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Thursday, August 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

All are invited to come as we join our hearts and voices
in worshipful praise to the Lord.



*Saturday
August 27
9 a.m.*

Ladies, join Daniel Marion, senior instructor for King's Karate, in the gym as he teaches some self-defense techniques that may one day save a life. \$5 donation requested. Sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the patio.

The Journeymen
are having a ...

**TAILGATE
PARTY!**

August 27, 4 p.m.



Sign up in the patio.

Men are invited to enjoy
a time of food, fellowship & games.

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

From the Pastor's Heart



Allowing the grace of God to flow through you

This summer our VBS theme was “Walk This Way.” It was an exciting time with 60+ kids learning from the book of Acts about living life God’s way.

As I watched children come each evening, I was reminded of what Jesus said in Matthew 19. He said, “*Let the children come to*

Me. Don’t stop them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these” (14).

Jesus has a special place in His heart for children and so do we here at TFB. I saw that during VBS with the dozens of volunteers that faithfully came each evening ministering to these children. Children are so open to the wonderful truth of God’s love and grace for them. So we not only run a VBS-type program each summer, but we offer a weekly Sunday school and mid-week program. There is a lot of effort given each week by many volunteers to make that happen. But it is well worth it.

If you have never been involved in ministering to children, or if it has been awhile, let me encourage you to consider doing so. The benefit of knowing

that God is using you to love children and help them discover God’s amazing love far outweighs the sacrifice of time and energy you would give.

In Ephesians 2:10 we read: “*For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*” If you are interested in ministering to children, I invite you to contact the church office and leave a message for Karla Gaines, our Children’s Ministry Director.

Serving Christ together,
Pastor Charlie



Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

Have you noticed how hard it oftentimes is to be **still**—to be **quiet**? Let’s face it, for many of us, it’s not easy. We allow our minds to race from one problem to another—trying to come up with plausible solutions to those life situations which bring stress into our lives. We are concerned about what will come **next** or grieving about the **past**. Sound familiar?

Thankfully, the Lord has the answer for us. It’s found in Psalm 46:10:

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

This passage is very encouraging to us. The phrase “be still” literally means, “take your

hands off! Relax.” In this psalm, we see some pretty heavy things which the nation of Israel could experience in the days and years ahead (vv. 2-3), but nowhere will you find that God’s people are to be fearful or anxious about what could take place. On the contrary, God **assures** His people that He is their **refuge** and **strength** (v. 1); that He is an **ever present help in trouble** (v. 1); that He is their **fortress** (vv. 7-11); therefore there is no reason for His people to fear (v. 2). What this psalm tells me is that I need to place my **trust** in Him when “life” isn’t working out and the answers I’m seeking haven’t come into focus yet. Thankfully, He knows all about these problems and frustrations and has the **plan** and **answers**



which I need. My part is to **yield** to His will and timing and realize that He is in control. This is where the “*Be still and know that I am God*” (v. 10) comes in. But how can we let go and place these problems into His hands?

The best way for these truths to become indelibly imprinted on our minds is to spend time alone with Him on a daily basis. You see, sitting quietly before Him allows us to “listen to His still small voice” (1 Kings 19:12) and realize that He truly has everything we need to deal with what is troubling



*Welcome to our
new Jr. High
Director Jay Kim*

Jay is a S. California native. He remembers God seeking him early in his elementary years, and he came to know Jesus and received His grace in Jr. High.

Jay had a passion for studying God's Word and pursued his education at California Baptist University, and the Lord grew in him a heart for missions. Though he really did not feel compelled to seek to become a pastor but rather he just wanted to just share the Gospel and God's love as a lay person. But then his pastor reached out to him and invited him to join the staff at Podowon Baptist Church as a youth pastor in 2004.

While serving as a youth pastor, he also got to participate in CBU's International Service Projects during the summers in Japan and India doing outreach and sharing Christ through relationship-building. Then later, in order to complete his major by spending a semester abroad, he had to step down from youth ministry as he went to Delhi, India, where he taught English in slums while sharing Christ with children and researching possible income-generating projects for the locals.

A few years later, he returned to the States married and with a child, God tugged at his heart and he went back into youth ministry.

He currently works in advertising and marketing handling national Asian sponsorship events for AT&T and oversees Asian marketing for Kia Motors America.

He lives in San Pedro with his wife, Koeun (pronounced "cowen") and their three lovely children, Eileen, Kailyn and Oliver.

