

the Proclaimer

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Saturday, June 6, 5:30 p.m.

Bring money for both dinner and a movie as we will go out to dinner prior to going to the theater. Go by the table in the patio with any questions and to sign up so that we will know how many movie tickets to get ahead of time.

Sunday, June 14—6 p.m.



Join with us as we praise the Lord by singing the old choruses and hymns. Invite your family, neighbors and friends to be inspired by some good ol' Gospel singing. Refreshments will be served after the song fest.

*Father's Day Event
for Everyone
June 20 ~ 9:45 a.m.*

**The DEAD SEA
Scrolls**



The Men and Women's Ministries invite you to join them in visiting the California Science Center to check out the Dead Sea Scrolls and view the IMAX film, *Jerusalem 3D*. We will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. and return about 3:45. We will be taking the church bus on a first-come/first served basis. The cost is \$23 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$17 for kids/students. There will be time for lunch so bring some extra cash. Sign up in the patio at the Men's or Women's table. Advance payment is needed.

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

From the Pastor's Heart



It is hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. Let me encourage you to continue to include the worship of and service to our Lord as you shift some of your activities for the summer. In fact we could certainly use you for our VBS, July 6-10.

The ministries of our church family continue throughout the summer, with extras for our children and youth. I would invite you to pray for God to use our summer camps and special outings to reach new ones for Christ and ask Him how you could be of help.

Over the years I have noticed a pattern of a drop in giving during the summer months. Not sure why, but since our expenses stay the same, I would ask you to not forget to continue your financial support.

Here are three financial principles that are a good reminder for us all about handling the money God has graciously provided:

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 ignore His principles in managing 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.

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

Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

One of the toughest assignments we face in life is to keep functioning while everything in our world is falling apart. You know what I mean? If you've ever been there, or that's where you are today, you know how difficult it can be to try to do all the things you normally do when nothing is normal. It's at times like this we wonder, "Does anyone understand what I'm going through? Does

anyone even care?" These questions have been asked down through the ages by many people because of various situations.

The people of Israel certainly knew about those things. In Psalm 80, Asaph, the man of God, laments what is happening to His people [please read]. God's people are in desperate trouble...they have disobeyed Him and now, in love, God is disciplining them. Their cry to Him is plaintive:



- ◆ "hear us" v. 1;
- ◆ "Restore us" vv. 3, 7 & 19;
- ◆ "Return to us" v. 14.

Sadly, their continued disobedience and rebellion had resulted in God temporarily withdrawing His favor. So three times in verses 3, 7 and 19, Asaph, on behalf of the nation, prayed the

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WILD ADVENTURE WEDNESDAYS

(For Kids Kindergarten ~ 5th)

Our first Wild Adventure will be a
Balloon Blast
June 24
10 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.

Join the fun with balloons, balloons, balloons:



Water balloons,
 Shave a balloon
 (without popping),
 Balloon animals, and more.



The cost is \$5
 and includes lunch.



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**PARENT'S
 DATE
 NIGHT**

Friday, June 26, 6-9 p.m.

Kids (infants through 5th grade) will have dinner and a movie, while the parents get an evening to themselves (after viewing a brief couples' devotional video, if they'd like). This is a once-a-month event on the 3rd Friday of each month, but this month, due to graduations, it will be on the 4th Friday.



Saturday, June 27
9 a.m.

Join us as we pitch in to keep
 God's house in order.
 A Continental breakfast and
 lunch will be served.

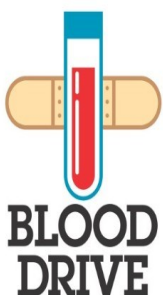


Loaves & Fishes Update

As most of you know, Loaves and Fishes is a big part of TFB outreach. We have been serving the homeless, low income and seniors for over 25 years now. The number of guests we serve each month is going down a little, but the need is just as great. We serve a potluck lunch and make up a lunch bag to take with them for later in the day. This ministry requires volunteers to operate. We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, pray first, then call me, 310/328-5371.

Maybe your small group, Sunday school class, youth groups here at the church, or a family might like to help? Stop by our table in the patio the last two Sundays in June. We will have a sign-up sheet in the patio for various times and opportunities for you to get involved and we can give you more information.

Thank you and God bless,
 Linda



Results

Thanks to everyone who
 participated; 32 pints of blood
 were given! PTL!!



June 20 (Saturday)



After going to see

we will be taking the



leaving the church at 4:00 p.m.

We will travel through Los Angeles and end up at:



in time for the 7 p.m. game. See Daniel to sign up for tickets.

YOUTH PRAYER



every 3rd Saturday

Saturday, June 20, 10~11 a.m.

