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Women's Ministries presents

Friday, October 13 ~ 6:13 p.m.



All ladies are invited to join us here at TFB to enjoy a "Lucky 13" night of Bunco. This is a fast-paced dice game that is fun and easy to learn. You can win prizes, too! This is a free event. Just bring snacks to share

Sign up in the patio.



Tuesday, October 31, 2017

6:00~8:30 p.m.

Invite your friends for a great time of family fun with:

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| Game Booths | Crafts | Photo Booth |
| Pumpkin Patch | Pie Baking Contest* | Food |
| Hot Beverage Bar | Cotton Candy | Bounce House |
| Pumpkin Carving Contest* | Chili Cook-off* | |

*Carve a pumpkin, bake a pie, make some chili and bring to enter our pumpkin-carving, pie-baking & chili contests. Come in costume (no witches, ghosts, or goblins, please) and have your picture taken.

YOU CAN HELP by dropping off candy/small toy donations. Let Karla know if you would be able to create and/or man a game booth. Sign up at the Children's Ministry table for any or all of the contests.

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.tfblife.org

From the Pastor's Heart



It would have been my sister-in-law Kathy's 57th birthday this past September 9, if she was still with us. She passed way too early in my thinking, but her passing reminds me that there are no guarantees of length of life here on earth.

The one thing I am so very

thankful for is that she is with God in heaven. She finally gets to love Him, worship Him and serve Him the way He deserves, and she is filled with overwhelming joy.

Then I stop and think about God in my life and am amazed that I get to be His child; that I get to experience His love and presence; that I get to know Him, walk with Him and serve Him.

These realities fill me with thankfulness and joy. But I also am a little sad at times that I struggle with loving God and worshipping Him the way He deserves and staying obedient to His call on my life. I struggle sometimes with the cares of this world bumping God

to the curb, and I lose focus on what truly matters in life.

I don't think I am alone in this struggle, so I want to spend the next few Sundays, beginning with September 24, reminding us of what God says truly matters in life. I hope this will encourage us to stay focused or, if needed, regain our focus. I think this can bring joy, thankfulness, and increased passion for God in our hearts. At least that is what I will be praying as we revisit God's call on our lives—as we revisit what God says is truly important in life.

Loving and serving God together,
Pastor Charlie

Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

How wealthy are you? Now, you might think that because you don't live in a mansion or have a financial portfolio filled stocks and bonds which are yielding great profits, that you are not very wealthy but...you would be wrong. The only real WEALTH that you and I will ever possess is a right relationship with Almighty God through faith in Jesus Christ. This is **real** wealth—the **only** wealth worth possessing!

As King David was offering a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for the temple of the Lord (1 Chronicles 29:10-19), he acknowledged that God alone was the source of true wealth and honor. Notice, please, what he says in 1 Chronicles 29:12:

“Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your

hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.”

Now, some disciples of Jesus, in seeing other believers who have been blessed with physical wealth, wonder why they are not blessed in the same way. But that's not what is really important. Our verse today reminds us that **true riches** are not found in what we possess, *but in Who possesses us!*

Knowing the Giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17) is of far greater value than possessing the gifts that come from Him!

David rejoiced, not simply because he could invest in God's work, but because *his real joy came from being intimate with the God he served!*

Let's face it, there are many



things in life that we can possess—things which bring us happiness—but there is only one thing that CANNOT be taken away from us—and that is the most valuable thing: our personal relationship with Almighty God through faith in Jesus Christ. Praise You, Jesus!

Twenty years ago, I lived in an average neighborhood in Orange County which was near a very high-class area filled with mansions—mansions costing millions of dollars. Every night I **prayer-walked** through this high-class neighborhood praying for our ministry in India, our local church ministry, and for finances to live

October Food Drive



Please bring **unexpired** imperishable food items (canned or boxed) to the church during the month of October.

We will be helping several organizations that give to those in need.

