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July BBQ

Sunday, July 6, 11:30 a.m.

We will have one combined Worship Service that morning at 10:15 a.m. to celebrate our freedom here in the U.S, and thank the Lord for His sovereignty. After the service, we will have our annual holiday BBQ consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips and soda for the whole family for only \$5 per person/\$20 per family. There will be no Sunday school that day, but there will be Children’s church for nursery age through 2nd grade.

SUMMER FAMILY WORSHIP

July through August

Morning Service 10:15 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

“so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6).

With a desire to encourage a “one heart and mouth” worship experience and to foster the oneness Jesus prayed for us, we will be joining **TOGETHER** for one blended service at **10:15 a.m.** each Sunday followed by lunch **TOGETHER**. The goal is to worship God and celebrate our church family **TOGETHER**.

Schedule:

- 9 a.m. ~ One combined adult Sunday school class
- 10:15 a.m. ~ Blended Worship Service and Children’s Church (nursery-2nd)
- 11:30 a.m. ~ Lunch

- Bring your own lunch or reserve a lunch for a donation of \$5 per person or maximum of \$20 per immediate family.
- Lunch menu will be posted each week for following Sunday.
- Reservation needs to be in office no later than Wednesday noon.
- To keep costs down, please pay for any lunches you have reserved even if you do not use them.
- A few lunches will be available for last-minute guests.

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

From the Pastor's Heart



Turning our hearts to God.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR: OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE. It begins Sunday, July 6, and ends Sunday, August 31. Sunday evening service will continue as usual BUT our Sunday Morning services will join together for one service at 10:15 a.m.

One of our motives behind this is found in the book of First Corinthians. In chapters

12 and 14, Paul teaches that the purpose of our spiritual gifts is to minister to one another when we gather together. He says these gifts are given for the common good, that, like the physical body, we each have a role to play for the body to be healthy, and that we are to excel in using our gifts to build up the church.

In the midst of this teaching, he writes chapter 13, known as the “love chapter.” He introduces it by saying, “I will show you the most excellent way,” meaning the most excellent way to be the church God has called us to be. And then he talks about love—not just any love but a God-type love, best described as self-sacrificing, other-focused love.

Paul’s main point is that when we gather, which is what the

word church means, the gathering of God’s people, the key ingredient is for us to exercise self-sacrificing, other-focused love to one another. This means the primary focus we are to have when we gather is on OTHERS—to minister to those around us.

Our summer Sunday morning gatherings are a great opportunity to exercise this call of God on our lives, individually and collectively, and to help each other stretch and grow in this by worshiping and eating together. We are to come with an I-am-here-to-love-and-serve-others attitude.

So I invite you to join me in growing in this area of your faith by coming, participating and asking God to use you to minister to others on those Sundays.

Pastor Charlie

Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

How thankful I am for God’s Word and the way it strengthens every part of our lives. Consider with me the following Scripture passage:

“Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus” (Hebrews 3:1, NKJV).

Many people today are asking two soul-searching questions, “Who am I?” and “Why am I here?” In different seasons of life, we attempt to find the answers, desiring to know ourselves and be known. But thankfully, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we have an identity. We belong first and

foremost to the Lord Jesus Christ. And because of this, we draw our purpose, direction, example and identity from Him. We are children of God and co-heirs with Christ. Thank you, dear Lord Jesus!

The living sacrifice of Jesus brought us forgiveness of sin, victory in this life, and an eternity secure with God in heaven. Think of it...He made us holy and He made us family—family with Him and family together as believers. Our purpose and focus in life is Christ and His Kingdom. There is no greater purpose or focus in all of life!

Have we realized that finding our identity in Jesus changes everything? It certainly



changes the way we live, for the pathway to DISCIPLESHIP involves living a life that reflects this new identity—this newness in Christ. We no longer identify with the flesh—but with Christ. If we live according to our fleshly nature, we are “living” out a false identity, and the Lord has freed us from that kind of lifestyle. Our lives are to REFLECT all that His identity speaks of. It also means that as members of His family, we are to live in community with other believers, reaching toward the goal of bringing others the

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We Get Mail

Dear Church Family,
A very heart-felt thanks for all the lovely cards, calls of comfort and especially your prayers as my Mom went home to be with her Lord. It is very difficult but realize that it was time.

