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PICNIC AT THE PARK

JULY 3, 10:30 A.M.

We will have our church service at 10:30 a.m. on July 3 at Torrance Park in the Bandshell on the corner of Arlington and Santa Fe (near Sepulveda). After the service, our Fellowship Committee will be BBQing hamburgers and hot dogs and providing chips/nachos, soda/water/coffee, and dessert for the whole family for a suggested donation of \$3/person or \$15/family. [Those who attend from the community who are not regular TFB attendees will be invited to eat free of charge.] Free shuttle bus service, **for everyone who signs up in the patio or calls the church office** will be available from our church parking lot starting at 9:30 a.m.

This year we will have a "chili cook-off," so start perfecting your recipe for the big event—you will need to provide your own heat supply (e.g. sterno, camp stove, hot pack, etc.).

Awesome Adventures

for kids who have **completed** Kindergarten-6th grades



Seaside Lagoon
July 8 (Friday)
10 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.

Bring a packed lunch or **extra** money to purchase lunch at Ruby's. Six dollars covers a day of fun at a salt-water pool with slides, fountain and beach sand. Bring beach toys, sunscreen, **a good attitude**, and a friend.

Parents: please drop off and pick up your children at Seaside Lagoon.



Farmer's Market
July 12 (Tuesday)
9:30 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.

Parents: drop your children off at Farmer's Market at Wilson Park. We will purchase **flowers** for some of our **shut-ins**, eat our sack lunch **at the park**, and then head out in our bus to deliver the flowers.

Bring \$5 and your sack lunch + **extra money** if you want to purchase something for yourselves.

Parents: pick up children at church.

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

For these adventures and more in the month of July, sign up in the patio or call the church office.

To see more July *Adventures* that are being offered, go to page 4.

From the Pastor's Heart



Each Person Actively Expressing a Heart of Worship for Jesus Christ

I, for one, am very grateful for the men and woman who sacrificed their lives over 200 years ago, so that I could live in a country of freedom—the United States of America. I am grateful that we live in a country established on such great principles of human life and government—not the least of which is this: all men are created equal.

Now if truth be told, at that time many citizens of our country did not fully live out this principle. They actually believed that people of a different skin tone—dark tone in particular—were not ‘men’—were not fully human like they were. We all know the horrible tragic results of this misguided belief.

If you read the history of the human race, most races of people treated other groups with different skin tones as less than human, and made them slaves, just like some of our founding citizens. I just praise God that finally the majority of the citizens of our country rejected this belief.

In the year 2011, we celebrate our freedom: freedom from being ruled by some other nation or king or dictator; freedom from mob rule; freedom from our own governmental tyranny; for those of us who believe in God, the most wonderful freedom—freedom of religion; and for those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, the freedom to choose to become His slave—serving him with full devotion and love.

I invite you to join with me in celebrating our country's freedom and our freedom in Christ on July 3. We will be meeting in Torrance Park for our worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed with a barbeque lunch. Bring your own lawn/camping chair and let's worship Jesus Christ and our freedom outdoors together.

Pastor Charlie

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Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

We live in a fast-paced world, and oftentimes we get so preoccupied with our own personal needs that **we fail to see the needs of others.** Many would say, “Well, that’s just the way it is. I have my hands full just taking care of myself.” But to us who have given our lives to Christ, we are to live differently...**reflecting Christ's love and concern for the world.** The apostle Paul said it this way: “Each of you should

look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others”
(Philippians 2:4).

Paul then goes on to share with us the very LOVE and LIFE of our Lord as **He** ministered to our needs by dying on Calvary's cross thus paying our debt for sin (Philippians 2:5-8). As I meditate on these verses, the Holy Spirit is teaching me that it is imperative that I view others through **His eyes** rather than my own. Why?



Because my life tends to be centered around that which just concerns me rather than noticing how I can minister to others. Perhaps this is true of you as well.

It is imperative that we view **people and events** from

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We Get Mail

Thank you for thinking of us. It means a lot. A special thanks for the lovely plant you sent. We will plant this in memory of my mother [Virginia].

Jill and Larry Sprengel

Dear, Dear Family,

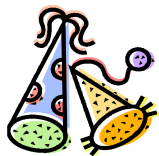
I miss you so much. I pray that our dear Lord will pour out His loving joy abundantly into all aspects of your lives every day and that His beautiful plans for your lives will delight and surprise each of you fully.

Summer is putting a stop to much of my work in neighborhood children's clubs. There will be times to teach in local community fairs. So much fun!