Seniors & Friends to:



*in Oak Glen
October 10 (Tuesday)*

The cost is \$5 which will be collected as you get on the bus. Also bring money for lunch and shopping. Watch for more info in upcoming bulletins or call Becky, 310/371-5123. **Sign up in the patio.**



TOGETHER WITH
THEIR PARENTS

Brittany Graves and Dennick Llanenas

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT
THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR UNION

ON SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

AT FOUR-THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON
TORRANCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2113 W. CARSON STREET

Reception will be off-
site by invitation only.



*Saturday, October 28
9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.*

Lend a Helping Hand
**Church
WORK DAY**

YOU are needed to help keep our church building in good repair.

We have many projects that need to be completed and *many hands make light work*, so please come help.

A Continental breakfast and lunch will be available for all of our workers.

transformation
ministries
conference

CHARGE

October 19-20, 2017

The annual Transformation Ministries Conference is coming up on October 19-20, and hosted by Purpose Church, Pomona. Our theme this year is "Charge!" Come and get charged up in your relationship with God, learn how to charge out and cross the barriers that divide us, and be encouraged to charge out to help build the Kingdom. Register today at <https://transformationministries.regfox.com/register>



Events



Friday, October 27, 9 p.m.
See Matt for more details.

A Message from Matt

Hey there, church family!

Another exciting month for the C4 Ministry here at TFB. We just finished 1 Timothy and are going to transition straight into 2 Timothy, and let me tell you, the students LOVE IT!

We are blessed to inform you that the high school group is continuing to see growth—both spiritually and in numbers! And part of those numbers include a new intern. So make sure to welcome Avalon Norris to the team! She and Caitlin Harris have been doing a phenomenal job not only as interns but also as interior decorators by giving our High School room a complete make-over!

As far as events go, we ended our summer with a splash by throwing an awesome pizza/pool party (big thanks to the Bundocs), and we hosted a very successful movie night which featured our hometown hero, Louie Zamperini, in "Unbroken." To top it off, we attended some worship concerts in the month of October as well!

The last thing I want to mention is that we are participating in a Halloween Broomball Tournament! It is basically ice hockey with brooms and tennis shoes, but boy is it fun! It will be held Friday, October 27, at 9 P.M. with several other of our CLC (Transmin) Churches. **Note: costumes ARE encouraged!** Since space is limited, please let me know if you or someone you know plans on attending.

Again, from all of us here in the Youth Group, thank you for your continual prayers and support. Thanks for checking in!

—Matt, C4 Ministries

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.



Dinner Night ~ Saturday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Cho Dang Tofu, 22549 Hawthorne Blvd. (South of Sepulveda, on west side of street)



Game Night ~ Saturday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Gloria Pedersen's 817 Amapola Avenue, Old Towne Torrance. Bring drinks and snacks to share.



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

TFB Academy

"Jesus Is the Final, Anointed Priest"

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

We are so easily lured away. We say, "Not this time." But "this time" comes, and we fall for it again. We need help. We need mercy. We need grace. Jesus offers all three.

The three kinds of leaders anointed for their ministries in the Old Testament were prophets (1 Kings 19:16), priests (Exodus 28:41), and kings (1 Samuel 10:1). Last month we saw Jesus as the Prophet.

This month we see that he is the High Priest. Before Messiah, the high priests of Israel were anointed by God to represent the people before God at the altars in the temple. While sacrifices were offered daily by all priests, the annual sacrifice on the Day of Atonement could be offered only by the High Priest—the one person chosen by God to enter the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year. But Messiah has come and has offered himself as the one eternal sacrifice. Because there is no need for further sacrifice for sin, our Great High Priest has ascended to the right hand of the Father and has taken his seat upon the eternal throne of grace. Things have changed.

Jesus is now the merciful and faithful high priest (Hebrews 2:14-18). Here's what that means: he has offered himself once for all. He is the offering priest and the sacrifice that brings mercy (v. 17). Because he suffered temptation without ever giving in, he can help us when we are tempted (v. 18). He knows what it is like. He is a sympathetic, empathetic, merciful, and gracious high priest (Hebrews 4:14-16). He has compassion, for he knows what it is like to be human. He can offer real help, for he is the eternal high priest, offering mercy and grace every time we need it.

"Jesus...is the offering priest and the sacrifice that brings mercy" (Hebrews 2:17).

