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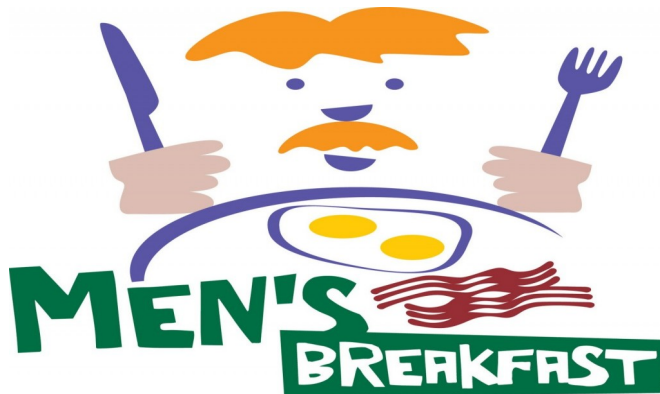
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*Saturday, May 10
9:00 a.m.*

All men, Jr. High age and above, join us for an expertly prepared delicious breakfast and inspirational speaking and spiritual fellowship in the Gym. We will hear a talk from one of the staff at Thousand Pines. This meeting is a warm-up for the Fall Men's Conference. Bring your own stories of climbing the wall or winning at paintball or ????. Sign up in the patio or contact Bill Harenburg at wharenburg@aol.com. If you can't wait to sign up for the Men's Conference, there will be a sign-up sheet available at the breakfast. ☺

POTLUCK



FRIDAY, MAY 16 @ NOON

Join us for a great time of fellowship and a special program just for you. Bring a dish to share and come expecting a great time together!

From the Pastor's Heart



Turning our hearts to God.

I hope you had a wonderful celebration of Easter. I sure did. Our worship services were a great inspiration for me—helping me to both remember and rejoice in the amazing and wonderful truth that our Savior conquered death and is alive today. I sure look forward to the day when I will see Him face to face and finally love and worship Him the way He deserves.

The other reason I had a wonderful Easter was because my whole family was together, especially my granddaughter Alice. She is three months old and I think she demanded all my spare time and attention. At least that is the story I am sticking to.

Probably most of you know that recently we hired Cristian Jerez to be our Senior High Ministry Director. Well, after much discussion and prayer, Cristian decided he needed to step down from this position. With him in seminary and being a new father (his son Lucas is five months old), among the many things Cristian is needing to manage, he decided this position was too much. Although he was only on staff for six weeks, I am sad to have to say goodbye.

Please pray for Cristian and Genesis as they look to God for their future plans. And please pray for our search process to find his replacement and for our youth as they find themselves in the midst of transition again. And please pray for our Senior High volunteer leaders: Ann Pursche, Jim Condon, Andrew & Kaitlin Condon, and Beki Huffman, as they continue to faithfully serve and lead our Senior High Group.

Jesus Christ has risen and is alive today. He is in charge here at TFB. We are His children and He knows our needs. Right now the challenge is for us to believe that and put our trust in Him to guide and provide.

Pastor Charlie

Reflections by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

While at university, one of my music professors started each class with this statement, "Life's tough!" After awhile, my classmates and I dismissed his statement since life for us, at that moment, wasn't tough. Oh, how much we had to learn!

It wasn't too long thereafter that the truth of Professor Anderson's statement rang true for me. Life was tough, and I wasn't prepared for what had touched my life. We ask "How can we be prepared for those sorrows and setbacks which come our way?" Thankfully, God's Word has the answer for us. The prophet Isaiah said,

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose

mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You... Trust in the Lord forever, for in YAH, the Lord, is everlasting strength"
(Isaiah 26:3-4, NKJV).

The phrase "everlasting strength" literally expresses the "Rock of Ages," denoting a rocky cliff where the trusting one may find shelter from attackers. Yes, our Lord most certainly is our SHELTER. He is the covenant-keeping One Who cares for His children. Let's face it, none of us knows what lies before us even though we've carefully planned our next steps.

Take for example what happened in April 2010 when



clouds of ash spewed by a volcano in Iceland closed airports across the UK and Europe for five days. Nearly 100,000 flights were canceled, and millions of passengers around the world found themselves in an enormous holding pattern on the ground. People missed important events, businesses lost money, and no one knew when it would all end. No one—except God! Truly, this was a "rocky cliff" experience, and not one of these people could change what was happening.