Please pray for these age-damaged people where I live. So many will have nothing to do with our Bible group. So sad. But the new director of this institute is a sweet (and young) Christian, and attends meetings when possible!

Sunday, June 5, was such a joy: Logan, 10, and his sister, 7, were both baptized at the 8 o'clock service and their mother with them! Mother was slow to decide about all this, so, more joy!

Much love in Him,
Mary Eason



80th Birthday Party

July 16, 12~3 p.m.

All are invited to attend a birthday luncheon for Evelyn Hernandez in the annex/gym on Saturday, July 16.

No gifts please. RSVP to Becky Brunckhorst by July 13.

A special thank you to my church family for the phone calls, cards and the prayers during the time of my sister-in-law's illness and her going home. My brother had planned a beautiful service for her. She had touched many people

Love to all,
Dorothy Morgan



*Mary Ann Amor
and*

*Trevor Raymond Schulte
request the honour of your presence
to share in the celebration
of their marriage
on Friday, the twenty-ninth of July
Two thousand eleven
at four-thirty in the afternoon
Torrance First Baptist Church
2118 West Carson Street
Torrance, California*



CRUX
student ministries

ANGEL STADIUM OF BASEBALL

MINNESOTA **A** vs. **Twins**

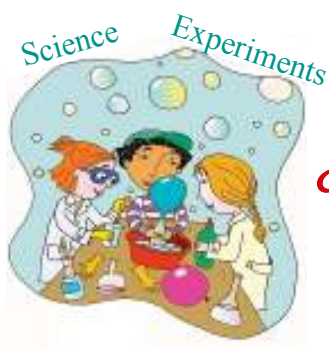
August 3
430p-11p (\$20)



Six Flags

August 23
9a-9p (\$25)

More Awesome Adventures in July



Science/Game Day
July 22 (Friday), 10 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.
Here at the church

Pack a lunch and bring \$5. We will be playing games and doing science experiments here at the church.

July 27 (Wednesday)
Science Center
9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.



Pack a lunch or bring money for McDonald's or Taco Bell on site. We'll enjoy:



Exhibit
featuring 1001
Inventions



Air & Space
Exhibit



Science Court
& much,
much more!

Junior Summer Camp
at Ponderosa Pines
August 15-19, \$300

"LIGHTSEEKERS"
All kids going into 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades are invited to a week-long camp experience. Sign up now with a \$50 deposit.





Hiking & Backpack Ministry

Full-Moon Hike July 15 (Friday)

The July Full-Moon Hike for the “Creation Explorers” will be on Friday, July 15. We will leave TFB at 7 p.m. and go to ??? For a year and a half, I [Dan] have been dictating the location. It’s now time for you, the Creation Explorers, to submit your requests...either something new or a previous favorite. I’m anticipating wonderful fellowship as God continues to reveal Himself while we enjoy His creation! Call Dan Rollino, 310/328-3320, with ideas.

Be on the Look-out for School Supplies

Once again we will be helping Love INC provide needy children with backpacks for the new school year. Retailers begin putting school supplies on sale at the end of July and throughout August, and you can get great deals on backpacks, pencils/pens, rulers, notebooks/paper, glue sticks, crayons, scissors, etc. (or you can make a \$7 donation for us to buy unfilled backpacks or supplies at a discounted price).



Get ready for a Rummage Sale on August 27!

Look around your house and garage and get rid of those items that you no longer use or need. Help your neighbors clean their garage out. We will be having a sale **August 27 in the TFB gym** to help the Doors of Hope Women’s Shelter complete their building project. We are looking for good, used (or new) items in good working order (no junk, please, and no clothing or hard-to-move large pieces of furniture). Also please do not bring any items to the church until Monday, August 22. If you have any questions, call Linda Stratton, 310/328-5371.



Smile Awhile



A little boy was in a relative’s wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd.

While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit.

When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, “I was being the Ring Bear.”

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?”

One bright little girl replied, “Because people are sleeping.”

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, “Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor’s wife.”



