

# the Proclaimer

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## *Getty Center Saturday, February 13 ~ 8:30 a.m.*

The Journeymen are inviting the whole family to join them as they visit the Getty Center — a museum which seeks to inspire curiosity about, and enjoyment and understanding of, the visual arts by collecting, conserving, exhibiting, and interpreting works of art of outstanding quality and historical importance. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Center. Parking is \$15 per car to be paid as you enter the parking lot. Bring \$\$ for lunch.

### Women's Ministries presents . . .



*with a Purpose*

## *Saturday, February 27 ~ 2 p.m.*

Women's Ministries would like to invite all ladies 18 and over to this fun, ministry event. We will be making easy, practical give-a-ways to hand out to the ladies at Doors of Hope Women's Shelter. Bring a snack to share. We will be accepting cash donations to cover the cost of materials.

*Proclaimers* are also available for viewing and printing on-line: [www.tfbclife.org](http://www.tfbclife.org)

## From the Pastor's Heart



*Allowing the grace of God to flow through you*

In thinking about this New Year as a new beginning for us, my mind turned to the beginnings of the early church. Jesus was about to go back to heaven and He told His followers to wait, to not do any ministry yet. Why? Because they needed to receive the Holy Spirit first. Why? Because with the Holy Spirit they would have the power necessary to fulfill their mission.

So it is clear that the power of God through the Holy Spirit is essential for effective ministry. Sure, we can do ministry in our own efforts, but the spiritual impact will be minimal. In fact Jesus said in John 15, the impact will be zero. Have you ever experienced that level of spiritual impact in your ministry efforts? I know I have.

Now we know from Ephesians, chapter one, that every person who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior has the Holy Spirit living in them. So there is no need for us to wait like they did in Acts one. But also in Ephesians, we read “be filled with the Spirit” which literally is translated “keep on being filled with the Spirit.” Why? Because it is only when the Holy Spirit is leading and working through us that our lives and others’ lives are spiritually impacted and changed. That is why Paul says in First Corinthians, chapter two, that he

came not in persuasive speech but with “a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.” He goes on to say, “so that your faith may not rest on men’s wisdom but on God’s power.”

As we look to this New Year, I am asking us all to look beyond the church calendar full of activities, look beyond the efforts and energies we give to ministry and look to be filled with, led by and empowered by God’s Holy Spirit—so that our faith rests on God’s power at work and not our efforts. Then and only then will our lives count for eternity. Then our efforts will truly make an impact for God’s kingdom.

I am confident that if you are a child of the living God, that is your heart’s desire. May that desire be fulfilled in your life and mine this year.

Serving Christ together,  
Pastor Charlie

*Allowing the grace of God to flow through you*

## Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

How thankful I am for God’s Word. It has been a tremendous encouragement to me since my childhood. As I started the 2nd grade, I became ill with rheumatic fever and Huntington’s chorea. The doctors assigned me to bed immediately where I stayed for several years—the last nine months at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. The doctors said I would never be well. They had no idea of the healing power of Almighty God!

While confined to bed (no

visitors, no home schooling) my time was spent reading the Bible and comic books. What a combination! As I look back on those years, I’m sure they were the “stepping stones” to God’s Word having such an important part in my life. Through the years, when other times of heartache, sorrow and loss touched my life, it has been God’s Word which has ministered to my needs—my deepest needs. How faithful the Holy Spirit is to teach us when we spend time alone with the Lord. Of course, I’ve quit



reading the comic books, but God’s Word remains by my side.

Back in the fall of 2008, we, as a church family, were encouraged to read through the book of Psalms together. I’ve never stopped reading the Psalms, along with many other passages, several times a year. My Bible by my chair at home is annotated throughout as



### *Cupcakes Needed for Sunday, February 7*

Sign up in the patio or call the church office if you can bring some cupcakes to help celebrate January and February birthdays in the patio during fellowship time.



Thank you for brightening the lives of our children through your generous support this past year.