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We Get Mail

Dear Pastor Charlie and TFB,

*You're the apple of His eye
And the delight of His heart.*

We cannot thank you enough for all you have done for us. In helping us you are helping so many more that are in need. On behalf of them, "thank you." God bless you all.

In His love and ours,
John Hernandez, New Challenge Ministries



Dear TFB Friends,

Our family is grateful for the kindness and hospitality demonstrated towards us in our time of grief. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

We appreciated the assistance and preparation for Mom's (Jayne Spinney) Memorial Service. We will not soon forget the service or the reception that followed.

With thanks,
Kris Zerhusen

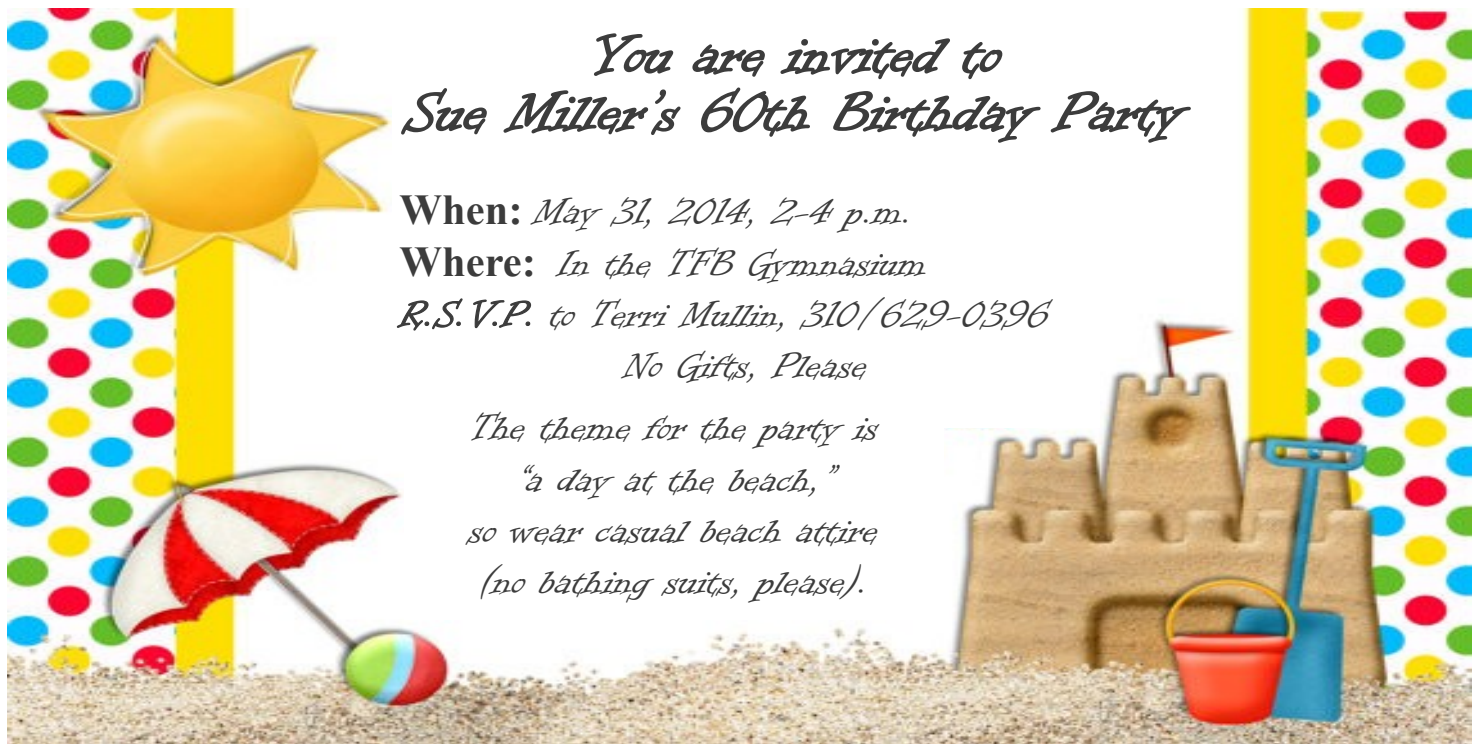


Dear Church Family,

Thank you many times over for the nice cards and other kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother, Hewyt.

He has been a believer since about age 10.

