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One Combined Service + BBQ

July 2 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to our annual July BBQ after our one combined service at 10:30 a.m.

There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips and soda for only \$5 per person/\$20 per immediate family.

There will be no Sunday School that day, but there will be Children's Church for nursery through 2nd grade.

Please sign up to bring pop-ups and ice chests.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24-28 ~ 6-8:30 p.m.

Kids, ages 3-years-old through those exiting 5th grade, come this summer and discover how the Creator of all things created us to know and love Him. Children will learn how they are •MADE by God, •MADE for a relationship with Jesus, •and MADE to love others.

They will discover that they are uniquely wired for one reason—they are wonderfully made in the image of God!

Suggested donation: \$10/child

(Please see a list of needs on page 3)

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From the Pastor's Heart



"When great faith is required, great patience is required as well."

This phrase jumped out at me while reading the book, "What the Spirit Is Saying to the Churches." The author was talking about when God asks us to take the first steps of obedience before He provides what is needed. He says local church of Christ followers can differ among

themselves in their timing and willingness to take those first steps. That is where the need for patience with each other is expressed by this author.

Yes, "without faith it is impossible to please God." Yes, it only takes the faith of a mustard seed for God to do something. Yes, we are not only saved by grace through faith, we continue to live by faith. But because we each are unique individuals and our spiritual growth and journey is partially unique to each of us, helping each other step out in faith requires that we are patient with each other in this endeavor.

He goes on to say that people are more important than projects and that those who are further along in this area of their faith development are to be patient, long-suffering, gentle, and kind

with others. That is what God-centered love and the fruit of the Spirit is.

I wish I were further along in my faith development and that you were too. But that is not the issue. The issue is whether or not we are daily open to God's teaching us and developing us into Christ-like followers. And for that to happen, faith is needed—faith to trust, to follow, to obey, to listen, and to surrender. After all, without faith we cannot please Him and without faith, our lives in service to Him will have little eternal impact.

May God build in each of us an amazing trust in Him and patience with each other.

Pastor Charlie

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Reflections

by Pastor Rog



Dear Church Family,

Times of transition and tragedy are not reserved for a few unfortunates. No, all of us have experienced unsettled or broken times in our lives. Even the path to discipleship has pain along the way. But we must remember this significant truth: our pain is not purposeless. No, our God, Who is rich in compassion and unwavering in sovereignty, uses all of our experiences, including the difficult ones, for growth, healing, and ministry. Now, how do we know this? We know this to be true because God's Word affirms these truths to us in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4:

"Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (NIV).

How thankful I am that in the hard times, we have a Comforter. God comforts us in our trials with His presence, reminding us that we are not alone. And as He comforts us, He strengthens us with His peace, giving us hope toward a greater purpose. Now some might say, "But you don't know my

situation." That's true, I don't, but God does, and He is there for you no matter what your situation might be—the loss of a loved one, financial collapse, a severe illness, injustice, persecution, or some other difficulty. The truth is that our Lord is always there for us. My friend, do you believe His wonderful truth that the Lord is always there for you?

But then may we also realize that our personal experiences of pain, when surrounded by the comfort of God's grace, often become our greatest platform for ministry. This is what the apostle Paul is making known to us in

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*Norma Vinsonhaler
is 100 years young
and we're having a party on
Saturday, July 8, from 1~5 p.m.!*

Come help her celebrate here in the gym and annex.

RSVP to Liz Marcon (granddaughter) 310/540-9091 or
marconfamily5@gmail.com.

*Music Concert,
Sunday, July 16
6 p.m.*



Our Worship Choir will be joining special guest Pepper Choplin in a fun evening of music.

Choplin is a full-time composer, conductor, and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. He has composed over 280 anthems and 19 church cantatas, many of which our own choir has performed.

Beyond his choral music, Choplin has produced two humorous CDs and an inspirational recording. In his solo concerts, he moves audiences with his powerful ballads and his hilarious humor.

He currently attends Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he served as music minister for 22 years.

Be sure and bring your family to this special presentation.

A freewill offering will be taken.