Your friends,  
Pediatric Therapy Network

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, visits, cards and many expressions of love especially during Bill's hospitalization. Your thoughtfulness really means a lot.

We love you!  
Bill and Nona [Morgan]



Dear Church Family,  
We were so blessed by your generosity and your love. Thank you **very much** for the

Christmas gift that you gave to us! It was more than we could ever think or ask.

We pray that God will bless you abundantly in this new year.

With humble thanksgiving,  
Charlie, Rog, Daniel, and Karla



### *Senior Luncheon Friday, February 26 12 noon*

All are invited to attend this "Friendship" Luncheon as we gather to enjoy each other's company. Lunch will be provided with an opportunity to give a free-will offering. Our speaker will be Ges Davis from South Bay Village, a non-profit organization, that helps seniors stay in their own home. Sign up in the patio.



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## **Parents' Date Night**

### *Friday, February 19 6-9 p.m.*

Leave the kids (infants through 5th grade) to have dinner and a movie with us while you enjoy a night out with your Valentine. We are asking for a \$3 donation.



2016

Our Flower Calendar for 2016 has several dates still available. If you would like to celebrate a special event in your life or honor a loved one, please call the church office to reserve your preferred date. The cost is \$50 per arrangement—one sign-up per date, please. Payment may be made any time before your chosen date. The following dates, among others, are still open: 3/20; 5/15 & 22; 7/17 & 31.



### Saturday Morning Bible Studies

High School girls and guys meet separately each Saturday at 10 a.m. Then we go out to lunch together.

### Help Wanted!!

The High School and College Nexus ministries are in need of volunteer leaders. If you feel the call to invest in youth and young adults at this formative time in their lives, please contact Daniel Marion, 310/349-7647.

### Thank you, Bob and Tricia Frueholz

Bob and Tricia have faithfully served by teaching Sunday school for college students and young adults for many, many years. They feel that God has now called them to step down from this ministry. We want to praise God for their faithful service and pray that they will be blessed by the fruit of their labor through their many disciples!



Tricia & Bob



**Jr. High Worship Night**  
**Friday, February 26**  
**6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Meet in the Jr. High Room.**



We live in a time where we are constantly being manipulated by false information through media and popular culture. As believers, we face a battle between falling in line with these lies, or risking being labeled as fanatics, freaks, and fundamentalists. Join us this winter as we look at the teachings of Christ and how they are in direct opposition to the propaganda of the world, and ask if you have what it takes to join the Revolution.

**Jr. High**  
**February 5-7**  
**Thousand Pines, \$164**

**High School**  
**February 12-15**  
**Thousand Pines, \$219**

Donations to camp gladly accepted to help some who might not be able to afford to go. Mark envelope "Camp Scholarship."

### "God Has No Grandchildren"

by Daniel Marion

It is so hard to accept that we cannot make someone else love Jesus. It's even harder when we're talking about people we love (children, spouses, friends, etc.) Though we can have a positive influence through the way we live, and we can preach the Gospel with a firm Biblical theology and strong personal faith, every person's salvation is a matter of the relationship between him or her and God. Will he or she respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation to believe in Jesus Christ, or will he or she deny God's love and follow a sinful nature that leads to destruction?

I've tried many times to grow plants from seeds. I'm sometimes successful and sometimes not. The soil can be broken, the seed can be cast, and I can water and shine light on it. But, at the end of the day, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:6, it is God who gives the growth. We can plan church events and programs, but unless the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and bears His everlasting fruit through us, all of our works will come to nothing (John 15:5). And despite all our efforts, no one will ever come to saving faith at our command. It will only happen if they respond to God's calling. We can make our own calling sure (2 Peter 1:10), and we can encourage one another, but we can't make anyone else sincerely say, "Yes, Lord." So then, what can we do to help youth and visitors become true disciples?

