

# the Proclaimer

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*Saturday, June 11, at 5:00 P.M.*

Ladies, join us as we go out to eat and to a movie. Plan on being out until about 10 p.m. Restaurant and movie to be announced. Sign up in the patio.



*Forest Lawn Museum Glendale  
June 25 ~ 8:30 a.m.*

The Men's Ministry would like to invite the entire congregation to go with us to visit one of L.A.'s free true wonders. The Forest Lawn in Glendale has been a Southern California landmark since 1906. It has a world-renowned art museum, extraordinary statuary, and the Hall of the Crucifixion-Resurrection, home of two of the largest religious paintings in the western hemisphere. While there, we will see the sacred trilogy of Christ's life: *The Last Supper*, *The Crucifixion* (a painting 195 feet long and 45 feet high (3 stories), and *The Resurrection* (another painting not as large but just as inspiring).

Meet at TFB at 8:30 a.m., and we will carpool there and back. Bring money for lunch.

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## From the Pastor's Heart



The story goes that one Sunday a pastor preached on the call of God on our lives to love one another. The next Sunday he preached on the exact same theme. He preached that same sermon for four Sundays in a row. Finally at the board meeting that week, the Deacons pleaded with him to move on to another topic in his preaching. He said he would once the church family had taken this truth to heart and genuinely had begun to love one another.

At the risk of having someone wish I had written a different *Proclaimer* article, I am reprinting a *Proclaimer* article I wrote just five months ago. Why? Because I believe it is imperative that we remember and experience the truth of what I wrote. So here it is.

Please read it with an open heart and mind for what God wants to say to you.

Jesus was about to go back to heaven, and He told His followers to wait—not to 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.

Now we know from Ephesians, chapter one, that those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior have the Holy Spirit living in them. So there is no need for us to wait as 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 other’s 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.”

Because of this, 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.

Serving Christ together,  
Pastor Charlie

## Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

We hear a lot today about gaining wisdom so that our lives are lived more fully. But how can we gain this wisdom? The wisdom of the world, good as it may be, never fully satisfies the deep longings of our hearts. Thankfully there is a wisdom which comes from God which not only helps us make right choices but which also shows us how to live in fellowship with God and others. God’s Word tells us...

*“The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace”* (James 3:17-18).

It has been said that, “We reap what we sow.” This has been a well-known rule in the natural world that helps us understand a spiritual truth. What this tells us is that there are consequences to



every choice we make. What we need to do then is make wise choices, but this is often harder

than it seems. We definitely need the right kind of wisdom which guides us correctly and leads to an abundant life. How thankful I am that the wisdom found in God’s Word leads to an abundant life.

Think with me for a moment about a fruit-bearing tree. When a tree bears fruit, it shows signs of life and the blessing of God. We



*King's Karate  
New Classes Begin  
Monday, June 6*

Ages 6-12: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Ages 13-Adult: 7:10-8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Daniel Marion,  
310/349-7647, or at kingskaratetfb@gmail.com



*Colossians Kids  
Grand Prix  
Saturday,  
June 4  
2-6 p.m.*

All kids, kindergarten through 5th graders,  
and their families are invited to join us for this  
exciting event. Get your car kit now and make  
your very own design racer. The cost is \$5/kit.

After the races, we will have pizza and soda  
for a donation of \$3/per person.

All-church

workday™

June 18  
9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.

It's always good to serve the Lord, and one way to do  
that is to join us as we keep the Lord's house in good  
repair. There will be a Continental  
breakfast and lunch available for  
those who help out. Remember,  
"Many hands make light work."



*Friday, June 17  
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  
together. We are asking for a \$3 donation per child.

**SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE**

Light Seekers Junior Camp (Oak Glen)  
June 27-July1 ~ \$295

Jr. High ~ Thousand Pines  
July 17-22 ~ \$359

High School ~ July 17-22 ~ Thousand Pines ~ \$359

Sign up now with a \$50 deposit.

If you'd like to donate to help someone go to camp who  
otherwise may not be able to afford to go, it would be  
greatly appreciated! Be sure to mark your envelope  
Children's Scholarships and/or Youth Scholarships  
accordingly.



*We Get  
Mail*

Dearest Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all of your  
prayers, cards, and support during this  
difficult time of loss. I am truly blessed to  
have such a warm and loving church family.  
Thank you, as well, for the many prayers for  
me and Robin over these last few years as  
we struggled through his many health  
issues. As tough as things were, God's  
presence was very real to me and I know  
that is because so many of you continually  
lifted me in prayer. Words seem terribly  
inadequate but thank you again.

