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ON A HILL

too far away

*Sunday, April 9, 6 p.m.*

Our TFB Worship Choir, led by Randy Stager, will take us on a poignant musical journey that explores the majesty and mystery of the Cross.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy this tribute to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us.



*Tenebrae Service*  
*Friday, April 14*  
*7:30 p.m.*

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." The darkness reminds us of the time between the Last Supper and Jesus' body being put into the tomb.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the Cross, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

*Proclaimers* are also available for viewing and printing on-line:  
[www.tfbclife.org](http://www.tfbclife.org)

## From the Pastor's Heart



Robert B. Reich, former Secretary of Labor, talked about the use of his *Pronoun Test* when he visited the workplaces of America.

*"I administrate a simple test I call the "Pronoun Test." I ask frontline workers a few general questions about the company. If the answers I get back describe the company in terms like "they" and "them," then I know it's one kind of company. If the answers*

*are put in terms like "we" or "us," I know it's a different kind of company."*

If you were asked some general questions about TFB, which pronouns would you use? The more of us that would use the "we" or "us" pronouns, the healthier and stronger we will be. This is pointed out very clearly in 1 Corinthians 12 using the illustration of the body to teach this principle. Every part of the body has an important function in order for the whole body to work effectively. Using "we" and "us" pronouns communicates this principle in a powerful way.

God is very clear about our need for others to minister His grace and love to us so that each of us can be healthy growing Christians. In Genesis 2, God said it was not good for Adam to be alone, even though Adam had a

perfect relationship with God at that point. In Ephesians we are told that God's family, the church, is designed in such a way that helping each other is essential to health and vitality.

*"Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love" (Ephesians 4:16, NLT).*

My prayer is that we are each guided by the Holy Spirit in doing our own special work that helps others grow, and that TFB experiences spiritual health and vitality by being a place where people continually meet God and are transformed by His Spirit.

Pastor Charlie

## Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

How thankful I am for God, Our Heavenly Father. He has taught me much of His love, mercy, and grace down through the years. As I study His Word, He brings back to my remembrance those times He has answered my prayers when I was in great need. Sometimes His answers came quietly and at other times with **great power**.

One passage of Scripture which always drew me to cast my needs upon Him was Philippians 4:19 which says:

*"But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (KJV).*

A good friend of mine helped me to understand the difference between *needs* and *wants*. Dr.

Booth was then treasurer for World Vision, Intl. (He is now in heaven.) We studied God's Word and prayed together. He taught me much about living a life of FAITH in the Lord.

It was during this time frame that the Lord began leading me to do ministry in India and East Africa—first in Kenya and then in Ethiopia. My ministry trips were always done on a tight budget—a very tight budget. On a trip to Ethiopia, the Lord taught me just how faithful He is to His promises.

On my way there, I had a one night stopover in Nairobi, Kenya. While there, I realized that my funds would not meet my needs in that I forgot the airport return tax which would be levied upon my return to Kenya. This was serious



business because as a new resident of the country, I could have been put in jail. Rules there were strict! What was I to do?

Prayer to the Lord was my only recourse. Early the next morning, my taxi took me to Kenyatta International Airport. Finding a quiet room, I prepared to have my morning devotions. It was a very large room, and no one else was there. A few minutes later, a man entered this large room and sat across the aisle from me. Surprise!! I knew him. We



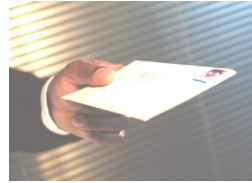


Ladies are all invited to a shower on **Sunday, April 9, at 1 p.m.**, for Bethany Landen and her on-the-way little girl. They are registered at Target. RSVP by 3/31 to Laura, 906/367-6700, or Stephanie, 424/264-3405.



*Saturday, April 22  
9 a.m. until 12 noon*

You're invited to attend Pastor Charlie's Orientation Class. This class is a pre-requisite for anyone who is interested in joining Torrance First Baptist Church. It is also for those who just want to know more about our church and what we believe. Call the church or sign up in the patio if you would like to attend the class.