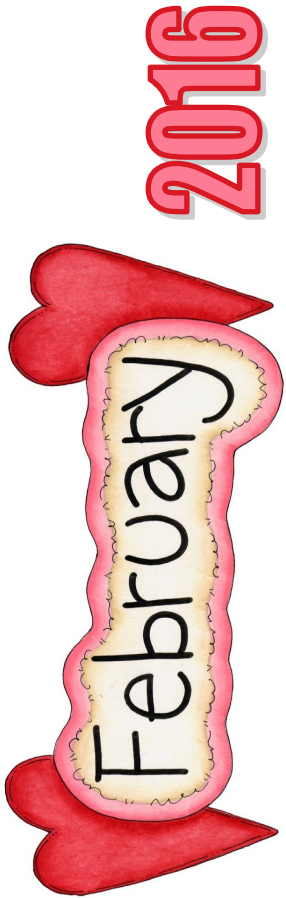
We MUST pray!! We must pray ceaselessly! We must pray as though our lives depended on it! God, let these people make their faith their own, that they would not think of you as their "father's God" as Jacob once did, but that they would wrestle with you, and come to call you, "My God" and "My Father." By the power of Jesus' blood, and for the glory of His name alone, let it be done!

**Recurring Weekly Events:**

<b>Sunday</b>
<p><b>Worship Services:</b>                      9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.                      Adult Sunday School, 9:15 &amp; 11 a.m.                      Children's Church, 9:15 a.m.                      Patio Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.                      Children &amp; Youth S.S., 11 a.m.                      Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m.                      Covenant (Korean) Worship, 12:45 p.m.                      Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.</p>
<b>Monday</b>
<p>Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m.                      King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m.                      Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<p>Classical Conversations, 8:30 a.m.                      High School Revive, 7 p.m.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<p>Family Dinner, 6 p.m.                      Colossians Kids, 6:30 p.m.                      Jr. High Quest, 6:30 p.m.                      Small Group Bible Study, 6:45 p.m.                      Choir Practice, 7 p.m.                      Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m.                      Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>
<p>H.S. Band Practice, 7 p.m.</p>
<b>Friday</b>
<p>Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.</p>
<b>Saturday</b>
<p>Men's BSF Leaders, 6 a.m.                      Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.                      H.S. Guys/Gals Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9		11	12	13
2p Sing @ Royalwood Jr. High home form camp				7p Contemporary Vocal Practice 7p Beacon Light Mission	H.S. to Camp 7p NeXus	8:30a TFB Family to Getty Center
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
5:20p Prayer Gathering	H.S. Home from camp 7p Finance Team	6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, Disc. Dev. & FMT			6p Kids' Night Out 7p Young Marrieds	Singles' Game Ni8ht
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	12n Senior Luncheon 6:30p Jr. High Worship Night 7p NeXus	2p Women's "Pinterest w/a Purpose"
28	29					
5:20p Prayer Gathering						

- Upcoming March Events:**
- 3/12 ~ Senior Outing to *Pageant of Our Lord*, 9a
  - 3/12 ~ Women's Bunco w/Hors d'ouvres, 6:30p
  - 3/18 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
  - 3/20 ~ Easter Cantata, 6p
  - 3/24 ~ Tenebrae Service, 7p
  - 3/27 ~ Resurrection Sunday





## *Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship*

*Please invite anyone of any age to join us.*

**Dinner Night ~ Saturday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at Chicken Maison, 3901 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite D, in South Torrance.



**Game Night ~ Saturday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at Denise Hadley's home, 18909 Doty Avenue, in Torrance. If you have questions, you can call her at 310/324-6008.



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

### *"God Exists Forever (Eternality)"*

By Laura K. Springer, M.Div., Th.M.

There are good times when we live day to day without a care. And there are other times when we question our strength and security, and when burdens are all we can see. This side of heaven, reality is somewhere between these extremes. While God has created us to bear his image by filling and leading the world, we remain creatures, depending on him for our very breath. We realize that life is short and "we bring our years to an end like a sigh" (Psalm 90:9, ESV). So we need a safe and strong person to trust, someone who will always be there.

