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ONE COMBINED SERVICE & BBQ JULY 1 - 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/\$10 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 in the patio for the BBQ and also indicate if you can bring pop-ups and/or ice chests to be here no later than June 29.

**JULY 23 - 27
6-8:30 P.M.**



Vacation Bible School is for kids, ages 3 through those exiting 5th grade, for a suggested donation of \$10/child.

It is going to be **ELECTRIFYINGLY** fun!

We don't know if that's a real word, but we **DO** know that we are going to have an **EXTREMELY** awesome VBS teaching kids about why God wants each of us to be **OVERLOADED** with **CONFIDENCE**.

God wants us to live our lives **FULLY ALIVE** because we can believe that what He says is **TRUE!**

MEMORY VERSE: "I have come so that they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way" (John 10:10).

Sign-ups are being taken in the patio.

Those who pre-register can get their shirts early.

Helpers are still needed, so if you want to be a part of this year's VBS, contact Karla Gaines to let her know you'd like to help.

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

Reflections

by Pastor Rog



Dear Church Family,

We all have had times when we've been disappointed with others—not to mention disappointment with ourselves. Sometimes we hurt others and they hurt us, and if we're not careful, we can enter into a vicious cycle of back and forth pain. The question is then asked, "How can we stop this vicious cycle of hurting one another?" We have the answer in Matthew 5:43-46 where our Lord said:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends the rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what

reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?"

These indeed are powerful words, but what human could do this?

In the Old Testament we find one who did exactly this. His name was Job.

We are familiar with his story—a Godly man who was extremely wealthy and yet tragedy invaded his life. He lost his herds and servants (Job 1:3-19), then his sons and daughters (1:18-29), and finally his health (2:7-8). It was so bad that his wife told him to curse God and die (2:9).

Poor Job—his life was ruined. As if all these things weren't enough, three of his "friends" came to remonstrate him as to why this had happened to him. They were way off base! Not only were they wrong about Job, they, in the process, misrepresented God! [Please read Job 42: 7, 9, and 10 here.]

It has been said, "Satan has no more dangerous tools than those who, under the guise of piety and in the name of religious orthodoxy, offer false comfort or give untrue impressions of God."

These three men brought great harm into Job's life. How could Job rebound from all of this sadness? Job 42:10 gives us our answer:

"After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before."

Can you believe it? Notice, please, that he didn't pray for himself but for those who unjustly criticized him. Job's release did not come by defending himself; it was his prayer for others which brought the miracle.

This was the turning point in his life. His liberation came not when he prayed for himself but when he prayed for others. You see when we earnestly pray for others, our intercession not only brings blessing to them, but it also boomerangs back in blessing upon us. This isn't natural, is it? No, it's supernatural!

Well, how does this impact us as the body of Christ—as a local church? May we understand this: there can be no genuine spiritual revival where there is no praying like this. Pride prevents the grace of God from working in our lives and amongst each other.

I don't know about you, but I need this. Could it be that our lack of personal spiritual growth could be because of this lack of loving and forgiving others as Christ has loved and forgiven us?

Tell me, is there anyone in our lives whom we need to pray for as Job prayed for his friends? If so, may we be humble before the Lord and pray for them—praying not for what good might come back to us but that He might be glorified and others blessed.

Oh, Lord Jesus, I need You,
Pastor Rog



We Get Mail



We are so very thankful to the church family for all of your cards, gifts, and prayers. We are praying for all of you during this transition time. We miss being there but know that God has us where He wants us, and we are looking forward to what He will do in the months and years ahead—both here and at Torrance First Baptist.

Serving Christ together even though in different locations,
Charlie and Karen

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.



Vacation Bible School Closing Program Sunday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.

We will have one combined service on the last Sunday of July. The Vacation Bible School children will be doing the service based on what they learned during VBS.

There will be no Sunday School that day. We will have a **fellowship BBQ following the service** for a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per immediate family.

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.



& Youth Events



*High School
Movie & Pizza Night
Sunday, June 17 ~ 6:00 p.m.*

Pizza, drinks, and snacks provided.



*El Capitan
Theater
July 14
9:00 a.m.*

Sign up now for our family outing to see “The Incredibles 2” at the El Capitan. The cost is \$18 each and includes a hot dog lunch.