*We Get Mail*

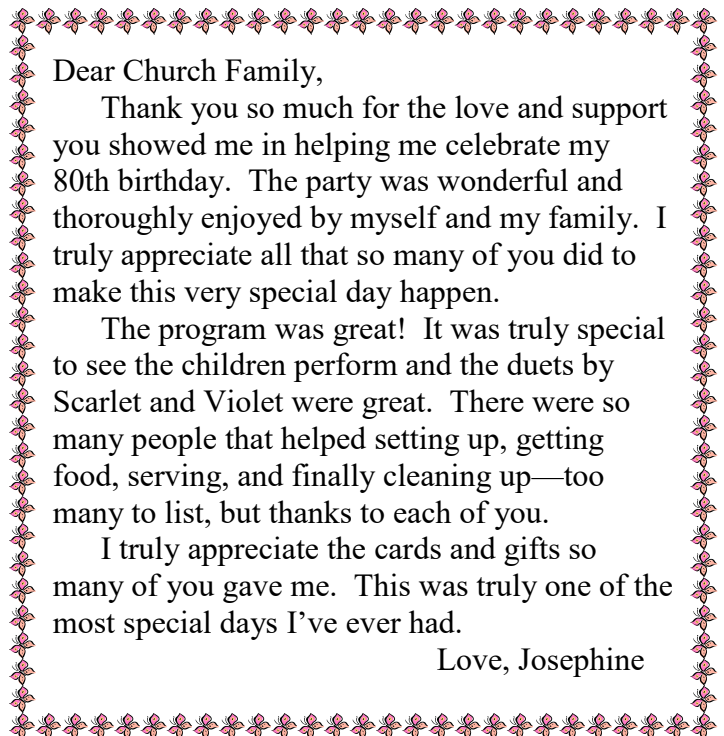
Dear Ones,

Kudos to all of you folks, so dedicated, who prepare and serve the Wednesday dinners—always with a smile!

They are delicious, and I really enjoy eating dinner with friends.

Thank you, thank you so much.

Love,  
Jerrolyn Vitali



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the love and support you showed me in helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. The party was wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed by myself and my family. I truly appreciate all that so many of you did to make this very special day happen.

The program was great! It was truly special to see the children perform and the duets by Scarlet and Violet were great. There were so many people that helped setting up, getting food, serving, and finally cleaning up—too many to list, but thanks to each of you.

I truly appreciate the cards and gifts so many of you gave me. This was truly one of the most special days I've ever had.

Love, Josephine

Dear TFB Family,

Thank you for the plant and all the cards and words of sympathy that you sent at the passing of my sister. TFB is truly a community of blessing.

Love,  
Gale Lee

*May 5-7*

Ladies, sign up for our annual retreat at Thousand Pines. Save your spot with a \$50 deposit. The cost is \$185 for *Glamping*, \$175 for Standard, and \$160 for Rustic.

We will be car-pooling.

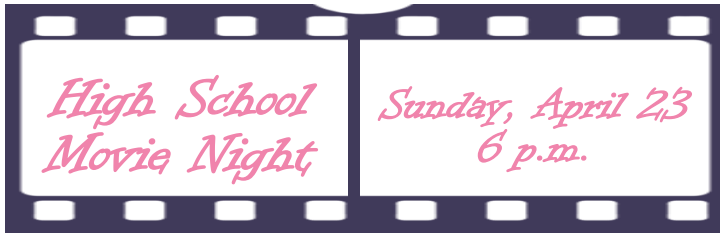
Sign-up at the Women's Ministry table in the patio.



