

# Torrance First Baptist Church the Proclaimer

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## *Bittersweet, "Good-Bye" Sunday*



Over 400 people attended the service on May 13 to say good-bye to Pastor Charlie and Karen Rice, some coming from as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania. In remembrance of their 19 years here at TFB, they were presented with a beautiful glass replica of the stained glass image of Christ which is above the choir loft. In addition to bidding "Godspeed" to the Rices, six people were baptized, and Matt Strand, our Director of High School Ministries, was presented with a "License for Ministry." See pictures below.



Matt Strand & Deacons



l. to r.: Abigail, Olivia, Lillian, Brooke, and Sara



Glass replica gift



A gym full of well-wishers



Karen & Charlie



Rice family members & friends who came for the occasion



## *In Concert! June 22 at 7:00: Glenn Kaiser*

Glenn is a Chicago-based Christian blues musician, singer, songwriter, and pastor. He has been presenting the gospel through music for 45 years. Glenn fronted the hard rock Resurrection Band for more than 25 years before setting out on his own to pursue other musical avenues. Glenn's solo career is centered around the blues. His extensive discography—35 recordings to date—includes projects of rock 'n' roll, R&B, worship, American roots and, the thread through it all, the Gospel message.

Come and enjoy an evening of music, fellowship, and encouragement here at TFB from one of the premier blues guitarists. Free-will offering to be taken.

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# Reflections

by Pastor Rog



Dear Church Family,

Have you ever been in a situation which seemed hopeless? Many of us have, and it can be very discouraging. It is here that I am so thankful for God's Word which points us back to **His** abundant grace and help.

One man who experienced God's great encouragement during a time of great heartache is the prophet Jeremiah. The situation certainly appeared hopeless. The city of Jerusalem was under siege by Nebachadnezzar, King of Babylon. The people of Israel were trying to fight this despot in their own strength. This was futile! Now, what was Jeremiah doing during this time? He was prophesying God's Word to them, but they weren't listening. In fact, they were so angry with him they put him under house arrest (chapter 33). Later he was thrown into prison (chapter 37) and then into a cistern (chapter 38). Not

good! How did he deal with all of this ill treatment—this hopeless situation? He prayed! Notice, please, Jeremiah 33:1-3:

*"While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the Word of the Lord came to him a second time: This is what the Lord says, He Who made the earth, the Lord Who formed it and established it—the Lord is His Name. 'Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'"*

I don't know about you, but this passage, especially verse 3, gives me "goose bumps." How awesome is our God to give His servant such an encouraging word when all seemed lost. It's at difficult times such as these that we need to remember the promises of God.

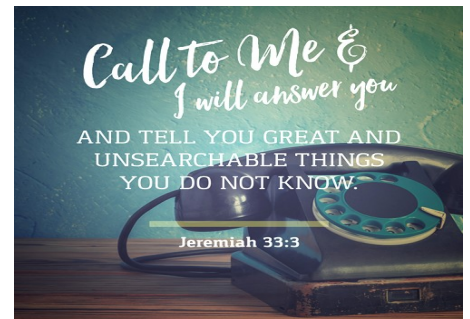
In verse 3, Jeremiah gives us one of the most promise-filled prayers of the Bible. Some have even called this promise, JER-333, "God's telephone number." Because in this verse, the Lord our God assured Jeremiah that even though Israel's (and his) situation seemed hopeless, that he had only to call God, and He would answer. Truly amid these difficult situations of life, there is nothing we can do, humanly speaking, to make an eternal difference. Yet what we CANNOT do, **God can!** Praise Him!

Think of it, God Himself said to Jeremiah, "Call to Me." This is the invitation of the eternal, covenant-keeping God, Who is also the Creator and Sustainer (Colossians 1:17) of all things. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and always present. In other words, the "line" to Heaven is never busy. By His grace, He is listening for us to call upon Him. It has been said that the only prayer that God does not answer is the prayer not prayed.

You may be facing a heavy situation today—a situation which seems hopeless. But please know this: you are not alone because the Lord is there waiting for you to call out to Him. His answer may be different from what you desire, but His answers are always best. Our part is to humble ourselves before Him, lay aside our willfulness and worry and determine to obey Him.

May we all write "God's telephone number, JER-333," on the table of our hearts and "dial" it often.