Sincerely,
Ralph Norsworthy and Family



You are invited to Sue Miller's 60th Birthday Party

When: *May 31, 2014, 2-4 p.m.*

Where: *In the TFB Gymnasium*

R.S.V.P. to Terri Mullin, 310/629-0396

No Gifts, Please

The theme for the party is

"a day at the beach,"

so wear casual beach attire

(no bathing suits, please).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING (JULY 11-13)



Visitors to *SonTreasure Island* will discover a unique treasure. More precious than gold, more lasting than diamonds, it is the greatest treasure of all—God's love!

The Christian life begins with God's love for us and continues as His love flows through us to others.



At ***SonTreasure Island Weekend Adventure***, treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts and enjoy tropical snacks. But more importantly, they will discover the rich treasure of God's love through the truths found in 1 Corinthians 13.

Those interested in joining this year's VBS crew, please return a completed volunteer form, available in the church office, to Pastor Jay. Training dates are **May 17 & June 14** (9am-11am) and **July 5** in the afternoon for final preparations before our weekend adventure.



TFB Kidz singing "This is the Way God Loved" on Easter Sunday morning.



Summer Camps 2014

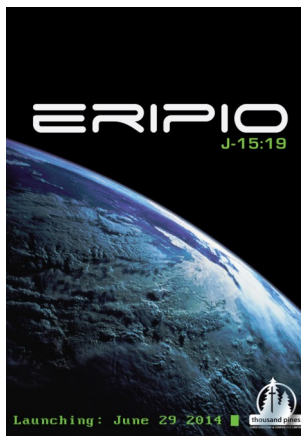
Juniors (3rd-6th)

Junior High

High School



July 14-18
\$290



June 29-July 4
\$360



August 10-16
\$480

Pick up registration information in the patio or church office.



*CLASSICAL
PIANO
CONCERT*

You are invited to attend a free concert on **Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Bread of Life Church, 2780 Lomita Boulevard., in Torrance. Sandra Shen's *Inspiration from Above* is sweeping the world, having been presented in 6 countries to tens of thousands of people. Be touched by her powerful stories and beautiful music. This would be a wonderful Gospel outreach to bring your unsaved friends to see and hear. Child care will be provided.

*Journeyman
22-hour
Discipleship
Retreat
May 16-17*



Any men who would be interested in our next Lock & Talk which is scheduled for **May 16-17**, please call the office or sign up in the patio.

We meet at 6 p.m. on Friday evenings, spend the night, and stay until 2 p.m. on Saturday. This is an open forum format where men spend extended time together discussing and studying spiritual issues. Any and all spiritual subjects are welcome, using the Bible as our source of truth.

Space is limited for this event, so sign up as soon as possible



*City of
Torrance
55th Annual
Armed Forces
Day Parade
May 17, 1:30~3:30 p.m.*

As part of TFB's 100th anniversary, we will be participating with a booth. Our goal is to share the Gospel by handing out tracts and talking to anyone who is interested. We will also be handing out bottles of water and pinwheels for the kids.

Everyone is invited to be part of this outreach. Look for our sign somewhere on Torrance Boulevard between Crenshaw and Madrona.



*You are invited
to a Memorial
Luncheon on
Sunday, May 18
at 12:30 p.m.*

The Ayala Family invites everyone to stay after the second service on May 18 to enjoy a memorial luncheon to honor the memory of Angel Ayala.



Above pictures depict last year's event

Attendance & Giving

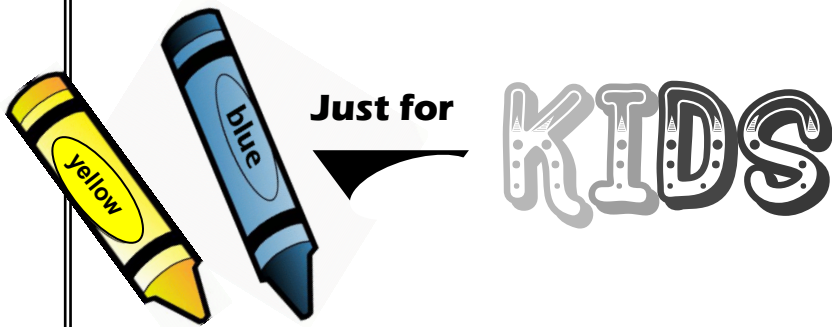


ATTENDANCE

AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE = 275
FOR MARCH



Thank you for giving approximately \$69,368 in the month of March.



Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

Eve³¹ bore
 Sarah²³ bore
 Rebekah⁷ bore
 Rachel¹³ bore
 Leah¹² bore
 Zilpah⁴⁴ bore
 Bilhah³⁴ bore
 Jochebed¹⁹ bore
 Naomi² bore
 Ruth¹⁴ bore
 Hannah²⁶ bore
 Bathsheba¹⁰ bore
 Elizabeth³ bore
 Mary⁶ bore
 Eunice³ bore

CHILDREN

Cain, Abel and Seth^{22 25 11}
 Isaac¹⁸
 Jacob and Esau^{27 15}
 Benjamin and Joseph^{20 41}
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah^{43 17 30 33 24}
 Gad and Asher^{35 39}
 Dan and Naphtali^{28 36 38}
 Moses²⁹
 Mahlon and Kilion^{8 32}
 Obed⁵
 Samuel²¹
 Solomon⁴²
 John the Baptist^{9 37}
 Jesus¹⁶
 Timothy⁴



“ _____ ;
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
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 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
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 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

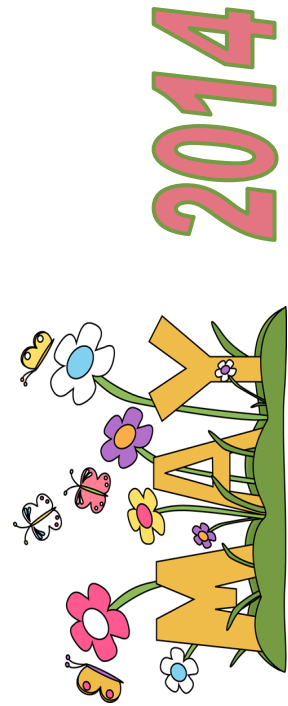
What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Recurring Weekly Events: |
|--|--------------------------|--|-----|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | 1 10:30a Circle of Friends | 2 Anx reserved all day for Loaves & Fishes 10a Leave for Women's Retreat | 3 11a Loaves & Fishes | Sunday Worship Services: 9:15 & 11 a.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. Worship & Witness, 6 p.m. New Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m. New Covenant (Korean) Wrshp, 12:45 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m. |
| 4 2p Sing @ Royalwood | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 7p Beacon Light | 9 7p Young Marrieds @ Duvall's | 10 9a Men's Breakfast | Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:30 a.m. |
| 11 5:20p Prayer Gathering | 12 7p DiscDev | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 12n Senior Luncheon 6p Lock & Talk begins (ends 2p Saturday) | 17 9a VBS Training 1:30p Armed Forces Parade 6:30p Singles' Game Night 7p Share & Care | Tuesday BSF Leaders, 9:15 a.m. High School Revive, 7 p.m. |
| 18 12:30p Meal in memory of Angel Ayala | 19 7p Facilities Team | 20 6p Mnstry Teams: Fellowship, Finance, GO, Outreach & Wor. 7p Deacon/ess | 21 | 22 | 23 7p Young Marrieds @ Duvall's | 24 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out | Wednesday Bible Study Fellowship, 9:15 a.m. TFB (K-6th grades), 6:45 p.m. Jr. High QUEST, 6:45 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice, 7 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Bible Study, 8 p.m. Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m. |
| 25 5:20p Prayer Gathering | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 8:30a Journeyment's Study 2p Birthday Party for Sue Miller | Thursday Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m. Worship Band Practice, 6:30 p.m. Next Step Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. |
| | | | | | | | Friday Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m. |
| | | | | | | | Saturday New Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m. |

Upcoming June Events:

- 6/7 ~ Women's Progressive Dinner, 5p
- 6/14 ~ Father/Son Fishing Trip to Green Valley Lake, 6a
- 6/14 ~ VBS Training, 9a
- 6/21 ~ All Church Work Day, 9a
- 6/28 ~ Dorothy Morgan's 90th Birthday Party, 1p
- 6/29-7/4 ~ Jr. High Camp @ 1000 Pines, leave @ 2p





Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please invite anyone of any age to join us.



Game Night ~ Saturday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Emma Powell's house, 17316 Haas Avenue, Torrance. Bring games and snacks to share. Need more info? Call Jude, 424/800-1910.



Dinner Out ~ Saturday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Swan Thai, 31206 Palos Verdes Dr., W., Rancho Palos Verdes. After dinner, we can go for an optional walk along the bluffs at Point Vicente.



