

Torrance First Baptist Church

the Proclaimer

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Women's Ministries

Kick-off Luncheon
October 2 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Overflowing
with Hope Romans 15:13

All women are invited to attend this annual luncheon. The theme is *Overflowing with Hope* and will include a list of events that has been planned for the women here at TFB over the next 12 months.

A special guest speaker is planned. Come, bring a friend and join the fun and fellowship. The cost is \$8 per person.

Sign up in the patio.



October 8
9 a.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we take time to clean and repair our church building. Make this a special time for you to serve the Lord.

Lunch will be provided.

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SINGERS



Join us for a remarkable musical experience!! Bring friends!!

Sunday, October 9, 2011

6:00 p.m. here at

Torrance First Baptist Church

A freewill offering will be taken.

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

From the Pastor's Heart



“Each Person Actively
Expressing a Heart of Worship
for Jesus Christ”

God’s word has a lot to say on money issues. There are approximately 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 on faith, but more than 2,350 verses on money issues. Jesus Christ himself said more about money than any other one subject. We know that eternal issues are more important than money, but clearly with how much Jesus talked about money issues, we should not ignore the important

role money plays in our lives here on earth.

I want to encourage growth in our understanding of God’s money concepts by sharing three foundational principles:

One, *how we handle our money impacts our fellowship with the Lord*. Luke 16:11 makes it clear that God will not be able to entrust us with true eternal riches if we incorrectly handle our temporal earthly riches.

Two, *possessions compete with the Lord for mastery of our lives*. Matthew 6:24 makes it clear that there is a struggle within each of us between God and material possessions (mammon). I think our handling of money sometimes reveals an attitude that says, “God, you can be the Lord of my entire life

except in the area of money – I am perfectly capable of handling that myself.”

Third, *much of life revolves around the use of money*. This is a simple reality that we need to acknowledge. Since we do spend much of our time and energy dealing with making and managing our money, it makes sense for us to make it a high priority to learn and apply God’s money concepts.

I pray that, by God’s grace, we grow towards spiritual maturity in all areas of our lives including the handling of money.

Serving Christ together,
Pastor Charlie

P.S. So far this year, our expenses have exceeded our income a little. We are still on solid financial footing, but I just wanted to let you know that your faithful giving is appreciated and needed.

Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

It is amazing what a word of encouragement can do to a person in need. **It literally can be a life-changing moment.** This is also true of those words which **discourage** and take us down spiritually and emotionally. Let me present an example of this.

During the Boer War (1899-1902), a man was convicted of a very unusual crime. He was found guilty of being a “discourager.” The South African town of Ladysmith was under attack, and this traitor would move up and

down the lines of soldiers who were defending the city and do everything he could to discourage them. He didn’t use a gun or attack these soldiers . . . he didn’t need to. His “gun” of choice was the **weapon** of discouragement. How sad!

Please notice these **important** words written to Jewish Christians who were wrestling with their faith in Christ:

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sins”



deceitfulness” (Hebrews 3:13, NIV).

And again in Hebrews 10:25:

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.

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We Get Mail



Diamond Wedding Anniversary Invite



*All are invited to attend an
Anniversary Party for
Earl & Jean Forman
on October 9, 2011*

*at 1:00 p.m. here at the church.
R.S.V.P. to Becky Brunckhorst*

I want to thank everyone
so very much for the flowering
plant that was sent to my home
upon the death of my mother
[Carol Gober].

Thank you also for your love
and prayers.

Jill Lee and Family

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

Wow, what a rummage sale! You gave and you gave. We are humbled by the out-pouring of generosity from TFB, from several other churches, and friends and neighbors. We (Doors of Hope) could not have done this without your help. Almost \$5,500.00 was raised!!! Thank you for the use of the facilities and all who helped in many ways. God is an awesome God! Thank you Lord Jesus for loving us and caring for the less fortunate.

Doors of Hope Women's Shelter Committee

Reflections

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Yes, **the Lord is coming again**. When? God's Word does not tell us, but . . . we are **encouraged** to be prepared for this glorious day, and expressing words of **encouragement** can assist us in being prepared to meet our Lord.

At any given time, many of our church family and friends are going through difficult times. What an encouragement it is to receive a word . . . a note . . . a call, sharing love and concern with others because the Lord has laid them upon one's heart. So please be on the "look out" as to how the Lord may use **you** to lift the spirits of one who is in need of **encouragement**. What a blessing you will bring to them and what a blessing the Lord will impart to you in return.

ENCOURAGEMENT . . . yes, this is what the Lord brings to our hearts every day. May we follow in His footsteps.

