

Torrance First Baptist Church

the Proclaimer

August 2011 Volume 24 Issue 8

Inside this issue:

<i>The Pastor's Heart</i>	2
<i>Reflections</i>	2
<i>We Get Mail</i>	3
<i>Chili Cook-off</i>	3
<i>Smile Awhile</i>	3
<i>Youth Events</i>	4
<i>School Supplies</i>	5
<i>Hiking Ministry</i>	5
<i>New Bible Study</i>	5
<i>Beds Needed</i>	5
<i>Just for Kids</i>	6
<i>Calendar</i>	7
<i>Singles' Ministry</i>	8
<i>TFB Academy</i>	8
<i>Seniors & Friends</i>	9
<i>Global Outreach</i>	10
<i>Attendance & Giving</i>	11
<i>Birth</i>	11
<i>Bereavement</i>	11
<i>Bunco Reminder</i>	12
<i>Men's Retreat</i>	12

*Men
Together
in
Christ's
Great
Adventure*



*Men's Breakfast
August 13
9 a.m.*

All men, Jr. High age and up, are invited to enjoy a great Saturday breakfast and hear Chris Spitzer share his testimony: "And That's Not Going to Stop Me!"

Suggested donation: \$5/person.

Sign up in the patio.



*For the
Ladies*



*Botanical Gardens
Prayer Walk
Saturday, August 20*

Pre-sale tickets are \$8.25 (group rate with minimum of 25). The cost includes entry into the gardens and reservations for the 11 a.m. tram ride. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Japanese Garden Koi Pond (just behind the Gift Shop), walk from 9:45 ~ 10:45 a.m., and then gather for the 11 a.m. tram ride. At 12 noon, you can continue your walk and/or depart at your leisure. Sign up at the Women's Table.



*Rummage & Bake Sale
August 26~27*

We are looking for good, clean used (or new) items in good working order (no junk, please, and no clothing or hard-to-move large pieces of furniture) for our sale on

Friday and Saturday, August 26 & 27, in the TFB gym to help the Doors of Hope Women's Shelter complete their building project. You may start bringing your items to the church on Monday, August 22.

We will sell baked goods both days and have hot dogs, chips and sodas for sale on Saturday. **Please sign up to donate baked goods** for the sale and bring them to the church on Thursday afternoon before 5 p.m. **Volunteers are needed** to mark and sort items the week before the sale and help at the sale, and we will need truck drivers to get some of the items out of storage containers. If you can help or have any questions, please call Linda Stratton, 310/328-5371.

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

Last year, we raised \$9,000.00. Let's set a goal of \$10,000 this year!

From the Pastor's Heart



Each Person Actively
Expressing a Heart of Worship
for Jesus Christ

I love the insight and creative way this article expresses truths about three different roads we can choose to travel on in our spiritual journey of service and the impact these roads have on our service for the Lord. I encourage you to let God speak to your heart as you read. Enjoy.

The first road is *Status Quo Circle*. Its destination is to

make present reality secure, comfortable, convenient and perpetual. The road is perfectly level, the turns are almost imperceptible, and cruise control is the preferred gear. Probably eighty percent of humanity lives on Status Quo Circle. However, the very nature of Status Quo Circle hinders spiritual growth because it is rarely open to new leadings of God's Spirit.

The second road is *Engineer-it Avenue*. It has a well-mapped-out travel course, complete with clear signs and the elimination of detours. On Engineer-it Avenue programs are what change people, and everyone should be changed by the same programs. But history has shown that the spiritual and moral scenery at the beginning of the journey is almost identical to the spiritual and moral views at the end. Real change proves to be imaginary.

The third road is *Transformation Trail*. Its destination is loving God with all our being and loving others as ourselves. It begins with a deep and thorough renovation of our hearts, giving us a vision of the true God. We walk the trail He reveals to us, and we actively encourage others to do the same. This trail is neither straight nor level. It is often unclear and bumpy. There is no uniform map because God places tailor-made routes along the way for each person to travel that best helps them grow.