# ((GIRLS)) RETREAT

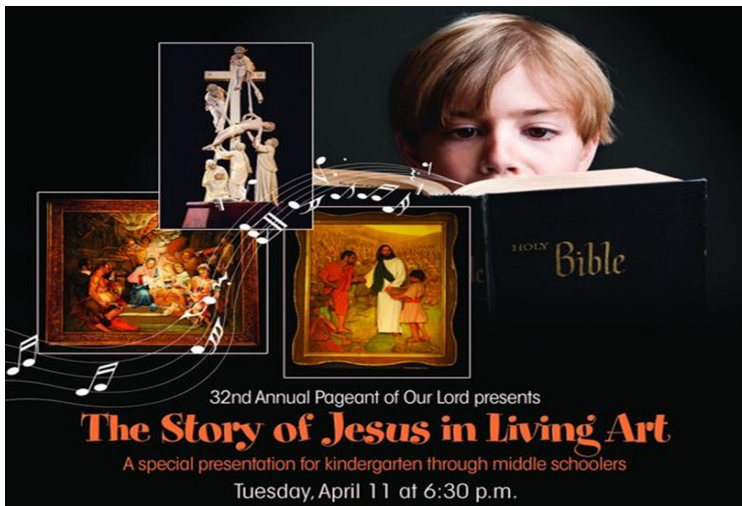
*March 31-April 2  
at Lake Arrowhead*

All High School students are invited to attend:



*April 11 (Tuesday)  
6:30-7:30 p.m.*

The Jr. High Group will be going to Rolling Hills Covenant Main Campus Worship Center, 2222 P.V. Drive N., Rolling Hills Estates.



*Colossians Kids  
Saturday, April 1  
9 a.m.—1 p.m.*



Invite your family and friends to go with us to the El Capitan Theater to see *Beauty and the Beast*. Meet at the church to be on the bus by 9 a.m. We will get back by 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch.

## *A Message from Ann*

Here's more on the High School's journey through *Rooted*: We are now on Week 7 (of 10), and a couple of weeks ago we embarked on our Prayer Experience as part of learning how God speaks with us. The students and I prayed for over an hour together on various topics including family, friends, school, and our youth group. They all said that the time alone with God seemed to go by too quickly.

Last week we discussed "Where is God in the midst of suffering?" This was a very timely subject in that all of us—to varying degrees—are experiencing some really difficult times right now. This week of study was particularly helpful in reminding us that we all have struggles in this life, but that we are not alone, and that our suffering helps us become like Christ. Coincidentally, the topic of becoming like Jesus was the theme for our Tuesday night HS group teaching that was led by one of the students. She pointed out that struggles help us develop perseverance and Christ-like character. Another one of our students will be teaching in a few weeks on what it means to trust God with your life. You can pray for her as this will be her first time teaching.

As always, we appreciate your prayers. Things can be tough in the life of a teenager, but God is doing some pretty amazing things in the lives of these students. Hopefully, I will have even more exciting things to share next month.

Ann

## *Peep-a-palooza*

**April 5, 2017  
6-8 p.m.**

Colossians Kids  
"Telling Peeps about Jesus"  
Join us for fun games with PEEPS!!!

**NOTE: For our Peeps Party, we need Peeps, Peeps, and more Peeps! Please bring donated Peeps to the office or give to Karla.**





## *Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship*

*Please invite your single friends.*

**Dinner Night ~ Saturday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at California Pizza Kitchen, 25304 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance (in AMC Rolling Hills Center near Joey's Smokin' BBQ).

**Game Night ~ Saturday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Meet at Denise Hadley's, 18909 Doty Avenue, Torrance, 90504. Bring snacks to share. For more info, call: 424/571-1694 (Denise's cell phone).



For additional questions, suggestions, or more information, call Gloria, 562/505-4495.

*"The Knowledge we Seek is  
a Person: Jesus"*

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

We know there is more:  
a deep hunger rages in our souls,  
quieted by mystery  
or spirituality  
or pharmaceuticals  
or intellectual inquiry.

But for all this,  
it remains either raging  
or falsely silenced.

The knowledge we so desperately need  
is not merely mysterious  
or experiential  
or emotional  
or intellectual.

The knowledge we seek is a Person.

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:15-20, ESV).*

## **Room Wanted**

I am moving to Torrance sometime in April, May, or June. I would like to share a home with a lady or a couple. I can be a household helper in exchange for low rent. You can contact me at: Rose Anne Dane, 1229 Highland Avenue, NE, Salem, OR 97301. E-mail: [roseanne.author@gmail.com](mailto:roseanne.author@gmail.com); Phone: 503/931-5806.



