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September 27 and 28, 2014

Join us for a special time to commemorate God's amazing grace and work through His children here at Torrance First Baptist Church.

Saturday, September 27 ~ Honoring Our Legacy

Catered dinner followed by a free program of honoring our past:
Dinner ~ 5:00 p.m. (limited to 150) Program ~ 7:00 p.m. (open to all)

Dinner tickets on sale for \$40 per person

Sunday, September 28 ~ Celebrating the Now and the Not Yet

One Combined Celebration Service

followed by dedication of patio fountain and then a party with:
Great food ~ BBQ, chili cook-off, birthday cake, cotton candy,
snow cones & popcorn

Children's activities ~ bouncers and inflatables

Antique Car Show

TFB Historical Exhibit

How can you help?

- Pray as we reach out to our community with our birthday celebration.
- Participate by volunteering your time, talent and financial support. Please mark your financial support "TFB 100th Celebration."

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

From the Pastor's Heart



Our SUMMER FAMILY WORSHIP schedule is coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed us being together these past nine weeks. My hope is that through this together experience our hearts have been encouraged and reenergized with the truth of Scripture that we are one church body, one family, and in this together as we worship and serve the same God and Savior, even though we sometimes participate in different services, classes,

small groups and ministry endeavors.

So now we begin our fall on September 7 by returning to our schedule of two morning services at 9:15 a.m. and 11a.m. and resuming our Sunday School classes for all ages. I invite you to continue participating in the services and classes with renewed enthusiasm for worshiping and serving our Lord and helping each other grow in our faith.

I hope you know by now about our special weekend coming up on September 27 & 28. We will be celebrating our 100th year anniversary. God has been so gracious in building His church family in this place. We who currently love and serve Him here have been preceded by thousands who have faithfully

loved and served our Lord. We are very grateful for their legacy. So on that September weekend, we will honor and celebrate their lives of service to the Lord. We also will celebrate God's continued grace among us now, looking forward to all He wants to continue to do through His children here at TFB for generations to come.

So I invite you to join us for this special time. The details of this weekend are on the front page of this *Proclaimer* (as well as on the back). If you would like to help offset the cost of this special weekend celebration please make your contribution to TFB and mark it "100th celebration."

Serving Christ together,
Pastor Charlie

Reflections

by Pastor Rog

Dear Church Family,

Discouragement. This is a "heavy" word which we all can identify with, for in the ebb and flow of life, it has touched each of us. Even the most faithful of God's servants have been touched by this enemy of our faith. Please read what Joshua had to say about this in Joshua 7:7...

"Alas, Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!"

I can picture this dear, discouraged man walking away from the throngs of people surrounding him so that he might

be alone with the Lord.

Alone...where he could just let all of his hurt, frustration and feelings of defeat spill out before the Lord.

Tell me, have you ever been where Joshua was...alone, defeated and discouraged? I have.

It is at moments like these that we wonder if life will ever be right again—if we will get past these times of helplessness. Praise God, by His grace and leading, we will.

Throughout Scripture, we see that our heavenly Father uses times such as these to teach us spiritual lessons. Sometimes, as He did with Joshua and the Israelites, He uses discouraging times (even failure) to reveal sin



in our lives. At other times, He uses these sorrows of life to teach us, afresh, that we cannot do anything without Him (John 15:5), or that He has a better plan for our lives. If we are truly looking for His answers through all of these difficult experiences, we will discern that He desires us to trust Him completely. Oh, how many times have I fussed, fumed and fretted rather than just humbly turned all of my discouragements and failures over to Him. Too many, I'm afraid.

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We Get Mail

Dear TFB,

When we got the call and our guys went to pick up the donations of groceries, there was one big box of Cheerios, and a client was watching us bring in the groceries to our storage shed. She stopped me and said, “Pastor, could I please get that box of Cheerios for my mom who is in her 90’s? That’s all she eats most of the time besides the fruit and produce you give us each week that I come for.” I said, “Of course you can have the box for your mom.” She later told me she can’t always buy her Cheerios for they are on a tight budget, so she was excited.

What a blessing TFB is as you bless so many in the South Bay. Thank you so much.
John Hernandez, President, New Challenge Ministries

More mail on p. 11

Thousand Pines Men’s Conference ~ September 19-21



Wanna get away? Thousand Pines Men’s Retreat is the place for you! During this weekend, we will not: overload your schedule, count your calories, or ask you to mow the lawn. What we will do is provide you with gourmet meals boasting choice meats, opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship with godly men, and an open schedule to just let you be. So grab a couple friends or your whole church and we’ll provide the bacon!