*Birthday
Cupcakes
needed for
August 7*



We will be celebrating July and August birthdays on August 7. If you can help us celebrate by providing cupcakes, please sign up in the patio or let the church office know.

Srs. & Friends

Let's Eat

*Potluck
August 19
12 noon*

Bring something to share!

*Sign up in your Sunday
School class or the patio.*

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We are working with Love INC, TUSD BOSS (**Bringing Our Students Supplies**), and His House to help needy kids start off the school year with needed supplies. You can help by donating money to this cause, and the office will buy the backpacks and supplies at wholesale prices. Or if you wish to assemble your own backpack(s) filled with supplies, you can do that also. Each backpack should be filled with the following school supplies: 1½-2" notebook, 1 pkg. paper (elementary, wide rule; grades 6-12, college rule), 3 pocket folders, 1 box crayons, 1 set of markers or colored pencils, 3 highlighters, 2 pens, pencils/pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, pair of scissors, 2 glue sticks, pencil box or pouch, and 1 spiral notebook. We have printed slips in the patio that you can use to attach to your backpacks to identify the age and gender that you bought for and to check off the needed items.

You may bring your backpack(s) through mid-August.

nexus college ministries
the intersection of faith and life

News

Theology Lab
Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

The College/Young Adult group will continue to enjoy dinner together through August while watching videos and studying how science and faith can work together. We'll tackle issues from creation science, psychology and cosmology. Anyone ages 18-25 is invited.



Pray for The WAVE, a local high school movement as the leadership will meet here at TFB for a fellowship dinner on **Sunday, August 21 at 7 p.m.**

And then on **Monday, August 22**, they will meet here all day from **10 a.m. until 5 p.m.** for training and event planning for this coming school year.



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Meet at TFB at **1 p.m.** and we will carpool to the Long Beach Aquarium.

Saturday, August 20



August Events



Let's have a ball and go bowling on Wednesday, August 10.

Meet at Palos Verdes Bowl
Bowl 24600 Crenshaw from 10-11:30 a.m.
To get 2 free games, go online to

www.kidsbowlfree.com

and register to get your coupon ahead of time.



Wednesday, August 24, 1-2 p.m.

Meet at Yogurtland at Torrance Crossroads,
24631 Crenshaw, Torrance





Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Dinner Night ~ Saturday, August 6, 6:00 p.m.* ~ Meet at Miami Tropical Juice and Grill, 1111 Pacific Coast Hwy., Harbor City (*note earlier time).

Game Night ~ Meet at Gloria Pedersen's, 817 Amapola Avenue in Torrance, on Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.



For questions, suggestions, or more information call Brenda-Jean Shephard, 310/801-0816.

"God is Love"

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

In the mid-twentieth century, Father Flanagan of Boy's Town popularized a drawing of a young child carrying a younger boy; the caption read, "He ain't heavy; he's my brother." Its history goes back to a late 19th-century book written by James Wells on the parables of Jesus [1]. In the 1970s, this idea appeared in the form of a song by the Hollies. Since then, the caption has been the title of an episode in at least three television shows. The caption sums up the idea that the presence or absence of love determines the meaning of our actions toward others. We see this idea in God's love for us as demonstrated by his grace, mercy, and forbearance.

God's love is demonstrated by grace as he pardons our sin. In love, he exercised grace and gave himself to save us (Titus 2:11, 14). Through grace, he redeems us from lawlessness and trains us to live in ways that bring him pleasure (Titus 2:11-14). Through grace, God purifies us as his people (Titus 2:14).

God's love is demonstrated by mercy as he relieves the misery of those bearing the consequences of sin. God loved and regenerated us while we despised him and could do nothing about our separation from him (Ephesians 2:1-5). God loves us even when humanity's sinful rebellion stains everything about us (Ephesians 2:5).

God's love is demonstrated by forbearance as he "bears with the sinner who does not heed the instructions and warnings of God" [2]. He withholds his wrath from those who deserve it (Romans 9:19-24). He exercises forbearance so that all who will trust him will experience his glory (Romans 9:23).

Let us rid ourselves of the notion that love is a warm, fuzzy feeling. Warm fuzzy feelings are nice, but this is not the definition of love. Love forgives when a clear wrong has been committed. Love gives kindness when punishment is deserved. Love bears with the one who is unbearable. Love sees all this not as a burden, but as an opportunity to give.

