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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 11-15, 6-8:30 p.m.

Kids, ages 3-years-old through those exiting 5th grade, are invited to come to our summer VBS. Bring your friends and neighbors for this exciting new adventure. Grab your gear, check your GPS and get ready to WALK THIS WAY for only a \$10 donation.

Any questions, contact Karla Gaines.
Sign up in the patio or register online at tfbclife.org.



*Combined Morning
Worship Service
with All Church BBQ
July 17 ~ 10:30 a.m.*

Our Annual July BBQ will take place in the middle of the month this year as a culmination of our Vacation Bible School. Everyone is invited including those who attended VBS and their families. We will have one combined service at 10:30 a.m. followed by our annual BBQ consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips and soda for only \$5 per person/\$20 per family. [See more details on p. 4 of this newsletter.]

There will be no Sunday School that day, but there will be Children's Church for nursery through 2nd grade.

Please sign up to bring pop-ups and ice chests.

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

As I write this, it has been about 60 hours since that horrific act of evil in the night club in Orlando Florida resulting in 49 people murdered and 53 wounded. A reactionary question I and others certainly have is this: "What is this world coming to?" We also can experience all kinds of emotions with sorrow and fear being at the top of the list.

As followers of Jesus Christ, how do we deal with such evil?

The answers are many, but I would invite you to start by being reminded of a great truth about our Savior—a truth expressed in a song entitled "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." I invite you to read these lyrics and allow God's Spirit to bring strength and peace to your heart and soul in the midst of life's uncertainties and tragedies.

*I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;
I don't borrow from its sunshine,
for its skies may turn to gray.
I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said;
And today I'll walk beside Him,
For He knows what is ahead.*

*(chorus)
Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand;
But I know Who holds tomorrow,
and I know Who holds my hand.*

*I don't know about tomorrow, it may bring me poverty;
But the One Who feeds the sparrow is the One who stands by me.
And the path that be my portion may be through the flame or flood;
But His presence goes before me and I'm covered with His blood.*

Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

During times of uncertainty and tragedy, it is so important to remind ourselves that we are His children and know that He truly has overcome this world and holds our hands through it all.

Walking with God together,
Pastor Charlie

Allowing the grace of God to flow through you

Reflections by Pastor Rog



Dear Church Family,

How thankful I am for the Lord Jesus and His wonderful love and grace which He freely shares with us. Joyce and I are reminded on a daily basis just how good He is to us and how much we need Him.

As we await His second coming, we realize that the spiritual darkness which exists in the world today is not going to diminish, but increase. The Bible makes this clear to us. Because of this truth, you and I

have the privilege to be His "lights" to shine in the darkness whereby others might be able to experience His love and truth through us. This is the message the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Philippi. He said:

¹⁴"Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars (lights) in the universe ¹⁶as you hold out

the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing" (Philippians 2:14-16).

The words, "in which you shine like stars (lights) in the universe as you hold out the word of life" (vv. 15b-16a) are very important to us. If we're not careful we might think that our witness for Christ can't really be

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We are working with Love INC, TUSD BOSS (**B**ringing **O**ur **S**tudents **S**upplies), 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.

a home-cooked

•MEAL•

is a labor of love

Sign up to Provide Meals

Jill Lee has volunteered to help coordinate home-cooked meals for anyone in our fellowship who needs them. Surgeries, bereavement, new babies . . . we don't want anyone overlooked! Sunday School classes, Bible studies, church committees, and home groups will coordinate for their attendees; but if you don't belong to any one of those groups or if no one has asked you if you need meals, call the church office, and someone will let her know. Also, please email her if she can call on you to make and deliver a meal or provide a restaurant gift card: jillngale@juno.com. Let her know how you prefer to be contacted (e.g. email, text, or phone call). *"And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful"* (Titus 3:14).

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Light Seekers Junior Camp ~ Mile High Pines ~ June 27-July 1 ~ \$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.



*Sing-Along
July 24
6 p.m.*

Join us during Worship & Witness as we sing unto the Lord with a rousing sing-along.

You won't want to miss singing some of the old hymns and choruses as well as the new.

See you there!





