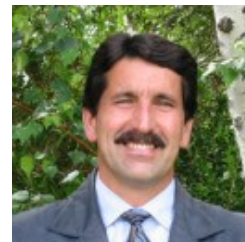


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Introducing Our Transitional Pastor: Dr. Alex Chisholm



Pastor Alex Chisholm was born in Los Angeles, off Western Avenue, and raised in Southern California. He felt the call to ministry at age 16 at summer camp and soon began his ministry education at Biola College. It was there that he fell in love with his future wife Sarah Rogers Reid, a New England girl from West Hartford, Connecticut. They soon married. She then got a job as a writer at World Vision while Alex completed his Master of Divinity Degree at Talbot Theological Seminary.

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Kamper Kamp August 3-5

Sign up now for our family “Kamp” outing right here in our own backyard—at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach. It is a tent-only camp, and we have reserved 2 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 there.



The cost is \$20 per person for the weekend. Day visitors are free.

At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, we will have a group potluck, so bring a dish to share.



NOTE: On August 5, at Kamper Kamp, the service will be led by Matt Strand and the TFB Worship Band at 9:30 a.m. at the amphitheater before packing up and going home.

There will be one morning worship service here at the church at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Alex will be preaching with Randy Stager leading worship. There will be no Children's Sunday School, Children's church, or nursery that day, but the King's Fellowship Class (Kent Meyer) & Friends in Christ (Gale Lee) will both meet at their usual time of 9:15 a.m.

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

Introducing Our Transitional Pastor (continued from p. 1)

Pastor Alex has served at several churches with Transformation Ministries as both a senior pastor and transitional pastor. In 2003, he completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Biola University and had a book published entitled *It's All in Your Head*. After conducting workshops in Southern California, he was invited to teach his material at Africa Theological Seminary in Kitale, Kenya. Pastor Alex and Sarah went to Africa. It changed their lives, and they have been there several times since.

Pastor Alex and Sarah have two daughters. Grace, the oldest, is married and has blessed them with one granddaughter, Maybelle, who is 20 months old. Holly, the younger sister, is also married and just gave birth to a baby boy—Owen Kid Carter.

Pastor Alex thoroughly enjoys tennis, scuba diving, downhill skiing, woodworking, and riding around on his Harley.

Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

How thankful I am for God's word. To think that our Heavenly Father would desire to communicate with us is beyond our comprehension—but He does. One of the places I go to quite often is the Psalms. As we read through the Psalms, we sense the hurt and sorrow of life and search for answers among the numerous questions and difficulties which come our way. We see the urgent requests of those who desire to meet with God. One such psalm is Psalm 42:1-2. Here we read:

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

As you reflect on this passage, you understand that the psalmist is in great need. He uses a simile from nature to express his heart. A deer pants because it has been running—and running hard—probably from danger, and now it needs to refresh itself with the cool, clear water from a spring.

We are not told exactly what the psalmist's needs were, but we believe they were urgent. Where could he go for spiritual

refreshment? He could go to our wonderful Lord! To say it clearly, "he urgently desires the water of God"—that which will calm his life and draw him closer to the Lord; that which assures him that he is not alone.

He desires not only to be refreshed by the Lord but to be led by Him as well. This speaks to us of being alone with the Lord in prayer.

Now, I cannot speak for others, but I know that this prayer-urgency is needed in my life. Lately, the Holy Spirit has been reminding me that I need to spend more time with Him praying, not only for my own spiritual needs, but also for the spiritual needs of others—yes, interceding for them. (Perhaps He has been dealing with you in this way as well?)

God's church needs to be spiritually re-awakened, but this kind of awakening doesn't just happen. We must invite the Lord to search out our hearts and reveal to us first our own needs and then seek His wisdom on how we might intercede for others. It is so true that when we are quiet before Him, we hear His still small voice, and our lives are spiritually refreshed and changed.

I don't know what is going on in your life today, but we both know



Who desires to meet with you during your time of need. Yes, His name is Jesus. How thankful I am that He is always ready to meet with us and refresh us with His life-giving water. May we all experience His touch upon our lives as we humble ourselves before Him.