God is that one. He is the eternal dwelling place of his people.

It was so for Israel (Psalm 90:1), and it is so for the church (John 10:22-30). He is always present as a place of safety (vs. 1). He always has been and always will be God (Psalm 90:2). He is eternal.

*"...we can rely on our  
God, for he is always  
with us..."*

Humans are not eternal (Psalm 90:3-6). We live in moments that happen one after the other. Time is something we live through; we cannot see beyond today and yesterday is filtered by our memories. There is only now. The long life of the oldest human ever is a mere breath in the context of eternity (v. 10).

But there's more. Not only is humanity dependent and time bound, we are also stained by sin. By ourselves, we live out our days under God's just wrath (90:7-11). Our sin is exposed in his glorious presence. There is nowhere to hide from him, for his ever-presence reveals sins, both apparent and hidden (Psalm 90:8). We cannot hide from him; we can only hide in him.

God has not left us under his wrath and lost in inability, for his steadfast love is also in his ever-presence (Psalm 90:14). His ever-presence establishes the goodness of his people (Psalm 90:17).

In the good times and in the not so good times, we can rely on our God, for he is always with us and for us. On our part, we are called to abide in him, to live in him as our eternal dwelling place.

*"Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days"*  
(Psalm 90:14 ESV).





**From Chuck & Elouise Corwin  
Tyrannus Halls International\***

Dear Friends,

...As you can see by our address, we live in a Huntington Beach condo. From my sofa we can see white waves on a blue sea and grey Catalina Island in the distance.

...[Last] March, it was felt by our mission we should give up our car, which means we are now dependent on kind friends to drive us to church; and on Viviana for shopping on days she comes to clean.

Every day we look forward to letters from our dear friends and fellow workers in Japan and India. They keep us apprised of the ups and downs in running a Hall, or of Halls facing difficulty in recruitment, location, leadership, etc. THI board members try to help, as Rich Kredel is now doing at the Myanmar and Cambodia Halls, and Gary Stubblefield, who [went in October] with a \$5000 grant for earthquake victims in Kathmandu, stopping en-route to visit Lydia Hall in Shillong [as they are] about to build an extension.

Every morning Chuck is on the phone with one or the other of the Halls. During October, each Hall received polo shirts for freshmen completing 100% attendance at Hall activities. On the back of each polo shirt appears a map showing the Halls. That shirt says, "We have not forgotten you."

Thank you for your part in the Halls,  
Chuck & Elouise

\* Tyrannus Halls International takes its name from the Ephesian lecture hall in which the Apostle Paul reasoned daily with disciples for two years (Acts 19:9, 10). As a result, "all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord." Over 55 years ago, Charles and Elouise Corwin established a residence hall in Tokyo to provide an environment for young men to realize their Christian potential during their university years. Its aim was to strengthen young disciples so they, as lay leaders, could build up the local church and impact their world with the word of the Lord. Since its beginnings in Tokyo, other Tyrannus Halls have been established in various parts of Asia—India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Cambodia as well as in various parts of Europe—Czech Republic and Hungary. A Tyrannus Hall accommodates twelve to twenty students and provides them with breakfast and dinner. Though staffed by a resident family, Tyrannus Hall ministry depends upon "peer discipling." Upper classmen set the pace and are responsible for much of a hall's activity. Both staff and students design the discipling program; however, the four major activities include: student-led devotions, sports, theological lectures and one week of summer missions involvement each year. By being given the responsibility of maintaining the cleanliness of the hall, paying visiting lecturers, leading devotions, organizing outings, budgeting finances, and handling discipline problems, students learn practical leadership skills. By daily interaction and fellowshiping with the staff family, they not only have a family away from home but also a model of what it means to be a Christian family in today's world. A Tyrannus Hall begins when a national church organization requests help from Tyrannus Halls International and their request is approved. A mutual agreement detailing finances, property, philosophy and theological distinctives is then drawn up between the national body and Tyrannus Halls International. Each Tyrannus Hall has its own local board of directors which owns and operates the hall. After such a hall becomes established, Tyrannus Halls International can withdraw its financial and advisory support leaving the hall a self-sufficient ministry of the national church. So what is a Tyrannus Hall? It is a small discipling community of Christian men attending secular universities; a residence hall where high commitment discipling occurs. In these halls, future laymen, pastors and missionaries of the national church are nourished, discipled and challenged. Time has proven that Tyrannus Halls equip Christians to give leadership to the church and influence their world for Christ through their key positions in government, banking, business, academia and missions.