He offers grace. He offers mercy. He offers help. Every time we are weak, he is strong. He always reminds us that he is here with us and he understands. He is always our Great High Priest.

"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).

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.
 New Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m.
 New Covenant (Korean) Worship, 12:45 p.m.
 New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.
 Christmas Play Rehearsal, 2 p.m.

Monday
 Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m.
 King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m.
 Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m.

Tuesday
 High School Leadership, 5:30 p.m.
 High School C4, 7 p.m.
[Both the above, except 10/31]

Wednesday
 Men meet for lunch @ Sizzler, 12:30p
 Family Dinner, 6 p.m.
 Colossians Kids, 6:45 p.m.
 Jr. High QUEST, 6:45 p.m.
 "Crazy Love" Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.
 Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
 New Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m.
 Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday
 Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m.
 7th Day Adventist Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday
 Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.

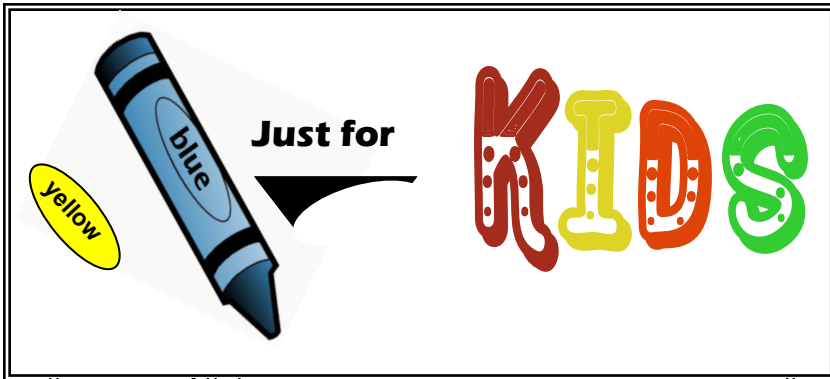
Saturday
 New Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.
 Men's BSF Leaders, 6 a.m.
 7th Day Adventist Baptists, 9 a.m.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:30a Birthday Cupcakes 2:30p . Sing at Royalwood	2	3	4	5	6 All day prep for Loaves & Fishes 7p Young Marrieds	7 11a Loaves & Fishes
8 5:20p Prayer Gathering	9	10 Srs. & Friends to Oak Glen 12n Shut-in Ministry Meeting	11	12 2p Ladies' Bible Study Resumes 7p Beacon Light Mission	13 6:13p Women's "Lucky" Bunco	14 4:30p Graves/Llanaras Wedding 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
15 6p H.S. Movie Night	16 7p Finance & FacMan Teams	17 6p Ministry Teams: Fellowship, GO, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess Mtngs	18	19	20 6p Kids' Night Out 7p Young Marrieds	21 7p Share & Care
22 5:20p Prayer Gathering	23	24	25	26	27 8p C4 (H.S.) to Broomball	28 6:30p Singles' Game Night
29	30	31 6p Harvest Fest/Chili Cook-off				

Upcoming November Events

- 11/4 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 11/5 ~ Bonner Singers, 6p; Daylight Saving's ends
- 11/11 ~ Singles' Dinner Out, 6:30p
- 11/17 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 11/19 ~ Giving Thanks Potluck, 5:30p
- 11/23-24 ~ Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/25 ~ Singles' Game Night, 6:30p