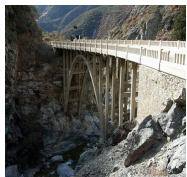
News

**Theology Lab
Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.**

In July and August, the College/Young Adult group will enjoy dinner together 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. **Begins June 29th.**



**Bridge to Nowhere Hike
Saturday, July 23, 7 a.m.**



Meet at TFB to leave for an all day hike through the beautiful San Bernardino National

Forest. Bring a backpack with water & sack lunch. It's a 9-mile round trip hike.



**Independence Day
7 p.m.**



Meet at the Marions' for burgers and fireworks. See Daniel or Jenny for more info.

**THE WAVE ~ Tuesday, July 5
7-8 p.m.**



THE WAVE is an evangelism movement started by two High School students that is washing through our beach cities' high schools. Anyone of any age from any church who is interested in helping in any capacity (prayer/financial support, activity planning, evangelism training, etc.) is invited to come to the high school room on July 5.



July Events

**Wednesday, July 6
1-2:30 p.m.**



Tie-dye shirts at Peter & Ellie's house.

**Colossians Kids'
July Events:**

**Cupcake Wars
Saturday, July 9
2-4 p.m.**

Meet at the church where we will decorate cupcakes based on Biblical themes. Be thinking ahead about what and how you will create your cupcake.

The congregation will judge them on Sunday, and the winners will be announced on the first day of Vacation Bible School, Monday, July 11.



**Family
Experience**

July 17 ~ 10:30 a.m.

This event is our VBS wrap-up in conjunction with our Combined Worship Service and all church BBQ. In addition, there will be lots of other activities including a bounce house, photo booth, games and treats.

The "barefoot experience" is to help Soles4Souls provide shoes for people in other countries who have no shoes and can't afford to buy any. At the end of the day of fun, we are asking for you to take off your shoes and donate them (or you can bring another pair to donate) so others can have a pair of their very own shoes.



**MOVIE NIGHT
July 27 (Wednesday) ~ 6:30-8 p.m.
Meet at Peter & Ellie's**



**Wednesday
July 27**

Cost: \$20

Family Fun Center

See Karla for details.



Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Dinner Night ~ Saturday, July 2, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at King's Hawaiian, 2808 Sepulveda in Torrance.

Game Night ~ Meet at Brenda-Jean's new digs, 25397 Pine Creek Lane, Wilmington, CA 90744, on July 23 at 6:30 p.m. Bring games and snacks to share.



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

"God is Good (Divine Benevolence)"

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

Humans can be jerks. We can be whiny complainers and nagging pests. Honestly, with our track record, it's a wonder God tolerates us at all. But he more than tolerates, for he is so much more than the Righteous Judge.

God is good, not only in his moral purity but also in that he does good unto others. He treats them kindly and compassionately (Psalm 145:8). He endures many offenses before becoming angry. He always holds up his end of joint obligations, even when the other party fails. His mercy covers his entire creation (Psalm 145:9).

God is kind to all. He brings sunshine and rain for friends and enemies alike (Matthew 5:43-48). He does not demand respect but shows kindness to those who deserve nothing. Through his benevolence, he honors the worth bestowed on humanity as created in his image and upon all creatures as reflecting his glory. This divine benevolence is grounded in his character, not in creaturely worth. God does good because he is good.

What does it mean to do good? Doing good is action for the sake of another. God's goodness consists in actions done for his creatures. Doing good includes the set of intentions that accompany good actions.

God's goodness consists in his kindness towards his creatures. Good actions, done with good intentions, comprise the demeanor of goodness.

God expects his people to imitate this demeanor. He expects us to treat all persons in a manner that seeks their good. At minimum, we owe others the basic obligations due to fellow human persons. But for God's people there is more: Jesus commands us to show kindness that supports thriving, not merely survival (Matthew 5:43-48). In the context of a world system that seeks our harm and a culture that is increasingly anti-God, this is not and will not be easy. It's never been easy. Yet the call remains.

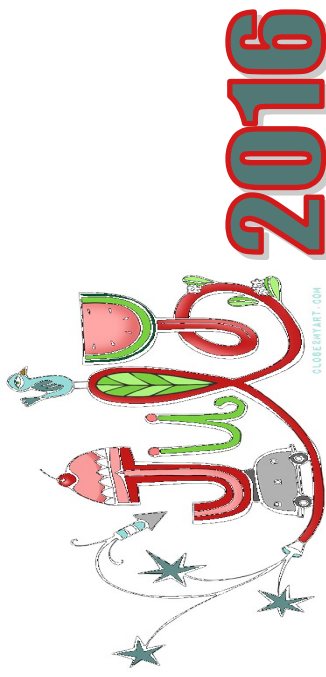
"Good actions, done with good intentions, comprise the demeanor of goodness."