Most sincerely,  
Pam Fisher



News



### Trellis Work and Vine Work by Daniel Marion



*Planning Luncheon  
Saturday  
June 4*

College NeXus and graduating seniors will be meeting for lunch on **Saturday, June 4**, to fellowship and plan our summer of activities. See Daniel Marion for more information.

Churches can look really good on paper. Look at this Newsletter, The Proclaimer! Torrance First Baptist has so many great programs! There are family programs, fellowship groups, local and global outreach, and performing arts and music ministries. Literally, on paper, we've got a great body of believers here at TFB! And there's nothing wrong with that...

### *Musical Talents Needed*

Anyone interested in growing your musical talents through training and ministry? See Daniel Marion for opportunities in Contemporary Worship Band, or see Randy Stager if you are interested in singing in the Worship Choir.



Unless you think that all the roles of ministry at TFB are taken, reducing you to being a passenger. Titled ministers can "open the doors" and maybe bring food, but the core of relational ministry is the prayerful speaking of God's Word from one person to another. The pastors and staff could put on a thousand programs a year, and not see anyone grow spiritually.

You've seen trellises and arbors in gardens (see picture below), and they are beautiful when they are covered with vines, flowers, birds, and butterflies. But if there's no life, then what is the point of the structure? Programs and church meetings are like the trellis, but the relationships and spiritual fruit are the life. We know that God gives us our spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 3:6) and that growth comes through one Christian ministering to another in Christ-centered fellowship.

So, if you don't see an opportunity to be a titled minister (usher, singer, childcare volunteer, etc.), then consider asking a couple of church members over to your house for dinner. Take someone who's not really engaged in church life and invite them to carpool with you to the next Men's/Women's event. Be the Church!

For more information, try out The Trellis and the Vine by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne.



*June Events*

*Craft Day  
June 10  
6:30-8 p.m.*

Meet at Peter's house, 25529 Cypress Street, in Lomita, as we make an awesome craft to be put up in the Jr. High room.




*Friday, June 24, 6:30-8 p.m.*

Come join us in the Jr. High room at TFB to worship God through music, art, and prayer.



## *Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship*

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

**Dinner Night ~ Saturday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at Veggie Grill, Rolling Hills Plaza, 2533 Pacific Coast Highway, in Torrance (near AMC parking structure).



**Game Night ~ There will be no game nights for the Singles until further notice.**



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

*"God is Correct  
(Righteous)"*

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

"But it's not fair." Many a parent and caregiver has heard this plaintive cry from the mouth of a child. Many an employee has felt it when someone else gets the raise or promotion that we thought we deserved. We humans do not need to learn fairness and justice, at least when it comes to our felt needs. Inside we're all fairness czars, and our righteousness is too easily selfish.

God's righteousness is never selfish but is always expressed from justice and love. God highly values and accomplishes justice (Psalm 99:4). His sovereign rule and holiness form the context in which he exercises righteousness (Psalm 99:1-2).

God punishes evil and rewards good. He does what is right, and he cannot be influenced to do otherwise. He is Lord of all, and he has the power to do what he wills. He always acts in keeping with his covenant, for righteousness is the exercise of justice in the context of community loyalty (Psalm 99:4d). God is just and fair in his dealings with his people, and he expects his people to be just and fair in their dealings with one another. He forgives wrongs against himself and takes action when others are wronged (Psalm 99:8). Our proper response is to lift him up (exalt) and bow ourselves down (worship) (Psalm 99:5, 9).

*"God is just and fair in his dealings with his people, and he expects his people to be just and fair in their dealings with one another."*

To be righteous is to do the right thing and not be convinced to do otherwise. Easy to say; hard to do. Our hearts are often against us and draw us away. Our culture presents a multitude of pleasant temptations that make us question the worth of righteousness. The world system tries to conform us to its ways and do us harm. Satan tries to trick and trip us. But he who is in us is stronger than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

*"Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy"* (Psalm 99:9, ESV).

**Recurring Weekly Events:**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 1p Steven Gaal Memorial Service	3 Anx. reserved all day: Loaves/Fishes 7p Young Marrieds	4 11a Loaves & Fishes College Planning lunch 2p Grand Prix 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
5 2p Sing @ Royalwood	6 New Karate classes begin	7 3p Classical Conversations	8	9 7p Beacon Light Mission 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	10 6:30p Jr. High Craft Night 7p NeXus (college)	11 5p Girls' Night Out (dinner/movie)
12	13	14	15 6p Last Family Dinner until September	16	17 6p Kids' Night Out 7p Young Marrieds	18 9a All Church Work Day 6:30p Singles' Game Night [TBD] 7pm Share & Care
19 Father's Day 7p Movie Night for HS/College	20 7p Finance Team	21 6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, Disc. Dev. & FMT	22	23 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	24 6:30p Jr. High Worship Night 7p NeXus (college)	25 8:30a Forest Lawn Tour for everyone
26	27 Juniors leave for Summer Camp	28	29	30		

**Sunday**

**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.  
 Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m.  
 Covenant (Korean) Worship, 12:45 p.m.  
 Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.

