

Torrance First Baptist Church
the Proclaimer

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Fall Festival

Friday, October 31
5:30 ~ 8 p.m.

Bring your family and friends for a great time of **FREE** family fun here at the church with:



(hot dogs, popcorn, soda)



Pumpkin Carving Contest
 (carve a pumpkin and bring it with you to be entered in our pumpkin contest).

Come in costume if you want (no witches, ghosts, goblins, or anything scary, please).



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

Lend a Helping Hand

Church WORK DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 ~ 9:00 A.M.

From the Pastor's Heart



This very weekend, September 27 & 28, we are celebrating TFB's 100th birthday.

Based on our theme verses of Hebrews 12:1-2, this celebration is a combination of giving thanks for the TFB legacy of so many faithful followers and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with encouragement from their legacy, looking forward ourselves with renewed commitment to running the race God has set out for us to build His Kingdom in this place.

This calls for us at all times to keep our eyes on Jesus, so this celebration weekend is truly all about Him. He is the originator of our faith, and it is He who will ultimately complete our faith. That is why it says in Jude verse twenty four that Jesus is *"able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy."*

So as we celebrate our 100th, let me encourage you to renew your commitment to Jesus and the race He has called you to run, and to persevere in running with a faith in Jesus to bring you across the finish line with a life that has brought great honor and praise to Him.

Serving Christ together,
Pastor Charlie



Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

Finding direction for our lives is a very important thing, for oftentimes we don't know what to do. Many years ago, I found a little plaque with a saying from President Abraham Lincoln:

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

How very true! But many years before President Lincoln made this statement, another government official was crying out to God because of similar circumstances.

David, the King of Israel, said this in Psalms 25:4-5:

"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day."

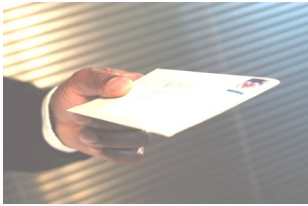
Once again, how very true.

Let's face it, when our circumstances are urgent, extreme and bleak, we need to know God's way. But how? David was under extreme duress, as his son, Absalom, had rebelled against him and desired his throne — even his life! What was he to do? Fortunately, he knew what to do, and he cried

out to the Lord for help and direction. It is here that David teaches us that when God leads us in His way, it typically involves three things.

First, there is the issue of what we *want*. Notice, please, that David said, "Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths." David desired to be led by the Lord. Many times we don't really want God to show us His ways; what we really want is for Him to approve and affirm our ways. Interestingly, when God, Who knows our hearts, sees that we really want Him to lead, then *HE WILL LEAD US*.

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We Get Mail

* * * * *
 * Dear Ones, *
 * The flowers were lovely. My day *
 * was perfect as I had all of my family *
 * with me. *
 * We all gave thanks to our Lord. I *
 * felt truly blessed. *
 * I love all of you so very much. *
 * Thank you and may God bless all. *
 * Love, *
 * Lois Gilliard *
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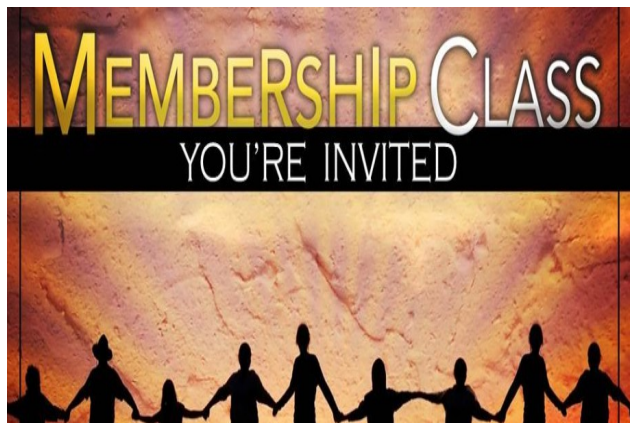
Eleanor and Wayne
 Musser would like to thank the
 people who brought meals for
 two weeks while Denise was
 out of town.
 We really appreciated it!
 You may pick up your
 dishes in the church kitchen.