Transformation Trail says our inner navigation system must be reinvented. Our personal preferences, our dreams, and our goals must surrender to God's priorities—that it is not about us but about God and His glory. It requires flexibility and risk-taking. At journey's end, those who have walked this trail, like Paul, or Abraham, or Moses, or Peter, or all the saints of Hebrews 11, and hopefully many of us, rejoice in amazing wonder at what God has done.

(Continued on page 11)

Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

Oftentimes as we travel from place to place, we see a sign which says: "Under New Management." This sign leads us to believe that...

- doing business with them will be **better** than with the previous owners;
- their **word** can be trusted and that they will honor all service agreements; and
- they will **work** hard to earn our trust.

In theory, it sounds good

but until they prove the quality of their service to us, all they've said to us are just words. There is a **spiritual application** for us here.

When we invite Christ into our lives, we no longer belong to ourselves but to God (Romans 1:5-6), and as His children, our lives are to reflect His ownership of us. We all know that words are easy to say but so much harder to back up with a lifestyle which honors Christ. Hopefully, as we live



before others, they will see (spiritually speaking), the sign on our lives which says, "**Under New Management.**"

Some of you might be asking, "How can this be?" "How can we be changed?"

(Continued on page 11)



We Get Mail

Heartfelt thanks to the Deaconesses and the Children's Ministry for the many cards that cheered Cynthia during her long journey which she has now completed.

Cynthia is rejoicing with her Lord and Savior and no longer will have to struggle for comfort and breath. The Great Comforter has been and will be with her throughout eternity.

Cynthia loved her Torrance church family and so do I. God bless you. Thanks also for the many expressions of sympathy during this past week from all of you. I covet your continued prayers.

God's blessings,
Bill Powell

We would like to thank everyone who took time to attend the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. The attendance, cards, and gifts were overwhelming. Thank you! It was a wonderful day!! A special thanks to the dear friends who made it possible.

Irene and Neville [Hardy]

Congratulations to the winner of our chili cook-off:



Michael Gaines



Our chili cook-off at the church service and BBQ, held at Torrance Park on July 3, had 6 participants vying for the title of Chili King/Queen. The distinguished judges, Chad Clark, Julie Fuqua, Angie Subala, Neville Hardy, and Jay Cordova, sampled all the entries, which were quite diversified. Although each entry had merit in its own way, after careful deliberation, they unanimously declared our newest daddy (father of new baby Nora—see p. 11 for details), Michael Gaines, the winner. Michael won bragging rights, a blue ribbon and a \$25 gift certificate to Chili's!



Smile Awhile



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



Jr. High QUEST



Sunday, August 14
1:30~3:30 p.m.

Fun, awesome team sport.
Come and learn how to play.

Saturday
August 27
Beach
Clean-up



We will be taking volunteers to
the beach to pick up trash and
help out to rebuild the
community with cleanliness &
obey Christ's calling to serve.



Wednesday, August 31, 2~5 p.m.

We will meet at Torrance Beach for
crazy beach games (lifeguard tower TBD).

Awesome Adventures in August *(for kids going into Kindergarten ~ 6th grades)*



5th and 6th graders only
Shh ~ Hush Hush ~ Shh

August 5 (Friday), 10 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.

Here at the church

Parents, call Levana Condon for details.



August 12 (Friday)
Soak City
9:30 a.m. ~ 5 p.m.

Meet in the TFB Gym.
The cost is \$28 and
includes lunch. Bring a
towel and sunscreen.



Sign up in the patio for all events.

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. We will leave the church at 8 a.m.
on Monday, August 15 and return at about 3 p.m. on
Friday, August 19.





Be on the Look-out for School Supplies



Once again we will be helping Love INC, His House, and this year the Torrance Unified School District (BOSS) provide needy children with backpacks for the new school year. Retailers are putting school supplies on sale now, and you can get great deals. Each backpack needs the following:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½-2" notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. lined paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pocket folders | <input type="checkbox"/> box of crayons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> set of markers | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pens | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. #2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil pouch/box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpener | <input type="checkbox"/> eraser | <input type="checkbox"/> ruler | <input type="checkbox"/> scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 glue sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 spiral notebook | | |

Or you can make a \$7 donation for us to buy unfilled backpacks and/or supplies at a discounted price (mark your envelope "Backpacks"). We will collect them through August 14.