Freedom in Christ

*This Independence Day, remember
that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.*

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
H	S	J	T	E	P	Q

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H	P	C	G	B	M	O	R	J	C	V
G	Q	D	F	C	N	N	S	I	B	U

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R	D	S	T	T	E	Q	F	D

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PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

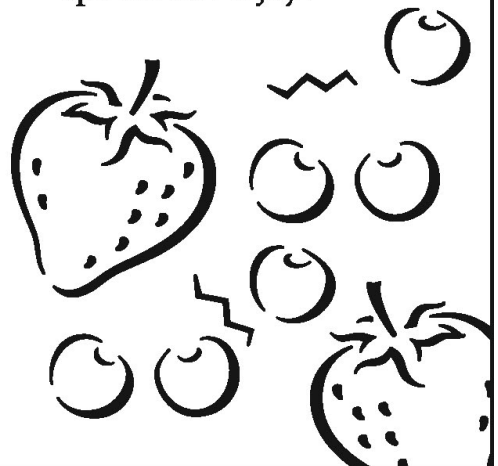
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:




- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
					1 Annx. Reserved all day for Loaves & Fishes 6:30p VBS	2 11a Loaves & Fishes	Sunday Worship Services: 9:15 & 11 a.m. [except 7/3] Worship & Witness: 6 p.m. Adult Sunday School: 8:15 [except 7/3] 9:15, & 11 a.m. [except 7/3] Children's Church: 9:15 a.m. [except 7/3] Patio Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. [except 7/3] Children & Youth S.S.: 11 a.m. [except 7/3] New Covenant Children's S.S.: 11 a.m. New Covenant (Korean) Wrshp: 12:45 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship: 2 p.m. NeXus College Gathering: 6 p.m. Monday Ladies' Prayer: 11 a.m. [except 7/4] Open Basketball: 6:30 p.m. [except 7/4] Men's Bible Study: 7 p.m. (off-site) [except 7/4] Tuesday Men's Small Group: 6:30 a.m. High School Revive: 7 p.m. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Jr. High QUEST: 6:30 p.m. Small Group Bible Study: 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice: 7 p.m. Life of Jesus Bible Study: 7 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Bible Study: 8 p.m. Open Volleyball: 8:15 p.m. Thursday Ladies' Bible Study: 2:00 p.m. Worship Band Practice: 6:30 p.m. Friday Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst.: 9 a.m. Saturday New Covenant (Korean) Prayer: 6 a.m.
3 10:30a Worship Service & BBQ @ Torrance Park	4 Office closed for Independence Day	5 7p Laurant Bethell Circle	6	7 10:30a Circle of Friends	8 10a Awesome Adventures to Seaside Lagoon	9 6:30p Singles' Game Night	
10 5p Prayer Gathering 4p C. E. Committee	11	12 9:30a Awesome Adventures to Farmer's Market 7p Global Outreach Comm.	13	14 7p Beacon Light	15 7p Full-moon Hike	16 12noon Birthday Party for Evelyn Hernandez 7p Share & Care [WedRm]	
17 9a H.S. leaves for Hume Lake	18 7p Ad Ops Committee	19 6p Committes: Fellowship; Outreach; Finance; Worship 7p Deacon/Deaconess Boards	20	21	22 10a Awesome Adventures Science/Game Day	23 4p H.S. home from Hume Lake 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out	
24 5p Prayer Gathering	25 10a Srs. & Friends to Kimberly Crest	26	27 9:30a Awesome Adventures to L.A. Science Center	28 2p Wedding Rehearsal	29 4:30p Schulte/ Amor Wedding	31	
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Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Game Night ~ Saturday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting

place: Brian K. Bailey's house, 1676 W. 256th Street, Harbor City. Don't forget to bring snacks to share.



Dinner Night ~ Saturday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at
Fish Bonz Grill, 2599 Airport Drive, Torrance (next to AMC Theaters).



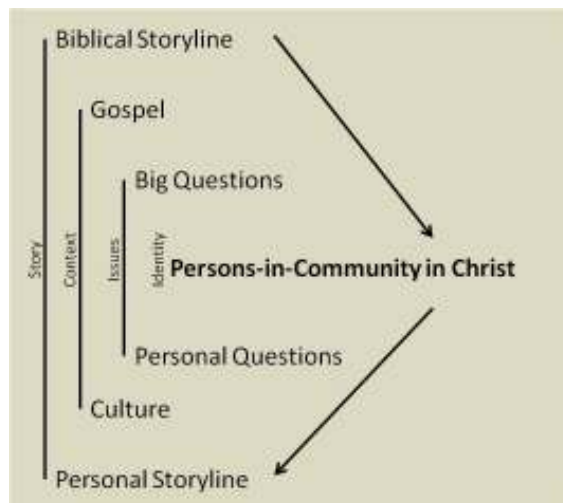
No movie night on the 29th. We will attend Trevor & Mary's wedding.

For questions, suggestions, or more information, call Brenda-Jean Shephard, 310/901-0816.