In Christ's love,
Becky Brunckhorst

Yes, Lord, walking in the way of Your Truth, we wait eagerly for You, for Your name and Your renown are the desire of our souls. Isaiah 26:8

Dear Church family at TFB, past and present,

My first and most important aim as a lead worshiper has been to facilitate musical worship, and to try to stay out of the way of the Holy Spirit as much as possible. Collectively, as a body of believers, it should always be our goal to elevate the name of our Creator and King. Certainly, some performance aspects exist in musical worship. We want to try to play in time, sing in tune, make few errors in our execution, but the band should not be a “show.” Sunday morning is not a concert in the typical sense because it is the responsibility of every worshiper to sing from the heart to our audience. That audience is not seated in a pew, but He is listening from His throne in heaven and He dwells among us when we gather together. It has been an honor that you have entrusted me to steer our musical worship to the best of my ability that we might sing our hearts out to our “audience of one.”

Casie, Gibson, Haley and I came to TFB a little over eleven years ago to serve and become a part of this church family. We have lived a significant part of our lives here with you, and we are grateful to have shared in yours. We sincerely thank you for embracing us, helping our kids grow in their faith, and for allowing us to serve you for this season of our family's life and the life of this church.

I thank Pastor Charlie for his trust in me to lead you in musical worship each week, for the creative space to try, and sometimes fail, and then try again. Mostly, I appreciate his collaboration as a friend and partner in serving God.

I thank this band of talented musicians that we have had the privilege to play alongside. More often than not, I have been the least gifted musician in the band. While most of the time, you have been quite unaware of my glitches and gaffs, they, more than anyone, know my shortcomings, yet they trusted me, and kindly withheld any reservations or frustrations. Most importantly, they are worshippers who love Jesus. These folks model true worship with their lives and not merely their instruments.

I thank you for granting Casie and me the privilege to lead in worship. My hope is that you have grown as I have grown in my understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, and to worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23, 24).

Despite our confidence in knowing that God is leading, I'm sure you know that this is a difficult move to make. We are, however, sure that our move is bathed in prayer and led by God. I'm just as confident that God wants TFB to continue to honor Him and to continue serving this community. Jesus loves His church; His blood was shed for His bride. We are committed to continue to love and pray for you regardless of where we worship as part of that bride.

Grace and peace,
Mark Duvall

July Food Drive



Throughout the month of July, we will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items which will be given to local food banks to help those who are in need. Help stamp out hunger by bringing your unexpired items to the church. *“No one has ever become poor by giving.”—Ann Frank*



Friday, July 11 (6:30p—8:30p)
Saturday, July 12 (9:30a—2:30p)
Sunday, July 13 (10:15a)

Visitors to *SonTreasure Island* will discover a unique treasure. More precious than gold, more lasting than diamonds, it is the greatest treasure of all—God’s love! The Christian life begins with God’s love for us and continues as His love flows through us to others.

At *SonTreasure Island Weekend Adventure*, treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts and enjoy tropical snacks. But more importantly, they will discover the rich treasure of God’s love through the truths found in 1 Corinthians 13.

Open to all kids ages 3 through completed 5th grade.
Registration forms available in the church office or online.



Wednesday, July 9 (9a—6p)

Attention incoming 6th-8th grade students: Fun in the sun is on the horizon as we venture to Pacific Park at the Santa Monica Pier for a day of unlimited rides, lunch and enjoying the California sun and the Pacific Ocean. **Cost is \$20**, which includes lunch. Invite a friend and sign up with Pastor Jay to reserve your spot!

*Monday
July 21
(Noon—3p)*



Hey TFB Kidz! Join us for an afternoon of inflatable fun at *Pump It Up!* For just **\$10**, you can jump and play to your heart’s content at one of our city’s newest attractions. Whether running through an obstacle course, sliding down a giant slide, or being the first to grab the flag atop the “*Slippery Slope*,” you won’t want to miss out on all the fun. Sign-up with Pastor Jay and don’t forget to bring a friend!



JUNIORS SUMMER CAMP **JULY 14-18**

It’s not too late to sign-up for camp! For students entering the 3rd grade through 6th grade, join us at Oak Glen for Lightseekers Camp. The **cost is \$290** for a week of solid Bible teaching, great fun and memories that will last a lifetime. Contact Pastor Jay to register.