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:10-11, ESV).

[1] He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother (disambiguation), Wikipedia.

[2] Louis Berkhof (1960) *Summary of Christian Doctrine*.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
	1	2	3	4	5	6	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.
7 2p Sing @ Royalwood	8	9	10 10a Jr. High Bowling Colossians Kids to movie/ lunch	11 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice 7p Beacon Light Mission	12	13	
14 5:20p Prayer Gathering	15 7p Finance Team	16 6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, Disc. Dev. & FMT 7p Deacon/ess	17 1p Jr. High Swim Party	18 7p All-Church Worship Night	19 12n Sr. & Friends Potluck 6p Kids' Night Out (backwards night) 7p Young Marrieds	20 1p NeXus & H.S. meet at L.B. Aquarium 7pm Share & Care	Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m. No King's Family Karate in August Tuesday High School Revive, 7 p.m.
21 7p HS The Wave Dinner	22 10a HS The Wave all day training	23	24 1p Jr. High to Yogurtland 7p Choir practice resumes	25 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	26	27 9a Women's Self- defense Class 4p Journeymen Tailgate Party 6:30p Singles' Game Night	Wednesday College NeXus/Young Adults, 7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, 7 p.m. except 8/3, 10, & 17] Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m. Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.
28 5:20p Prayer Gathering	29	30	31 1p Jr. High Beach Day				Thursday 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 August Events:

- 9/3 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 9/5 ~ Office Closed for Labor Day
- 9/7 ~ Family Dinners resume, 6p
- 9/7 ~ Colossian Kids resumes, 6:30p
- 9/16 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 9/16-18 ~ Men's Conference, 1000 Pines



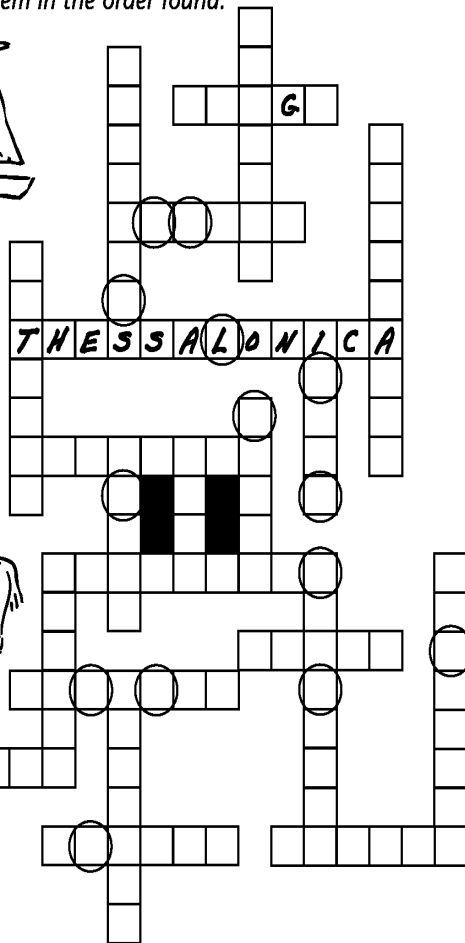
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Journeys

The cities below were all stops on someone's journeys. Fit the cities into the puzzle. Then use the letters that are circled to fill in the blanks below. Write them in the order found.

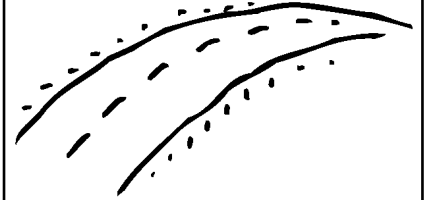
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Thessalonica



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Paul's Missionary Journeys

TRAVEL



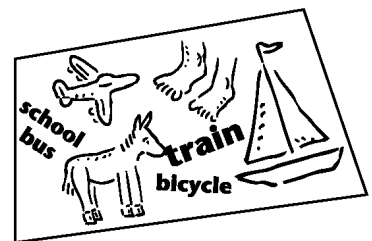
It is very quick and easy to travel in the world today. In Bible times, it was not so easy!

Make a "travel collage."

You will need:

- ▲ a large piece of construction paper
- ▲ magazines
- ▲ scissors
- ▲ glue

Cut out pictures and words that show all kinds of transportation. Don't forget "feet" or donkeys and other animals!



Glue everything on the paper. Don't leave any empty spaces.



