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**2016 NEW YEAR BESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU
 FROM YOUR TFB STAFF**



L. to r.: Daniel Marion, Randy Stager, Karla Gaines, Tammy Hurtado, Pastor Charlie, Andrea Lavoie, Pastor Rog, J.J. Plock, and Yasmin Kuba. (Not present: Karen Davis, Pam Fisher, Peter Fuqua, and Mari & Craig McMillian.)



Potluck Dinner

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Annual Business Meeting

January 31 ~ 5:30 p.m.

For the potluck, those with last names that begin with A-M, bring a main dish and salad; those with last names beginning the N-Z, bring a main dish and a dessert.

After we eat, we will review the year that has passed, give thanks to the Lord for what He has done and focus on the vision He has given to us for 2016.

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

From the Pastor's Heart



Both Karen and I hope and pray that the year 2016 will be a year full of God's presence and grace in your life. Our hope is that during this new year your love and worship of God grows so much you can't help but see it and talk about it. We also pray that your service to our Lord brings Him great honor and fills your life with joy. Bottom line is that we want for all of us a year full of God.

Thinking of the new year and our church family, I want to share an experience I had when I was up in Portland this past November

at my father's funeral. The Sunday after the funeral we attended a church my daughter attends. During the sermon the pastor quoted a verse from John 12. Jesus is telling His followers that He must die. He vaguely refers to His manner of death with these words: *"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself"* (v. 32).

When I heard this verse quoted, the words just jumped out at me. My mind began to race with thoughts about how powerful this truth is. Although the context is about Jesus' death, my thoughts were more along the lines of the concept of lifting Jesus up and the impact that can have. It seemed like God was telling me that if my focus is on His son, Jesus, and if I and all His children at TFB "lift Jesus up," then Jesus would draw people to Himself. Jesus said in Matthew 16 *"I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it"* (v. 18). So it is Jesus that brings people to

Himself—to salvation, to faith, to devotion of Him. Our privilege is to "lift Him up" before everyone—to honor Him, celebrate Him, adore Him, love Him, and obey Him. It is our privilege to pledge allegiance to Him and to serve Him. It is our privilege to live lives that invite and encourage people to come to Him. It is our privilege from the depths of our heart and soul to "lift Him up" and then watch Him draw people to Himself.

I must confess that I am taking this concept somewhat out of context from John 12 and stretching it a bit, BUT I believe the "lifting of Jesus up" is a no lose proposition. You and I spending 2016 elevating Jesus to prominence in our lives and our church will not only truly honor God, but I am convinced Jesus will respond by bringing us and others much closer to Him.

May 2016 be the year we experience this in a special way.

Pastor Charlie

Reflections

by Pastor Rog



Dear Church Family,

Many times things come into our lives that we don't understand or agree with. We are at a loss as to what the Lord might be doing in our lives. Such was the case of a man named "Don." He was a successful businessman who had a wonderful family and basically enjoyed life. He attended the most thriving church in his area as well, but in his heart, he felt out of sorts—restless. In a conversation with one of his trusted friends, he made this statement, "There's got to be more. I'm so tired of

the status quo."

Interestingly this is a feeling many Christians are experiencing. One person has said, "My life is full—perhaps even overflowing—but I am **not** fulfilled." This person came to realize that they too had settled for the "status quo," spiritually-speaking. Some have called this condition "spiritual restlessness." This condition often "speaks" to what a Christian **desires** his walk with Christ to be like but realizes they are far from experiencing it. In other words, they are ready to move beyond

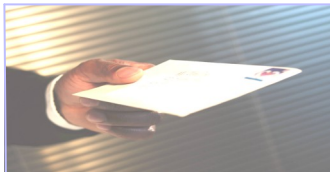
spiritual "business as usual." **This is good.**

If you are one of God's spiritually restless ones, there is great news for you: spiritual restlessness often precedes a powerful touch of God on a person's life. In His plans for your life, He is seeking to make you **hungry** so He can feed you with something much bigger—



*Sunday, January 10
12:15 noon*

We will have a spaghetti luncheon for the whole family to raise money for the Colossians Kids' Camp Scholarship Fund. Any donation will be very much appreciated! Come for the fellowship and lunch which includes spaghetti, salad and dessert.