Continually thirsting for Him,
Pastor Rog

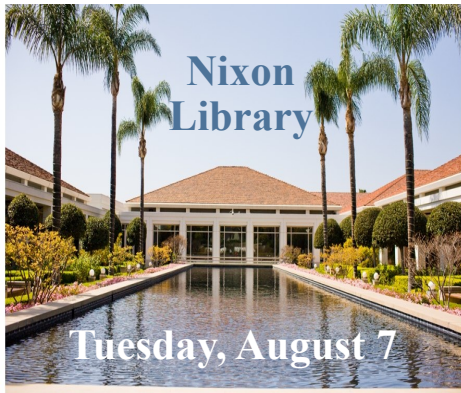
THANK
YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of you who joined us at our July Work Day. We appreciate all of you giving up your day to help spruce up the facility.

Thanks also to the Fellowship Committee for providing breakfast and lunch.

Facility Management Team

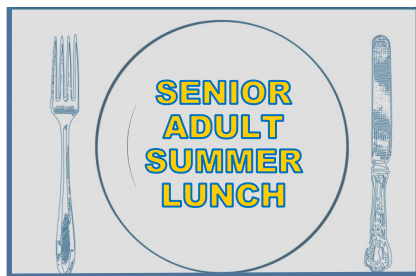
Two Events for Seniors & Friends in August:



We will leave the church at 9 a.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Bring extra money for lunch. Sign up in the patio.

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August 10
(Friday)
12 noon



Please join us for our Senior and Friends' Summer Luncheon. Come enjoy BBQ ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, and more! A representative from Green Hills will give a presentation re: Advanced Planning. Sign up in the patio or your Sunday school class. This is a free event especially for you!



Sister Salad
Sharing Sunday
August 19, 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.

We are not charging for this luncheon, but are asking that you bring either a salad topping or your favorite dressing.

Sign up in the patio.

Men's Conference

September 14-16

Wanna get away? Thousand Pines Men's Retreat is the place for you! 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!

Things To Do: •Paintball — \$5 •Confidence Course
•Mountain Bikes •Swimming Pool •Archery
•BB Guns •Dirt Bike Ride - Bring your own gear
•Foosball •Air Hockey •Ping Pong •Basketball
•Motorcycle Ride to Big Bear - Bring your own gear
•Frisbee Golf •Rec Equipment •Malt Shop
•Big Oak Café •Arte Shoppe •Games and more!

Cost: \$187.50 (including \$50 deposit). Sign up in the patio or call J.J., 310/324-6583.

KINGS & FIC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

GRAB LUNCH




at Anita Johnson's house on Sunday, August 26, at 12:30 p.m. (right after the second service). There will be a taco stand for \$8 per person.



& Events for all ages



AUGUST 17, 7 P.M. - PASSION
PHIL WICKHAM
AUGUST 18, 7 P.M. - PHIL WICKHAM
JORDAN FELIZ
AUGUST 19, 6 P.M. - CHRIS TOMLIN
PHIL WICKHAM

Bring unsaved family & friends to hear the life-changing message of the gospel in an environment that is entertaining and non-threatening.



There will be performances by Kutless, Leon Patillo, Two or More, Soul Reformation, Pearl Botts and more with 30 bands, 4 stages, all with one mission—to proclaim Christ. Come to this free family fun event with concerts, speakers, food trucks, climbing wall, face-painting, and other kids' activities.

TFB will have a booth at this event to hand out water and information about our church. We will also provide small games for kids. If you would be able to take a 2-hour shift to man the booth, please contact Bethany Landen.



*Sunday
 August 26
 6:00 p.m.*

Pizza, drinks, and snacks provided.

A Message from Ann

I'm writing this for Matt since we just recently got back from our C4 High School CLC Summer Camp, and this week Matt has been leading the opening at VBS. We have had a busy summer ever since school let out. Matt was the speaker at our Children's Lightseeker's camp, and we took five of our youth (HS and College) as Missionary Kids helping out with the overall camp program. It was really a blessing to see God use them all as they ministered to the lives of 150 children.

After the 4th of July week, we headed off to Thousand Pines for High School camp. What an amazing week! The question posed for the week in its theme was "What If..." as we studied John 8. In our group's case, it turned out to be, "What if God shows up and wrecks our misconceptions of Him." We saw that demonstrated clearly as the lives of the 21 students and leaders were forever changed by His Spirit. Two students, who had both been raised in the Church, came to know Christ personally on the last day of camp. They, along with two other C4 students, were baptized that evening.

As important as the new decisions to follow Christ were, there were also the ones who decided that they were tired of straying away from or just playing it safe with their faith. We are seeing immediate fruit as they are inviting their friends to Tuesday night and Sunday Morning (we had 26 in C4 Sunday School last Sunday). The Spirit of God continues to work overall as one of the College students gave his life to Christ last week and is seeking to be baptized in the coming weeks.