I'm praising only Him,  
Pastor Rog



## We Get Mail

Dear TFB Friends,

Having recently been through the shock of our own Senior Pastor's resignation, we wanted to be of encouragement and to let you know again, that we are praying for you. When our pastor resigned about a year ago, many of our people said that the timing of his resignation was terrible. We responded that this couldn't possibly be true, because it was God's timing. Of course, we were right. God brought us the perfect interim pastor and Pastor Rice at the perfect time. We are now praying and believing that God, in His tender mercy and great grace, will do the same for you.

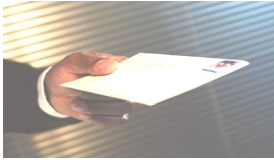
In His love and ours,

Slayden Yabrough  
Interim Pastor

Shirley Geister  
Ministry Council Chair

Marti Piper  
Search Committee Chair

Bob Pearson  
Moderator



*We Get  
More Mail*

**Open letter to Jim Standifer from Kent Meyer**

Dear Jim,

When I first started attending TFB back in 1973, I remember being greeted when we came in. I still remember three of you, Lloyd Allison, Roy Pursche, and yourself.

Lloyd retired about 20 years ago and moved to Kingman, Arizona. At that time, Lloyd was honored at our annual appreciation dinner. We retired one of our offering plates and had an inscription placed in it commemorating his years of service to the church. What I remember most about that event, is that his wife, Mary Lou, was crying when we presented Lloyd with the plaque. Ushers and the ministry they perform often get overlooked when it comes time to say, “thank you.”

Today, of the three of you, only Roy is still on the job in the foyer at church. I want you to know that you are missed. You made people feel good when they came into church. I am sure that you did this because of your faithfulness to the ministry God gave you.

You did not retire, you stood at your post until you could no longer stand. I think that God has spoken to this kind of commitment. The following verse comes to mind. I think that what is spoken about Paul and his ministry, can be said of yours:

**2 Tim 4:6-8 (ESV):**

*“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”*

When I come into church each week, I will miss your not being there. What we are at TFB is in part because of what you were at TFB—that distinguished-looking man that made me feel welcome when I came to church.

May the Lord continue to bless you.

In His love,  
Kent Meyer

See page 9 for more letters.



**College:**

- Laura Springer, Ph.D., (Educational Studies),  
Talbot School of Theology at BIOLA
- Julie Harris, BA, (Business),  
Cal State Dominguez Hills
- Bethany Hadley, AA (Double Science Major),  
Harbor College



**High School:**

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Hannah Arquisch | Katie Leyman   |
| Rocky DeFreitas | Kami Morris    |
| Emma Fisher     | Megan Newman   |
| Quintin Gomes   | Sarah Quinones |



**Jr. High School:**

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Elizabeth McBride | Nicholas Pagniano |
| Scarlett Otté     | Jackson Schonberg |

Addison Sigsbury



*Kamper Kamp  
August 3-5*

Make plans for our family “Kamp” outing right here in our own backyard—at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach. It is a tent-only camp, and we have reserved 2 sites which hold 40 people each. You can come during the days and go home to your own bed at night, or you can bring your camping gear and spend Friday and Saturday nights there.

The cost is \$20 per person for the weekend. Day visitors are free. For more information, contact Karla Gaines.

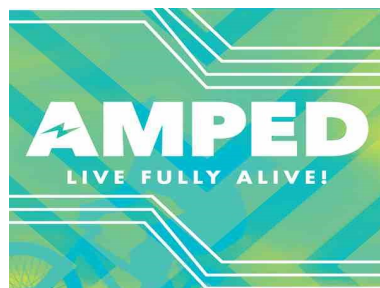
# 4 MINISTRIES

# & Youth Events



*Jr. High Hike  
& Breakfast  
June 2*

On **Saturday, June 2**, meet in the church parking lot at **7 a.m.** Bring \$7 for breakfast. This event will last until 10:15 a.m. Any questions? Contact Jay Kim, the Jr. High Ministry Director, at [jay.joon.kim@gmail.com](mailto:jay.joon.kim@gmail.com) or 213/705-7002.