We will leave the church promptly at 9 a.m. Please sign up in the patio at least 2 weeks in advance so tickets can be purchased.

2018 Summer Camp Schedule

Parents: Sign up now with a \$50 deposit.

TFB Family: If you would like to help a child go to summer camp, please donate to the Camp Fund, and mark your envelope as such.

Junior’s Lightseeker’s Summer Camp
at Mile High Pines
June 25-29, \$300.00



Jr. High Summer Camp at 1000 Pines
July 22-27, \$380.00

Theme verse: “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36)

What if what God says in the Bible is true?
Ultimately, it changes everything!



High School Summer Camp
at Thousand Pines
July 8-13
\$400.00



FYI PARENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY GENEROUS DONORS WHO WOULD BE HONORED AND BLESSED IF YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR GIFTS!

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, July 14, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Local Kitchen/The American Tavern, 1321 Sartori Avenue (Old Towne Torrance) across from La Capilla Mexican Restaurant.



Game Night ~ Saturday, July 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

*"Interpretation--Understood
through Careful Study"*

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

Reading is always interpretation. In any written text, ideas from the mind of one person are translated into written language. Readers then translate the written text back into ideas in their own minds, seeking to decipher the author's ideas from words on the page or screen. Like other ancient writings, the text of the Bible requires a bit more effort than newer works. The most recent biblical book was written over 1,900 years ago in a language that is no longer spoken (Koine Greek) by an author who is long since dead (John the Apostle) who lived in a time and culture very different from our own (the first century in the Middle East). But unlike other ancient texts, the Bible also had a Divine Author who is wholly other, so additional care must be taken.

To understand the biblical authors' intended meaning, we must do the hard work of interpretation, bringing our Spirit-illuminated minds and God-given capacities to the text, discerning the authors' intended meaning and the significance of that meaning for life.

Interpretation has two basic components. *Hermeneutics* consists of the assumptions we bring to study and the principles we follow as we study. Hermeneutical principles answer such questions as What is the measure of interpretation? Where do we find meaning? What do we do about apparent conflicts among passages? We will look at Hermeneutics more deeply in August.

Exegesis is the process of working out the meaning the biblical author intended to convey and the significance of that meaning today. Exegesis begins with the big picture, moves to the details, and circles back to the big picture. It has two essential phases. *Phase One* asks, What **did** it mean? We answer this question by studying the text, both the whole and its parts, and its context. *Phase Two* asks, What **does** it mean? We answer this question by understanding the similarities and differences between our context and the context of the original readers. We will look at Exegesis more deeply in September.

Interpretation takes time and effort. When we invest our time and effort doing the work and developing the skills, we will reap a bountiful harvest. So, we must commit ourselves to do interpretation well, living out what we discover and teaching others to do so.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:30 Combined Service & BBQ 2:30p Sing at Royalwood	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 All day prep for Loaves & Fishes	7 11a Loaves & Fishes
8 H.S. Leaves for 1000 Pines 5:20p Prayer Group	9	10 12n Shut-in Meeting	11	12 7p Beacon Light Mission	13 H.S. Campers back	14 9a Family/Kids to El Capitan Theatre 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
15 6p H.S. Movie Nite	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	21 7p Share & Care
22 5:20p Prayer Group	23 6p VBS	24 6p VBS	25 6p VBS	26 6p VBS	27 6p VBS	28 6:30p Singles' Game Night
29 10:30a VBS Closing ~ one combined service w/BBQ lunch	30	21				

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sunday

Worship Services:

9:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Adult Sunday School, 9:15 & 11 a.m. [except 7/1 & 7/29—see calendar]
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.

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.
[all of the above except 7/4]

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study [Resumes 9/16]
C4 College Group, 7 p.m. [except 7/5]
7th Day Baptist Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Friday

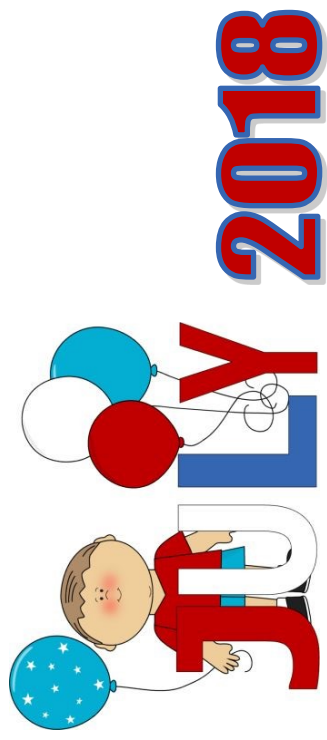
Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.
Bible Study @ Greteman's, 6:15 p.m.