We Get Mail

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone here at TFB for supporting The Doors of Hope Women's Shelter. You have been a great blessing to us and the women who come

through these doors. You have given in many ways: money, clothing, hygiene items, yard sale goods, food and a lot of prayer. Without these things, it would be hard to provide services to these women.

We have seen a lot of lives changed for the better. Several ladies have found jobs, permanent housing, hope, a new future, churches where they can worship, and above all several have found Christ and/or have recommitted their lives to Christ. Awesome!

Thank you so much for being a part of these lives and the miracles we have seen and giving of yourselves for someone in need.

Merry Christmas,
Linda Stratton

Dear Church Family,

Merry Christmas. We appreciate everyone for all the flowers, cards, your prayers and words of sympathy we received in memory of my brother, Leonardo, and sister-in-law, Rosario. They both passed away in the Philippines.

Again, thanks for all your cares and concern. The Lord is good.

The Rogelio Boston Family



*Ladies' Kick-Off Luncheon
Sunday, January 24
12:30 p.m.*

All ladies are encouraged to attend our luncheon to kick off the new year. We will have a meal together, enjoy each others' company and special guest speaker, and learn what the Ministries Team has planned for the TFB women in the new year. You won't want to miss it!

The cost will be \$10 per person.
Please sign up in the patio to reserve your spot.



*Friday, January 15
6~9 p.m.*

Kids (infants through 5th grade) will have dinner and a movie, while the parents get some time for themselves. The cost is \$3.



Wednesday, January 27

We will have a special speaker, a creation scientist, after our family dinner on January 27, which takes place at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend.



January 16 ~ 2 p.m.

Meet at the church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, and be ready for a wild photo/video Scavenger Hunt around Torrance. We will meet back at the church at 6 p.m. for dinner and judging.

A message from Daniel "Choosing a church..."

APPLES TO APPLES

Things to Consider When Choosing a Church

There are over 100 churches in our local South Bay/Beach Cities community. How do you decide which one to go to? Do you like the worship and the teaching? Are they teaching the Bible the way you like? Do you have friends there already? These are good questions to ask when getting involved in a church. However, what the church can offer you is only half the story. YOU are the other half.

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JAN. 23. 2016

Biola University
turnyourcampus.com

High School and College invited to join us for Worship, Workshops & Training

Carpools meet at TFB at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

Turn Your Campus
LISTEN WATCH FOCUS

only one thing is necessary...Jesus | Luke 10:42

Jr. High QUEST Events

January 8
6:30 p.m.



Homeless Survival Kits

Sign up to bring items to make homeless survival kits. Then keep the kits in the car and give them to homeless people you see! Meet in the Jr. High room from 6:30-8 p.m.

College NeXus: starts back into our Romans study on 2nd & 4th Fridays (January 8 & 22nd).

WINTER CAMPS



Juniors ~ January 29-31 at Forest Home ~ \$165

Jr. High ~ February 5-7 at Thousand Pines ~ \$164

High School ~ February 12-15 at Thousand Pines ~ \$219

Sign up now with a \$50 deposit.

If you'd like to help a youngster go to camp, who could not otherwise afford it, you can donate to the "Camp Scholarship" Fund.



January 22
Art Day
6:30 p.m.

Come help us with an art project in the Jr. High Room. It's from 6:30-8 p.m. and it's FREE!



Loaves & Fishes Update

What an awesome day! Loaves and Fishes on Saturday, December 5, ended the year by serving over 150 guests at our outreach luncheon. God is awesome!