*Vacation  
Bible School  
July 23-27  
6-8:30 p.m.*

2018 is going to be **ELECTRIFYINGLY** fun! We don't know if that's a real word, but we DO know that we are going to have an **EXTREMELY** awesome VBS teaching kids about why God wants each of us to be **OVERLOADED** with **CONFIDENCE**. God wants us to live our lives **FULLY ALIVE** because we can believe that what He says is **TRUE!**

Helpers are still needed, so if you want to be a part of this year's VBS, contact Karla Gaines to let her know you'd like to help.



*High School  
Movie & Pizza Night*



*Sunday, June 17 ~ 6:00 p.m.*

Pizza, drinks, and snacks provided.

## 2018 Summer Camp Schedule

Parents: Sign up now with a \$50 deposit.

TFB Family: If you would like to help a child go to summer camp, please donate to the Camp Fund, and mark your envelope as such.

**Junior's Lightseeker's Summer Camp  
at Mile High Pines  
June 25-29, \$300.00**



**Jr. High Summer Camp at 1000 Pines  
July 22-27, \$380.00**

Theme verse: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36)

What if what God says in the Bible is true? Ultimately, it changes everything!



**High School Summer Camp  
at Thousand Pines  
July 8-13  
\$400.00**



## Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please remember that **Dinner Night (2nd Saturday of the month)** and **Game Night (4th Saturday of the month)** are great opportunities to invite friends, whether they attend TFB, go to another church, or don't go to church at all.



**Dinner Night ~ Saturday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at Sizzler, 2880 Sepulveda Boulevard., in Torrance

**Game Night ~ Saturday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at Gloria Pedersen's, 817 Amapola Avenue, Old Towne Torrance. Bring drinks and snacks to share.



For additional questions, suggestions, or more information, call Gloria, 562/505-4495.

### TFB Academy

*"Illumination--Revealed  
by the Spirit"*

By Laura Springer, M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D

As we have seen over the past few months, revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, and canonicity make theological and historical claims about the Scripture. *Revelation* says that Scripture is God's written revelation of his nature and will, including the good news of deliverance and glorification, to humanity. *Inspiration* teaches that Scripture was breathed out by God and written by human authors. *Inerrancy* refers to the truth of the original transcripts of Scripture. It says that Scripture is true, conforming to reality and speaking the truth in everything it affirms. *Canonicity* is a historical concept that refers to the authenticity of Scripture.

*Illumination* is different in that it makes a theological claim about God's interactions with his people with regard to Scripture. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit clarifying the meaning of Scripture to believers who are maturing in faith and fellowship with Jesus. The Spirit's illumination can take place directly with each believer or indirectly through the spoken or written words of teachers. Whatever the means, illumination is always a work of the Holy Spirit connecting the mind of God with the minds of his people. God gave us the Bible because he wants his people to understand. He then helps us understand by acting as our guide to the meaning and significance of his Word. God the Spirit illuminates the Scripture as we engage its truth.

The Spirit illuminates the Scripture, helping believers to understand and know how to live out that understanding. He reveals the things of God that have been hidden (Ephesians 1:15-23). He uncovers the deep things of God, interpreting the significance of spiritual things that human wisdom cannot explain (1 Corinthians 2:6-14). He illuminates the Scripture for believers who are maturing in Christ, but does not do so for those who cater to the flesh (1 Corinthians 3:1-4).

Illumination is one side of a two-sided partnership, for it requires our participation. Believers must take a prayerful approach to Scripture. We must hone our skills as we practice the principled study of Scripture. We must practice informed and open listening to Christian teachers who unfold God's Word through spoken word, the written word, or life.

*TFB Academy Theology Brunch  
Sunday, June 10 ~ 12:30 p.m.*

All are invited to attend this informative gathering as we dig deep into God's Word. The subject will be "How did we get the Bible and How can we trust it?" Cost: Food to share or some recyclable cans/bottles. Where: In the room on the second floor above the nursery.



**Recurring Weekly Events:**

**Sunday**  
**Worship Services:**  
 9:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
 Worship & Witness, 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.  
 Handbell Practice, 4p

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

**Tuesday**  
 C4 High School Leadership, 5:30 p.m.  
 C4 High School, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
 Men's Lunch @ Sizzler, 12:30p  
 Family Dinner, 6 p.m.  
 Colossians Kids, 6:30 p.m.  
 "Crazy Love" Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  
**[Family Dinners, Colossians Kids, & Crazy Love through 6/13]**  
 Jr. High QUEST, 6:30 p.m.  
 Choir Practice, 7 p.m.  
 Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday**  
 Ladies' Bible Study [Resumes 9/16]  
 C4 College Group, 7 p.m.  
 7th Day Baptist Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Friday**  
 Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.  
 Bible Study @ Greteman's, 6:15 p.m.