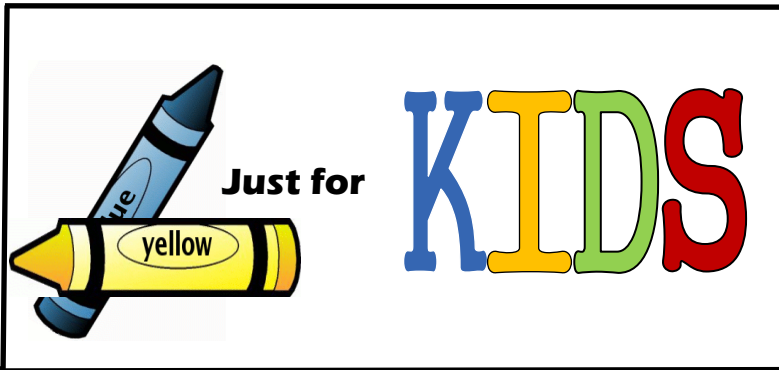
Saturday

7th Day Baptists, 9 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

- 8/3-5 ~ Family Kamper Kamp
- 8/5 ~ One service here at TFB, 11a
- 8/4 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 8/11 ~ Singles' Dinner Out, 6:30p
- 8/17 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 8/17-19 ~ Greg Laurie @ Angel Stadium
- 8/24 ~ Kids' "Cupcake Wars"
- 9/14-16 ~ Men's Conference @ 1000 Pines
- 10/15-19 ~ Srs. & Friends Carnival Cruise





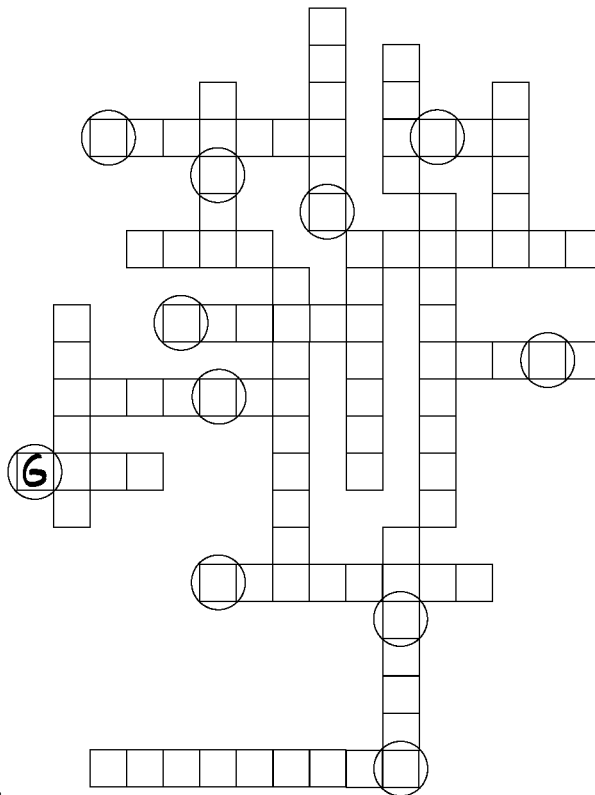
Celebrate Your Citizenship!

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

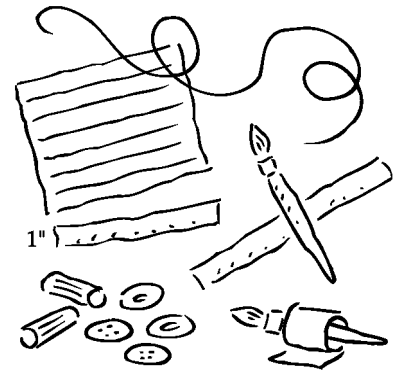
The people of Egypt have been making beads for 5,000 years!

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

a.k.a. Parent's Date Night
3rd Friday of each month
July 20 ~ 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 "VBS hype" Night. We are asking for a donation of \$3/child.