Please continue to pray as God works in the lives of the students—that He would keep drawing the unsaved to our group, that He would restore those who have wandered away, and that He would strengthen those who are growing.

We have a great opportunity to reach out through the Harvest Crusade, August 17-19. Be praying that we would see a great harvest through the ministry of our C4 youth.

Ann

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.



Game Night ~ Saturday, August 5, 5:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Wilderness Park (Kamper Kamp) for a Potluck Dinner and Games. Bring a game, a drink, and a dish to share.

Dinner Night ~ Saturday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Ky-Ryu Ramen Grill, 21006 Hawthorne Blvd., in Torrance.

Game Night ~ Saturday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Gloria Pedersen's, 817 Amapola Avenue, Old Towne Torrance. Bring drinks and snacks to share.



Ko-Ryu Ramen



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

TFB Academy

Hermeneutics

Principles to Study By

by Laura Springer, M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D.

What are interpretation, exegesis, and hermeneutics, and how are they related? Sport can serve as an analogy: interpretation is the sport, exegesis is the game, and hermeneutics is the rulebook. In July, we talked about interpretation: the sport. In September, we will talk about exegesis: the game. This month is about hermeneutics: the rulebook. Bible study has rules, and we need to understand those rules or study will not be what it is supposed to be: understanding the truth the original authors intended to communicate.

Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation and produces the set of assumptions and principles we bring to interpretation. These assumptions and principles arise at the intersection of the doctrine of Scripture and the study of language and literature. Some basic principles are as follows.

- The Bible is the first and best source for interpreting itself. Read and understand the text before consulting Bible helps like introductions, commentaries, and handbooks.
- Study the specific passage and its immediate context and arrive at some initial conclusions before consulting other passages.
- The meaning of a passage is communicated through the text in context. Stick with the text itself in its grammatical, historical, and cultural context. Don't import ideas from outside.
- The grammar and structure of sentences and paragraphs matter. So, yes, it's a bit like English class.
- The meaning of each portion of Scripture always aligns with its immediate context, the book in which it is found, and the teaching of Scripture as a whole.
- Consult clear passages to help interpret difficult passages. Understand what the authors of each passage intended to communicate to the original readers, then align each interpretation with the teaching of the whole of Scripture. This will eliminate the alleged conflict.

Understanding the intended meaning of Scripture requires effort. This is not surprising, for the Bible is an ancient book written in languages that are not our own by authors from cultures unlike our own. There is a good deal of difference to traverse. But there is good news. The Bible is also authored by God, and his Spirit illuminates the text and our minds as we trust him. God wants us to understand his Word, but we must do our part. Following good hermeneutical principles is part of our responsibility. So, as we approach the study of Scripture, let us uncover and understand our assumptions, correcting them as needed. Let us approach the text as the very Word of God, which it is.

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sunday

Worship Services:

9:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School, 9:15 & 11 a.m.
 Worship & Witness, 6 p.m.
 Children's Church, 9:15 a.m.
 Patio Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.
 Children & Youth S.S., 11 a.m.
[except 8/5--see calendar]

Monday

Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m.
 King's Karate, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

C4 High School Leadership, 5:30 p.m.
 C4 High School, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's Lunch @ Sizzler, 12:30p
 No Family Dinner, 6 p.m. **[until 9/12]**
 No Colossians Kids, 6:30 p.m. **[until 9/12]**
 No "Crazy Love" Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. **[until 9/12]**

Jr. High QUEST, 6:30 p.m.
 Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
 Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study **[Resumes 9/6]**
 C4 College Group, 7 p.m.
 7th Day Baptist Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday

Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.
 Bible Study @ Greteman's, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday

7th Day Baptists, 9 a.m.

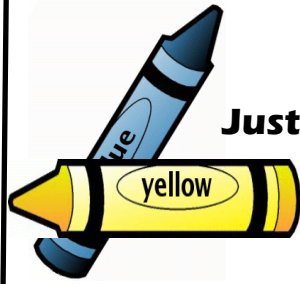
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 9:30a Kamper Kamp Service [off-site] 11a One Combined Service at TFB 2:30p Sing at Royalwood	6	7 9a Srs. to Nixon Library	8	9 7p Beacon Light Mission	10 12n Srs. & Friends Luncheon	11 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
12	13	14 12n Shut-in Meeting	15	16	17 6p Kids' Night Out 7p Greg Laurie @ Angel's Stadium	18 7p Share & Care 7p Greg Laurie @ Angel's Stadium
19 12:30p Sister Salad Sharing Sunday 5:20p Prayer Group 6p Greg Laurie @ Angel's Stadium	20 7p Finance & FacMan Teams	21 6p Ministry Teams: Fellowship, GO, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess Mtngs	22	23	24	25 6:30p Singles' Game Night
26 12:30p Kings & FIC Lunch (off-site) 5:20p Prayer Group 6p H.S. Movie Nite	27	28	29	30	31 All day prep for Loaves & Fishes	