We had enough ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings for everyone to fill their plates, plus all the volunteers ate as well. We also gave out hygiene items to all the adult guests, which were about 100 men and women. We were able to give them a cloth bag, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, deodorant, Kleenex, socks and gloves. In addition to serving the food and giving out lotion, Daniel and the high school students also gave out presents to all the children who came. We have toys left over, so we will be sharing with other ministries for Christmas.

Thank you so much Daniel and the high schoolers for taking over the toy give-away to the children. You did an awesome job! Also thank you for helping pass out the hygiene items and serving the food and cleaning up afterwards.

We would like to thank each and every one for supporting Loaves and Fishes. Even though we do not see a lot of fruit from this ministry, we are spreading the Gospel by showing the love of Christ through food and the message given each time. In Matthew 25:40 it states "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." Thank you for giving that cup of cold water to someone in need.

In January we will be starting our 26th year of serving our community through this outreach program. We would love for you to partner with us in whatever way you can.

Happy New Year!
from the Loaves and Fishes Team



Message from Daniel

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In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul describes the Church as one body composed of many members. Each member is important and serves a purpose in helping the whole body function. Unfortunately, we tend to be pretty selfish in our decisions on how we're going to be involved with our local church body. "What can they do for ME? Am I getting fed? They don't do enough mission work for ME to be proud of." However, Paul illustrates that your main focus should not be taking from the body, but giving to the body! In 1 Corinthians, chapter 14, Paul then says that he would rather speak five words to build up the church than speak 10,000 words to build himself up.

So, your mindset is not that the church is separate from you and that it serves you. The appropriate mindset is that YOU ARE THE CHURCH, and you are in the Lord's service, taking care of the other members of the body.

This past year, we concentrated on building up our relationships with one another. In this coming year, we will focus on serving the Body of Christ. Our activities will center on community service projects, committing to ministries in our local church body, and helping at our locally supported missions and outreaches. Pray that God would compel our hearts with compassion and service!

Tribute to Frank Spinney

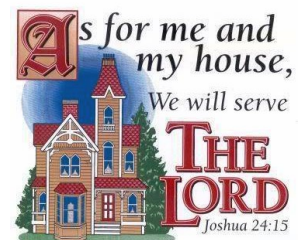
Frank Spinney has been a fixture at the monthly ministry that TFB has at the Beacon Light Mission for longer than anyone can remember.

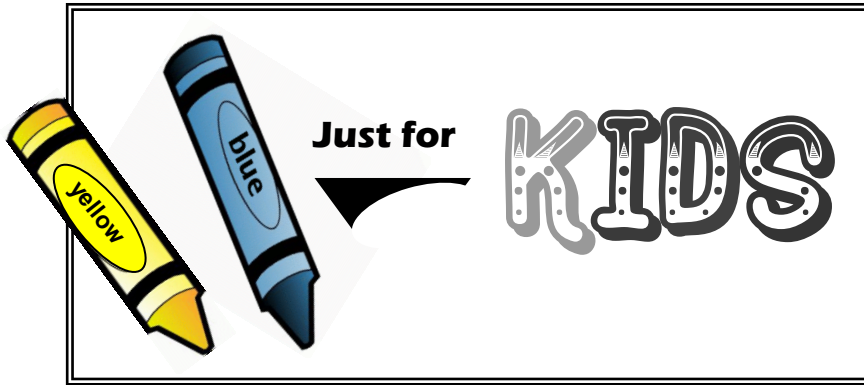
He has recognized that it is time to say goodbye and step out of that ministry. His last time to speak was on December 10.

His service through Beacon Light and here at TFB through senior ministry, teaching adult Bible classes and serving on the Board are both remembered and appreciated.

God calls each of us to serve Him in one way or another, and Frank has answered that call.

Thank you, Frank, for your service to the Lord.





LET THERE BE LIGHT

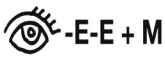
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

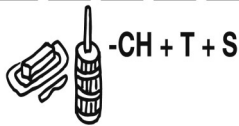
“YOU, _____, ARE



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INTO _____.”