Some things to know about me: I have lived in California before and enjoyed it; attended Biola University, experienced house sitter/dog walker; published author; active, cheerful senior lady who likes to swim.

| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED  | THU                        | FRI   | SAT   | Recurring Weekly Events:   |
|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6                          | 7   | 8   | <b>Sunday</b><br><br><b>Worship Services:</b><br>9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.<br>Adult Sunday School, 9:15 & 11 a.m.<br>Children's Church, 9:15 a.m.<br>Patio Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.<br>Children & Youth S.S., 11 a.m.<br>New Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m.<br>New Covenant (Korean) Worship, 12:45 p.m.<br>New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.<br>NeXus (Young Adult/College), 7 p.m.<br><br><b>Monday</b><br>Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m.<br>King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m.<br>Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m.<br><br><b>Tuesday</b><br>Classical Conversations, 8 a.m.<br>High School Rooted, 5:30 p.m.<br>High School Revive, 7 p.m.<br><br><b>Wednesday</b><br>Family Dinner, 6 p.m.<br>Colossians Kids, 6:45 p.m.<br>Jr. High QUEST, 6:45 p.m.<br>"Crazy Love" Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.<br><b>[None of the above on 3/12] Choir Practice,</b><br>7 p.m.<br>New Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m.<br>Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.<br><br><b>Thursday</b><br>Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m.<br><br><b>Friday</b><br>Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.<br><br><b>Saturday</b><br>Men's BSF Leaders 6 a.m.<br>New Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m. |
| 9   | 10   | 11  | 12   | 13                         | 14  | 15  |  |
| 2p Sing @<br>Royalwood<br>HS Girls back from<br>Retreat | Palm Sunday<br>1p Landen Baby<br>Shower<br>6p Easter Cantata | 6:30p Jr. High to<br>Rolling Hills<br>Covenant <i>Story of<br/>                     Jesus in Living Art</i> | 6p Colossians<br>Kids <i>Peep-a-<br/>                     Patloosa</i> | 7p Beacon<br>Light Mission | Good Friday<br>Office Closed<br>7:30p Tenebrae<br>Service | 7p Young Marrieds                                       | 9a Colossians Kids<br>to El Capitan<br>11a Loaves &<br>Fishes  |
| 16  | 17   | 18  | 19   | 20                         | 21  | 22  |  |
| Easter Sunday   | 7p Finance & FacMan<br>Teams                                 | 6p Ministry Teams:<br>Fellowship, GO,<br>Outreach, Worship,<br>& Disc. Dev.<br>7p Deacon/ess                |  | 7p Beacon<br>Light Mission | 6p Kids' Night Out<br>7p Young Marrieds                   | 9a Orientation<br>Class<br>6:30p Singles'<br>Game Night |  |
| 23  | 24   | 25  | 26   | 27                         | 28  | 29  |  |
| 5:20p Prayer<br>Gathering<br>6p HS Movie Night          |  |   |  |                            |   |   |  |

**Upcoming May Events**

- 5/4 ~ Care bags/diapers due for Love INC
- 5/5-5/7 ~ Ladies' Retreat @ Thousand Pines
- 5/6 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11 a.m.
- 5/12 ~ Seniors & Friends' Luncheon, 12 noon
- 5/13 ~ Mother's Day Tea, 2 p.m.
- 5/13 ~ Singles' Dinner Out., 6:30 p.m.
- 5/19 ~ Kids' Night Out (Date Night), 6 p.m.
- 5/20 ~ Colossians Kids; Air Fair
- 5/27 ~ Singles' Game Night, 6:30 p.m.