So thankful for **His encouragement**,
Pastor Rog



Saturday, October 1

[5:30—8:30 pm]

Cost: \$15 + Money for Dessert

Bring a friend & sign-up with Pastor Jay.



**Service Project
FREE Car Wash
October 1
10 a.m.~2 p.m.**

We will be offering free car washes to those in the community as an act of service. If they try to pay, we will say, "Our only charge is that you would be a guest at our worship services some day."



**F.A.D.
(Friday After Dark)
October 14
6:30~9:30 p.m.**

ARE YOU GAME?



**Bigger & Better
Scavenger Hunt
October 29
1~5 p.m.**



This will be a traveling activity of epic proportion. Meet at TFB. 'Nuff said.



Do you care about the children at TFB?

If you have a heart for children and God has given you the gift of teaching, we need volunteers to fill some empty positions. We have gaps in the following areas: **Children's Church (3rd Sunday of each month)**; **Preschool (4's & 5's) Sunday School (2nd Sunday of each month)**; and **a weekly teacher for our 5th & 6th grade Sunday School**. We also need those who would be willing to be substitutes. Please answer the call of God to minister to our children. They need

those who care and are willing to share the love of Jesus. Contact Levana Condon to sign up and ask about some pre-requisites.



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Here are some ways you can make a difference in the lives of those children:

PRAY. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

PACK A GIFT. A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures (and wrapped empty shoeboxes) are available in the patio.

GIVE. Please remember to give \$7 or more per box to cover shipping and other project costs.

Filled shoeboxes are due in the church office
BY NOVEMBER 6, 2011
 to allow time to transport them to
 the collection center.



*2011 Conference to be held
 at Pomona 1st Baptist
 601 N. Garey Avenue*

God doesn't want you to just survive, God wants you to THRIVE. Do you believe it?

Register now for the 2011 Transforming Churches Conference. You will be challenged, informed, inspired and invited to join God Who is already working to help you and our church THRIVE.

To get conference information and a schedule and also to register, go on-line to www.transmin.org by October 12.

Since TFB has paid the conference contribution fee, individual registration fees will be waived.

*October 15
 7 P.M.*



*Hiking &
 Backpack
 Ministry*

Our next hike will be on Saturday, October 15, somewhere on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Actual destination is unknown at this time.

Contact Dan Rollino, 310/328-3320, or email: dtrollino@yahoo.com for specifics.

*Men's
 Post-Camp Meeting
 October 15, 8:30 A.M.*

All of those who went to the recent Conference at 1000 Pines, please meet upstairs in room 204 as a follow-up to discuss the great time we had at camp. Coffee and donuts will be served. Any questions? Contact Bill Harenburg, 310/619-5629, or email: wharenburg@aol.com.



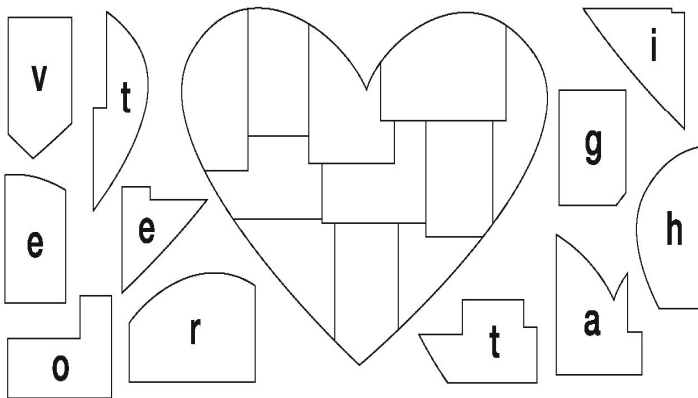


How to give

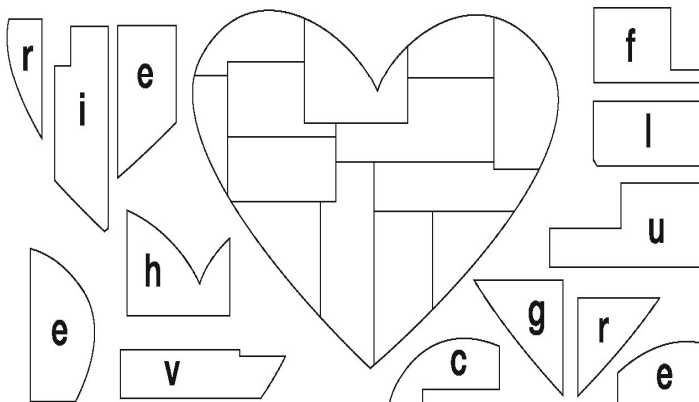
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