C-4 STUDENTS MINISTER AT DOWNTOWN MISSION

TFB Mission Outreach



On June 16, our High School Director Matt Strand along with a few other adults had the opportunity to take some of our students to the Fred Jordan Mission in downtown Los Angeles. Before they arrived some of them had a bit of fear and trepidation. But they soon learned they had nothing to fear.

When they first arrived, they canvassed the area around the mission, passed out flyers, and invited people on the street to join them for a chapel service with worship in song, a message, and a free meal. A lot of people responded. The group then spent time serving the meal with a smile on their faces, mingling, and witnessing with love in their hearts for those less fortunate than they. Even though the people need essentials like food and clothing, what they responded to the most was the interaction and fellowship with our team.

Some of the students collaborated and wrote the following:

“We were given this opportunity to serve by loving on the homeless—by going out on the street with love and faith in our hearts and welcoming these people.”

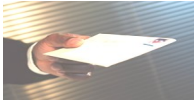
“Many people assume that skid row is some sort of far away place that is home to an ‘alien-like’ type of people. However, this experience has shown otherwise. These men and women were just like many of us, thanking and kindly responding to our invitations. We all desire to have relationships with one another and many of these men and women are absent of that. We were able to love and be kind to them.”

“All of us, no matter how fortunate or unfortunate we may be, are children of God and are all a blessing.”

Fred Jordan Mission is located in Los Angeles, on Skid Row, which is a filthy, heartbreaking, and depressing place. Skid Row is “home” to men, women and little children. Homeless, hungry, and without hope, they all need to know that God loves them. Fred Jordan came to these streets in 1944 to share Jesus, the Bread of Life for the soul, and to share bread, the staff of life for the body.

The picture at right is the view from the roof top of the Fred Jordan Mission. It stands as an oasis in the midst of poverty.





More Mail

Dear TFB Family,
 Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, all the cards, and the prayers for our family after the death of my beloved brother, John.
 We are truly thankful for our caring church family. Your love and support is such a blessing.

In love,
 Joy Moore



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

Donna Hester's aunt and former TFB member, Elizabeth McGinty, is now with the Lord; Gene Johnson lost his son, Jeff; former TFB member Bob Zerhusen (Frank Spinney's son-in-law) is with his Heavenly Father; and Virgie Fletcher, long-time TFB attendee and shut-in, passed away.

Kamper Kamp August 3-5



Make plans 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. For more information, contact Karla Gaines.



Please pray for the following who need continued prayer:

Barbara Ashcraft, Michael Banfield, Nancy Christensen, Julie Cochran, Tom Cochran, Mary Crutchfield, Gloria Deering, Leah Douglas, Ruth Easley, Dutchess Gattis, Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, 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.



Cruise for Seniors & Friends October 15-19

This is a 4-night Carnival cruise, from Long Beach to Catalina, Ensenada, and back.

Inside 4B category: \$700.80 total for 2
 Ocean view 6B category: \$810.80 for 2
 \$50 onboard credit per cabin

\$300 refundable deposit **due on June 25 (extended date)** to hold cabin at this price.

Can add 3rd, 4th, or 5th person per cabin for \$110.40 per person.

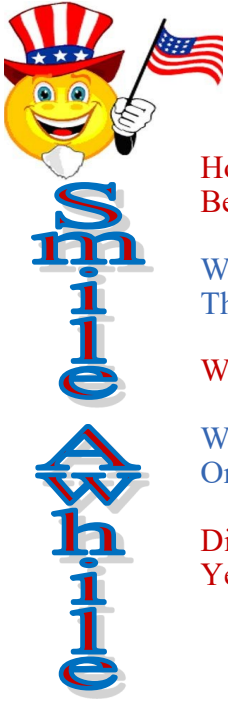
Final payment due August 16.

Contact Debbie Nawa, 310/259-8333, to sign up or Des Birmingham, 310/530-3657, for more details.

TFB Tithes & Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$35,953 in the month of May.



INDEPENDENCE DAY JOKES

How come there's no Knock Knock joke about America?
Because freedom rings.

What has feathers, webbed feet, and certain inalienable rights?
The Ducklaration of Independence.

What does the Statue of Liberty stand for? It can't sit down.

What's the difference between a duck and George Washington?
One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill.

Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?
Yeah, it cracked me up!

"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 ifbc@pacbell.net. Or visit us on the web at www.tfbclife.org