### Easter

Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate!  
 Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

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- great happiness \_ 1 \_ 12 \_
- a place where plants grow \_ \_ \_ 11 20 16 \_
- opposite of evening 13 7 6 \_ \_ \_
- a shape that means love 15 9 19 \_ \_
- it rises every morning 8 4 \_
- a close companion 10 \_ \_ 18 \_ 17
- Jesus was nailed to it \_ \_ \_ \_ 3 5
- it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb \_ \_ 14 \_ \_ 2

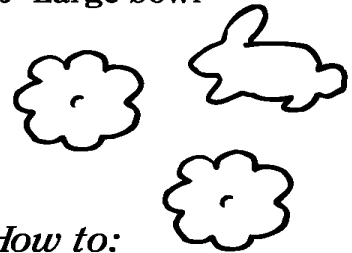


joy, garden, morning, heart, sun, friend, cross, stone, Jesus rose from the dead!

## Make a celebration snack!

You need:

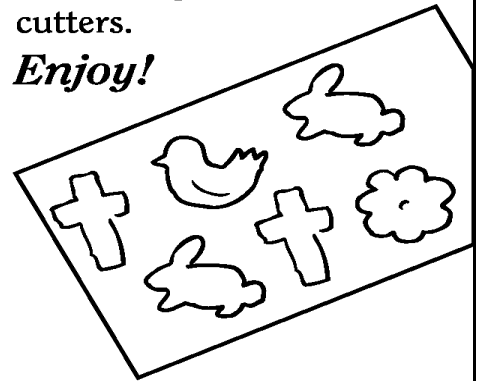
- ✿ 4 boxes of gelatin dessert in any flavor (4-serving size)
- ✿ Boiling water
- ✿ 9" x 13" pan
- ✿ Cookie cutters
- ✿ Measuring cups
- ✿ Spoon
- ✿ Large bowl



How to:

Put dry gelatin in large bowl. Mix in 2 1/2 cups of boiling water. Stir until dissolved completely. Pour into a pan. Refrigerate until firm (at least 3 hours). Cut spring & Easter shapes with cookie cutters.

Enjoy!



*Friday, April 25, 6-9 p.m.*



Kids (infants through 5th grade) will have dinner and a movie, while the parents get an evening to themselves. This is a once-a-month event on the 3rd Friday of each month for only \$3 per child.



## *From the Feltons of Global Grace Fellowship (formerly Go Ye Fellowship)*

**Sad News:** I regret to inform you of the death of one of our California members and very dear friend. I first met Andrea at a Surfer's Bible Study. She braved the almost all-male group and was hungry for God and the Word. Many times she made the drive down from

Santa Barbara to be with us. I once asked her, "Why do you drive that far?" and she said she hadn't had teaching from the Word like that before. So she drove, listened, asked honest questions, grew, contributed, and learned. She was always smiling, very gracious, compassionate, and sincerely interested in other people's welfare above her own—just a joy to be around.

Andrea developed cancer the year after we met. The last conversation I had with her she was asking for advice on solid Christian Bible teachers that had podcasts that she could listen to after her chemo treatments. Today we grieve . . . but Andrea does not. She is whole and complete and in the presence of her Savior, the One in Whom her soul delighted.

Because of sin, death comes to all mankind. Death will also come for you. Jesus defeated death and the grave to secure eternal life for YOU, and Christians don't fear death any longer. Are you ready for your appointed time with death? Have you believed in Jesus and repented of your sins? I know this is what Andrea would most want me to share:

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them, in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words"*

(I Thessalonians 4:13-18, NIV).

It was exciting to start off the New Year with some dear friends that I have been praying for daily, 3 to be exact, attending church here at Cornerstone for the first time! One of them has been attending the Bible study every week as well, which has been a blessing. Pray that they continue to come and get plugged in with other believers besides ourselves—that they choose to follow Jesus!

I was blessed to be able to teach Junior Highers again for the month of January—they are so interesting. One moment you can be going really deep with them and the next they are asking an obscure question about butterflies—keeps you on your toes. Our topic for the month is Heaven and Hell.

We have also been blessed to be able to host our church life group in our home this month as the regular hosts are in France. Next week we are attending the bi-annual church info meeting for new members and are looking forward to becoming members at Cornerstone.