Vince Beresford

Our Speaker this year will be Vince Beresford. Vince was placed into the Los Angeles County foster care system at birth and later was returned to live with his birth mother. Vince lived with his birth mother in an abusive home surrounded by gangs, drugs and violence until he was 10 years old and then moved in with and was raised by his grandmother. Vince completed his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Azusa Pacific University (APU), earned his Doctorate degree at George Fox University and has been an Ordained Pastor since 1995. Vince was also a two-time National Champion pole-vaulter while attending APU. Vince has been married to his best friend Julia for over 20 years and they have three daughters.

Music will be provided by Craig Wilson who is the Children's Pastor at LifeBridge Christian Church in Colorado. He has been involved in drama and music for most of his life. Craig has a passion to see kids and adults experience God through entertainment and especially laughter. He is married to Julie Wilson and together they have their greatest productions yet...their two sons.



Craig Wilson



by *LifeTouch*

**PORTRAIT
SIGN-UPS**
for the new
Church
Directory

In coordination with our 100th anniversary, we are creating a new pictorial directory. Make plans to be included in the new photo directory!

If you weren’t able to have your picture taken in August, there are a few days available in September.

Sign up on-line by going to tfblife.org and follow the directions given there or call the church office.



Kidz Ministries this Fall

The Fall season is here and we are excited to invite you to be a part of it all. Beginning with **Sunday, September 7**, Sunday School returns and our children will be promoted to their new grade level. We have talented teachers who care deeply about helping your children grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. That Sunday, please bring your child to their classroom at **11:00 a.m.** where their teachers will be waiting for them.

Pre-K and Kindergarten meet in Room 119 with Michael & Diane Banfield. First and 2nd grades meet in Room 121 with John & Yvonne Large. Third and 4th grades meet in the Basement with Chad & Tracy Clark. Fifth and 6th grades meet in Room 137 with Michael & Karla Gaines.

Wednesday nights this Fall will sound a bit different as we begin work on a Christmas musical presented by Kidz Ministries. We will continue to meet from **6:45-8:15 p.m.** as we not only learn the music, but study God's Word in an energetic time together. We begin on **Wednesday, September 10**. It is open to all children 1st grade and older—all musical abilities welcomed! If you'd like to be a part of this new musical venture, please talk with Pastor Jay or Karla Gaines.



Finally, on **October 31, from 5:30-8 p.m.**, we are planning on hosting our Family Fall Fest. In preparation, we are going to be creating a few new game booths and are looking for those available to help bring them to life. If you can assist in that area or are interested in being a part of the overall planning team, please contact Pastor Jay.



Food Drive

Thank you so much to all who participated and gave generously to the food drive, which was given out to those in need. It is very much appreciated!! The picture below shows some of what was collected.



Backpack Ministry



We had another successful gathering of backpacks to help those in need. In all, we were able to provide Love INC with 104 filled backpacks, New Challenge Ministries with 33 filled backpacks, 5 backpacks to some in our congregation who know people in need, as well as 100 empty backpacks to the Torrance Unified School District.

Thank you to all who gave so generously to this project.


Bible Study Fellowship here at Torrance First Baptist

Monday
Wednesday



Men
Women

Come join us in September for great in-depth study of God's Word as we fellowship together, encouraging and admonishing one another to grow in our knowledge and love of our Heavenly Father.

Bible
Study 
Fellowship

This year we are studying the
Life of Moses

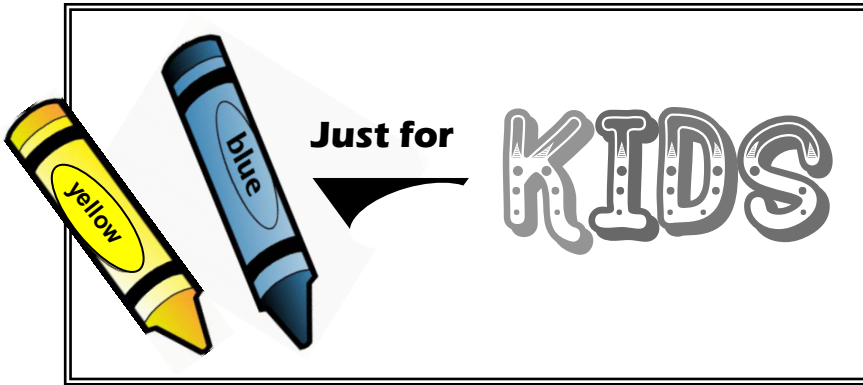
Men meet Mondays starting
September 8, 6:55-8:45 p.m.

Women meet Wednesdays starting
September 10, 9:15-11:15 a.m.



TFB Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for giving approximately \$42,020 in the month of July.



Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

Directions: Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

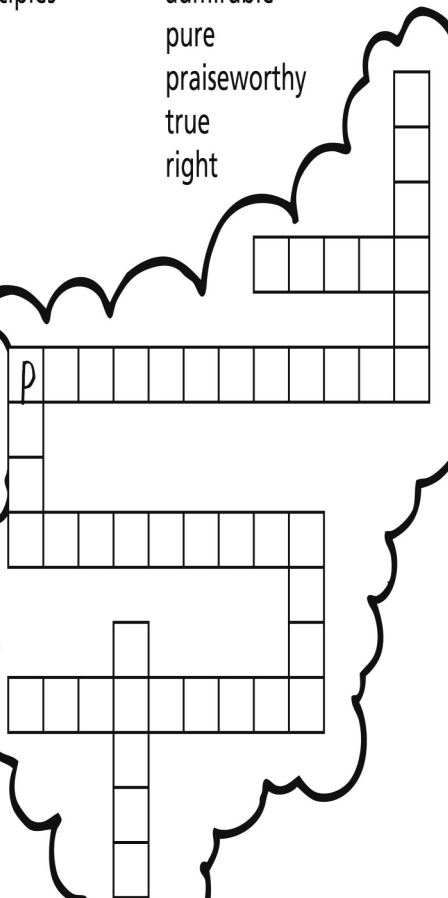
COLUMN 1

correct
 commendable
 extremely good
 having high moral principles
 deserving respect
 pleasant
 real
 wholesome

COLUMN 2

excellent
 lovely
 noble
 admirable
 pure
 praiseworthy
 true
 right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things."
 Philippians 4:8, NIV



REMINDER BOARD



Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

What you do:

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Recurring Weekly Events:
	1	2	3	4	5	6	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Worship Services: 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. [except 9/28 morning service] 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. New Covenant Children's S.S., 11 a.m. New Covenant (Korean) Wrshp, 12:45 p.m. New Covenant (Korean) Fellowship, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:30 a.m. Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Women's BSF Leaders, 9:15 a.m. High School Revive, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Women's BSF, 9:15 a.m. TFB Kidz, 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. [Check with J.J. Plock to see if volleyball is a go in September]</p> <p>Thursday Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m. [except 9/4 - see calendar for time] Worship Band Practice, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday Men's BSF Leaders, 6 a.m. New Covenant (Korean) Prayer, 6 a.m.</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Promotion Sunday 2p Sing @ Royalwood	6:55p Men's BSF 7p DiscDev Team	9:15a Women's BSF Leaders	9:15a Women's BSF Resumes	2p Ladies Bible Study Resumes 7p Beacon Light Mission	7p Young Marrieds @ Duvall's	6:30p Singles' Dinner Out	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
5:20p Prayer Gathering	7p Facilities Team; Finance Team	6p Mnstry Teams: Fellowship, GO, Outreach & Wor. 7p Deacon/ess			Men Leave for Conference @ 1000 Pines	7p Share & Care	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Men Return from Conference					7p Young Marrieds @ Duvall's	9a Journeyment's Study 5p 100th Celebration Dinner 7p 100th program	
28	29	30					
10:15a 100th Celebration/BBQ 5:20p Prayer Gathering							

Upcoming October Events:

- Eyerly/Feuerborn Wedding, 4 p.m.
- 10/12 ~ Women's Kick-off Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
- 10/25 ~ Work Day, 9 a.m.



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Enjoy Time with the Singles' Fellowship

Please remember that game night and dinner night are great opportunities to invite friends, whether they attend TFB, go to another church, or don't go to church at all.



No Game Night in September ~ We will resume in October. Instead, we will have Dinner Out (see below) on the Saturday that we usually have Game Night, so that we can all attend the 100th Anniversary festivities on September 27. Call Jude, 424/800-1910, if you have any questions.



Dinner Out ~ Saturday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. ~ Meet at Chicken Maison, 3901 P. C. H., Suite D, in S. Torrance.



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

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

Jesus loves me (John 3:16; 10:29; 1 John 4:8)

God, Father, Son, and Spirit, eternally loving, is love. He chooses to love humanity and to give himself for us as Redeemer. He always chooses to love those who have trusted him for salvation.

this I know (John 8:32; 1 Cor 10:11; Eph 3:19)

God's love for us is not something we simply feel; it is something we know. It is knowledge from reason and is built of truth. It is knowledge from experience and is built of trust.

for the Bible tells me so (Gen 1:26; Psalm 78; Rev 22:20)

From humanity's first steps--"Let us make humanity in our image"--to the church's continued cry--"Even so, come Lord Jesus"--God's revealed Word proclaims his loving heart. From the deliverance of rebellious Israel to our redemption while still his enemies, God's love is expressed.

Little ones to him belong (Matt 18:5-7; John 6:44; Rom 8:28-30)

God makes us his own, enabling us to admit our smallness, inability, and brokenness, and to turn to his greatness, power, and wholeness.

they are weak (Psalm 8, 14; Eph 2:11-13)

Though shining with God's reflected glory, humanity, each and all, is stained in body, reason, and affections. On our own, we are wholly unable to be the image he created us to be, but Jesus has given himself, paid our overwhelming debt, and made us a people after his name.

but he is strong (John 15:4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Eph 4:6; Phil 2:12-14)

God is not only strong out there and over all, but also strong for us. He is strong for all who admit weakness, give up delusions of independent strength, and trust the only God, our Savior.