*TFB Blood Drive
July 20
8 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.*

**REQUIREMENTS
FOR DONATING BLOOD:**

- ❖ Be in good health
- ❖ Bring valid photo I.D.
- ❖ Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- ❖ Drink plenty of fluids
- ❖ Eat a nutritious meal
- ❖ No tattoos within last 12 months
- ❖ Can't have given blood for 56 days
- ❖ Be at least 17 years old
(16 with signed **Hospital** Parental Consent Form)

Free certificate for 1 pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream to all who donate.

**Call the office, 310/328-5030, to sign up.
Appointments preferred,
but walk-ins welcome.**



July 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Journeymen will meet at TFB in the High School Room on **July 12, at 10:30 a.m.** We will go to the shooting range and then come back to the church and have pizza. The cost is \$35 (which includes lunch) or \$30 (if not eating lunch). Sign up in the patio or call J.J., 310/324-6583, for more details.



*Attention Men
Save the Following
Dates*

August 9 ~ Breakfast and Tour of Endeavor; 9 a.m.



September 19-21 ~ Men's Conference at Thousand Pines

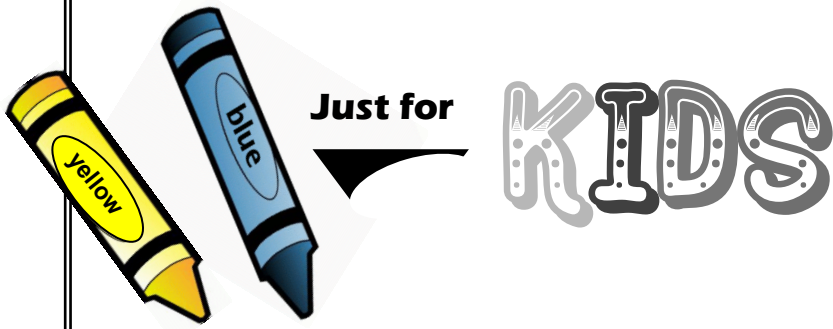
Watch for more info in the coming months.

TFB Tithes and Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$72,806 in the month of May.

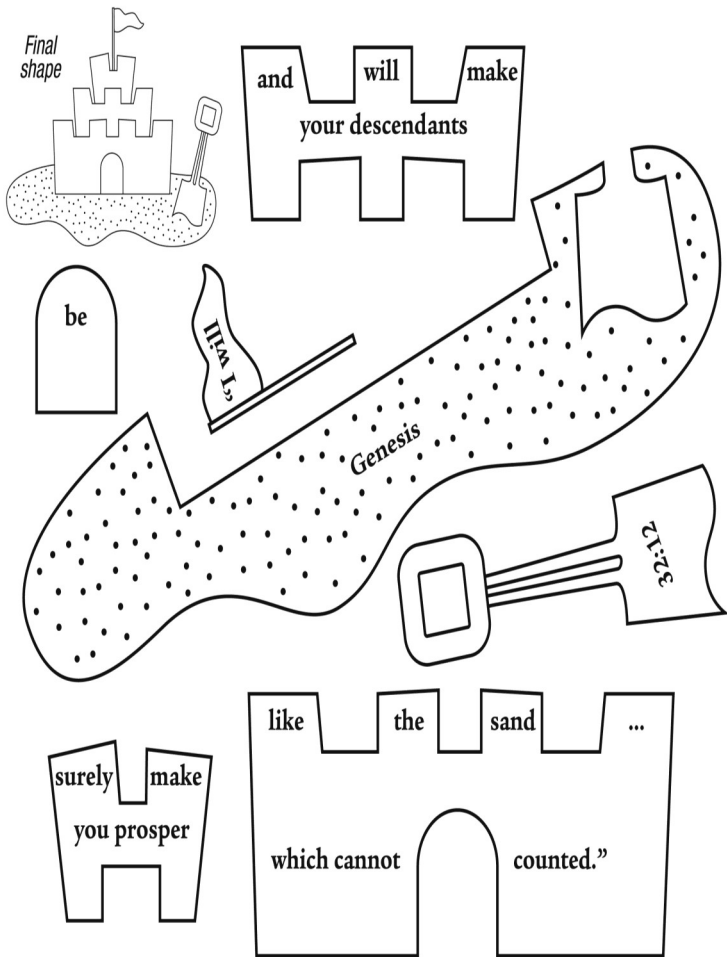
ALSO: Thank you for giving \$1,140 to help the "Davids" go to the Middle-East.