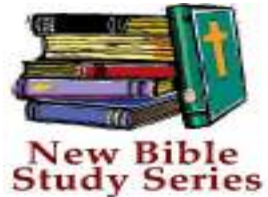


Hiking & Backpack Ministry

*Saturday
August 13*

Look for details in the bulletin
or call Dan Rollino,
310/328-3320.

New Study Begins in Mid-September



There will be a new study at the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study led by Tom Witherill starting in **mid-September**. It will be an in-depth look at First John, which has only 5 chapters but is extremely powerful in content. We will start by looking at some commonly *misused* but very significant verses in the beginning then launch into some very "meaty" Scripture. We will learn what it means to be a child of God, what the expectations for God's children are, and how a true disciple of Christ should live; learn about the nature of God; and learn scriptural "tests" to help us determine where we stand in our relationship to God and our discipleship to Him.

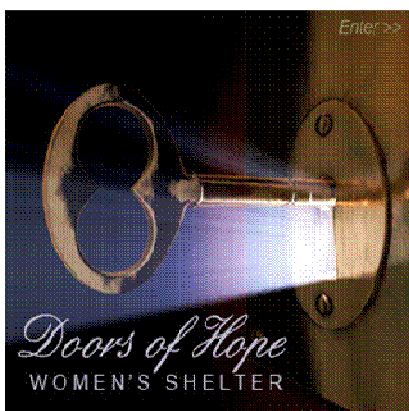
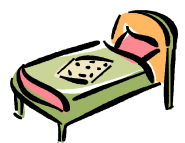
Please consider joining us. This study is designed to strengthen your walk with God and to help you become a strong disciple of Christ. We will learn to incorporate the disciplines of Jesus in our day-to-day walk to become more like Christ and to serve and glorify Him with our lives.

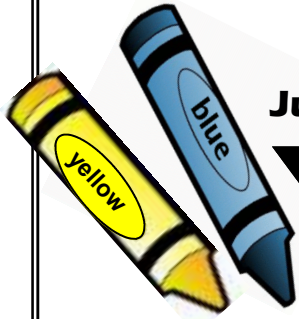
Beds Are Needed

Doors of Hope Women's Shelter is scheduled to be completed soon 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.





Just for

KIDS

action★packed faith

The greatest “super men” who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

- | | |
|----------|--|
| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a “hero” for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!

Recurring Weekly Events:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7p Lauran Bethell Circle	3 5p CRUX to Angels' Game	4 10:30a Circle of Friends	5 Annx. Reserved all day for Loaves & Fishes 10a Hush-hush destination for 5 & 6th grades	6 11a Loaves & Fishes
7	8	9	10	11 7p Beacon Light	12 9:30a Awesome Adventures to Soak City	13 9a Men's Breakfast 6:30p Singles' Game Night 7p Full-moon Hike
14 5p Prayer Gathering 4p C. E. Committee	15 8a Juniors leave for Ponderosa Pines 7p Ad Ops Committee	16 6p Committees: Fellowship; Outreach, Finance, Worship, GO 7p Deacon Board	17	18	19 12 noon Senior's BBQ & Potluck 3p Juniors back from camp	20 9:30a Women's Prayer Walk @ Botanical Gardens
21	22 Start bringing items to the gym for Rummage Sale	23 9a CRUX to Magic Mountain	24	25	26 8a Rummage Sale	27 8a Rummage Sale 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out 7p Share & Care
28 5p Prayer Gathering	29	30	31			



2011

AUGUST

Sunday

Worship Services:
9:15 & 11 a.m.

Worship & Witness: 6 p.m.
Adult Sunday School: 8:15
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) Wrshp: 12:45 p.m.

New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship: 2 p.m.

NeXus College Gathering: 6 p.m.

Monday

Ladies' Prayer: 11 a.m.