**Monday**

Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m.  
 King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Classical Conversations, 8:30 a.m.  
 High School Revive, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Family Dinner, 6 p.m.  
 Colossians Kids, 6:30 p.m.  
**[After 6/15, no Dinners/Colossians Kids until September]**  
 Jr. High QUEST, 6:30 p.m.  
 Small Group Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
 Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m.  
 Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday**

Ladies' Bible Study, 2p.m.  
 H.S. Band Practice, 7 p.m.

**Friday**

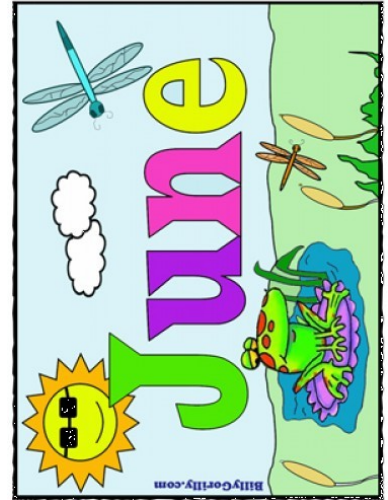
Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.

**Saturday**

Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.  
 H.S. Guys/Gals Bible Study, 10 a.m.

**Upcoming July Events:**

- 7/2 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 7/4 ~ Office Closed, Independence Day
- 7/9 ~ Colossians Kids Cupcake Wars, 1p
- 7/11-15 ~ Vacation Bible School
- 7/15 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 7/17 ~ One Combined Service & BBQ
- 7/17-22 ~ Jr. High & High School Camp
- 7/27 ~ Colossians Kids to Mulligan's



**2016**



## Psalm 98



It's summertime: The earth is blooming, school's out, vacations are here, time to enjoy the world around you!

Find these happy verses from Psalm 98. Use the code to fill the blanks.

### CODE

	burst
	joy
	sing
	all
	jubilant
	earth
	music
	new
	harp
	rivers
	Lord
	make
	King
	song
	shout
	let
	clap
	hands
	mountains
	together

" \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_  
a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ !  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ !  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ !  
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with the \_\_\_\_\_ !  
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||: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ !"

"Sing to the Lord a new song! Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Burst into  
jubilant song with music! Make music to the Lord with the harp! Shout for joy  
before the Lord the King! Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing  
together for joy!"

## Make an Instrument of Praise

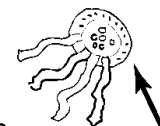


You will need:

- 2 paper plates
- dried beans
- pieces of crepe paper streamers or ribbon
- glue—thick craft type
- stapler
- crayons or markers

How to make:

1. Decorate the outside rounded part of each plate.



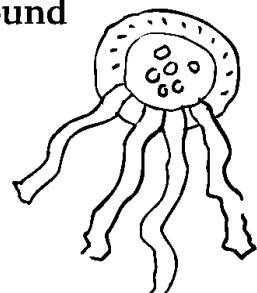
2. Lay one plate face up on the table. Put glue around the edges.

3. Place a small handful of beans in center of plate.

4. Lay crepe streamers or ribbon at one side so the ends are in glue. Put more glue on top of crepe or ribbon ends.

5. Lay the other plate on top, face down. Hold edges together until glue sets. If needed, staples can be used around edges also.

6. Shake or tap your instrument and sing.





Serving the homeless and needy in the South Bay area for over 100 years with "Soup, Soap and Salvation"

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## TFB Global Outreach

## Rejoice with Us

[excerpts from their *Mission Monthly* Newsletter of March/April 2016]



CHAPEL

The month of February was quite a month. All our old linoleum which was splitting apart and coming loose in the Chapel, halls, and dining room, has been replaced with a beautiful wood-grain flooring and the DOH's badly worn carpet has been replaced with a grade of carpet made to last. But none of this would have been possible if it weren't for a very generous, anonymous donation to BLM /DOH. This foundation has consistently donated to the Mission so we can improve it.

Added to this, ...our two-door reach-in refrigerator quit and we faced a repair that was about \$4,000. Then our old three-door refrigerator which has constantly been bleeding us of our dollars and cannot meet the Health Department's temperature requirements, needed to be replaced.

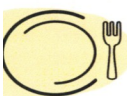
But our cook, Mr. Ben, went out to his contacts and told them about us and what we do, and the bargaining started. Bottom line, Ben was able to get 2 new three-door reach-in refrigerators for a little over \$5,000.00; a greatly reduced price. And where did we get the 5K? After we had the floors done and we paid our bills, we still had some money left over from the above anonymous donation which was enough to pay for the refrigerators. Only a loving God could have orchestrated this so perfectly.