SAVE THIS DATE:
December 14, 2014 ~ 1:00 p.m.
for
Randy Rudé's 90th Birthday Party
here at TFB



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eyerly
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their daughter
Megan Elizabeth to
Mr. Steven Alexander Feuerborn
on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.
at Torrance First Baptist Church



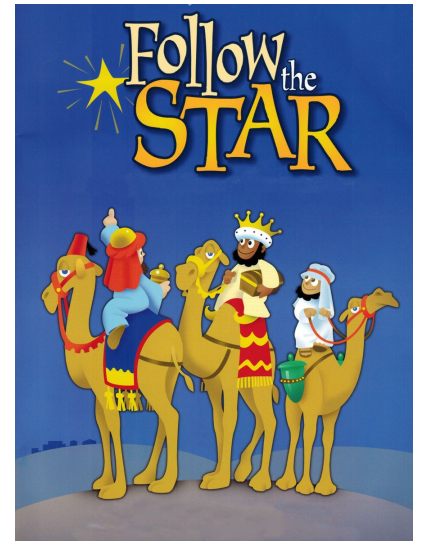
PASTOR'S *MEMBERSHIP CLASS* *Saturday, October 11*

Pastor Charlie will be holding a new class on **Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.** If you would be interested in becoming a member of Torrance First Baptist Church and/or simply learning more about what we believe, you are invited to attend this class. Please sign up in the patio or call the church office.

Our Youth in Action

TFB Kidz ~ Join us each week...

TFB Kidz Ministries meet each Wednesday nights this Fall from 6:45-8:15 p.m. Each week we will be working on a Christmas musical, "Follow the Star." We will not only learn the music, but study God's Word in an energetic time together. Open to all children 1st grade and older—all musical abilities welcomed! If you'd like to be a part of this new musical venture, please talk with Pastor Jay or Karla Gaines.



**High School Ministries
meets Tuesday nights
(7:00-9:00 pm)**



**Junior High Ministries
meets Wednesday nights
(6:45-8:15 pm)**

Family Fall Fest Volunteers Needed

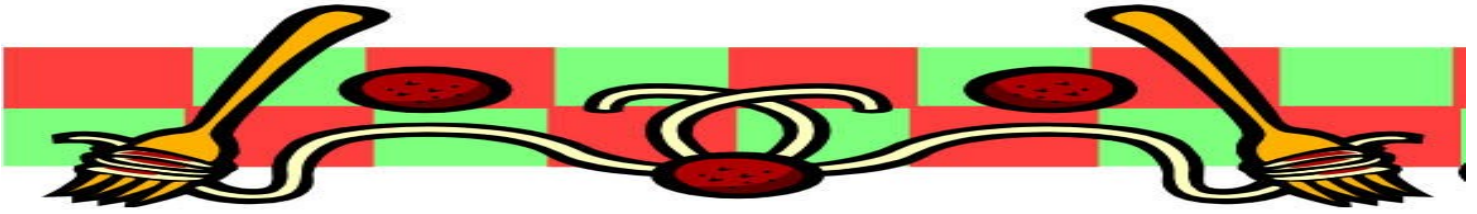


FALL FESTIVAL

On **Saturday, October 11**, we will begin preparations for our upcoming October outreach event. We need those with some carpentry skills and equipment to be able to construct new game booths.

We also need donations of candy to give to the kids. We are planning to have a Cupcake Walk and are asking for donations of cupcakes on **Friday, October 31**.

Please contact Pastor Jay if you are available and interested in helping out in any way.



New Challenge Ministries

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

October 11, 4-7 p.m.

Come anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. to enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner.

You can eat it here or take it to go.

This will support the Fresh Rescue Food Bank of New Challenge Ministries and help fight hunger in the South Bay.

The cost is \$8 for advance tickets; \$10 at the door.

For more information, call 310/320-4171.

Proceeds will be used for New Challenge Ministries annual Christmas Toy Drive and Christmas Dinners which are given out to families in need.



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX: Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box, lid separately, but wrapping is not required. For your convenience, you can pick up wrapped empty shoeboxes in the patio.