BEACH DAY (Clean-up & Fun) has been moved to Saturday, June 27 10 a.m.

After helping to clean-up, we will enjoy the sun & surf. (Location depends on the swells.)



Decorative border with sun icons surrounding the Thousand Pines logo and Summer Camps at Thousand Pines details (Jr. High ~ July 5-10, \$359; High School ~ July 19-24, \$359).



Summer Camps at Thousand Pines

Jr. High ~ July 5-10, \$359

High School ~ July 19-24, \$359

Not only is summer camp a ton of fun with old and new friends, but it's also a great "adrenaline shot to the heart" to get your walk with God back on track. With a slew of pastors giving the messages, there will be a teaching style that fits everyone. And, don't forget the worship time with hundreds of other young Christians excited about singing to God together.

Sign up with your Youth Leader ASAP.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNIORS



Vacation Bible School July 6-10 6~8:30 p.m. \$10

This is for all pre-schoolers (potty-trained) through 5th graders. Invite your friends to join in for a fun time!

Helpers and workers needed. If you can help with this outreach, call Karla, 310/922-5652.



LightSeekers Junior Summer Camp July 13-17, \$295.00

All 3rd through 6th graders are welcome to sign up for summer camp. Anyone who would like to help with scholarships for those who can't afford it but want to go, please mark your envelope, Camp Scholarship Fund.

Our 2015 Graduates
College

Jenna Nawa Grindle, Doctor of Medicine (summa cum laude), Ross University School of Medicine
Rodrick Lee, BA in Chemistry & Certificate in Digital Arts, Cal State, Dominguez Hills
Jelissa Nawa, BA in Interior Design, Woodbury College
Crystal Rice, COTA, Occupational Therapy, Linn-Benton Community College
Julie Harris, AA, El Camino College

High School

Joshua Hadley
Nicole Martin
Robbie McKenzie
Craig McMillian, Jr.
Roger Solarzano

8th Grade

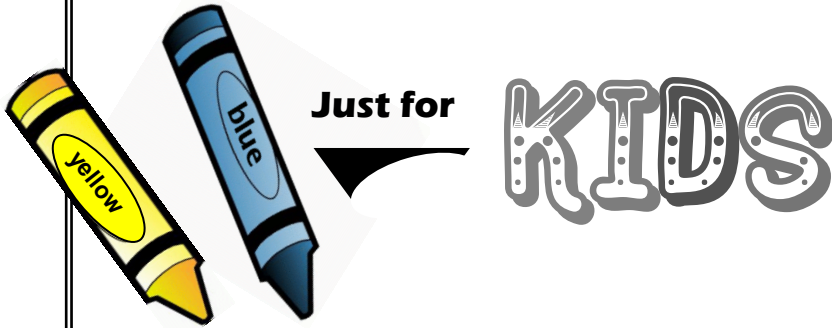
Jade Juckes
Christina Pagniano
Terry Wilson

CON "GRAD" ULATIONS!!

We Get Mail



Neville Hardy was overwhelmed with all the love shown through calls and cards when his brother, Eric, went to be with the Lord. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.



Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask do eternal If good good Why
	good Jesus life man One Teacher

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 “_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?” “_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?” Jesus replied.
 “There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments.”



“SUNDAE” PARTY

Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

What you need to make a card:

- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write “Thanks for being my teacher!”
2. On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

Celebration options:

- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.

Recurring Weekly Events:

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) Worship, 12:45 p.m.
 New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.

Monday

Ladies' Prayer, 10:30 a.m.
 King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

High School Revive, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Dinner & Colossians Kids, 6 p.m.
[through June 10]
 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.

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m.
 H.S. Band Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.

Saturday

New Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.

1	2	3	4	5	6
2p Sing @ Royalwood	9	10	11	12	13
7	8	9	10	11	12
2p Sing @ Royalwood	9	10	11	12	13
5:20p Prayer Gathering 6p Spring Sing	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30			
5:20p Prayer Gathering	29	30			

Upcoming July Events:

- 7/1 ~ Wild Adventures to Adventure City
- 7/5 ~ One Service followed by BBQ, 10 a.m.
- 7/6-10 ~ Vacation Bible School, 6 p.m.
- 7/17 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6-9 p.m.
- 7/5-10 ~ Jr. High Camp
- 7/13-17 ~ Junior Camp
- 7/19-24 ~ H.S. Camp
- 7/22 ~ Wild Adventure to P.V. Bowl
- 7/29 ~ Wild Adventures to Farmers' Market





Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

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



Dinner Out ~ Saturday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. Meet at King's Hawaiian Restaurant, 2808 Sepulveda Blvd., in Torrance. Any ?'s, call Gloria Pedersen at 562/505-4495.