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

"The Persistence of Glory"

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

Sometimes I think I can imagine God's glory, but then I realize I am probably wrong. After all, how can I imagine glory in this land of stain and shadow? Yet we can see glimmers of God's glory, for even in a sin-stained world, his glory leaks out all over. It leaks in constant declaration: Everything that was spoken into being (Genesis 1) and every art of the human image bearer (Genesis 1:26-28) have no choice but to shout.

"Glory leaks through every moment and all with ears to hear and eyes to see will perceive the message."

The one who spoke everything into being, who crafted humanity as his image bearer, is glorious beyond imagination. Indeed, for the unveiled soul, God's glory is an undoing (Exodus 33:17-23). The power of his glory cannot be contained; its persistence cannot be hindered (Psalm 19). It continues despite humanity's best efforts to ignore it or explain it away. Glory leaks through every moment and all with ears to hear and eyes to see will perceive the message.

Glory is declared by the sun glowing amber at the horizon. It is declared in the slow elegance of a snail. It is declared in the simplicity of craft, in the wonder of a child, and in the sorrow of loss. It speaks in work done well. Creation cannot help but declare God's glory and it remains for us to learn to see and hear.



Smile Awhile!



DISNEYLAND

Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw the sign that said “Disneyland LEFT.”

They started crying and turned around and went home.



FLORIDA OR THE MOON

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde said to the other, “Which do you think is farther away, Florida or the moon?”

The other blonde turned and said, “Hellooooo, can you see Florida???”

SPEEDING TICKET



A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.

She replied in a huff, “I wish you guys would get you act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today, you expect me to show it to you!”

RIVER WALK

A blonde was out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank. “Yoo-hoo,” she shouts, “How can I get to the other side?”

The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, “You ARE on the other side.”

AT THE DOCTOR’S OFFICE

A young redhead went into the doctor’s office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.

“Impossible!” said the doctor. “Show me.”

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, “You’re not really a redhead, are you?”

“Well, no,” she said, “I’m actually a blonde.”



Women of Valor

In *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* (Thomas Nelson), Rachel Held Evans explores the concept of the Proverbs 31 woman, whose character is described as noble or virtuous. Many scholars say the most accurate translation of the Hebrew phrase *esbet chayil* is actually the “valorous woman.”

To many modern-day women, Proverbs 31 seems like an impossible-to-meet job description. But Evans says that shouldn’t be the case. “The woman of Proverbs 31 is not some ideal that exists out there; she is present in each one of us when we do even the smallest things with valor,” she writes. “Like any good poem, the purpose of this one is to draw attention to the often-overlooked glory of the everyday.”

To affirm the females in her life, Evans started calling them “women of valor.” What an honoring way to bless someone’s day!

*TFB Global Outreach
Missionary News*

From the Feltons with Christian Surfers' Federation

We have had quite a month. March and beginning of April included Allison's studies for her 2 final tests for her SLP Masters...

We were blessed to be one of the four featured missionary families for the missions conference at Ventura Baptist Church the 22nd through the 30th of March. My aunt from Canada came to stay with us for 2-½ weeks to help with the kids so that we could take part in the conference. In addition to this, I was offered the directorship of Christian Surfing Federation the week before the conference with a month or so to make the transition and decision.

So...for my first lesson back with csfoventura since the middle of March... I [shared] with the csfoventura group the journey God has taken us through as a ministry, remembering the provision, saved lives, answers to prayer and spiritual growth that He has brought us through together. I want us to stop and remember what God has done through us at this pivotal juncture before we move forward as a ministry and take the next steps that God has for us.

Specific items for prayer:

1. Clear appointment of leader/s called by God to this ministry for this Ventura chapter to replace myself.
2. Pray for God's clear vision and goals for this ministry moving forward and the raising up of new Christian surfing leaders for chapters yet to come.
3. Pray for the provision and guidance for a 6-week to 2-month furlough this summer, I desperately need an extended time to recharge, pray, fast, surf and read before moving fully forward into this new role. I want God's will above all else.
4. As our family has gotten bigger, we have outgrown our Subaru, especially now that I am driving around the kids friends as well. We are specifically looking for a 2010 or newer (looks like I will be putting on a lot of miles coming up and need reliability) minivan with AWD if possible (if no AWD, not a deal breaker). If anyone has one they would like to donate or sell at a discount that would be a huge blessing.
5. I'd like to end with a praise. In the 2 or 3 weeks prior to starting the Ventura chapter with my good friend Robert Weiner, I received a check in the mail for \$5000 from a friend in Alaska specifically for the starting of this chapter. It wasn't solicited, he just knew that we needed it for something because of the Lord's prompting.