**Saturday**  
 7th Day Baptists, 9 a.m.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 All day prep for Loaves & Fishes	2 11a Loaves & Fishes
3 2:30p Sing at Royalwood	4	5	6	7	8	9 7a Jr. High Hike & Breakfast 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out
10 12:30p TFB Academy Theology Brunch 5:20p Prayer Group	11	12 12n Shut-in Meeting	13	14 7p Beacon Light Mission	15 6p Kids' Night Out	16 7p Share & Care
17 6p H.S. Movie Nite	18 7p Finance & FacMan Teams	19 6p Ministry Teams: Fellowship, GO, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess	20	21	22 7p Blues Concert	23 6:30p Singles' Game Night
24 5:20p Prayer Group	25 1p Youth leave for Lightseeker's Camp	26	27	28	29 Youth home from camp	30

**Upcoming July Events:**

- 7/1 ~ Combined Service followed by BBQ, 10a
- 7/4 ~ Office closed for Independence Day
- 7/7 ~ Loaves & Fishes, 11a
- 7/8-7/13 ~ High School Camp @ 1000 Pines
- 7/14 ~ Singles' Dinner Out, 6:30p
- 7/20 ~ Kids' Night Out, 6p
- 7/22-27 ~ Jr. High Summer Camp @ 1000 Pines
- 7/23-27 ~ VBS, 6-8:30p
- 7/28 ~ Singles' Game Night, 6:30p



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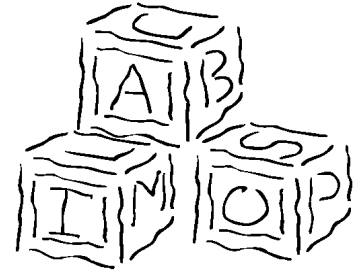
*"We Remember Parents"*

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verses given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2) .....	<b>A</b>	-----
Obed (Matthew 1:5) .....	<b>B</b>	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24) .....	<b>C</b>	-----
John-the disciple (Matthew 4:21).....	<b>D</b>	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) .....	<b>E</b>	-----
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) .....	<b>F</b>	-----
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) .....	<b>G</b>	-----
Esau (Genesis 25:28) .....	<b>H</b>	-----
David (1 Samuel 16:19) .....	<b>I</b>	-----
Jacob (Genesis 25:28) .....	<b>J</b>	-----
Samuel (1Samuel 1:19-20) .....	<b>K</b>	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) .....	<b>L</b>	-----
Samuel (1Samuel 1:19-20).....	<b>M</b>	-----
Jesse (Matthew 1:5).....	<b>N</b>	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) .....	<b>O</b>	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24).....	<b>P</b>	-----
Isaac (Genesis 21:3).....	<b>Q</b>	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) ...	<b>R</b>	-----
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) .....	<b>S</b>	-----
Solomon (1Kings 2:1) .....	<b>T</b>	-----
	<b>U</b>	-----
	<b>V</b>	-----
	<b>W</b>	-----
	<b>X</b>	-----
Jesus (Matthew 1:18) .....	<b>Y</b>	-----
James (Matthew 4:21).....	<b>Z</b>	-----

Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebede, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebede

Play an **A-B-C** Game



Number of players:  
1 to?  
Equipment: none!

As you travel by car or train or bus look out of the window. The object is to find all the letters of the alphabet in order, starting with A. Find them on signs, license plates, trucks, anywhere! The first player to find them all wins. Or work together just for fun!

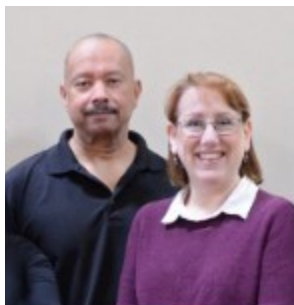
Another ABC game to play is to find things that begin with each letter. Find things created by God or made by people through God's guiding hands!



*a.k.a. Parent's Date Night*  
*3rd Friday of each month*  
*June 15 ~ 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 donation of \$3/child.