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45 ESV).

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
3 2p Sing @ Royalwood	4 Happy Birthday USA Office Closed HS to Marion's for burgers/fireworks	5 7p THE WAVE for all (details p. 4)	6 1p Jr. High Tie-Dye @ Fuqua's	7	8 Anx. reserved all day: Loaves/Fishes Jr. campers home 7p Young Marrieds	9 10a Randy Rudé's Memorial Service 2p Colossian Kids' Cupcake Wars	Sunday Worship Services: 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. [one combined a.m. service on 7/17] 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.
10 5:20p Prayer Gathering	11 6p Vacation Bible School	12 6p VBS	13 6p VBS	14 6p VBS 7p Beacon Light Mission 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	15 6p VBS 7p Young Marrieds	16 7pm Share & Care	Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m. King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m. [except on 7/4 & 7/11]
17 10:30a One Combined Service & BBQ 1p HS & Jr. High leave for 1000 Pines	18 7p Finance Team	19 6p Ministry Teams: GO, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship, Disc. Dev. & FMT 7p Deacon/ess	20	21	22 Jr. High/HS Campers home 6p Kids' Night Out	23 7a NeXus to Bridge to Nowhere Hike 6:30p Singles' Game Night	Tuesday High School Revive, 7 p.m. [except 7/12] Wednesday College NeXus/Young Adults, 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.
24 5:20p Prayer Gathering 6p Sing-along	25	26	27 Colossian Kids to Mulligan's 6:30p Jr. High Movie Night @ Fuqua's	28 7p Contemporary Vocal Practice	29	30	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:

- 8/3 ~ Colossians Kids Bowling
- 8/6 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 8/10 ~ Colossians Kids Movie/lunch
- 8/13 ~ Men's Breakfast, 9a
- 8/19 ~ Strs. & Friends Potluck, 12n
- 8/19 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 8/27 ~ Women's Self-Defense Class, 9a





The Old Testament

The Old Testament of the Bible contains the story of creation, history, words of prophets, God's law, songs, poems, stories of adventure and stories of love.

Find the books of the Old Testament hidden below. Use your Bible or the list below for the names. There are 39. You will find 3 books are listed 2 times each.

Find them → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ ↗

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Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, (1) Samuel, (2) Samuel, (1) Kings, (2) Kings, (1) Chronicles, (2) Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Play A Game

You will need:

- 68 index cards or construction paper cut into 68 card-sized pieces.
- Marker
- Rubber band to keep your game together
- Bible



Prepare:

- Write "Old Testament" on a card. Write "New Testament" on a card.
- Write each of the 39 Old Testament books on a separate card.
- Write the 27 New Testament books on cards.

Old Testament

New Testament

To Play:

Lay the "Old" and "New" Testament cards on the table. Shuffle the other cards well. Lay them face down on the table.

Draw a card and place it by the correct card – "Old" or "New."

Continue until all cards have been drawn. Check your Bible to see if you were correct!

For an added challenge – arrange the books in order!

Psalms Matthew
Jonah



Friday, July 22, 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. This will be a "crazy hat" night, so be sure and wear the craziest one you can come up with.

Parents, please note: This will be on the 4th Friday instead of the 3rd Friday of this month.



From our Missionaries



Our passion is to see people of all nations surrender to Jesus Christ and His life-giving grace.

The Felton Family with Go Ye Fellowship wrote in part:

Some of you are most likely aware by now, but it is time to officially announce that yes, we are moving back to Alaska the middle of June. The primary reason for this is my parents. My dad will turn 80 this year, and we have no other relatives up there to help out if the need arises.

We deeply value your prayers during this time as it is a time of anticipation as well as sadness. We have built valuable treasured relationships here with surfers, Ventura Baptist Church staff and laypeople and, of course, our Surfers' Bible Study group . . . and it is hard to say goodbye. [Please pray for] safety on the road, housing, a new job for Allison, etc.

I also want to confirm that we will be continuing the mission in Anchorage with Go Ye Fellowship and taking the first month as a sabbatical to get settled, seeking God for direction as to the "How" the mission will look in this next phase, and what His plan is for our family in Anchorage.