We, the staff, profusely wish to thank those of this unnamed foundation for their love of our displaced, lonely, broken friends that we get to serve, because they chose to serve through their generosity.

And a special thanks to Jim's Floor Covering in Torrance and your fabulous professional crew—gentlemen one and all—and for your unbeatable quote. You came highly recommended, and we are the recipients of your love for the homeless. On their behalf and along with them, we applaud you and appreciate you more than you know for what you did for all of us.



Thanks to **YOUR** generous support and prayers this fiscal year (2015-2016) we were able to provide...



**43,443**  
meals

**3,529**

**hot showers**

Each shower includes clean clothing and hygiene items.



**12,830** beds were assigned

and **160 FREE** medical, dental and/or optical

examinations were performed during the 2 medical missions outreaches that were provided



### Financial Expenditures 2015-2016

Program Expenses	\$191,774.48
Administrative	\$57,218.14
Fundraising	\$7,489.06
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$256,481.68</b>

### Financial Contributions 2015-2016

Individuals	\$212,904.37
Churches	\$62,211.85
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$275,116.22</b>

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is qualified to receive tax-deductible donations.



# Reflections

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realize that the fruit contains seeds for more fruit, and these seeds are sown in the ground. In our Scripture above, James teaches that “the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace.” Do we realize that as we share God’s fruit with others, they are able to “catch” and receive God’s blessing, and as a result, bear fruit themselves?

May we never forget that our lives are all about sowing and reaping. Who we are is how we live, and how we live is what we sow. We then understand that what we sow determines what we reap. Here’s the spiritual truth James desires us to understand: If we live in God’s wisdom, we will sow the fruit of righteousness, gentleness, and mercy within.

I don’t know about you, but I need to ask myself this question: “What kind of seed am I sowing, and is it pleasing to the Lord and beneficial to others?” If I’m sowing with the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the harvest, by His grace, will indeed be plentiful, and God’s peace will indeed bless my life and those I come into contact with. May it be our desire then to so live before others that they will experience God’s peace in their own lives.

I’m praising Jesus,  
Pastor Rog



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, Virgie Fletcher, Earl & Jean

Forman, Dutchess Gattis, Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, Helen Kessenich, Joan Kindt, Mary Larsen, Doug Luden, Joy Moore, Bill Morgan, Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Jean Rayner, Nellie Rizzi, Barbara & Randy Rudé, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, Tammie Wakefield, and Gertie Wissinger.



## TFB Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for giving approximately \$65,951 in the month of March.



## To our Graduates

### College

Alaska Bundoc, RN, Harbor College  
Andrené Schonberg, BSN, U. of Phoenix

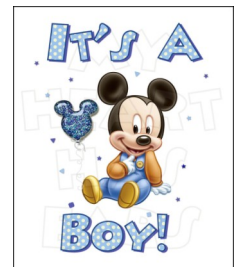
### High School

Thomas Harris	Blake Peters
Jacob Laxa	Danielle Shephard
Kady Martin	Christopher Taylor

### Jr. High

Amberlee Graves	Jacob Norman
Victoria Hadley	Madison Schonberg
Avalon Montgomery	

Charlie & Karen Rice  
announce  
the birth of a  
grandson,  
Conrad Archer,  
on May 23, 2016.



He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs.  
and was 20" tall.  
He joins mom & dad, Micah & Clara,  
and big sister, Alice.

**Congratulations!**



## With Sincere Sympathy

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



TFB member Steven Gaal  
is now with the Lord;

Jerrolyn Vitali lost her beloved  
cousin, Al Becker;

former TFB attendee and  
beloved husband of Betty,  
Ralph Schatz, passed away; and



Eloise Norton lost two family  
members, Carl Norton and Gerald Humes.

*Smile*



*Awhile*



This is what **BAD SPELLING** looks like.



This is what **“GOOD GRIEF”** looks like.



This is what a **HELPING HAND** looks like.  
(The guy in the back is the supervisor.)

*The Proclaimer* is a monthly publication of the First Baptist Church of Torrance, California, located at 2118 West Carson Street (6 blocks east of Crenshaw). Sunday services: 9:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (contemporary Service); 11:00 a.m. Blended Service (with Sunday School for all ages); and 6:00 p.m. Evening Service. Mid-week events for children and students: *College NeXus*; *High School Revive*; *Jr. High Quest*; and *Colossians Kids* for children.

For more information, contact the church office: 310.328.5030 or [tfbc@pacbell.net](mailto:tfbc@pacbell.net). Or visit us on the web at [www.torrancefirstbaptist.org](http://www.torrancefirstbaptist.org)