Recurring Weekly Events:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						1 10a Quest Car Wash 11a Loaves & Fishes 5:30p Revive Broom Hockey	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.
2 12:30p Women's Ministry Kick-off Luncheon	3	4 9:30p Srs. & Friends to Carillo Ranch, Carlsbad 7p Laurant Bethell Circle	5	6 10:30a Circle of Friends	7	8 9a All Church Work Day 6:30p Singles' Game Night	Monday Ladies' Prayer: 11 a.m. Open Basketball: 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study: 7 p.m. (off-site)
9 1p Forman 60th Anniversary Party 5p Prayer Gathering 6p Bonner Singers Concert	10	11 7p Committees: Outreach, Finance, Worship, GO	12	13 7p Beacon Light	14 6:30p Quest "Are You Game?"	15 9a Choir Rehearsal 8:30a Men's Post-Camp Meeting 7p Full-Moon Hike	Tuesday BSF Leaders: 9 a.m. High School Revive: 7 p.m. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.
16 4p C. E. Committee	17 7p Ad Ops Committee	18 6p Fellowship Committee 7p Deacon/Deaconess Boards	19	20	21	22 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out 7p Share & Care	Wednesday BSF: 9:15 a.m. Children's Program: 6:45 p.m. Jr. High QUEST: 6:45 p.m. Small Group Bible Study: 6:45 p.m. Parenting Class: 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice: 7 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
23 5p Prayer Gathering	24	25	26	27	28	29 1p Quest Scavenger Hunt	New Covenant (Korean) Bible Study: 8 p.m. Open Volleyball: 8:15 p.m. Thursday Ladies' Bible Study: 2 p.m. Worship Band Practice: 6:30 p.m.
30	31						Friday Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst.: 9 a.m. Saturday New Covenant (Korean) Prayer: 6 a.m.



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Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Game Night ~ Saturday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting place: Diane & Penny's home, 2703 W. 175th Street, Torrance. Don't forget to bring snacks to share.



Dinner Night ~ Saturday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at The Residence Inn in Torrance. Please call Brenda-Jean at 310/901-0816 or email Brenda-jean@dslextreme.com for more information.

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

But, what about...?

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

We've all asked the questions; we might as well admit it. Knowing the biblical story is good, for the Bible is God's Word. Understanding our context is good, for we were commissioned to make disciples of Jesus in our world.

But there is more. There are deep, nagging questions: questions that refuse an easy answer, that sometimes don't have an answer (or at least not one that we can--or are willing to--grasp).

Following Christ means facing such issues: the big questions, like the nature of truth and reality, our purpose as humans, and the nature of beauty and value. It means facing the questions arising from our daily lives: questions raised by our joys and struggles, by excitement and boredom, by courage and fear. Following Jesus means looking these issues square in the face and admitting that, all too often, we've no idea what to do or how to respond.

Discipling new Christ-followers requires that we face such questions together, whether they be the reflective, philosophical questions of our more thoughtful moments, or the desperate, heaven-pounding questions forced into our souls by life's struggles.

New Christ-followers--and those of us with some road behind us--must never squelch such questions. Left unacknowledged, they eat away at us, sometimes leading to doubts we cannot get past. Brought out into the open and before the face of our God, they can lead to wonder and worship, even if left with an unsatisfying answer.

But let us not think that questions of the nature of truth and reality, our purpose as humans, and the nature of beauty and value have no answers, for our God speaks to all of these in his Word. We can come to a place of humble understanding: an understanding that provides fodder for developing the godly wisdom of a maturing Christ-follower.

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



Next Events for Seniors & Friends



Leo Carrillo Historic Ranch, Carlsbad October 4 (Tuesday)

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. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at about 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 plus money for lunch.

Glendale Centre Theatre November 12 (Saturday)



We will leave TFB at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, and head for Glendale to have lunch and then go see the musical play “*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*,” which is about a backwoodsman named Adam Pontipee and his new bride Milly. They had agreed to marry despite only knowing each other for a few hours. On returning to his cabin in the mountains, Milly is surprised to learn that Adam is one of seven brothers living under the same roof. The brothers have been named alphabetically from the Old Testament and in chronological order are: Adam, Benjamin, Caleb, Daniel, Ephraim, Frank (short for Frankincense, the Old Testament having no names beginning with F), and Gideon. All of the brothers have red hair and are well over six feet tall, except Gideon, who is younger and shorter than his brothers.

Milly teaches Adam's rowdy, ill-behaved younger brothers manners and social graces. At first, the brothers have a hard time changing from their "mountain man" ways, but eventually each comes to see that the only way he will get a girl of his own is to do things Milly's way.

The cost is \$20 plus money for lunch. We will return at about 7 p.m.

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.