If you had one year to disciple a new Christian, what would you teach?

by Laura Springer M.Div., Th.M.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/TFB-Sanctify-Academy/166588986702549>

In June, I participated in a course on curriculum development. On one particular day, the prof asked us to create the outline for a curriculum to use with a new believer over the course of a year. After a few moments of pondering, four key areas came to the forefront: story, context, issues, and identity. It occurred to me that if a new Christian began to understand these four things, he or she would be well on the way to becoming a fully devoted follower of Christ. This month, I will lay out the definition and basic components of each element. In coming months, I will begin to unpack the contents of such a curriculum.



The story includes the storyline of Scripture and our own personal story. The storyline of Scripture is found in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah, Luke (or other of the Gospels), Acts, and (I would suggest) Revelation. All other books of the Bible fit somewhere along this storyline. As followers of Jesus, our story is a continuation of the story begun in Scripture.

The context includes a deeper look at a Gospel to get to know Jesus and begin to grasp his heart. But our context doesn't stop there, for each of us is embedded in a culture that shapes how we see and understand the world. As Christ followers, we must participate in culture with open, biblically informed eyes.

The issues include the big questions, like the nature of truth and reality, our purpose as humans, and the nature of beauty and value. But it also includes questions arising from our daily lives, questions raised by our joys and struggles, by excitement and boredom, by courage and fear.

The final element, our identity, is the most crucial, for who we are and how we see ourselves shapes all our decisions. There are three key pieces to the identity of a Christ follower: person, in community, and in Christ. As Americans, individual identity is better understood than communal identity, but it is a fact that everyone who trusts Christ is part of his Body, the Church. Church is not something we attend, but is something we are. Deeper still, every Christ follower exists in Christ every moment of life.

I would love to hear your thoughts. Visit the Sanctify Facebook page and share your comments.

Next Events for Seniors & Friends



Kimberly Crest House & Gardens, Redlands July 26 (Tuesday)

Kimberly Crest, a picturesque French chateau-style home built in 1897, is a well preserved example of the Victorian Era in California. The 7,000 square foot, three-story chateau sits on a 6¼-acre estate two miles south of downtown Redlands and is enjoyed by more than 11,000 visitors annually.

Originally built by Mrs. Cornelia A. Hill, a widow from New York State, the home was purchased by J. Alfred Kimberly (a co-founder of the Kimberly-Clark Corporation) and Helen Cheney Kimberly in 1905. Their widowed daughter, Mary Kimberly Shirk, lived in the home from 1920 until her death in 1979, and willed it to the City of Redlands.

The house's unique features include a French revival parlor complete with gilt furniture and silk damask wall coverings. Terraced Italian gardens, orange groves and ponds surround this historic landmark home. The lily ponds feature radiant Koi; vivid red, pink and yellow lilies against deep green majestic lotus blossoms; and papyrus.

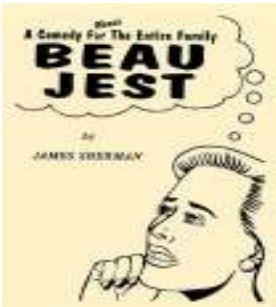
We will leave the church at 10 a.m. The cost is \$9 for the tour which is 90 minutes long and involves stairs. Bring money for lunch.



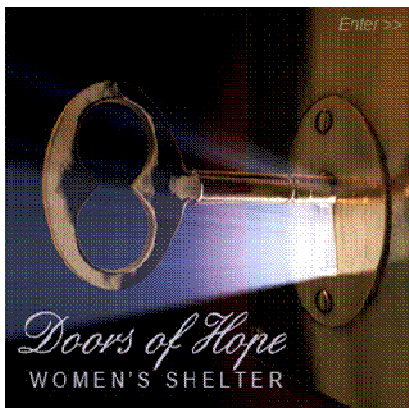
Glendale Centre Theatre

September 3 (Saturday) - NOTE NEW DATE!

We will be leaving at 11 a.m. to go to lunch and then to see "Beau Jest," a light, sweet romantic comedy in which a young lady, Sarah, hires an actor (Bob) to play the Jewish doctor she has told her family she has been dating. His acting is so good that Sarah finds herself falling in love with him. The cost is \$20 for the play. Bring money for lunch.



If you want to sign up and/or want more details for any of our Senior & Friends' outings, call Terri Mullin at 310/629-0396.



Beds Are Needed

Doors of Hope Women's Shelter is scheduled to be completed in July with their Grand Opening in September.

Twenty-four (24) beds are needed at a cost of \$229/each. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your offering envelope, "Beds for Women's Shelter."