Vacation Bible School Needs

Rice Crispy Treats
Icing: chocolate; vanilla

Starbursts

Smarties

Twizzlers

Milk chocolate chips

Dark chocolate chips

Cheerios

Honey Nut Cheerios

Corn Chex

Rice Chex

Graham Crackers

Raisins

Fruit by the Foot

Wafer cones

Crunchy Cheetos



Seniors and Friends Potluck Friday, August 11 ~ 12:00 noon

Bring your favorite dish to share and join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship.



Women's Ministries *Sister, Salad, Sharing Sunday* *Sunday, August 13 ~ 12:30 p.m.*

All ladies are invited to participate in this special time together. We will make our own salads from the salad bar and enjoy a fun afternoon together.

Sunday Evening Sing-Along *August 13 ~ 6 p.m.*

Come on out and enjoy the fun as we get together for an Old-Fashioned Sing-Along. Marlene Richardson will be playing as we sing all the old favorites.



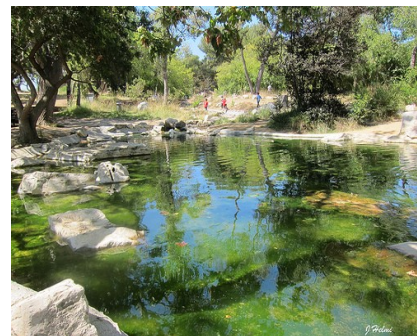
Local Kamper Kamp *August 25-27*

An all-church camping event right here in our own backyard—at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach—is being planned. It is a tent-only campground, and we have reserved 3 sites which hold 40 people each. You can come during the days and go home to your own bed at night, or you can bring your camping gear and spend Friday and Saturday nights. Come enjoy hiking, viewing the beautiful koi pond, picnicking, playing games, and just having a relaxing get-away with your church family.

The cost is \$20 per person for the weekend and includes dinner on Saturday Night. Day visitors are free unless you want to join us for dinner which will cost \$3 per person.

We will have devotions on Friday and Saturday evenings and a church service in the amphitheater on Sunday before we pack up and go home.

Sign up in the patio.



There will also be a combined Worship Service here at Torrance First Baptist at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 27. There will be no Sunday School that day.



NEWS

We Have a New Director of High School Ministries!

Please welcome Matt Strand whose mission is to serve, love, and encourage the next generation of believers; to exemplify and present the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and to engage with [High School] students by means of worship, discipleship, and sound biblical teaching.

Matt is currently a student at Hope International University and comes to us with 9 years of experience in Worship and 7 years experience in Youth Ministry.

He says in part: ‘I love kids. I am loosely ‘trilingual.’ I am an avid surfer. I love culture. I love American Traditional Artwork. I always like finding new music. I enjoy cooking....’

You can meet him on Sunday, July 2.



Matt with former member Vinh Luu's daughters at Matt's home church.

By the time this Proclaimer article comes out, school will be done and all the end of the school year activities will be over. We had our “Fancy Dinner” in June and enjoyed the opportunity to be together over a good meal. I am still teaching on the “End of the World” in Sunday School which the students all seem to like to learn about, but learning the Bible isn’t about getting new information, it is about transforming lives. Hopefully, this topic helps remind them how terrible a Christ-less eternity can be and stimulates them to reach their lost friends for Jesus.

Our Summer program is starting to take shape. Some of our planning is still “up in the air” as we are waiting on our new High School Director Matt Strand’s input. He wants to be a big part of that decision-making process, and what plans we had will remain “in pencil” until then. Of course, any plans we make should be like that; we always need God to hold the eraser when He has ideas other than the ones we have.

Next week, I am taking three of the students with me as assistant leaders to our Lightseekers’ Children’s Camp. Then on July 9 we leave for Thousand Pines to go High School Camp. Currently we have 13, including the adult leaders, who have expressed interest or signed up already. (As a plug for our scholarship fund, many of our students cannot afford to go by paying their own way. If any of you would like to help, please give to the Student Scholarship Camp Fund. This goes to both Jr. High and High School Students’ Summer and Winter Camps.)

I mentioned wanting to restart our Girl’s Bible Study, and I know we will finally be able to get the Guys study going as well. We still haven’t scheduled those three baptisms, but I’m sure that will happen once we get back from Summer Camp.