Fast forward to this new appointment with CSF. At the end of missions conference an offering was taken and a sizeable amount was donated. I can't tell you the exact figure, yet, that will go into Christian Surfing Federation National from that, but I can say for sure that it will be more than half of the offering—thousands of dollars provided by God at the exact right time for the hand-off of this ministry.

My prayer is that Christian Surfing Federation will be faithful to Malachi 3:16. It says, "Then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the Lord listened to what they said. In His presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared Him and always thought about the honor of His name." May we always fear God (kept from sin, holy) and always think about the honor of His name and not our own.

Thanks for reading this and for faithfully partnering financially and in prayer to continue the work of God in this short time we have on earth. May we be faithful servants carrying out the will of our God, Amen.



L to R: Faith, Allison, Quinn, Daniel, and Ryder

Reflections

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Dear people, the same is true for us. Just as all those people needed help with their complicated situation, so do we when the “eruptions” of life touch us. This takes us back to our Scripture passage:

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in YOU” (Isaiah 26:3, NKJV).

It is here that we need to answer a question. When our plans are shattered, do our minds dwell on the circumstances or on the Lord—the all faithful One? He alone has the answers to our questions and the strength we need to endure what has unexpectedly come our way. How thankful I am that our God is indeed the COVENANT-KEEPING God through all the circumstances of our lives. Please remember, when LIFE BECOMES TOUGH for you, He can be depended upon, for nothing is too tough for Him. Never! Let’s keep our minds stayed on Him. This is our SAFE place.

I’m trusting only in Him,
Pastor Rog



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

Ron Fuqua’s uncle and former TFB missionary to Mexico, Ralph Fuqua, is now with the Lord; Becky Brunckhorst lost her Mom, Betty; and Hewyt Norsworthy, Ralph’s brother, passed away.



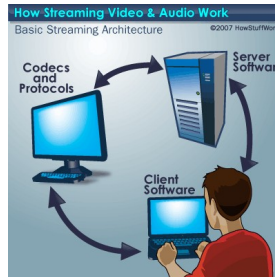
September 27-28

As most of you know, Torrance First Baptist Church will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary this year. We will be celebrating this milestone September 27-28 with lots of special activities. We have invited former pastors and members alike to join us for the weekend, which includes a special catered dinner on Saturday (tickets will go on sale later), but it is limited to 150 people.

After the dinner, there will be a program in the Worship Center (open to all) with a video looking back over the past 100 years, historical displays and words of remembrance.

Sunday morning will be a combined service followed by a BBQ and chili cook-off, popcorn, cotton candy, giant slide/jumper, games, etc. There will be a dedication of the Anniversary Gift (patio fountain) and time capsule.

We will be taking donations to fund the proceedings (except for the dinner which will pay for itself). Also, if you have any old TFB photos, videos, etc. to share, drop them by the church clearly labeled with your name so we can copy and return them to you.



Coming to Your Home Soon

Rightnowmedia.org has compiled a library of over 3,000 Bible studies for all ages streaming to you on your computer, cell phone or tablet. Watch and learn for personal growth or hook it up to your TV and enjoy it with your friends. It is free to join and is for the whole family. Be looking for an invite in your email box soon asking you to join. Simply click on the “accept invite” button, fill out the information page and you will have access 24/7.

—from your Discipleship Development Team

Don't forget:

**Ladies' Retreat at
1000 Pines
May 2-4
Waiting
List
Only**

**(For those who have
signed up, make sure all
paperwork has been
completed and turned in.)**

*Helping Hands Family Camp
May 23-26*

In lieu of Family Camp this year, some of you might want to consider bonding as a family over Christ-centered teaching and fun-filled recreation at Thousand Pines.



Enjoy camp-style family fun with paintball, bingo, bonfires and more! Give back to camp on Saturday, as we prepare for the busy summer season with family work projects. Help spruce up camp with gardening, painting and raking projects!

- Pricing: Adults (12 & up) . . . \$55
- Kids (3-11) \$40
- Kids (under 3) Free!

For more information, call 888-423-2267 or email at info@thousandpines.com

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For more information, contact the church office: 310.328.5030 or info@fbclife.org or visit us on the web at www.fbclife.org