This would be a great project for individual Sunday School classes or Men's/Women's/Youth Groups here at Torrance First Baptist.





TFB Global Outreach

by Dee and the G. O. Committee

**“I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ”
(Philemon 1:6).**

Last month we received two updates from Chuck and Ramona Shawver regarding the current political climate in Mexico and the wonderful opportunities God has brought to them. Here are some excerpts from their letters. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to serve.

”MEXICO IS HURTING. This young country, where the average age is 25, is embroiled in a terrible war with organized crime; huge super-organized and armed gangs made unbelievably wealthy by illicit drugs they export to both countries and, caught in the middle. every week gang and soldiers, and of standers, die violently. no-man’s-lands. bunkered lives. employment dry up, go. Drug money seeks national leaders. too often shot down. the United States. We love like most Mexicans, we are The death toll rises as members, police officers course the innocent by-Cities and towns become People flee or live Businesses and but many have nowhere to to corrupt local, state, and Those who stand up are Many doubt the wisdom of the current government's aggressive and confrontational policy.

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to experience
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*Russia
Mission Trip
July 28-
August 13*

Don't forget to pray for
Rog & Joyce Hosier
as they minister to
those in Russia
with e3 partners
in the area of marriage
and family counseling.

Your support of ministry in Mexico is providing hundreds of young people with opportunities to experience God's love, develop their gifts and grow in their knowledge of the Word as they participate in programs of the Baptist Seminary and CICEM*-sponsored youth events. Young people are coming to Christ and are being discipled. They believe there is a future for Mexico, a future beyond the present hard times.

We ask you to pray for the young (people of) Mexico. That God would be (their) helper and deliverer and that He would not delay. Pray that the beautiful young women and men, amongst whom we live and serve, would have a future of peace and justice, opportunity and freedom. Thank you for supporting mission in Mexico and around the world. Your vision, commitment, and generosity make a difference.

**The Council of Indigenous Campesino Evangelicals of Mexico*

Reflections

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God's perspective. As we do this, we will see our world very differently. Perhaps we will see that someone is facing a strong challenge, and a word of encouragement would do wonders for them. It could be that someone may come across our path who needs Christ as their Savior, and it will be our privilege to share the Lord with them. **What a privilege this is for us.** Sometimes, as I look back on these situations, I wonder to myself, "How did I not see this need, Lord?" He always seems to say to me, "Rog, your focus is too narrow. You are looking at life as if you are looking in a **mirror** (considering your own needs and hurts). You need to look at life as if you are looking through a **window** (noticing the needs and hurts of others). When you do this, you will be looking at others from **My** perspective." Thank you, Lord.

How can our perspective be changed? By spending time alone with the Lord and allowing His heartbeat to stamp its image upon our hearts. Yes, we need to be like the boy, Samuel, who said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). And as we "sense" His heartbeat and see others **through His eyes**, our lives will be lived differently.

I don't know about you, but this is my need before the Lord. May this be the prayer of **each** of us, and, if it is, we will then have the privilege to touch the lives of others for Jesus' sake.

Needing His touch upon my heart,
Pastor Rog

Attendance & Giving



AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE
FOR MAY

= 295

Thank you for giving
approximately \$67,309
in the month of May.



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*Sonseekers' BBQ
and Pool Party
Saturday, July 16
11 a.m. ~ 6 p.m.*

All members of the Sonseekers' Sunday School Class are invited to attend our annual pool party and BBQ at the Bundoc home.

The cost is \$7.50/person (for sodas and the delicious meat that Al BBQs). Please bring potluck side dishes.

*Death leaves a heartache only God can heal;
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*



*With
Sincere
Sympathy*

Graham Carr lost his father;
Mark Pribble's mom, Doris, passed away;
Helen Faulk, long-time former TFB member,
is now with the Lord,
Andrea Lavoie lost an uncle, Mayer Armbrust,
and an 18-year-old great-nephew, Matt Arnold,
Evelyn Hernandez lost her cousin, Olga Acevedo,
Julie Harris' Great-aunt Mildred passed away, and
Michelle Fisher's Aunt Jan is now with the Lord.

Don't forget . . .



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June 27 ~ July 1

Our Vacation Bible School program, “Pandamania — Where God Is Wild about You!” (Psalm 139), will be held here at TFB **June 27 ~ July 1** from **6:00 ~ 8:30 p.m.**

This is for all children from kindergarten through 6th grade, so sign up in the patio or come on the first night.

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: *High School Revive*; *Jr. High Quest*; and *Big* for children.

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