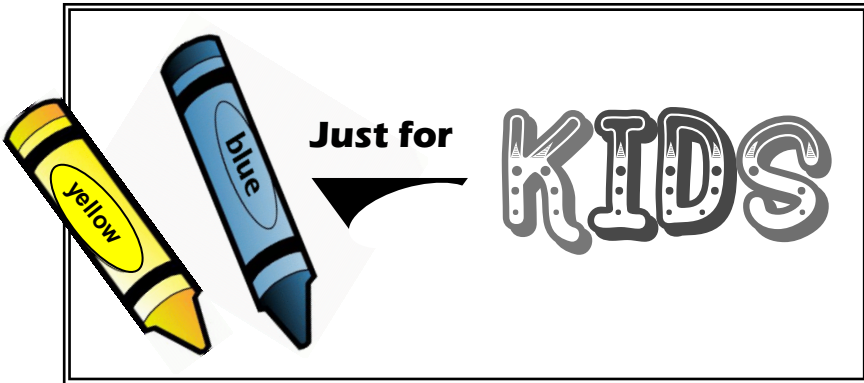
BOY OR GIRL: Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Boy/Girl labels are also in the patio. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.

FILL WITH GIFTS: Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child (see Gift Suggestions on page 11).

INCLUDE \$7 DONATION PER BOX: Help cover shipping and other costs related to delivering your shoeboxes to children overseas by donating \$7 for each gift you prepare. **You can give online:** www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/ to discover the destination of your box. Or, you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation. Note: Follow Your Box is only available through online giving.

Remember to Pray for the children who will receive your shoebox gifts.

FILLED BOXES ARE DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.







A promise to the earth






After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ... destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).


Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.



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GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV



Edible Cornucopias

If you're planning a harvest party, set up a snack station so people can fill their own edible cornucopias.

What you need:

- Waffle cones
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurt-covered raisins, etc.)

What you do:

1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
3. Enjoy!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
5 2p Sing @ Royalwood	6	7	8	9 7p Beacon Light Mission	10 7p Young Marrieds @ Duvall's	11 9a Pastor's Membership Class 4-7p New Challenge Min. Spaghetti Dinner	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Worship Services: 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Adult Sunday School, 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) Wship, 12:45 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.</p>
12 5:20p Prayer Gathering	13 7p DiscDev Team	14	15	16	17	18 6:30p Singles' Game Night (Gym) 7p Share & Care	<p>Monday</p> <p>Ladies' Prayer, 10:30 a.m. Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Women's BSF Leaders, 9:15 a.m. High School Revive, 7 p.m.</p>
19	20 7p Facilities Team; Finance Team	21 6p Mnstry Teams: Fellowship, GO, Outreach & Wor. 7p Deacon/ess	22	23	24 7p Young Marrieds @ Duvall's	25 9a Journeymen's Study 9a All Church Work Day 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Women's BSF, 9:15 a.m. TFB Kidz, 6:45 p.m. 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.</p>
26 5:20p Prayer Gathering	27	28	29	30	31 Anx reserved all day for Loaves & Fishes 5:30p Fall Fest		<p>Thursday</p> <p>Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m. Worship Band Practice, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.</p>

Upcoming November Events:

- 11/8 ~ Men's (& Women's) Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- 11/9 ~ Gary Bonner Singers, 6 p.m.
- 11/21 ~ Seniors & Friends Luncheon, 12





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: Meet at the church on **Saturday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Bring games and snacks to share. Contact Jude Mussari, j_mussari@yahoo.com, if you have any questions.



Dinner Out ~ Saturday, October 13, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Calimari's Italian Restaurant, 1000 Torrance Blvd. in Redondo Beach.



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

"Gloria Patri"

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

Glory be: Like light shining beyond brightness or weight past lifting, so is God's glory and worth (Exodus 19; 1 Kings 8; Revelation 1). He is worth more of our glory than we can give (Ps 29, 96).

to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: God is a Trinity; he is one God and three persons. We see the Trinity at Jesus' baptism: the Son was in the water, the Father spoke from heaven, and the Spirit descended like a dove (Luke 3; Ephesians 4): three persons, one God.