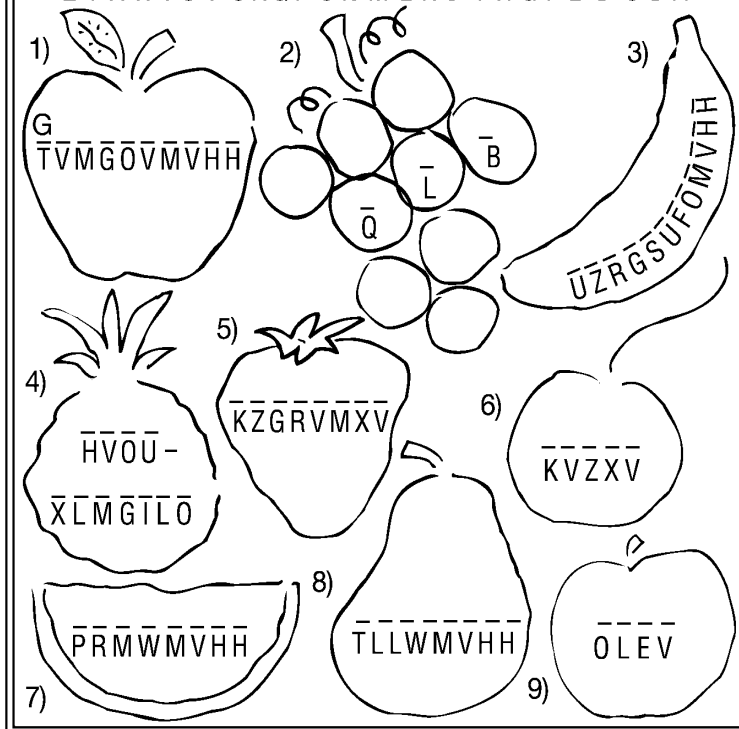


Fruits of the Spirit

In the book of Galatians, Paul told the people to "live by the spirit" – to live God's way. He told them what they would need to do this. These characteristics are called the "fruits of the Spirit."

Find the "Fruits of the Spirit" using the code below.

ABCDEF GHIJKL MNOPQR STUVWXY Z
ZYXWVUT SRQPON MLKJI HGFE DCBA



Gentleness, Joy, Faithfulness, Self-Control, Patience, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Love

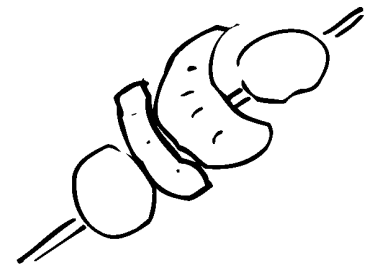
Make a Fruits of the Spirit Snack

You will need:

- fresh or canned fruit
- apples
- oranges
- bananas
- cherries
- grapes
- pineapple
- melon
- toothpicks

How to make it:

1. Open cans and drain juice.
2. Cut fresh fruit in chunks or slices. *(Tip: To keep fresh fruit from turning brown, soak it in lemon-lime soda pop!)*
3. Arrange pieces of fruit on toothpicks. Share with family or friends!



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Parents'
Date Night

Friday, October 20, 6-9 p.m.

Kids (infants through 5th grade) will have dinner and a movie, while their 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. Kids should wear a costume, but not a scary one.

*A Letter from Gary Wagner
President & CEO of
Rainbow Acres*

(A residential Christian Community serving
Adults with Developmental Disabilities)



TFB Global Outreach

Dear Charles [and Torrance First Baptist Church],

Tommy has been at Rainbow Acres a long time! To be exact, it has been 35 years. When he arrived he was 28 years old. He was gifted with a passion for animals, good manners, and a deep and abiding love for family. His parents, Beulah and Glen, operated a General Store with a Gas Pump in the heart of Missouri. The community's Post Office was located in the store, so it was the center of life in that little town. Tommy is proud to be from Missouri!



Tommy

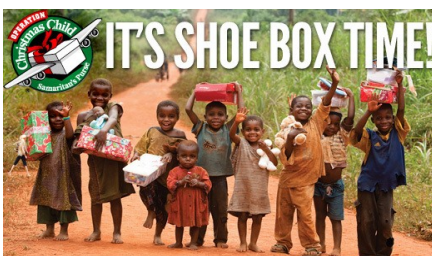
Tommy had an older brother, John, who ultimately became his guardian and conservator after his parents passed away. Tommy's brother, father and grandfather all died at young ages. As a result there has been genuine concern whether Tommy inherited that same vulnerability. At Rainbow Acres we pay attention to health concerns. With good exercise, a healthy diet, annual physicals, lots of friends, fresh air and blue skies, he is in the best of health.

Tommy has many interests: the story of the Statue of Liberty, the stories and photos of the Great Bridges such as the Brooklyn Bridge, and maps of Bible lands. He cherishes picture books on those themes.