*TFB Mission Outreach*



*El Salvador Construction Team  
Update from  
Clay & Sharlene Jackson*

Our TFB Receptionist Sharlene Jackson and husband, Clay, are back from their missionary trip to El Salvador. Sharlene writes the following:

Thank you TFB Family for your prayers for our mission trip to El Sunzal, El Salvador. Our team spent most of our time building 3 homes for local church families, two of which were completed. By the time we were finished the families knew that it wasn't a bunch of "Americanos" who had provided them with homes, but Jesus.

A couple of the members of our team worked with another team from Calvary Ft. Lauderdale to build portable skate ramps. Then we held a skateboard outreach with testimonies and a skateboard demonstration. Over 50 kids attended and tried out the new ramps using skateboards that were given to the church by the mission team from Ft. Lauderdale.

We also helped organize the clothing ministry storage as well as assisting with the church's various ongoing ministries.

We were able to provide 4 laptops to the church to give as gifts to those local kids that are going on to college.

Thank you again for all your prayers of support. It was a truly growing & stretching experience for my husband and me.



Laying cement blocks for the framework



Completed one-room home with tin roof and siding



Completed skateboard ramps



Sharlene entertaining the local children with bubbles





*More Mail:*

Hello TFB Family,

Thank you for your continued partnership in the work to raise up more workers to go to the unreached. May the Lord continue to guide and lead TFB through the transitions ahead.

Tim Hardy

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate so much all the cards, visits, flowers, calls, and prayers after I fell. They all meant so much to me.

It looks like I'll be in recovery for while, so I would appreciate your continued prayers.

Love in Christ,  
Connie Reimer

Dear "Family,"

Thank you so much for your cards, calls, and kind words. Most of all, thank you for your prayers for my broken wrist. Doctors put in a plate, the cast is off, and now it is healed!

Love to all,  
Jerrolyn Vitali

TFB Church,

After almost 40 years attending TFB church, I must say good-bye as I will be moving to Arizona.

It will be a big change for this native Californian. I will miss friends and Pastor Rog but feel this is God's will. I thank everyone for the many years I have worshipped with you and trips we enjoyed together.

God bless one and all!

Dorothy Deering



*Set-up Person Needed*

Faculty Management is looking for someone to fill the Set-up/tear down position which will be available on June 8, 2018. This is a paid position.

Contact Becky Brunckhorst, 310/50-4302.



Please pray for the Standifer Family as long-time faithful TFB member, Jim Standifer, is now with the Lord;

the Norman family, as Robert lost his grandfather Dewayne Norman;

and



Sue Domingo and her family as her father, faithful attendee, Earl Forman, is now with Jesus.



Please pray for the following who need continued prayer:

Barbara Ashcraft, Michael Banfield, Nancy Christensen, Julie Cochran, Tom Cochran, Mary Crutchfield, Gloria Deering, Leah Douglas, Ruth Easley, Virgie Fletcher, Dutchess Gattis, Mary Jacobsen, Joanne Jenkins, Barbara Johnson, Bill Johnson, Helen Kessenich, Joan Kindt, Joy Moore, Bill Morgan, Gloria Pedersen, Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Jean Rayner, Connie Reimer, Barbara Rudé, Edna Hazel Ruth, Claudine Schultz, Mary Schultz, Jo Standifer, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Tammie Wakefield, Gertie Wissinger, and Art Zeller.

*TFB Tithes & Offerings*



Thank you for giving approximately \$87,054 in the month of April.

## Helping Your Father



A clergyman was walking down a country lane and saw a young farmer struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off.

"You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand."

"No thanks," said the young man. "My father wouldn't like it."

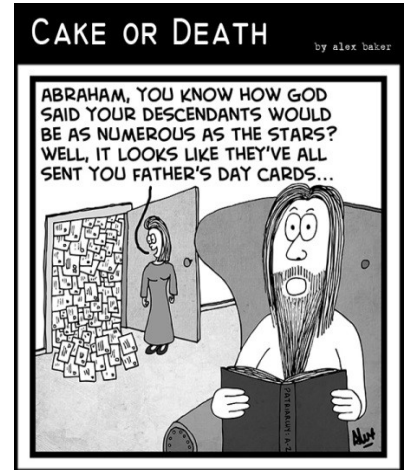
"Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water."

Again the young man protested that his father would be upset.

Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!"

"Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the load of hay."

*"A merry heart does good, like medicine" (Proverbs 17:22, NKJV).*



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