Upcoming Events:

- 9/1 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 9/3 ~ Office closed for Labor Day
- 9/6 ~ Ladies' Bible Study resumes, 2p
- 9/8 ~ Singles' Dinner Out, 6:30p
- 9/10 ~ Men's BSF Resumes, 6:55p
- 9/12 ~ Family Dinners, Colossians Kids, & Crazy Love Bible Study all resume
- 9/14-16 ~ Men's Conference, 1000 Pines
- 9/14 ~ Harvey's 50th Anniversary, 7:30p
- 9/21 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 10/15-19 ~ Srs. & Friends Carnival Cruise



2018



Just for

KIDS

“Take a Vacation”

Use your imagination to plan a great “Bible Lands” vacation. Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up the verses to find out about each place.

CODE:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
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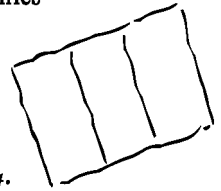
Garden of Gethsemane, Garden of Eden, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Sinai, Jacobs Well, Rome, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness



Make a Travel Brochure

You will need:

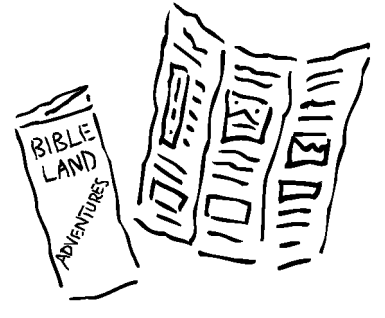
- piece of white/light paper
- old magazines
- scissors
- glue stick
- markers



How to do it:

Fold the paper in 3 parts. Use the names of the Biblical places from the puzzle answers. Make a section for each of those places. Cut letters from magazines. Cut out pictures to match each one. Glue them on. Describe each place.

Make a cover with ticket and travel information, etc....



a.k.a. Parent's Date Night
 3rd Friday of each month
 August 17 ~ 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. This will be “Backwards” Night. We are asking for a donation of \$3/child.



A Praise Report from Ajay Pillai of India National Inland Mission



We are experiencing a new form of persecution against Christians. However, praise God for His miraculous intervention, when we experienced the miraculous Hand of our Lord.

One of our recently commissioned church planters, Pastor X and his family, were traumatized by the kidnapping of their young son by an anti-Christian political group who had held their child for a large ransom. But by the grace of God and prayers of the local saints, this precious boy was miraculously returned unharmed.

This event has turned out to be a powerful testimony of grace and forgiveness to the many non-Christians watching from a distance.

PRAY that many will come to Christ as nonbelievers watch the gracious response of persecuted Christ followers.

Backpacks and School Supplies for Needy Kids in Coordination with Love INC & Salvation Army **Due anytime before the end of August**

Please be looking for school supplies on sale to help provide filled backpacks to needy children so that they can go back to school this fall with some new and fun school supplies. You can help by purchasing one or more backpacks and filling them with the following school supplies:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½-2" notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> scissors (small size, elementary; larger, grades 6-12) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. lined paper (wide rule, elementary; college rule, grades 6-12) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> box of crayons | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pens | <input type="checkbox"/> markers/colored pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. #2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil box/pouch | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpener |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eraser(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> ruler | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 spiral notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 glue sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pocket folders | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 highlighters |

If you'd rather not shop but you want to help, you can donate \$15 to TFB towards a filled backpack to go to a needy child. Be sure and mark your giving envelope "Backpacks."

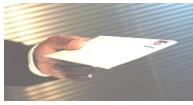
If you want to fill one yourself, we have printed slips in the office that you can use to attach to your backpacks to identify the age and gender that you bought for.



Shoebox Ministry

It's not too early to think about the Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry, especially since this is the time that all the school supplies go on sale.

So while you are out shopping for the Backpack Ministry, pick up some school supplies for your shoeboxes.



We Get Mail

Dear TFB Family,

Thank you so very much for your care and concern for Bob, Laura, and I over this last year. Your loving support was evident at his Memorial Service and reception.