I’m signing out for now with what will be my last post as the High School Director. The next article will be written by Matt but I’ll still be around. As my final Proclaimer prayer request, I ask that you pray for all of us in HS Ministry, but especially for Matt as he now leads this ministry..

Ann Pursche

Jr. High Swim in August

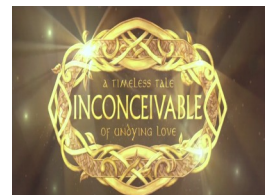
We will go to the Victor E. Benstead Plunge. The cost will be \$5 per person. Date, time, and details coming soon.

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

High School Camp: July 9-14
@ Thousand Pines, \$369

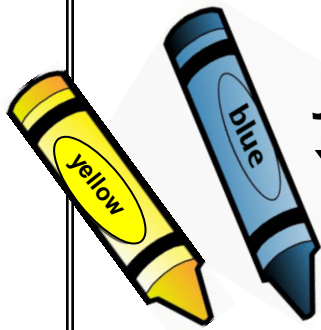
Theme:

Inconceivable, A Timeless Tale of Undying Love



Sign up in the patio with a \$50 deposit.

If anyone would like to donate to help sponsor one or more campers, it would be greatly appreciated! Just mark your envelope “Student Camp Scholarships.”



Just for

KIDS

Celebrate Your Citizenship!

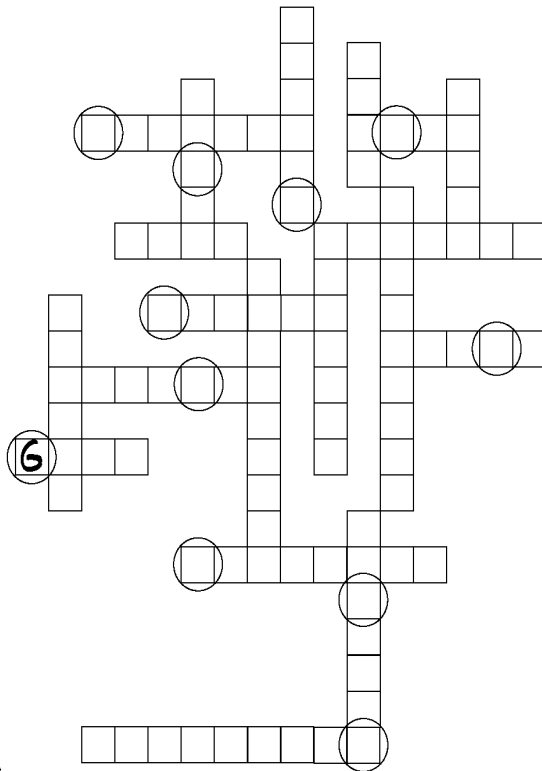
When we look at a globe or map, we see many different cities and countries. We are citizens of the place where we live. But we also hold another citizenship! Where?

Fit the names of these Bible-time places in the puzzle.

Write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found.

Read the words!

Tyre
Cana
Rome
Gaza
Sidon
Berea
Lycia
Athens
Kedesh
Sychar
Galilee
Ephraim
Ephesus
Corinth
Iconium
Damascus
Bethlehem
Phillippi
Jerusalem



Gods Kingdom

Make Egyptian Paper Beads

The people of Egypt have been making beads for 5,000 years!

You will need:

- Brightly colored magazine pages
- Yarn
- Metal washers, buttons or macaroni (optional)
- Paintbrush handle
- Glue
- Scissors

How to make:

1. Cut magazine pages into 1" strips.
2. Spread glue on each strip. Lay the paintbrush handle at the end of the strip. Roll it up around the handle.
3. Pull the brush handle out. Let beads dry.
4. When dry, string beads on yarn. Add metal washers, buttons or macaroni if you'd like.



Kids' Nite Out

Friday, July 21, 6~9 p.m.

Instead of Kids' Nite out (aka Parents' Date Night), we will have a **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** in July. So parents, bring your kids to enjoy a movie.

Friday, August 18, 6~9 p.m.

