends, 2a
- 11/6 ~ Bonner Singers, 6p
- 11/12 ~ Men's Event, to be determined
- 11/18 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 11/20 ~ Giving Thanks Potluck, 5:30p

October 2016



Giving and Sharing

God gives generously to us. He wants you to do the same for others. The more you give, the more you receive!

Complete each math problem, then connect the dots in order. Find 2 Corinthians 9:6.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.



Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

You will need:

- 4½ cups raw pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- clear sandwich bags

How to:

- Rinse pulp & strings from seeds. Drain.
- Mix seeds, oil & salt in a bowl.
- Spread on a cookie sheet lined with waxed paper.
- Let stand for 24-48 hours, or until dry. Stir once in a while.
- Remove waxed paper and toast seeds in the oven for 40 minutes at 325°. Stir once or twice.
- Drain seeds on paper towel.
- Store in plastic bags for a great treat!



Friday, October 21, 6-9 p.m.

Parents, leave the kids (infants through 5th grade) to have dinner and a movie with us while you enjoy a night out together. We are asking for a \$3 donation per child. This will be a "Pick a Color" night.

This is a letter in part from Steve & Cindi Barrett with Athletes in Action



TFB Global Outreach

Since I wrote you last, I've been on an amazing tour with great young men and women. My route was Turkey/Moldova/Turkey/Kyrgyzstan/Tajikistan/Dubai/NYC/and home! We met literally hundreds of young athletes in each place, sowed seeds and shared the Gospel!

Many of you may remember that we started an evangelistic wrestling camp when we lived in the Caucasus. With my deportation from Russia, the camp continued but was moved to Ukraine for 6 years. Since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, this is the third summer the camp has been in Moldova. This year AIA hosted 170 campers and coaches from Ukraine, Belorussia, Moldova, Turkey and Bulgaria. The camp truly had an international flavor and the American wrestlers who went with me did a super job of spending time and getting to know the other wrestlers.... Below are a few quotes from coaches and athletes:

"The coach from southern Ukraine would like to express his thankfulness for the camp and for the great opportunity to come together from many different places to train together, develop ourselves in a spiritual way, and strengthen friendship with other teams. May God bless Athletes in Action for the good thing that they have done. Thanks to Stephen and Yuri, that you invited our team." Khimik Wrestling Club, Virmemichuk Ukraine.

"With my whole heart I want to thank those responsible for organizing the excellent tournament and the camp. All the athletes received a great experience and training together was also good. They all got a great experience from wrestling wrestlers from different countries All the athletes received spiritual instruction which correctly pointed them to the direction they should go in life. May God grant that every year we could have that kind of camp. I wish all peace, goodness, and health." A.V. Vesmitinov, Coach of Belarus

"Thank you for your friendship, I learned a lot and I appreciate it that I learned new wrestling technique. I wait with impatience for next years camp." Sasha, 14-year-old Ukrainian wrestler

....Cindi and I visited the home of a Kyrgyz student we became friends with last year at University of Central Missouri. Her name is Aziza and she spent time with our family...last Christmas then attended a Christian conference. Although she didn't come to faith, she is very open and we know the Lord is working in her life. We spent [time] in her village, met her extended family and had a feast in her home.



Aziza, her mom, Cindi, Stephen and Aziza's brother.

In July Cindi flew home and the team and I went on to Tajikistan...to work with the Tajik national wrestling team and were able to give our evangelistic wrestling film "Unfading Glory" in the Tajik language to the teams we met in each sport club.

You probably heard of the military coup attempt in Turkey. It happened right after Cindi flew through Istanbul and caused a logistical problem for the team as we were supposed to fly via Istanbul. The US closed the borders to flights from Turkey and the airline could not be reached to make other arrangements. Thankfully Cindi was home and figured out the details to purchase tickets for the team. It was a big challenge but Cindi came up with flights from Dushanbe to Dubai, then the US! Everyone is safely home and has a story to tell!

Thanks very much for your partnership and your prayers for us!