God is worthy of glory

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be:

From before the beginning of time, God is worthy of glory (John 17). He is worthy of glory in every moment and every circumstance. He is worthy in every moment that is now.

world without end: His worth and his works are from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 90). There is never a time when our worship can justly be laid aside (Revelation 4).

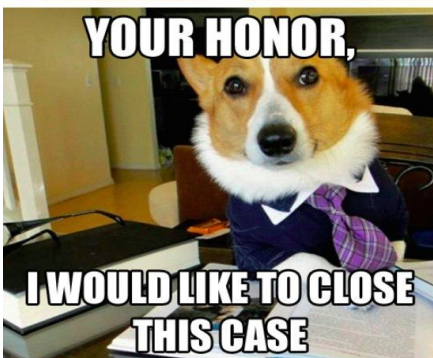
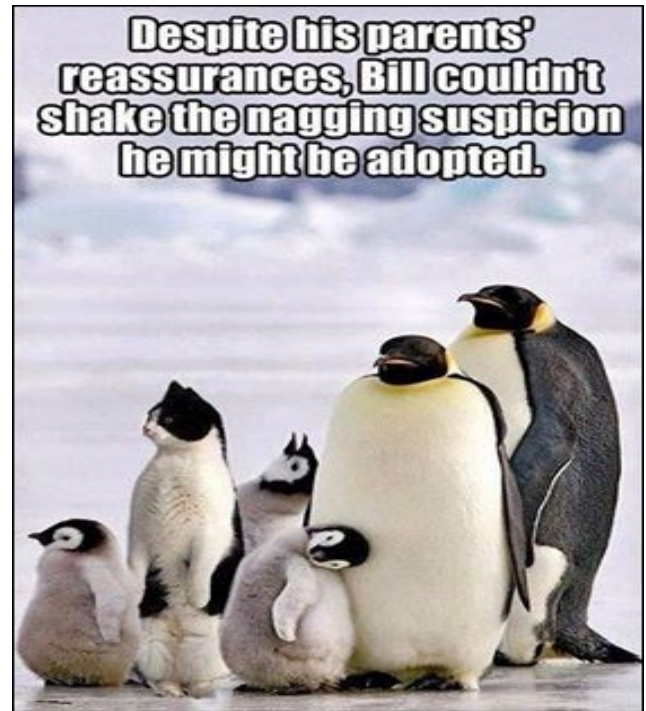
Amen: As a prayer, the *Gloria Patri* asks God to let our worship bring him glory. As a declaration, it announces our commitment to ascribe glory to Father, Son, and Spirit in all our moments.

The Gloria Patri is an ancient Christian prayer and hymn; as a prayer, it was in use from at least the fourth century and versions of the song from at least the seventh. There are several versions in several languages, including Syriac and Greek. Over the centuries Christians have sung this hymn to declare God and our worship of him.

Sources (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/05150a.htm>; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloria_Patri)



Smile Awhile!



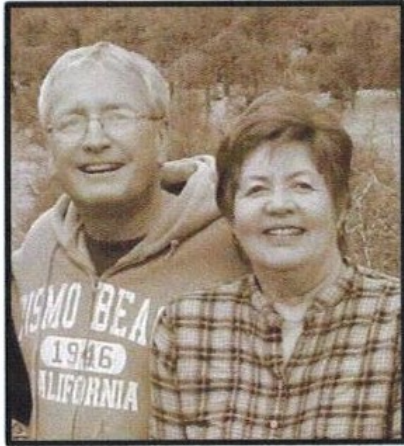
Fan or Follower?

In *Not a Fan* (Zondervan), Kyle Idleman distinguished between people who enthusiastically admire Jesus (fans) and those who fully commit their lives to Him (followers).

Do you acknowledge and cheer for Jesus but show no real interest in truly following Him? Do you want to be “close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything” from you?

If either of these statements hits too close to home, pray that Jesus will transform you from a mere fan to an all-in follower.