A promise kept

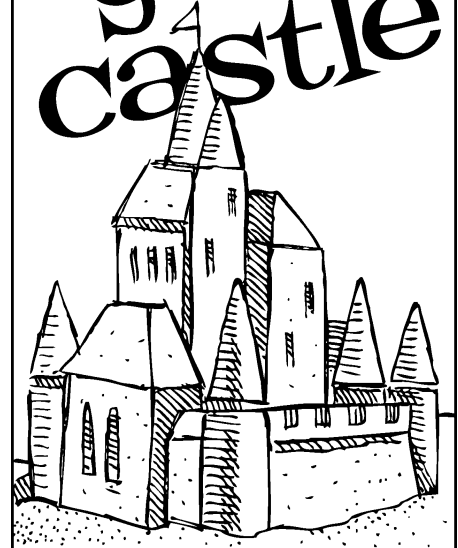
In Genesis 32:12 (NIV), Jacob remembers a promise God made about his family. We, too, can be part of that promise. God always keeps his promises.

Directions: "Build" a sand castle using the shapes below. Cut out and assemble the shapes to complete God's promise. (Use the "final shape" image as a guide.)



Answer: "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand ... which cannot be counted." Genesis 32:12, NIV

Color your castle



Summer is the perfect time to build a sand castle, whether in a sandbox or on the beach. Use this fun idea to add color to your creation.

What you need:

- Empty spray bottles
- 1 cup water per bottle
- 4 Tablespoons cornstarch per bottle
- Food coloring

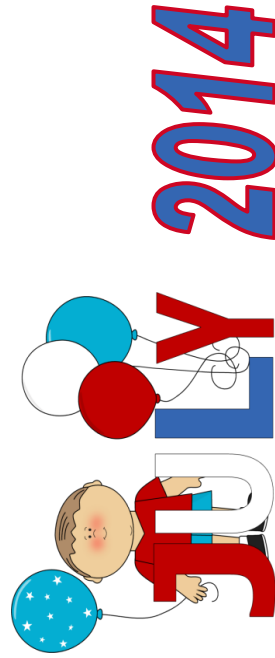
What you do:

1. Remove the lid from each bottle and pour in the water and cornstarch.
2. Replace the lid and shake the bottle to dissolve the cornstarch completely.
3. Add drops of food coloring to achieve the desired color.
4. After building a sand castle, spray it with your colorful mixtures.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sunday Worship Services: 10:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 9 a.m. Children's Church, 10:15 a.m. Church Family Lunch together, 11:30 a.m. Worship & Witness, 6 p.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.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday High School Revive, 7 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Wednesday Jr. High QUEST, 6:45 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice, 7 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m. Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31			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.

Upcoming August Events:

- 8/3 ~ Jr. High Pool Party/BBQ, 12:30p
- 8/9 ~ Journeymen: Breakfast & Tour of *Endeavour*, 9a
- 8/13 ~ TFB Kids to Seaside Lagoon, 9:30a
- 8/20 ~ Jr. High to Huntington Beach, 9a
- 8/22 ~ Senior's & Friends' Luncheon; 12n





Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please remember that game night and dinner night are great opportunities to invite friends, whether they attend TFB, go to another church, or don't go to church at all.



Game Night ~ July 12, 5:00 p.m. ~ We will meet at Wilson Park again this month by the So. California Live Steamers Train Ride. Don't forget to bring friends, games and munchies to share. Call Jude, 424/800-1910, if you have any questions.



Dinner Out ~ Saturday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at El Burrito Jr., 3830 Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance.



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

"God lived: Where do we begin?"

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

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17, ESV).

Every day I make coffee, walk from here to there, and get some sleep. These things are routine; they're nothing special. Or at least that's how it seems. But what if I'm wrong about that? What if these daily routines are expressions of God's glory?