Parents' Date Nights

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. This will be **"Backwards Night."**

Recurring Weekly Events:						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						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. [all above except 7/2; see calendar] Covenant (Korean) Worship, 12:45 p.m. Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.
2 10:30a Combined Service/BBQ: No S.S. 2p Sing @ Royalwood 6p W&W (missionary Jon Sousa here)	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Church Office closed	5	6 7p Beacon Light Mission	7 7p Young Marrieds	8 Norma Vinsonhale's 100th Birthday Party 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
9 High School leaves for Camp 5:20p Prayer Gathering	10	11	12	13	14 H.S. home from camp	15 7p Share & Care
16 6p Music Concert	17 7p Finance & FacMan Teams	18 6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess	19	20	21 6p Family Movie Night 7p Young Marrieds	22 6:30p Singles' Game Night
23 5:20p Prayer Gathering	24 6:30p VBS	25 6:30p VBS	26 6:30p VBS	27 6:30p VBS	28 6:30p VBS	29
30 9:15a & 11a VBS Special Program						Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m. King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday High School Revive, 7 p.m. [except on 7/4 & 7/11] Wednesday Men meet @ Sizzler, 12:30 p.m. Jr. High Quest, 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice, 7 p.m. [Last Choir on 7/12 until September 13] Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m. Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m. [except 7/26] Thursday Friday Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m. Saturday Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.

Upcoming August Events:

See other side.



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Upcoming September Events:

- 9/2 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 9/4 ~ Office Closed for Labor Day
- 9/7 ~ Ladies Bible Study resumes w/lunch, 12n
- 9/8-9 ~ SonSpark Labs Science Camp
- 9/9 ~ Singles' Dinner Out, 6:30
- 9/13 ~ Family Dinners resume, 6p
- 9/13 ~ Colossians Kids resumes, 6:45p
- 9/13 ~ Crazy Love Bible Study resumes, 6:45p
- 9/15 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 9/15-17 ~ Men's Conference at 1000 Pines
- 9/23 ~ Singles' Game Night, 6:30p





August 19, 12 noon ~ 3 p.m.



Join us here at TFB in the gym/annex to celebrate **Gertie Wissinger's** 90th birthday. More details to come in your upcoming Sunday bulletins.

RSVP to Pam Fisher,
310/292-4158, or
Marla Dodd, 310/326-7554.



We Get Mail

Our family wishes to thank everyone who attended Lyle's memorial. The Spirit of the Lord was truly present.

Our thanks to Pastor Rog and Pastor Charlie and all those who helped to make it so special.

Thank you to the church for the floral basket, the many cards, phones calls, and beautiful flowers. The outpouring of love shown to us at this most difficult time was received with much appreciation.

It was a wonderful day for the celebration of Lyle's life.

Our love to all,
Irva Smith and Family

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We are working with Love INC and Salvation Army's Stillman-Sawyer Family Services to help needy kids start off the school year with needed supplies. You can help by donating money to this cause, and the office will buy the backpacks and supplies at wholesale prices. Or if you wish to assemble your own backpack(s) filled with supplies, you can do that also. Each backpack should be filled with the following school supplies: 1½-2" notebook, 1 pkg. paper (elementary, wide rule; grades 6-12, college rule), 3 pocket folders, 1 box crayons, 1 set of markers or colored pencils, 3 highlighters, 2 pens, pencils/pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, pair of scissors, 2 glue sticks, pencil box or pouch, and 1 spiral notebook. We have printed slips available in the patio that you can use to attach to your backpacks to identify the age and gender that you bought for and to check off the needed items.

You may bring your backpack(s) through mid-August.



While you are buying school supplies for the Backpack Ministry, don't forget to pick up school supply items while they are on sale for the **Shoebbox Ministry**. Some children in other countries can't even attend school unless they have their own supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, sharpener, crayons, paper, etc.

You may pick up in the patio an empty, wrapped shoebox to store them in, or you may wrap your own shoebox. You can also pick up a brochure giving details about what to put in your box and what not to. In addition to no liquids or war toys, **starting this year candy or toothpaste is not allowed.**

Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please remember that Dinner Night (2nd Saturday of the month) and Game Night (4th Saturday of the month) are great opportunities to invite friends, whether they attend TFB, go to another church, or don't go to church at all.