# Reflections

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words, thoughts and exhortations have been imprinted on my mind and heart. One passage that continually speaks to me is Psalm 71:18, which says,

*“Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare Your power to the next generation, Your might to all who are to come.”*

Now, my hair is gray (though I’m not old—just older), but this verse has struck a responsive chord in my heart. I can’t get away from that phrase *“the next generation.”* Oh how important it is that our children and grandchildren learn of our Lord and of His great love, grace and salvation for them. If we don’t share the Word with them, how will they ever hear of Jesus? Like you, Joyce and I are praying every day for the salvation and spiritual growth of our children and grandchildren. It is clear that He desires us to declare Him to them through prayer and a daily life-style which honors Him. May we never stop doing this!

Sometimes we don’t see the answers to our prayers like we desire, but we must not stop praying. Galatians 6:9 exhorts us:

*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

Oh, how the next generation needs to hear of Jesus, and it’s our privilege and responsibility to tell them. May the Lord bless you (and all of us) abundantly as we reach out to them on His behalf.

My desire...to declare Him only,  
**Pastor Rog**

## TFB Tithes & Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately  
 \$65,139 in the month of December.



**CHURCH KEY INVENTORY:** We are trying to update our list of those with church keys. Please come by the office, call or drop us an email at [info@tfbclife.org](mailto:info@tfbclife.org) and let us know your name, what key(s) you have and what ministry you are using them for. If you wish to return unused ones, we’ll take those too.



*May our God Who hears  
 and answers us  
 fill your heart with  
 consolation, strength  
 and peace.*

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

Debbe Kindt, TFB member and beloved daughter of Joan, is now with the Lord;

Doug Luden lost his sister;

Royce, father-in-law of Musser’s son,  
 passed away;

Helmut Kauffmann, father-in-law of Rachel  
 Norsworthy Kaufmann also passed away;

Bob Boyd, former TFB Youth Pastor (in ‘60s),  
 loving husband of Cleo, is now with the Lord;  
 and Gary Schiller in now in Glory.

*Love is not about how much  
 you say ‘I love you,’ but how  
 much you can prove that it’s  
 true.*



John 15:7 “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

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

Michael Banfield, Loretta Barnett, Reba Belcher, Julie Cochran, Tom Cochran, Gloria Deering, Leah Douglas, Robin Fisher, Virgie Fletcher, Earl & Jean Forman, Dutchess Gattis, Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, Helen Kessenich, Joan Kindt, Mary Larsen, Doug Luden, Joy Moore, Dave & Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Austin Rayner, Jean Rayner, Nellie Rizzi, Barbara & Randy Rudé, Ralph Schatz, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, Tammie Wakefield, Betty Wallace, Aggie Williams and Gertie Wissinger.




Go ahead and chuckle at these Christian pick-up lines—just don't expect them to be very effective!

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- Now I know why Solomon had 700 wives...because he never met you.
- For you, I would slay two Goliaths.
- I believe one of my ribs belongs to you.
- Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Gilead
- How many times do I have to walk around you to make you fall for me?
- You really float my ark.
- How would you like to join my purpose-driven life?



“to love and be loved  
is like feeling the sun  
from both sides” 

## The Greatest Love of All

On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.

For God so loVed the world  
thAt He gave His  
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begottEn  
SoN  
thaT whoever  
believes  
iN Him should not perish  
but have Everlasting life.  
(John 3:16, NKJV)

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