*TFB Global Outreach
News*



Chuck & Ramona

**From our missionaries Ramona & Chuck Shawvers
who serve in Mexico**

Dear Friends,

Happy Memorial Day weekend and last Sunday of this very rare month of five Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. This won't happen again for more than 800 years. Apparently the Chinese call this the "silver pockets full" month...speaking of which, your generosity and your prayers touch us deeply. Besides your regular support to sustain our ministry, many of you have sent extra donations to help the Baptist Seminary in Mexico City in this time of financial crisis along with extra gifts to International Ministries to help with the all staff gathering. There is so much to thank you for and so much to share with you.

Ramona and I are well and write for the first time from our new home in The City of Puebla (70 miles east) where we have landed following the sale of the seminary apartment buildings in Mexico City. As a consequence of that sale by the legal owner, the seminary has lost much of its operating income. We are now in a major reorganizational process to reduce expenses and re-focus our efforts on equipping church leaders through more cost-effective extension programs. We ask for your prayers in this process as our reduced team has more work than ever. We will be at the seminary this next week working on both administrative and academic restructuring. Our new colleagues, IM Missionaries, Keith and Deb Myers, will play a significant role in future extension programs.

The All Staff Gathering, International Partners Consultation, and World Mission Conference at Green Lake, WI, this past July was an amazing time of inspiration, education, collaboration, worship and fellowship. Words don't come close; what a grand experience. We are grateful to all who made the event possible. Following Green Lake, Ramona and I were able to spend time with our children and their families in Indiana and California. Our wonderful family news is that Silas and Bere are expecting their first child, a boy, in January.

After a month in the U.S., it is a joy to be back in Mexico and back to the work we love. In September we will be focusing on the seminary's reorganization and visiting churches in Chiapas to follow up on very productive regional events last May. In October the churches of CICEM hold their national gathering in Puebla. Following that event we will be visiting communities in Oaxaca, Mexico and Puebla on behalf of the seminary and then in November back to Chiapas for most of the month.

Because your prayers are so powerful, we ask you to bring the following matters to the Throne of Grace:

1. Our colleagues Dalia Juarez and Eleazar Perez were involved in an automobile accident returning to Chiapas. Both suffered neck and back injuries. Please pray for their recovery.
2. Our beloved colleague, Olivia Juarez, passed away from diabetes-related causes earlier this summer. Please pray for her family, Lazaro, Melquizedec, and Sury as they mourn their great loss.
3. Pray for the reorganization of the Baptist Seminary and its future.
4. Pray especially for the following churches which are in times of testing: San Juan Cote, Calihuala, Maravillas, and Chacacal.
5. Pray for a needed missionary colleague/couple to serve long-term with our churches in Chiapas.
6. Pray for our seminary students who are finishing up their thesis work hoping to graduate in December.
7. Pray, participate and advocate for the World Mission Offering. Thank you!

Reflections

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The second thing we notice here has to do with our *will*. David not only wanted God's ways and paths, he was willing to follow God's leadership. Do we see it? Without the involvement of the will, the first pebble we encounter on our path trips us up. Why would the Lord show us His way when we are unwilling to follow His way? When David asked the Lord to "lead him," he declares his willingness to submit to God's will. I wonder, are we willing to do this as well?

But then, thirdly, we need to understand that experiencing God's will may require us to *wait*. We don't like that word, do we? In submitting to the Lord's will, David demonstrated his desire and his willingness to let God lead him according to His time table. Help me, Lord!

I don't know where you are in your walk with the Lord, but may you be willing to let these three things which guided David's life guide yours.

Remember, we can depend upon our wonderful Lord. Why? Because He is absolutely *FAITHFUL*.

Looking only to Him,
Pastor Rog



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

Leslie Peacock lost her younger sister, Lisa; and Ralph Norsworthy lost his brother-in-law, Julian Wailes.



Gift Suggestions for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-Liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



TFB Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for giving approximately \$50,430 in the month of August.



Conference Location: Hillside Community Church, 5354 Haven Avenue
Rancho
Cucamonga, CA

Important Information and Registration Deadlines:

Conference Registration Closes: October 10, 2014

Please remember to include your **Breakout Session** choices and order your meals when registering. There is no guarantee that meal tickets will be available for purchase upon arrival.

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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