2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

What you do:

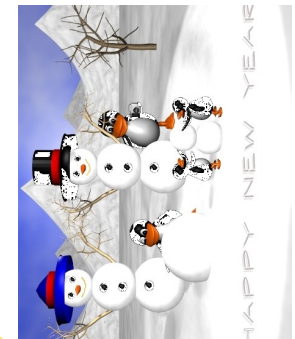
1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
					1 Office Closed — Happy New Year Anx. reserved all day: Loaves/Fishes	2 11a Loaves & Fshes	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.
3 2p Sing @ Royalwood	4	5	6	7	8 6:30p Jr. High to make Homeless Survival Kits	9 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out	Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m. King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m. Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m. Tuesday Classical Conversations, 8:30 a.m. High School Revive, 7 p.m.
10 12:15p Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	11	12	13	14 7p Beacon Light Mission 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	15 6p Kids' Night Out 7p Young Marrieds	16 2p HS Scavenger Hunt 6:30p Singles' Game Night 7pm Share & Care	Wednesday 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. Thursday H.S. Band Practice, 7 p.m.
17	18 7p Finance Team	19 6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, Disc. Dev. & FMT 7p Deacon/ess	20	21	22 6:30p Jr. High Art Day	23 7:30a Hs/College to BIOLA Turn Your Campus Event	Friday Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m. Saturday Men's BSF Leaders, 6 a.m. Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m. H.S. Guys/Gals Bible Study, 10 a.m.
24 12:15p Women's Kick- Off Luncheon	25	26	27	28 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	29 Juniors leave for Winter Camp	30	
31 Juniors home from camp 5:30p Potluck/Annual Meeting							

Upcoming February Events:

- 2/5-7 ~ Jr. High Winter Camp
- 2/12-15 ~ H.S. Winter Camp
- 2/13 ~ TFB Family to Getty Center
- 2/19 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 2/27 ~ Women's "Pinterest with a Purpose," 2p

January 2016





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, January 9,* at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Dickie's BBQ Pit, 407 N. PCH in Redondo Beach. Any questions, call Brenda-Jean Shephard, 310/901-0816.
*Please note that this is the **second** Saturday in January.



Game Night ~ January 16, at 6:30. It will be held at Gloria Pedersen's house, 817 Amapola Avenue, in Torrance. Contact Gloria, 562/505-4495, if you have any questions.



TFB Academy "God Is Self-Existent (Aseity)"

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

Someone asks, "When can you...?" or "How will you...?" We answer, "It depends." It's a small admission that something is not under our control. If we are honest with ourselves, we'd say this with nearly every breath, for, in the context of our little slice of the universe, let alone the entire universe, not much is actually under our control. Try as we might, none of us by force of will can make our lives just one hour longer (Matthew 6:27).

Everything in existence depends on something—well, almost everything. God is the one exception. He is not dependent. Rather, he is the One on whom all things depend. He is self-existent. God is not contingent; he does not depend on anything else for his existence.

"God...is not dependent. Rather, he is the One on whom all things depend."

In Psalm 115, the psalmist explains God's aseity, his self-existence, by comparing God to idols. Idols depend on humanity, but "Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases" (Psalm 115:3, ESV). Idols can do nothing (Psalm 115:4-8). They cannot see us fall. They do not hear our cries. They cannot pick us up. God is ultimately able (Psalm 115:9-11). He always watches his people with care (Psalm 1:6). He hears our cries and helps (Psalm 34:17). He lifts us up when we fall (Psalm 146:8). Idols are utterly contingent and can do nothing. God is self-existent, and he is ever able to know and care.

God remembers. We are always on his mind, and he always remembers our need (Psalm 115:12). God will bless. He gives us what we need to flourish (Psalm 115:12-13). He remembers and blesses from a capacity that depends on nothing but himself, for he is the Creator, Owner, and Lord of everything (Psalm 115:16). His capacity is ultimate.