One thing we have been feeling strongly about is that our new home would be full of company, with many . . . meals and fellowship. So please pray specifically about this as well. We do know that there are many surfers in Alaska including Anchorage, Seward and Homer, just to name those on the Kenai Peninsula, but we really want to hear from the Lord regarding this next phase of ministry and make sure we are following in His footsteps. Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support and friendship. We love you!



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Letter excerpt from Love INC (in the Name of Christ):

Thank you so much for your gift of \$125. As God continually moves us in service to the community, your gifts are extremely important for helping Love INC expand its ministry and keep the Clearinghouse open.

Sometimes the most desperate need can be having a simple conversation with someone. Alice . . . a single senior citizen lives alone with no one to talk to. Because of her health issues, she has no way to go outside and meet people

In desperation, she started making phone calls to different agencies to see if they could make arrangements for someone to come over and chat with her. During her random search, she happened to contact Love INC.

Immediately we jumped into action and made a call to Calvary Chapel South Bay, a church near her home. Within a few days someone from the church visited Alice. She was so excited that, of all people, a pastor from the church visited her.

Here at Love INC, we understand that the needs are not confined to material goods. That's why we work hard to make sure every need is met with Christ—like compassion and kindness.

Stories such as these make the work we do through Love INC so gratifying. You are a part of this story and many others. Without your giving, many needs would go unmet.

Thank you again for sharing your resources. Through your loving action, many people are able to feel the touch of Christ's love.

In His service,
Cecilia Montijo, Office Director

Reflections

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that useful to our Lord's Kingdom, but...IT CAN. Take for example the following true story:

A woman felt very much alone at her place of employment. Why? Because she was the only Christian in the office. To make matters worse, she was often ridiculed for her faith and accused of being narrow-minded.

She became so discouraged, she was ready to quit; but, before doing so, she sought the counsel of her pastor.

After listening to her story, her pastor asked her, "Where do people usually put lights?"

"In dark places," she replied.

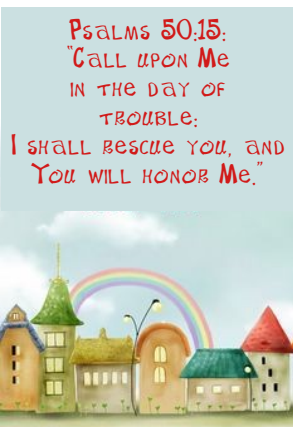
No sooner had the words left her lips, she realized her answer applied to her own life. She then realized that her place of employment was indeed a "dark place" where LIGHT was vitally needed, so she decided to stay where she was, and with the Holy Spirit's enabling, SHINE FOR JESUS.

What happened after that? She related that before too much time had passed, a number of her fellow employees—13 of them—came to know Christ as their Savior.

My friend, do you feel overwhelmed at being the only witness for Jesus in your family or at work? Please give yourself and your concerns to Jesus. Your loving witness for Christ does matter, and you are never alone, for Jesus is there with you to encourage and strengthen you. We must not concentrate on the obstacles which face us but in our Source of Strength, Who is always present to use us for His glory and purposes.

Keep looking to Him.

I'm so thankful for 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 Rudé, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, Tammie Wakefield, and Gertie Wissinger.



We Get Mail

To Our Church Family,

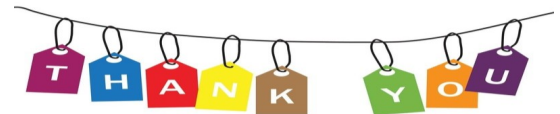
Thank you for showing your love for us with your cards, prayers, and ongoing friendship. TFB was important to Dave throughout his life, and I thank you for your support of him and our family.

Joy Pierson and Family

The following is from a homeless man who comes in once in a while for snack lunches:

I eat free meals and I have to compliment you on helping us. I appreciate it no end.

God bless you,
John B. Aikens



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

Beloved husband of Barbara and long-time TFB member, Randy Rudé, is now with the Lord; Bill Champlin lost his son, Brian; and Ralph Norsworthy's nephew, Fred Rose, passed away.



TFB Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for giving approximately \$57,652 in the month of May

Smile



Awhile



This is what
"I CAN WAIT"
looks like.



This is what
IMPATIENCE
looks like.



This is what a
BAD MOOD
looks like.

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.tfblife.org