Kids' Night Out

Friday, August 19, 6-9 p.m.

Parents, 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. This will be a "backwards" night, so be sure and put your clothes on backwards.



TFB Global Outreach

Where for over 40 years, we've been empowering people with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose.



Dear First Baptist Church,

Your gifts bring results to the many efforts to serve adults with developmental disabilities. Here are just a few of the results, and good news happening at Rainbow Acres throughout the first half of 2016:

- Three new Ranchers arrived to live on the Ranch full-time: Dale Czarnecki from Scottsdale, AZ; Mark Johnston from Kalamazoo, MI; and Connor Kaufman from Calabasas, CA. All three have transitioned well to Rainbow. Dale portrayed Christ in the Good Friday reenactment of the Crucifixion, and he did a wonderful job.
- We have completed Admissions Interviews with three prospective Ranchers. Each had wonderful skills and genuine excitement about joining the Rainbow Acres community. They are anticipating arrival after the heat of summer, sometime in September or October.
- Rancher Pauline Guthrie won a Blue Ribbon for her Black and White Contemporary Style Woven Vest at the Verde Valley Fair. In all, 33 Ranchers exhibited their Weaving and Stepping Stone craft projects. Jack Wadleigh's woven American Flag won him popular acclaim.



You and your recent contribution to the ministry of Rainbow Acres help us inspire new Ranchers to grow, discover their purpose in life and know that they are loved unconditionally! Your love and your gift are deeply appreciated! Thank you!

For the Ranchers,
Gary W. Wagner, President & CEO



While you are buying school supplies for the Backpack Ministry, don't forget to pick up school supply items while they are on sale for the **Shoebbox Ministry**.

Some children in other countries can't even attend school unless they have their own supplies: pens, pencils, paper, etc.

Pick up an empty, wrapped shoebox in the patio to store your gifts until the first week of November.

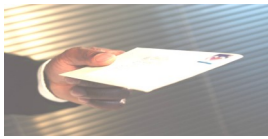
Reflections

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us. Spending time in His Word and prayer assures us that He is in **control** of our lives. We can never come to Him with too much or too often. He is always there to listen to our cries for help and understanding. Praise Him.

My friend, if you haven't developed the habit of being still before Him in daily prayer and Bible study, why not begin today? Please know this—your wonderful Lord is looking forward to **meeting with you**.

I'm so thankful for Jesus,
Pastor Rog



We Get Mail

I want to thank the people of TFB who called and sent cards [to me]. Thank you also to the church family for the beautiful flowers.

Bill Champlin



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 Rudé, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, Tammie Wakefield, and Gertie Wissinger.

*With
Sincere
Sympathy*



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

A relative of the Mussers, Terralyn Kelly, passed away;
Ron Rentfrow lost his brother;

Megan Anderson's mother passed away; and
Gloria Pedersen's husband, Jim, is now with the Lord.

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Stephanie & Damon Chastain announce the birth of daughter, Evangeline Rose, who was born on July 21, 2016. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long. She joins big sis, Penelope.



Heads up, Men!



Wanna get away? Thousand Pines Men's Retreat is the place for you **September 16-18!** During this weekend, we will not: overload your schedule, count your calories, or ask you to mow the lawn. What we will do is provide you with gourmet meals boasting choice meats, opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship with godly men, and an open schedule to just let you be. So grab a couple friends or your whole church and we'll provide the bacon! Make plans now to attend this Conference at 1000 Pines, **September 16-18**. Cost is \$169. **Sign up and get more info at the Men's Ministry table in the patio.**

TFB Tithes & Offerings



Thank you for giving approximately \$51,840 in the month of June.

Smile



Awhile

Church Signs — Faith on the Go



In His Hands

John G. Paton (1824-1907) was a pioneer missionary to the South Pacific islands now known as Vanuatu. Previous evangelists to the area had been consumed by cannibals, but Paton was undeterred—even after his wife and newborn son soon died of tropical fever.

Paton clung closely to Jesus amid deprivation, animosity and many attempts on his life. “I knew not, for one brief hour when or how attack might be made,” he wrote. “And yet, with my trembling hand clasped in the hand once nailed on Calvary, and now swaying the scepter of the universe, calmness and peace and resignation abode in my soul.”

Today about 85 % of Vanuatu’s population is Christian.

Newsletter Newsletter

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. Or visit us on the web at www.tfbclife.org