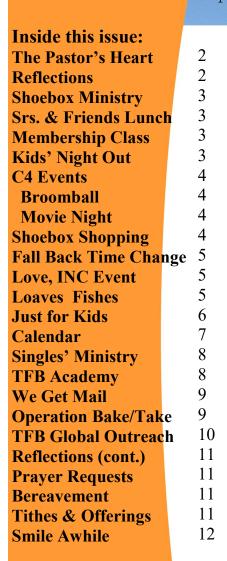
Torrance First Baptist Church

the Proclaimer

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Sunday, November 5, 2017 6:00 p.m.

It has been said that "The Gary Bonner Singers perform music to make your heart happy," so bring your family and friends here to Torrance First Baptist Church and join us for a remarkable musical experience!!!

A freewill offering will be taken.

Giving Thanks Potluck, Dessert & Business Meeting November 19, 5:30 p.m.

All are invited to meet in the gym for our annual time of Giving Thanks to the Lord for all of our blessings. This is also a time when your church staff gives thanks not only to the Lord but also to you because of your presence and service here at TFB. To show our appreciation, the Staff will be providing and serving dessert.

Those with last names beginning with A-M, bring a main dish; N-Z, a salad. A short Business Meeting will follow in the Worship Center to elect our Officers, Deacons, and Deaconesses, and adopt the 2018 Budget.

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

Top the Pastor's Igg"



It is good to celebrate. It is good to express appreciation and thankfulness. We are made in God's image, so we are hard-wired to give praise. When we celebrate God's goodness in our lives, it increases the joy in our hearts and our hope for the future. God knew this so He instructed the Israelites to erect monuments that would remind them of His wonderful acts and would prompt outbursts of praise.

This time of the year we experience two monuments that lift our hearts in praise to God.

First is our Thanksgiving monument at which time we pause to remember and praise God for all He has provided for us. The other key monument is Christmas. This is a celebration of God's miracle when He personally took on the form of humankind and was born in Bethlehem.

Both of these seasonal monuments are a time for outbursts of praise and thanksgiving—a time to be amazed at God's kindness and love; a time to appreciate God for Who He is and all He does for us.

Looking ahead to this season of praise and thanksgiving, we have planned multiple events that can be effective monuments to help us express our gratitude and appreciation.

The first monument will be on Sunday, November 19, when we hold our annual Thanksgiving event—a time of gathering for fellowship and expressions of thanksgiving.

Then in December we will have

several monuments to encourage our praise and thanksgiving to God and our Savior Jesus Christ. More information to come about them.

One specific praise I have is for Pam Fisher, a true servant of the Lord, who has served as our piano accompanist for the 11 a.m. service for several years. Believing that God is leading her, she has stepped down from that ministry role and has done so with a heart of gratitude for God allowing her to serve Him in this way for all of these years. I also praise God for providing Pam's replacement. Her name is Kate Bode, and she is a junior at Biola University majoring in piano. By the time you read this, Kate will have already begun her ministry among us.

There truly is so much to be thankful and grateful for. I hope this season, you and I will give much attention to praising, thanking, and loving our God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Paston Charlie

Reflections

Dear Church Family,

As we approach the upcoming holiday season, how thankful I am that a day has been set aside to praise God—Thanksgiving. Like me, you probably have many memories of meeting with your family and friends to celebrate the Lord's goodness in your lives.

We always met at my mom's folks' home in Bell, CA. We never lacked for food (good old Missouri cooking), fun, and laughs. Oh, what a joyous occasion it was.

As I've grown older, I've learned that as a child of God, every day has the opportunity to be a thanksgiving day, because the

by Pastor Rog

Lord is with us. His <u>promises</u> are true and they reach down to us, and His <u>strength</u> undergirds us when ours has grown weak and failed.

Certainly the psalmist understood this because in Psalm 92:1-2, he tells us,

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your Name, O Most High, ...to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night."

The 92nd Psalm was used as a hymn for the weekly observance of the Jewish Sabbath, but it also was privately sung by those who stored its encouraging message in their hearts. May it be the same with us.



May the Lord bless <u>you</u> and <u>yours</u> as we gather on this glorious day of remembrance and celebration—yes, thanksgiving.

And even though you may be going through difficult times personally, may you take the time to prayerfully remember our Lord's words in Hebrews 13:5,

"I will never leave you or forsake you."