As Tommy has grown older, he has exhausted his parent's resources for his care. Several friends and family members have pitched in with support through the Adopt-A-Rancher Program, which is so appreciated.

Your recent gift [of \$100] is deeply appreciated whether it was for the Greatest Need (Annual Fund), Adopt-A-Rancher, or another designated fund. You are helping provide Tommy and the other Ranchers who live here their "forever homes" at Rainbow Acres. You and others with a heart for the Ranchers truly make a difference in their lives, and their parents' lives too.

For the Ranchers,
Gary W. Wagner, President and CEO



*Samaritan's
Purse
Shoebox
Ministry*

This ministry sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children around the world. You can help by filling a shoebox with small new toys, school supplies, hygiene items (toothbrush*, comb/brush, soap, etc.). Pick up an empty, wrapped shoebox in the patio and a brochure giving details about what to put in your box and what not to put in.

Samaritan's Purse is asking \$9 per box for shipping. Filled shoeboxes need to be here at the church by **November 5**.

*No toothpaste or candy is allowed this year.

*The love of God
poured out..*
Romans 5:5

*Thank you for your
recent gifts of love:*

Backpack Ministry	297 given out
Hurricane Victims	\$8,581.00

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25).

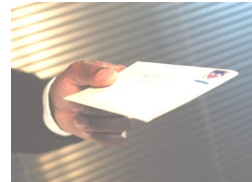
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on. These were difficult times, but as I prayer-walked through the mansion-filled streets, it became clear to me that the *wealth* God had graciously given to me in Jesus was far greater than anything I was seeing or that the world could offer. By God's grace, *I belonged to Jesus!* I'll never forget what God taught me as I poured out my heart to Him on those nightly walks. There is absolutely nothing more wonderful than belonging to Jesus!

You may be experiencing difficult times right now, but your Heavenly Father, Who is rich in mercy, is right there with you. Please remember this: though you may not have what others have, please be assured of one thing—*the richest people in this life are those who have as their Father the Giver of every good and perfect gift* (James 1:17).

Oh, how I'm praising Him today,
Pastor Rog



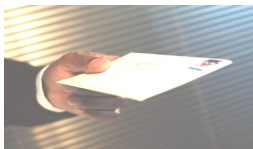
More Mail

WE THANK YOU . . .

Joyce and I extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who prayed for us during my recent heart surgery.

Your prayers, cards and texts encouraged us greatly. What a blessing you have been to us!

Love,
Pastor Rog and Joyce



We Get Mail

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support you've shown to us after Vicky's home-going.

Although still reeling from her sudden passing, we have appreciated every card, hug, encouraging word, and prayer. Vicky loved the Lord and loved serving Him through music.

Thank you Pastors Charlie and Rog for officiating at her service and letting all in attendance know about God's love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks to all who brought food for the feeding of the 400 plus and to the Bereavement Team for their superb work.

Thanks is also due to those who provided meals for our family during the difficult days between Vicky's death and funeral, flowers and plants for her service and for our home, and cards and prayers for our comfort and healing.

Thanks to those who donated to the LA South Towns and to the TFB Youth Scholarship Fund in her memory. May God bless you all.

Sincerely in Jesus' love,
The Breese and Koepp families

Need Prayer? We Will Pray.

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



Michael Banfield, 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, Joy Moore, Bill Morgan, Ralph Norsworthy, Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Jean Rayner, Connie Reimer, Barbara Rudé, Claudine Schultz, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, and Gertie Wissinger.

TFB Tithes & Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$40,622 in the month of August.



Smile
While

A priest told the children of his parish they could come trick-or-treating at the rectory, but only if they dressed up as a saint. So a group arrived on the eve of All Saint's Day: one dressed as St. Anthony, one as St. Joseph, another in a St. Clare costume—and then a child dressed as a dog.

"My boy," exclaimed the priest "you were supposed to come as a saint!"

"I did!" replied the child. "I'm St. Bernard."

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylights out of me."

The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab—I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

"A merry heart does good, like medicine" (Proverbs 17:22, NKJV).

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