Game Night ~ Saturday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at the Bundoc's, 23146 Audrey, Torrance. Bring games and snacks to share. Call Jude, 424/800-1910, if you have any questions.



"We Are the New Humanity"

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

Our world is full of division. Conflicts, both new and centuries old, flare across the globe and humanity seems fractured. We are tempted to think that we are simply like this. But these fractures are not part of who we are as humanity, for they only go back to Genesis 3. God intended for humanity to be a loving community, but humanity chose to sin in Eden and scoffed at God's intention. But God redeems.

"Our identity as persons and as community is founded in Jesus."

The old humanity in Adam dies. The new humanity in Christ lives (Rom. 5:12-17). Christ is making all things new (Rev 21:5). The church is this new humanity, reconciled, whole, and healed in him. Christ restores the intended unity in the new humanity, reconciling all peoples who have been reconciled to God in Christ (Eph. 2:14-16). Fragmentation is no longer part of our identity.

Our identity as persons and as community is founded in Jesus. Connection to him determines membership in the new humanity in Christ (Rom 5). Whatever our nation, language, or culture, Christians are one humanity in him and we are becoming ever more like him (Rom. 8:29).

The end of the new humanity is glorious and even now we have the capacity to offer the world a foretaste of God's eternal kingdom. We are and are becoming a new creation in Christ (Col 3:10; Eph 4:22). We are connected to Christ and with one another. We are one in him.

As we live today, both as individual persons and as a community in Christ, let us remember who we are and who we are becoming. Let us live accordingly.

To learn more about the New Testament images of the church see Minear, P. S. (2004). *Images of the Church in the New Testament*. Louisville, Ky: Westminster John Knox Press.



Smile Awhile



For Fun



A friend in need . . .

Feeling footloose and frisky, a featherbrained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the farthings and flew far to foreign fields and frittered his fortune, feasting fabulously with faithless friends.

Fleeced by his fellows in folly and facing famine, the fellow floundered as a feed-flinger in a filthy farm. Fairly famished, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged food from fodder fragments. “Fooley, my father’s flunkies fare far finer!”

The frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts. He fled forthwith to his family. Falling at his father’s feet, he forlornly fumbled, “Father, I’ve fruitlessly forfeited family favor.”

The farsighted father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged his flunkies to fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast. The fugitive’s fault-finding brother frowned on fickle forgiveness of the former folderol. But the faithful father figured, “Filial fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled! Let fanfares flair!”

—*The Treasury of Good Clean Church Jokes*

Priorities

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, “You’re tearing up the grass.”

“We’re not raising grass,” Dad would reply. We’re raising boys.”

Harmon Killebrew

EXCHANGE STUDENT.



Japanese Students Need Homes July 12-July 25, 2015

If you’d like to be involved by inviting one or two students from Japan to be a part of your family for two weeks (see the above dates), please contact Denise Hadley, denise181615@yahoo.com or 310/324-6008. Denise has been in this program for about 8 years and is very enthusiastic about it.

She reports that the students go to English school every weekday. You pick them up from school at 4:30 p.m. and then they participate in your family’s activities. You provide a bed for each, 3 meals a day, a ride to and from school, and a loving family. Yoshi Ide likes to place them in Christian homes so we can make an eternal difference in their lives. Some compensation is provided.

*TFB Outreach
News*

Doors of Hope Women's Shelter

God's Life-Changing Grace: Ranell's Story



Linda Stratton

"I came to DOHWS on December 15, 2014, one month after a suicide attempt. I have had a ongoing battle with depression for most of my life. My father died before I turned two and my mother was suffering with a severe case of alcoholism. My life had been a circle of doing good, then falling into a depression, starting over then repeat. Before I came to DOH, I was staying with my sister after trying to overdose from the trouble I was running from. I had everyone convinced I was okay, but I was dying inside. I knew I couldn't stay at my sister's house long, and tried looking for housing everywhere.

After a referral from a friend of my sister, I found DOHWS. When I first got here I felt like my life was over. I could not believe I hit rock bottom and I was going to be staying in a shelter. My first night here I cried most of the night wondering why God put me here and even thought about attempting suicide again. I realize now that He had a plan for me. The Sunday after coming to DOHWS, I attended church with a few ladies and staff members. I felt God's presence in me and I knew I needed to turn my life over to Him. At the end of the service, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Since I have been here my life has changed. I am now a staff member helping serve the Lord through this ministry. I started making bracelets and selling them at our monthly fundraiser, giving a portion back to the shelter. One day I hope to turn it into a business.... Most recently I got a part-time job and signed up for school at L.B. City College, which I hope to start this summer.