Dinners Out:

Saturday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m.: Chicken Maison, 24631 Crenshaw Blvd. (Home Depot Shopping Center).

Saturday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m.: Marie Calendars, 21211 Hawthorne, in Torrance.

Game Nights:

Saturday, July 22, 6:30 p.m. Meet at Gloria Pedersen's home, 817 Amapola Avenue, in Old Towne Torrance. Bring snacks to share.

Saturday, August 26, 6:30 p.m. Meet at Gloria Pedersen's home, 817 Amapola Avenue, in Old Towne Torrance. Bring snacks to share.

If you have any questions, you may call Gloria Pedersen, 562/505-4495.

TFB Academy *"Jesus Is Human"*

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

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14 ESV)

We read these words in John 1, and we believe them and know that they are true, but I know for myself the significance sometimes

escapes me. Sometimes I feel like Jesus just doesn't understand because after all he is God. Sometimes I feel like he's not quite like me because he never sinned. But these feelings are based on a misunderstanding of what it means for Jesus to become flesh and dwell among us. We have so connected human flesh and human culture with sin that we cannot see beyond that distortion.

Let us get away from the notion that flesh refers to sin nature (John 1:14). This is not the case. Flesh refers to human nature: something in which the Son of God took part. He did not take part in sin. In the New Testament *flesh* refers to the physical and nonphysical aspects of humanity: our bodies and souls. Of course, for humanity since Adam every part our flesh is stained by sin. But Jesus partook of human nature without sin and its stain. He lived a human life that was completely free of sin; nonetheless, it was a fully human life.

His human life consisted not only of a human body and soul but also human culture and community (John 1:14). He lived among his people, living out before them the glory of the one unique Son of God, expressed from within that very human life. In his life, both the whole of it and the moments, we see what grace and truth are like.

He began his life on earth by being born, just like us. His life on earth ended with death, just as ours will. He suffered temptation and weakness just like we do (Hebrews 2:14-18). Of course, there are differences. He is always God, whereas we never were and will never be. He chose to become human, whereas we are simply human. He never gave into temptation, whereas we do.

The facts of his divinity, choice to become human, and sinless life are very important. Because of this combination of facts, by his death, he was able to destroy Satan and deliver all who trust him from the eternal death earned by our sin. Jesus, the God-man, is our sympathetic high priest and the complete sacrifice for our sins. Had he not been human, his death could not have applied to humans. Had he not been God, his death would not have been sufficient to pay our eternal debt of sin.

So, what does this mean for us in our life and all its moments? We have a God who knows by experience what it is like to be tempted. He knows what it is like to hurt and to be tired and weak. He knows what it is like to feel the grass between his toes and cool water on his face. He knows how it feels to spend time with those he loves and to feel loss when they are gone.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16 ESV).

WANNA TO GET AWAY?

Come to Thousand Pines Men's Conference September 15-17, 2017



- Relax
- Gourmet Meals
- Spiritual Growth
- Fellowship

During this weekend, we will not overload your schedule, count your calories, or ask you to mow the lawn. What we will do is provide you with gourmet meals boasting choice meats, opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship with godly men, and an open schedule to just let you be. So grab a couple friends or your whole church and we 'll provide the bacon!

Our speaker will be J. P. Jones, Senior Pastor of Crossline Community Church in Laguna Hills, CA.



Cost is **\$175** for the weekend. Bring extra \$\$ for Paintball; Mountain Bikes; Rec Equipment; Confidence Course; Frisbee Golf; Tippi Taxi; Malt Shop; Arte Shoppe; Big Oak Café. Also available: swimming pool, recreation tournaments (foosball, air hockey, ping pong, basketball, board games) and more!

Scholarships are available. Sign up in the patio or call J.J. Plock, 310/324-6583, or e-mail him at onejcubed@gmail.com

TFB Missionary News

News from Tyrannus Halls* (a discipleship ministry for young men and women in Europe and Asia established by our missionaries Chuck & Elouise Corwin)

Our team of five visited several Tyrannus and Lydia halls in south Asia recently. We invite you to rejoice in what the Lord has been doing in the ministry for over a half century.