Forever grateful,
Kris and Laura Zerhusen

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the lovely plant you sent to express your sympathy for the loss of my dear Aunt, Elizabeth McGinty.

It was an unexpected kindness that warmed my heart.

Thanks again,
Donna Hester

Dear TFB Family,

How can I say thanks for all the love you have expressed in so many ways to Jim and his family.

Jimmy loved ushering! He loved all of you!

Thank you Pastor Rice; thank you Pastor Hosier for holding "things together" and me!

Love to all,
Jo [and Jim] Standifer

P.S. I will return soon!



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

Karen Rice lost her dad, George Georgioff; Ron Rentfrow's sister-in-law, Sue, passed away; Mildred Park lost her beloved husband, George; former TFB member, George Fisk, is now with the Lord as is Joanne Jenkins, beloved wife of Dick, both long-time TFB member.



PRAYER Requests

Please pray for the following who need continued prayer:

Barbara Ashcraft, Michael Banfield, Nancy Christensen, Julie Cochran, Tom Cochran, Mary Crutchfield, Leah Douglas, Ruth Easley, Dutchess Gattis, Janet Graves, Mary Jacobsen, Barbara Johnson, Bill Johnson, Helen Kessenich, Joan Kindt, Joy Moore, Bill Morgan, Gloria Pedersen, Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Jean Rayner, Connie Reimer, Barbara Rudé, Edna Hazel Ruth, Claudine Schultz, Mary Schultz, Jo Standifer, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Tammie Wakefield, Gertie Wissinger, and Art Zeller.

Announcing A New Baby Girl



Tom and Carol Cochran announce the birth of a new granddaughter,

Cara Joy, on July 9,
born to son, Brian, and wife, Julie.

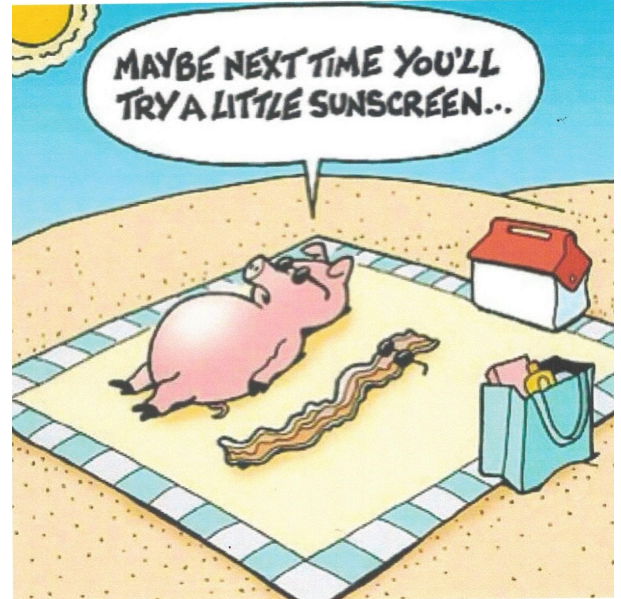
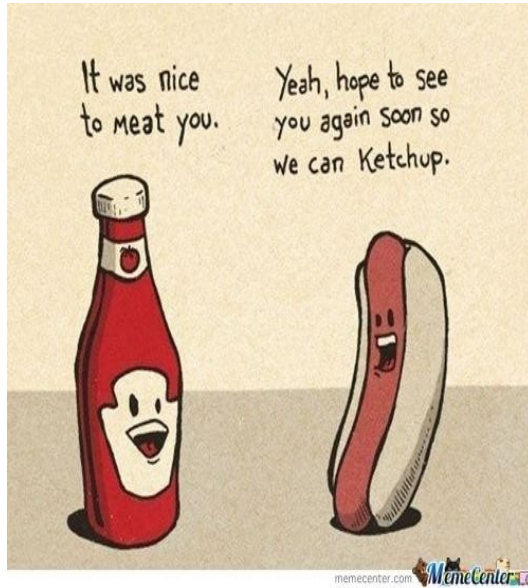
She weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz.
and was 19 inches long.

She joins bros and sisters:
Evan, Ella, Chloe, and Caleb.

TFB Tithes & Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$48,648 in the month of June.



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

The Proclaimer is a monthly publication of the First Baptist Church of Torrance, California, located at 2118 West Carson Street (6 blocks east of Crenshaw). Sunday services: 9:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (Contemporary Service); 11:00 a.m. Blended Service (with Sunday School for all ages); and 6:00 p.m. Evening Service. Mid-week events for children and students: C4 College; C4 High School; C4 Jr. High Quest; and Colossians Kids for children.

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