One of the most important things I would like to highlight is the help I get through attending Celebrate Recovery. It's amazing, and I would encourage anyone who is going through something to check it out. It has helped a lot and I am gaining victory over my depression."

Without your prayers and support, the story of this young woman might not have happened. But by God's grace and intervention, a life has changed. Now Ranell has Jesus in her life, and she has hope for a better future. Thank you so much for giving her a chance and a change in her future [by supporting Doors of Hope Women's Shelter].

One of the major needs here at the shelter is for tennis shoes, especially sizes 10, 11, and 12 and ladies undies, size 5, 6 and 7's. Summer PJ's are also needed especially the larger sizes. We had over 56 ladies come in for showers and clothing who are not guests here which resulted in over 107 loads of laundry last month (including bedding and towels).

We do thank you for ALL the donations you provide for the shelter. Psalm 5:11-12 says: *Let all who take refuge in You be glad: let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them that those who love Your Name may rejoice in You. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."*

Linda Stratton
Director of Operations

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same prayer. *“Restore us, O God; make Your face shine on us, that we may be saved.”* He was asking the Lord to help them live differently so He could bless them again. Throughout Scripture, we’re reminded that God responds to this kind of prayer, and He’s ready to lead us in His right paths if we are ready to follow Him (Proverbs 3:5-6).

But many times, we experience similar difficulties when we are walking in fellowship with Him. What can we then pray? Verse 14 is an encouragement to us:

“Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine...”

This verse tells us that there is Someone Who understands our exhaustion and pain. Think of it, in the midst of billions of His children calling out to Him, He sees us. He hears us. Hebrews 13:5b tells us:

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

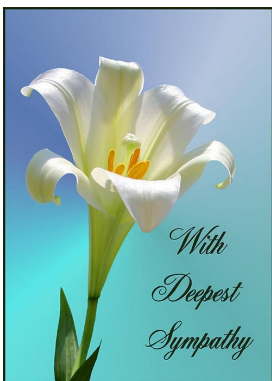
You ask, “Can this be true for me?” Yes, my friend. It can. But, there is something we do need to do while we are in the midst of the storm and Psalm 46:10 tells us what that is. It says:

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations I will be exalted in the earth.”

Right now, whatever your situation, please find a quiet place where you can pour your heart out to Him. Please know this: HE’S LISTENING. Like the psalmist did, ask Him to come visit your circumstances with His awesome power! Praise His Name.

I’m calling out to Him,
Pastor Rog

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



The Large’s lost their niece, Amber Williams; the Rentfrows lost their brother-in-law, Jack; and Cecile, Bob Baker’s dear wife of 54 years and TFB member, has gone to be with the Lord.



Cecile Baker

Vases Needed



If you have any vases you don’t use that are taking up space in your cupboards, would you like to donate them to be used to take flowers to our shut-ins? We will appreciate any and all vases that you bring to the office.



TFB Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for giving approximately \$48,565 in the month of April.



Please pray for the following from our church family who have on-going needs:

Della Andrew, Paul Ashcraft, Michael Banfield, Loretta Barnett, Reba Belcher, Julie Cochran, Tom Cochran, Lou Davis, Gloria Deering, Leah Douglas, Robin Fisher, George Fisk, Virgie Fletcher, Dutchess Gattis, Joanne Gertz, Barbara Harvey, Eugene/Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, Shirley Kellogg, Helen Kessenich, Joan & Debbe Kindt, Mary Larsen, Doug Luden, Jane McKenzie, Joy Moore, Wayne & Eleanor Musser, Dave/Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Austin Rayner, Jean Rayner, Margaret Rentfrow, Nellie Rizzi, Barbara/Randy Rudé, Edna Hazel Ruth, Ralph Schatz, Mary Schultz, Brenda-Jean Shephard, Gerri Stoodley, Margie Sweetland, Kenny Veldheer, Norma Vinsonhaler, Tammie Wakefield, Aggie Williams and Gertie Wissinger.



Continuing Need for Austin Rayner

Jean Rayner's 4-year-old grandson, Austin, has cancer. He is undergoing very expensive medical treatments and the family has incurred a lot of debt. If the Lord leads you to help, you can give to Jean directly or go online to www.gofundme.com/oqot1w.

Medical Update: The first-round of chemo has resulted in quite a bit of improvement. Doctors had planned to remove one of his kidneys because it was not functioning, but after the first round of chemo, it has begun functioning, though not 100%. Also, he had 22 spots in his lungs which have been reduced 2. He is presently undergoing his 2nd round of chemo.

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, and support!

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