Open Basketball: 6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study: 7 p.m. (off-site)

Tuesday

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. [except 8/24]

Thursday

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.



Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Game Night ~ Saturday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting place: George and Anne Ortega's home, 2522 Cabrillo Avenue, #A, Torrance. Don't forget to bring snacks to share.

Dinner Night ~ Saturday, August 27, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Souplantation, 21309 Hawthorne Blvd., (near Torrance Blvd.).



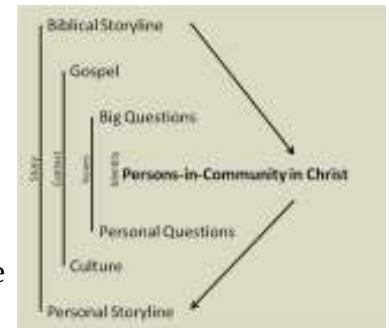
For questions, suggestions, or more information, call Brenda-Jean Shephard, 310/901-0816.

Knowing his Story and our Story

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

The last installment gave an overview of a discipleship curriculum. This month, we go a bit deeper into the Story.

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.



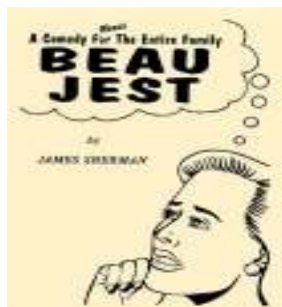
The books in the biblical storyline cover the beginning of time through around AD 60 (and to the end of time, when one includes Revelation). They tell the story of God and his interactions with humanity before Israel was created; through the time of Moses, the Judges, the Kings, and the Exile; the life of Jesus; and the birth and initial growth of the Church. Revelation jumps forward to the end of time, when evil is judged, Christ rules, and God's Kingdom is consummated in all creation.

The storyline gives us a framework, a view of the big picture, in which to set our understanding of ourselves and our time. We live between Acts and Revelation. The promised Messiah has come, proclaimed the Kingdom, purchased and guaranteed deliverance and final glory for all who trust him, and sent his Spirit to continue the proclamation. The Kingdom has come, but is not yet consummated, so we live in a time of expectation: we are sure of God's rule, but we long to experience him in his fullness. The moments of our daily lives, together and alone, fit into and are explained by our place in this time. We enjoy God, but our enjoyment is partial. We trust God, but our trust is incomplete. We see through a glass darkly, but then face to face (1 Cor. 13:12).

If you have never read through the storyline of Scripture, I encourage you to do so – and to begin today. When you begin to grasp the big picture, the significance of the details will become increasingly clear.

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

Next Events for Seniors & Friends



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.



Leo Carrillo Historic Ranch, Carlsbad, CA Coming in October

Hidden in a canyon and surrounded by houses is Leo Carrillo Historic Ranch. This former working rancho was once owned by actor Leo Carrillo and has been restored by the city of Carlsbad to look much as it did over a century ago. Leo Carrillo Historic Ranch is a 27-acre historic park with hand-crafted adobe buildings, windmills and many other historic structures. When you drive down the twisting road to the ranch, you take a trip back in time to the early rancho days of Southern California.

One of the first things you notice (hear) when you enter the park is the sound of peacocks which inhabit the valley in large numbers. These beautiful but noisy birds are everywhere and add to the charm of the ranch.

The date has not yet been set for this outing. Look for updated info in the September “Proclaimer.”



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.



Senior’s & Friends BBQ & Potluck

*August 19
12 noon*

We will be having a BBQ and Potluck on Friday, August 19, at 12 o’clock noon. Meat and corn-on-the cob (if available) will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



Below is a prayer letter from Rog and Joyce Hosier as a reminder for you to pray for them and the team that are in Russia this month.

TFB Global Outreach

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible but our third ministry trip to Russia is rapidly approaching. On Wednesday, July 27, we fly to Houston where we will spend the night and then, on Thursday, July 28, we leave for Russia via Singapore Airlines. After the long flight, and clearing customs, we have a 10-hour van ride to the city of Lgov, arriving around 2 a.m. Saturday morning. We hope to have the rest of the day to “catch” our breath and rest before starting our ministry with the families there. Joyce and I are the first to arrive and then, one week later, another 30 people will arrive and be taken to their mission points (possibly 12 different locations).