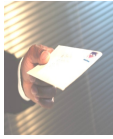
In his letter to the Colossians, Paul calls his readers to live out God's glory: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17 ESV). Life in the name of Jesus centers on his truth, authority, and reputation. A life of gratitude to the Father centers on God as the *Savoir* who has moved us from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of his dear Son. And the whatever? Well, that includes making coffee, walking here to there, and getting sleep, as well as a myriad of other things.

What if I began asking,

- (1) How do these declare God's power and divinity?
- (2) How do these express my gratitude to God? and
- (3) How do these tend to help someone or something better glorify God?

What would happen to my perspective? I wonder.

More Mail



Thank you to all the folks who have sent cards or called about the passing of Bob's brother, Rev. Everett Andrew.

In many ways the Memorial Service was a blessing with more than 50 relatives among the crowd of 150 or more at the church Eb helped establish in Novato.... [I heard things about my brother that I had not known.]

Bob and Della Andrew



Loaves & Fishes Update

It is already 6 months into the new year. How time flies! Thank you for supporting Loaves & Fishes.

We've been feeding the homeless for 25 years now, and I roughly figured that we have served over 34,500 meals and to-go lunches in that amount of time. Wow! That's a lot of food. And guess what? God has provided every time!!! God has used YOU to be a blessing to the less fortunate. Matthew 24:40 states: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." We are so grateful to you for your prayers and support all these years.

Opportunities are here for those of you who would be interested in this outreach ministry. You can make a casserole, dessert, salad or main dish. You can wash dishes or help serve. If this is something that the Lord is calling you to do, then give me a call (310/328-5371) or email (lindafay@dslexreme.com) or come to the kitchen/gym on the first Saturday of every month and we'll put you to work. If you cannot physically be there, we covet your prayers and would also appreciate financial support to buy our supplies for this ministry.

I know it's only the middle of the year, but Christmas will be here before we know it, and we need to get a head start. We will need toys for the children and large hygiene items for the adults. So if you see something we can use on sale, pick it up and bring it to the church earmarked for Loaves & Fishes. Thank you.

Linda Stratton



Smile Awhile!



MEDICAL TEST

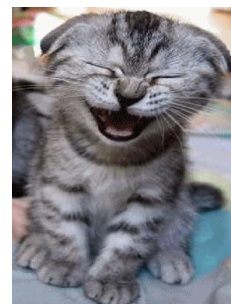
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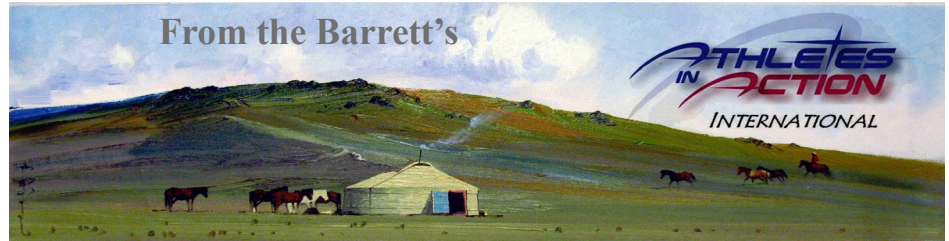
Now stare in the puppy's eyes for 10 seconds.



Your CATSCAN and LAB tests are now complete!



*TFB Global Outreach
Missionary News*



Dear Friends,

We just said “goodbye” to a basketball team collected by Athletes in Action. The team members were NCAA Div I players who traveled to China for games and outreaches, then came to UB for 4 days. The schedule was packed with games and ministry. We had three games: one with Mongolia college all stars, one with the #1 Mongolian professional team and one with the Mongolian national team. I’m

happy to report that AIA won all three games, although two were close and the last game was 91-90. The teams were well matched and the fans were thrilled. During half time, we spoke briefly and showed a video clip of Jeremy Linn, a Christian NBA player giving his testimony. They especially liked this because he was Asian! We had 1,000 evangelistic basketball DVDs made and brochures which the players gave out during half time. A US player won the half time dunking competition. He placed Sukhee near the basketball goal and then jumped over him to dunk the ball. The judges all gave the US player “10’s” and the crowd went wild! That game and the next were televised on two Mongolian stations, which has made Sukhee a famous man!