We respond by blessing him, living our lives toward his happiness (Psalm 115:18). We respond with praise, shouting his ultimacy in his presence and before all the peoples (Psalm 115:18).



Smile Awhile



New Year's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen

Ode to January by Alicia Moss

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I did taste at the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number, and when I walked to the store, it was less walk than a lumber.

I remember the marvelous meals I did prepare—the gravies and sauces and beef nicely rare, The fudge and the 'taters, the bread and the cheese, and the way I'd never said, 'No thank you, please.'

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt, and prepared once again to do battle with dirt, I said to myself, as I only can, 'You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!'

So away with the last of the sour cream dip; get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

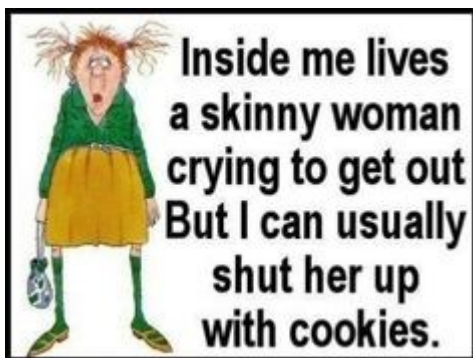
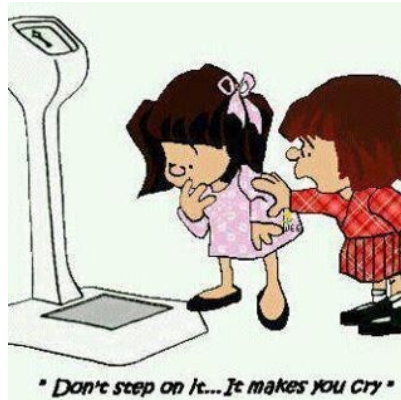
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished 'till all the additional pounds have vanished.

I won't have a cookie - not even a lick. I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore. But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot. Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



A Good Start

He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day.

If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day.





*From our missionaries Nathan & Laura Montgomery
with Friends of Israel*

We thank you for your faithfulness during this past year. We hope that the Lord has blessed you as you have been a part of sharing the good news through this ministry to Jew and Gentile alike. It is good to remember, as we see animosity towards Christians increasing and

our brothers and sisters in the Lord suffer persecution, that our God is here to comfort us, as we also comfort each other. *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God”* (1 Corinthians 1:3-4).

I get very excited each year as school begins because of all the wonderful ministry opportunities that life on campus brings. This year UCLA . . . [admitted] 5,760 freshmen. That means there are almost 6000 new students who have yet to discover our evangelism table for the first time!

Several days each week we set up a literature table featuring information about different religions and booklets about creation/evolution/intelligent design. I really enjoy our low key approach compared to all the busyness that’s happening on the Bruin walk

I am always impressed by the students taking and reading the information, when they already have so much reading assigned in their classes. I am also impressed by the amount of time that they give us to talk. Last week, we had a 4th year physics major who really wanted to know the Gospel. He stayed for over an hour peppering me with questions, as other Christian students carried on separate conversations around the table. As I listened to him explain his belief that there is no right belief, I challenged him to explain how he knew this was true, and he explained that something was useful only as far as it is practical. He said that the only thing that mattered was if your beliefs help you today. I asked him how he knew this was the right way to live, and he said that it was a tradition in his culture for a long time. So, I said, “You are sure there is no right way?” He said, “Yes, all that matters is what is practical for right now.” I said, “I thought you said there was no right way, but now you’re saying that the practical way is the right way, so how do you know that is true?” He started laughing as he saw the point that he was essentially saying, “There is no right way but my way,” just like he thinks religious people think. This is when the Spirit led me to share with him the difference between religious traditions and true biblical saving faith. I was able to go through the Gospel with him, focusing on the relationship that God wants to have with us, the lengths God went to establish that relationship, and the love that motivates the entire Gospel story. He was amazed that the whole of Christianity, which he had never understood before, didn’t depend on a foundation of dogma, tradition, or even practicality, but on love. He thanked me several times for explaining this to him and left with some literature in hand. I pray for his salvation, and trust that God had a purpose in this young man’s faith journey that led us together. I hope to see him again and continue sowing, watering, and watching God give the increase. ☺