“Our enemy, the devil, has held the people of Russia in spiritual darkness for centuries and it is our privilege to tell them of our Savior...”

On Sunday, we will be ministering in both morning and evening services (their services last much longer than ours). Then on Monday, we begin our marriage and family ministry. At this time they have us meeting with three families in the morning and four in the afternoon. These visits will take place in their homes. In the evenings at the church, we will conduct the marriage and family seminar which is open to the entire church family. Then during the second week, we will be meeting with Dr. Vasily and Pastor Viktor and the two or three families which we feel are the most prepared to host a Best Life Fellowship in a simple house church. This is a brand new ministry phase of e3 Partners which they are praying will draw families to Christ as they meet in a simple home setting.

Dear people, we really need your earnest prayer support as we engage in this ministry. Our enemy, the devil, has held the people of Russia in spiritual darkness for centuries and it is our privilege to tell them of our Savior who alone brings spiritual light and life (John 14:6). Physically speaking, we will be “maxed” as we deal with jet lag and the heavy ministry schedule placed upon us. Please pray for us that we would have joyful spirits, energetic bodies and tender hearts to the needs of these dear people. We earnestly desire that these individuals and their families would be brought close to Him in sincere faith and surrender of their lives to His Lordship.

On Thursday, August 11, we begin our journey back to Moscow arriving back home on Saturday, the 13th, late in the evening. Thank you for standing with us as we journey to Russia to share Christ with those the Lord will lead us to. *We deeply appreciate your partnership and prayer support in this ministry.*

We are thankful for you,
Rog & Joyce



Reflections

Continued from p. 2

Our power source for living in a way which honors God (which shows we are UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT) is the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul said in Acts 1:8:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Holy Spirit longs for us to look to Him for strength, wisdom, encouragement and victory over sin. He is always ready to minister to us and our needs, but we need to willingly yield to His control and trust Him to do in us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Now, what happens if we allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in our lives? To say it succinctly...we will be changed! Our lives will indeed say, "Under New Management." The apostle Paul found this true in his own life and that is why he tells us in Philippians 4:13:

"I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength."

Yes, with the Holy Spirit in charge of our lives, we can demonstrate to others that we indeed are NOT the same person we used to be but, through faith in Christ, we are **UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**...yes, His management.

Thank you, dear Lord, for your grace to us.

Trusting in His strength,
Pastor Rog

Attendance & Giving



AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE = 290
FOR JUNE

Thank you for giving
approximately \$48,245
in the month of June.



Nora Gaines

Nora Grace Gaines
came into the world on June 21.
She weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs.
and was 18.5 inches long.
Mom and Dad are Karla and Michael
(winner of the 2011 Chili Cook-off).
Big sisters are: Olivia and Lillian
Grandparents: Carlos and Pat Delgadillo



Former TFB member Cynthia Powell,
loving wife of Bill, is now with the Lord.

From the Pastor's Heart

Continued from p. 2

Questions to ponder: On which road are you currently traveling? Why? What might God be revealing to you today that He wants you to change in your travels for Him? How might you help others travel the Transformation Trail?

Happy trail walking,
Pastor Charlie

Each Person Actively Expressing a

Ladies, don't forget . . .



*Bunco
Game Night
Saturday
July 30
7-9 p.m.*

Newcomers welcome — easy to learn game — great fun for all! The cost is \$5 to help defray the cost of snacks and prizes.

Sign up at the Women's Ministry table.

Looking ahead for men . . .



This weekend is designed to help you regain your spiritual edge, or maybe to develop one for the first time. Go deeper into your relationship with Christ, challenging yourself in chapel times as well as rubbing elbows with other men who have come to take their relationship with God to the next level.

Reserve your spot today! Sign up with Bill Harenburg by calling **310/619-5629** or
E-mail: wharenburg@aol.com

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