As a member of THI for almost 35 years, I have visited and observed our students, heard their stories, and prayed with their leaders. I've seen their life together up close. The following paragraphs define the functional goals that are being realized within the community of the Tyrannus and Lydia Hall ministry.

Everyone who loves the Lord Jesus needs three different people. First, a mentor is needed.. You need an older man or woman who's willing to build into your life. This person doesn't have to be smarter than you; or more gifted than you; or someone who has life all together. That person doesn't exist. You need somebody who's further down the road; someone who's willing to share with you their strengths and their weaknesses; their successes and their failures...what they're learning in the laboratory of life.

Second, you need a friend. You need a soul mate who loves you but isn't impressed by you; someone who's not taken in by your charm and popularity and to whom you can be accountable. Do you have anyone in your life willing to keep you honest? If you're married, don't miss your spouse's role in this regard. I've never been able to impress my wife and my kids. I've tried! But they're only impressed by the reality of Christ in my life.

Third, you need a disciple. You need one into whose life you're building. The most compelling question every Christian must ask himself or herself is this: What am I doing today that will guarantee my impact for Christ in the next generation? There are only two things that will outlast our planet: God's Word and God's people. If you're building God's Word into God's people you can be confident that your impact will last forever.

Thank you for your love and concern for the ministry of Tyrannus and Lydia Halls around the world. Each person in these pictures is a beneficiary of your prayers and support.

In Christ's Love,
Gary Stubblefield
THI Board Member



Cambodia Lydia House 2017



Delhi Tyrannus Hall Students, Leaders, and Board



Kathmandu Lydia Hall Students



Shillong Tyrannus Hall boys following their vesper service

* A Tyrannus Hall accommodates 12-20 students and provides them with breakfast and dinner. Though staffed by a resident family, this ministry depends upon "peer discipling." Upper classmen set the pace and are responsible for much of the activity. Both staff and students design the discipling program involving 4 major activities: devotions, sport, theological lectures, and a week of summer missions involvement each year. There are now 22 locations in Europe and Asia.

Reflections

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v. 4. Think of it, our wonderful Lord brings us through our pain so we can encourage others who are experiencing similar trials. In other words, the comfort He gives us in our own times of need becomes a powerful testimony for someone else. We often forget this, but allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us during seasons of difficulty produces an encouraging work through us: ministering to others in their pain.

Now, I do not know what you might be facing today, but this I know—the Lord Jesus loves you, and He is by your side that you might experience His comfort, peace, and grace in your time of need. Please know that you are not alone. But may we understand that He's calling all of us to be mindful of the needs of others so that we might share His love and comfort with them as they face difficult times. Perhaps the Lord has laid someone on your heart right now—someone, who like you, would be tremendously encouraged to know that Jesus is there for them. Why not share His love and encouragement with them? You'll be glad you did.

I'm so thankful for Jesus,
Pastor Rog



Summer Stine would like to introduce her new baby brother Benjamin Alan.

He was born on May 4, weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz., and stretched to 18 inches.

Dad and Mom are Daniel and Catherine and Grandparents are Jim and Joanne.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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

Michael Banfield, Reba Belcher, Mila Boyer, Julie Cochran, Bob & Mary Crutchfield, Tom Cochran, Gloria Deering, Leah Douglas, Virgie Fletcher, Earl & Jean Forman, Dutchess Gattis, Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, Helen Kessenich, Joan Kindt, Mary Larsen, 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, and Gertie Wissinger.

The following families have recently lost loved ones (please pray for them):

Ralph Norsworthy's sister, Neva, is now with the Lord;
Tom Cochran lost his brother, Mike; and Gale Lee's father, passed away.

TFB Tithes and Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$49,993 in the month of May.



Smile

While

4th of July Humor

Johnny: Does Europe have a 4th of July?

Josh: No.

Johnny: Yes, it does. It comes right after the 3rd of July.

Joe: My brother swallowed a box of firecrackers.

Moe: Is he all right now?

Joe: I don't know. I haven't heard the last report.

Harry: What do you call an American drawing?

John: What?

Harry: Yankee doodle!

Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War.

Caleb: Wow! They must have been pretty strong, four men defeating a whole army!

Teacher: Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?

Tommy: Yes, ma'am. At the bottom.

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