Smile

Awhile



Out of the Mouths of Babes

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, “Grandpa, did God make you?”

“Yes, sweetheart,” he answered, “God made me a long time ago.”

“Oh,” she paused, “Grandpa, did God make me too?”

“Yes, indeed, honey,” he said, “God made you just a little while ago.”

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, “God's getting better at it, isn't He?”



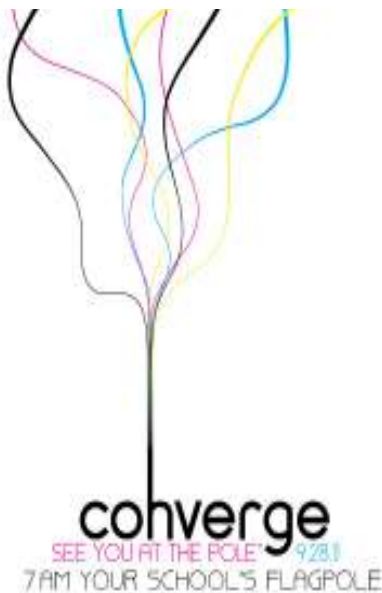
Dear Church Family,

Many of our missionaries are in situations that limit what we can print about them and their work. One of our missionaries will be traveling to Russia for several weeks and to two other Asian countries to minister to the lost. He is asking for prayer for himself as he ministers to the lost and works with others to translate God's word to those who need it. He also asks that we keep his family in prayer as they remain in the states. While I am not mentioning any names, feel free to call the church office to ask for a name, but know that God knows who this is and prayer is encouraged.

Another of our missionary families shared that their kids had recently gone on a mission trip and were able to work with the Navajo people and share the love of Christ with the Navajo children during children's programs. Also during this summer Mom and Dad were able to work with a camp here in the States and were able to challenge others to step into ministry to the lost. This family has been encouraged by the increased numbers of individuals that God is calling out into the field to minister to the lost. Please continue to pray for this family as they continue to seek to do God's will on the mission field. Again, if you want a name, contact the office. But, remember that God knows who this family is and your prayers for them are encouraged.

I would also ask that you pray for our students. As our children and teens return to school this month, they are returning to a mission field. Please pray that each student would have opportunity to be a witness to those they come in contact with. Pray that they would be bold in standing up for their faith. Pray that they would be willing to bring their friends to church and expose them to the gospel message. Thank you for your continued support for our local and global missionaries. May God bless you as you continue to pray and support.

Sincerely,
Global Outreach Committee



See You at the Pole is an excellent way for students to show their love for Christ by meeting other Christians at the flagpole on their school campus on **Wednesday, September 28, at 7 a.m.**, and join in student-led prayer. *See You at the Pole* is not a demonstration or political rally. It is not trying to make a statement for or against any particular thing, but is just a chance for students to get together to pray for their school, the students, teachers, government, and our nation.

Welcome to two future football stars:

Matthew Wyatt Compton
was born on August 13, 2011.
He weighed in at 10 lbs. 5 oz.
and was 20¼" tall.
Proud parents are
Erin & Eric
Grandparents:
Don & Sue Hetticher
Big Sisters: Katelyn & Mikayla



Wade Dennis Bouley
was born on August 18, 2011.
He weighed in at 9 lbs. 10 ozs.
and was 22 inches tall.
He joins sisters Clara & Raelynn.
Mom and Dad are
Tiana and Ryan.
Proud Grandma & Grandpa are
Des and Cheryl Birmingham.



Attendance & Giving



ATTENDANCE

AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE
FOR AUGUST = 283



Thank you for giving
approximately \$57,400
in the month of August.



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



Candy Nordstrom, beloved wife of
Tom, mother of Andrené (Arond),
grandmother of Kari, Madison,
Jackson & Peyton Schonberg, is now
with the Lord;

Carol Gober, loving mother of Jill (Gale)
Lee and grandmother of Olivia and
Roddy, is also with the Lord; and




Former member Butch Bayless, father of Melissa and
Nanette, passed away and is free from suffering.

Don't forget...

8-Week Video Series

Dr. Scott Turansky and
Joanna Miller, MEd, SEds
present...

Parenting is Heart WORK



Connect with your kids in ways
that will change their hearts.

Wednesday Nights
beginning September 28
6:45~8:15 p.m.

FUN! *Atherton's 27th Annual*
Country Fair **FUN!**
October 8
10 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.

**Featuring Country Western Musicians:
Justin Curtis & Easy Pickens**

- Face Painting
- Food
- Specialty Shops
- Home Baked Desserts
- Petting Zoo
- Caricature Artist
- Clothing Boutique
- Bounce House



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