While in Israel this past summer with our Origins program I was picking up trash when a husband and wife stopped me and started asking me questions about who I was (an American volunteer), what I was doing (maintenance work), and how long (2 weeks). They assumed I was Yehudi (Jewish), and were shocked to find out that I wasn’t. I told them I was an evangelical Christian. They didn’t understand what that was, so I told them I was a Baptist. They didn’t know what that was either, so I told them I was a Bible believer (a term used by the Israeli believers to explain why they are different), and they still didn’t understand. So I told them I was a Talmudim B’Yeshua” (Disciple of Jesus). Boy, did they understand that! I saw the statement alone was challenging to them, and they were thinking about what it means to actually know and obey the teachings of Jesus. Their young men do the same with revered sages and rabbis down through their history, so they know it means a totally different life for someone to be so committed They wanted to know what motivates us to come and serve, so I was able to share about our love for the Jewish people that comes from our love for God and the teaching of His Word, the Bible. In the end, they wanted me to know and to share with the rest of our team and all of you back home who love the Jewish people, how grateful they are and how much they feel that they need us, and how they wish they could tell each one of us that they love us in return.

Laura and I are grateful to all of you who remember to pray for us as we try to balance family and ministry.

Awaiting the trumpet! The Montgomery’s, Nathan, Laura, Jonathan,

Reflections

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something far more “spiritually filling.” In fact, this stirring inside you is a **spiritual summons** from your Lord. He is inviting you to draw **closer** to Him so that He can do something more wonderful **in** and **through** your life. Right now I’m sensing that this is happening in my life. Our Lord’s words to us in John 7:37-38 speak powerfully to us here:

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come unto Me and drink.... Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘streams of living water will flow from within.’”

The word “drink” is written in what we call “the present continuous tense.” It thus tells us to **“drink and keep on drinking.”** This is where spiritual fulfillment takes place in our lives—where living above the “status quo” becomes a reality in our every day lives—where the Spirit of God empties us of ourselves and fills us with the very minds of Christ.

My friend, are **you** thirsting for more of Christ and His love in your life? If you are, **keep on drinking of Him** for in His mercy, He will graciously fill you with Himself. You see, He longs to do this in you.

What a wonderful way to embark on a brand new year. Drink of Christ and experience Him working **in** and **through** your life.

Needing Him more than ever,
Pastor Rog



New envelopes are available in the foyer for those who already have assigned envelopes. Be sure and pick yours up for this new year. Anyone who does not have numbered envelopes and would like some, please call the church office.



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

Eugene Jacobsen, beloved husband of Mary and father of Larry, is now with the Lord; Rogelio Boston lost his sister-in-law, Rosario; and TFB member Debbe Kindt, daughter of Joan, is now in the arms of Jesus.

TFB Tithes and Offerings



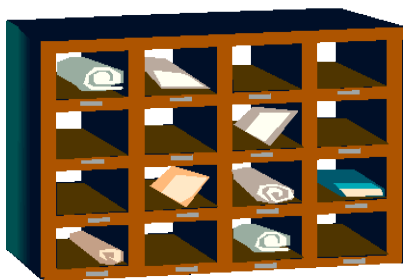
Thank you for giving approximately \$58,716 in the month of November.



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, Eugene & 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.

Don't Forget . . .



*Christmas Card
Exchange*

We will be removing the box after **January 10**. The office will **not** be able to mail any cards that are not picked up, so please make sure you check it on that Sunday to get any cards that are for you.



**Attention all
Committee Chairmen and Group
Leaders:**

Please note that your reports are due on or before **January 4, 2016**, so they can be included in the 2015 Year-End Report that will be made available to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2016.

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