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes



This ministry sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children around the world. You can help by filling a shoebox with small **new** toys, hard candy in zip-lock bag (this is the last year candy will be allowed), hygiene items (toothpaste/brush), **low-scent** soap in separate zip-lock bag or candy will taste like soap, school supplies, etc. You may pick up an empty, wrapped shoebox in the patio or you may wrap it yourself. You can also pick up a brochure giving details about what to put in your box and what not to put in. Samaritan's Purse is asking for \$7 per box to cover shipping costs. Filled shoeboxes need to be here at the church by **November 6**.

Reflections

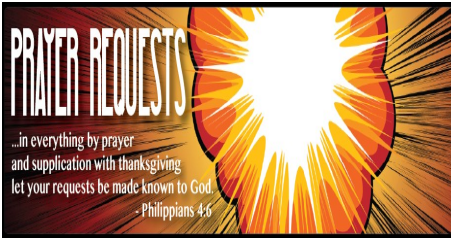
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praying for one another! When was the last time we prayed for someone else more that we prayed for ourselves?

As we think once again of Paul's prayer, we notice that his prayer was Kingdom-minded. You see, He clearly understood that any unsettledness within God's family hindered the sharing of the Gospel. Yes, his desire was that the believers in Corinth would live in such a way that the "Good News" of Jesus Christ would flow through them to others.

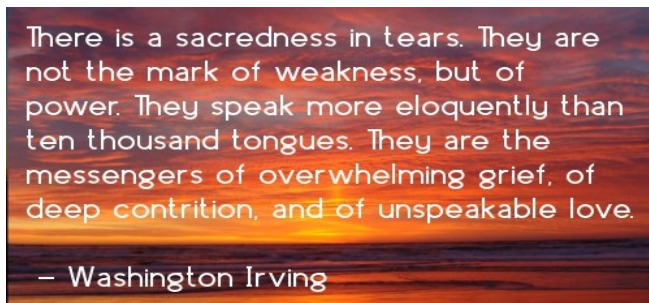
Dear family, the same is true for us. People say that times have changed, but God's will for us hasn't. He desires that we too become spiritually mature and complete. Would this be our desire as well?

Earnestly looking to Him,
Pastor Rog



Please pray for the following from our church family who have on-going needs:

Michael Banfield, Loretta Barnett, Reba Belcher, Julie Cochran, Tom Cochran, Gloria Deering, Leah Douglas, Virgie Fletcher, Earl & Jean Forman, Dutchess Gattis, Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, Helen Kessenich, Joan Kindt, Mary Larsen, Doug Luden, Joy Moore, Bill Morgan, Ralph Norsworthy, Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Jean Rayner, Barbara Rudé, Claudine Schultz, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, Tammie Wakefield, and Gertie Wissinger.



Please pray for the following families who have recently lost a loved one:

Jim Boyer lost his sister, Maude; and

Nellie Rizzi, longtime TFB attendee, is now with the Lord.



It's a Girl!



Nathan and Laura Montgomery announce the birth of daughter, Autumn Elizabeth.

She was born on September 4, weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20" long.

She joins brothers and sister, Jonathan, Josiah, Avalon and Elijah.



CONGRATULATIONS!!



We Get Mail

Dear TFB Family,

Thank you kindly for all the cards and notes. They have been very appreciated!

Ralph Norsworthy

TFB:

I have many good thoughts and memories of TFB and the people there. So many good trips, thanks to Ralph and Edna. I am elderly and look forward to being with my Saviour, friends and relatives.

Thank you for the many *Proclaimers* you have sent me.

Enclosed is a small gift.

Oma Northamer

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers & cards. It has meant so much to us.

Louie & Lucia Martinez

TFB Tithes & Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$47,020 in the month of August.



Smile Awhile



The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders,
but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno:

“With hurricanes, tornadoes, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the *Pledge of Allegiance*?”



More absentee notes from parents (including original spelling) collected by schools:

Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

Please excuse Justice Friday from school, He has very loose vowels.

Please excuse Tommy from being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

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For more information, contact the church office: 310.328.5030 or tfbc@pacbell.net. Or visit us on the web at www.tfbclife.org