Ryder just attended winter camp and had a great time. It is a blessing to see him connecting with other youth that want to follow the Lord.

Please continue to pray for opportunities to serve and bless our new home church!

Continue to pray for the Lord's will for a job for Allison.

I have begun to go up to the local ski hill with Gospels of John to be a witness there and build relationships. Unfortunately, on my second day up . . . I tore a calf muscle. So please pray that it heals quickly. I am thankful that I can still walk on it, just gingerly and veeeeery slowly! I guess I'm not as young as I think I am!

We greatly appreciate your partnership!

The Feltons  
Serving with Global Grace in Anchorage, Alaska



# Reflections

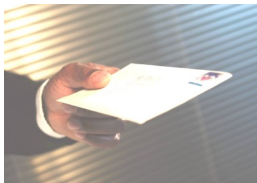
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had served on a mission's board together. He came over and asked me, "Do you have a need?" "Yes," I replied. He didn't ask me how much. He reached into his pocket and gave me several large bills—which paid the tax and more! We talked for a moment, and then he left.

My mind was racing. How could this be true? No one knew where I was. No one but the Lord, that is! I leaned back against the wall with tears streaming down my face. Verses like Philippians 4:19 filled my mind. God had once again proven Himself true to His promises. Praise for Him filled my heart and mind. However, His answers to my prayers are more often *quiet* than *dramatic*, and oftentimes He answers my prayers differently than what I pray for, but He is always *faithful* to His Word.

Today you may be facing a great need in your life. Don't try to carry it by yourself, but cast it onto Him (Psalm 37:5). He knows your situation and desires to meet you at your point of need. His answer may be different than what you've been praying for, but He does know best and answers accordingly. Let Him have His way. Remember, He loves you and is absolutely faithful to His promises.

Praising only Him,  
**Pastor Rog**



Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for all the comforting prayers and cards. Also thank you for the beautiful plant in Mom's memory.

Peggy and Joe Moore

*More Mail*



*Cupcakes Needed  
 for April 2*

Sign up in the patio if you can bring cupcakes on **Sunday, April 2**, for our March/April birthday fellowship in the patio at **10:30 a.m.**



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

Betty Wallace, TFB attendee and mother of Terri Mullen, is now with the Lord;



Mara Pagniano lost her uncle, Miguel Talleda, who was a former TFB/Horeb member;

Peggy Moore lost her mother; and former TFB member Chuck Vorhis, Sr. passed away.



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, Lyle Smith, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, and Gertie Wissinger.

*TFB Tithes  
 & Offerings*



Thank you for giving approximately \$74,840 in the month of February.

## CHURCH SIGNS



1. “Free trip to Heaven. Details inside!”
2. “Try Our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins”
3. “Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!”
4. “In the dark? Follow the Son.”
5. An ad for one church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, “For fast, fast relief, take two tablets.”
6. When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, “Open Sundays,” the church reciprocated with its own message: “We are open on Sundays, too.”
7. There was a church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lots, so they put up a sign:  
 “CHURCH PARKING — FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY!!  
 Trespassers will be baptized!”

## Care Bags to Help Needy Mothers

Mother’s Day is next month, and this year we would like to help Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) help underprivileged mothers.

Several times a year, classes are given to teach new mothers ways to care for their infants. Hygiene instruction and diaper changing are key points in the class, which concludes with students receiving a fully-stocked hygiene bag and a package of diapers.

See full list of needs.



### ITEMS NEEDED:

- ♥ Diapers
- ♥ Baby Wipes
- ♥ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ♥ Toothpaste/toothbrush
- ♥ Pacifier
- ♥ Ivory Bar Soap
- ♥ Desitin
- ♥ Lotion
- ♥ Wash Cloths
- ♥ Baby Socks
- ♥ Baby Blanket
- ♥ Onesie

*Together we can make a difference!*

Just as Jesus helped to feed the poor and heal the sick, we should help those who struggle to have even the simplest necessities.

If you feel led to supply any of the items listed, please bring them to the church office by May 4.



For more information contact the Torrance First Baptist Church Office, 310/328-5030.