The team visited the Mongolian school for the deaf and held a mini basketball clinic, played a basketball game with the students and then had a short evangelistic program. Each student received a Bible story book. (This is the same school where we gave out the Jesus Film for the deaf last year.) The American basketball players did a great job of interacting with the kids and showing them love! Today the team finished their visit by having a practice, and mini clinic with a prominent junior team. Once again the AIA team really reached out to the Mongolian players. We worked the AIA guys hard, but they were up to the challenge!

In the past few weeks we’ve held several “Kids Games” outreaches in and around UB. June 1st was “International Children’s Day” and AIA hosted 2 outreaches for 600 children using “Kids Games.”

We’ve made a lot of progress this month on a sport field which will be on the grounds of a church in one of the yurt districts of UB. This church has several young people who have been trained by the International Sport Coalition in using sport as an outreach. In the next couple of weeks the concrete will be poured and the sport field will be ready to use for reaching their neighborhood. We are thankful to several of you and churches who have helped fund this project!

We hosted our 5th AIA wrestling tournament on June 23 and a one week camp for Mongolian youth. This year we [expected] 80 Mongolian wrestlers and coaches to attend. ...Wrestling camp is a great time of togetherness. The atmosphere is one where we have numerous opportunities to witness and share the Love of Christ.

Cindi’s been working hard to help with the distribution of “Magdalena” which is an excellent film and Bible study developed just for women. Her goal is to make sure women across Mongolia are aware of and motivated to use these studies for evangelism and discipleship. Please pray for this project.

The publisher of “Shepherding a Child’s Heart” has finished the translation of the book. Several women who studied it earlier with Cindi have read and given their comments to the editor. It is now being edited and will be printed sometime this summer! This is a big praise as the book has potential to help many families in Mongolia.

Please be praying for us in the weeks ahead. We are thankful for each of you!



**Half time dunking competition!
Our guy jumping over
Sukhee to dunk the ball!**

Stephen and Cindi

Reflections

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Good News of the Gospel.

In realizing these truths, we need to ask ourselves several questions: “In what ways do we need to embrace our identity in Christ and live more like Him?” And, “In what ways do others view our true ‘Christ’ identity in our words and actions?”

Thought provoking, aren’t they?

May these thoughts draw all of us closer to our wonderful Lord and closer together in the bond of His love.

I’m praising His wonderful Name,
Pastor Rog



Now is the time to start looking for school supplies on sale to help supply filled backpacks to needy children. Would you like to help one, two or more children go back to school this fall with some new and fun school supplies? You can help by purchasing one or more backpacks filled with the following school supplies:

- 1½-2” notebook
- box of crayons
- set of markers (K-5)
- colored pencils (6-12)
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 pens
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- pencil box/pouch
- ruler
- 3 pocket folders
- 3 highlighters
- scissors: small (K-5); large (6-12)
- 1 pkg. lined wide ruled paper (K-5); college ruled (6-12)
- 1 spiral wide ruled notebook (K-5); college ruled (6-12)

Any extra of the above items will also be appreciated. We have a few extra empty backpacks here at the church that can be purchased in the patio for \$10. We will be collecting filled backpacks and extra items throughout August.

Sympathy

Please pray for the following families who have lost a loved one:

- Bob Andrew lost his brother, Eb;
- Fay Garrett, long-time TFB member is now with the Lord;
- Laura Walleman lost her father, Carl;
- and J.J. Plock lost his Grandma Plock





Coming soon:

*Get ready to Celebrate
September 27-28*



Invite everyone you know, including past members and attendees, to join in as Torrance First Baptist Church celebrates our 100th Anniversary in September with lots of special activities. Former pastors and members alike have been invited to join us for the weekend, which includes a special catered dinner on Saturday (tickets, \$40/person, will go on sale later), but it is limited to 150 people.

After the dinner, there will be a program in the Worship Center (open to all) with a video looking back over the past 100 years, historical displays and words of remembrance.

Sunday morning will be a combined service followed by a BBQ and chili cook-off, popcorn, cotton candy, giant slide/jumper, games, etc. The anniversary gift (patio fountain) and time capsule will be dedicated.

We are taking donations to fund the proceedings (except for the dinner which will pay for itself). Also, if you have any old TFB photos, videos, etc. to share, drop them by the church clearly labeled



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For more information, contact the church office: 310.328.5030 or info@fbclife.org or visit us on the web at www.fbclife.org