Yes, Jesus loves me and you.

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." Jude 1:24-25 ESV

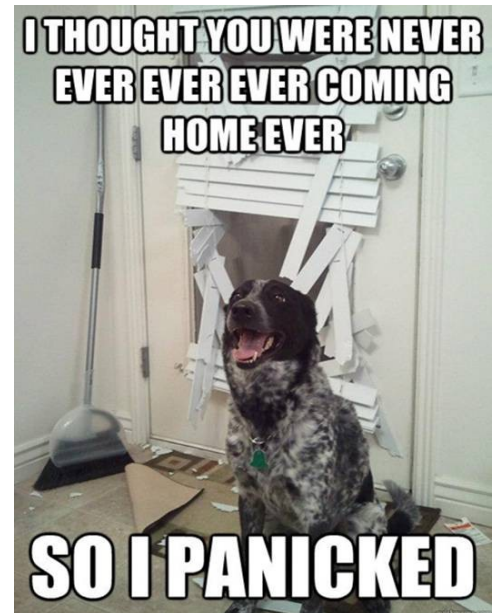
Hymn Notes: "Words: Anna B. Warner, 1860; refrain by William Bradbury. This hymn first appeared in the novel *Say and Seal*, by Warner's sister Susan (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: J. B. Lippincott & Company, 1860), volume II, pages 115-6. She wanted a song for a Sunday School teacher to sing to a dying boy, and asked Anna to write it" (<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/j/e/s/jesuslme.htm>).



*Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eyerly
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their daughter
Megan Elizabeth to
Mr. Steven Alexander Feuerborn
on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.
at Torrance First Baptist Church*



Smile Awhile!



Beautiful One-Liners

- Give God what's right — not what's left.
- Man's way leads to hopeless end — God's way leads to an endless hope.
- A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- We don't change God's message — His message changes us.
- Exercise daily — walk with the Lord.



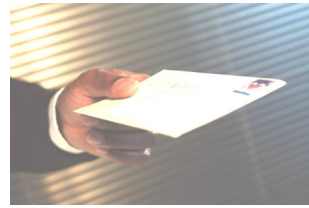
Reflections

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Thankfully, our Lord is the re-builder of broken dreams, broken lives and broken families. Praise His Name! It is encouraging to know that our Lord never allows our experiences—successes or failures—to come into our lives without using it to change us into the image of His Son.

Perhaps today discouragement has touched your life. Please, don't brood over what the problem is. Don't try to work your way out of it. Rather, release the situation and yourself over to the Lord. Humble yourself before Him and seek His answer. Then, follow His leading. He is faithful and He knows exactly how to help us. Thank you, Jesus!

Joyfully leaning on Him,
Pastor Rog



More Mail



A special thank you to one and all who helped make my 90th birthday celebration so special. I received so many beautiful cards (very few alike).

Special thanks to Irene Hardy for being the "emcee" and the special poem; also to Becky Brunckhorst and her "crew" for pulling it all together.

So many of my family from various states coming was a highlight for me. Many of them commented on how friendly everyone was.

Also, I thank my God for all the blessings He has bestowed on me in my 90 years.

Sincerely and lovingly,
Dorothy Morgan



Norma Vinsonhaler's family wishes to thank all of her friends at TFB who have surrounded her with your love through prayers, cards, visits, gifts and calls. Her 97th birthday was celebrated at Earlwood with a party, balloons, cake and many guests who just came by to wish her a happy birthday. She loves to have visitors (please wake her if she is asleep, she says) or call her at 310/793-8459.

We are so grateful for your overwhelming show of love and care.
Her family



Shoebox Ministry

Now would be a good time to pick up school supplies on sale for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project. The shoeboxes are due the first part of November.

If you have Christmas wrapping paper that you don't need (no Santa paper, please), please bring it to the church office so that Carol Hubert can use it to wrap empty shoeboxes for you to use, if needed.



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

Jerrolyn Vitali lost her cousin, Gale.



Don't Forget . . .



*Get ready to Celebrate
September 27-28*

Invite everyone you know, including past members and attendees, to join in as Torrance First Baptist Church celebrates our 100th Anniversary this month with lots of special activities. Former pastors and members alike have been invited to join us for the weekend, which includes a special catered dinner on Saturday (tickets, \$40/person), but it is limited to 150 people.

After the dinner, there will be a program in the Worship Center (open to everyone) 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. The anniversary gift (patio fountain) and time capsule will be dedicated.

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.



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: High School *Revive*; Jr. High *Quest*; and *Task Force Bravo* for children.

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