Our Lord's <u>love</u> and faithfulness is from everlasting. It will never fail



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry

This ministry sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children around the world. You can help by filling a shoebox with small new toys, school supplies, and hygiene items (toothbrush, comb/brush, soap, wash cloth, deodorant, etc.).* Pick up an empty, wrapped shoebox in the patio and a brochure giving details about what to put in your box and what not to put in.

Samaritan's Purse is asking \$9 per box for shipping. Filled shoeboxes need to be here at the church by **November 5**.

*Remember NO LIQUIDS and NO CANDY or TOOTHPASTE is allowed this year.





Pastor's Membership Class Saturday, November 18 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

If you are interested in joining Torrance First Baptist Church, sign up for Pastor Charlie's Orientation Class. This class is a pre-requisite for anyone who wants to join TFB, but it is also for those who just want to know more about our church and what we believe. Call the church office or sign up in the patio.

Friday, November 17, 6-9 p.m.



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Kids (infants through 5th grade) will have dinner and a movie, while their parents get an evening to themselves. This is a once-a-month event on the 3rd Friday of each month for only \$3 per child. Kids should wear a costume, but not a scary one.

Ministries NEWS



Friday, November 4, 9 p.m.

The cost for this event is \$7.50 per person.

Parental Permission Slips are MANDATORY!

They need to be turned in by November 3.

Meet at the church by 8 p.m.

See Matt for more details.





Shopping & Packing Party

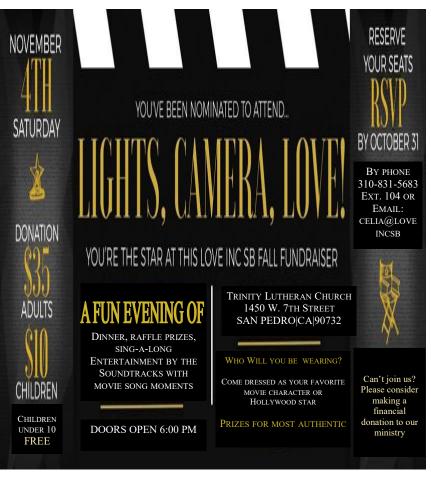
Saturday, November 4 2-5 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Colossians Kids as they go shopping at the Dollar Tree on Sepulveda and Vermont to buy gifts for shoeboxes, you are welcome to join us.

After shopping, we will come back to the church to fill the boxes and get them ready to send to children in need.

Bring at least \$10. For more info, contact Karla, 310/922-5652.







The holidays are almost here, and we need to start getting supplies for our Christmas function.

We make a traditional Christmas dinner, hand out toys to the kids, and give out bags with nice hygiene products.

Needed for the hygiene bags:

80 large bottles of shampoo 100 individual packs of Kleenex 100 deodorants 100 different sizes of combs

100 small hand sanitizers.

For the luncheon, we need:

Cooked turkeys Chicken legs and thighs Spiral hams
Turkey gravy 5 cans of French fried onions Celery
Stuffing Chicken stock Onions
5 dozen eggs Ranch dressing Rolls

120 slices of bologna (for bag lunches).

For the kids, we would like:

Toys \$10-15 gift cards from Target or Sears

Games for all ages Remote-control cars Electronics

Arts and craft kits Movie tickets, etc.

Please drop your items off at church **no later than November 26**, and label them for Linda or Loaves & Fishes.

This December, we will have been serving our meals for 28 years. God and Torrance First Baptist have been faithful to this ministry. Thank you so much from the Loaves and Fishes team for your faithfulness and love for the needy.

Linda Stratton Matthew 25:40



A Special Song of Thanks

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Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

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Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

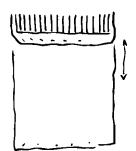
" Make an nstrument of Praise!"

You will need:

- a fine-tooth comb
- waxed paper
- tape

How to make:

Cut a piece of waxed paper as wide as your comb and long enough to wrap completely around it.



Wrap the paper around the comb. Make sure the points of the teeth are under a fold of the paper. Tape it in place.



How to play:

Point the teeth of the comb up. Hold the comb very close to your lips. Hum a song of praise! Be sure to hum with your mouth, not your nose! Your humming will cause the wax paper to vibrate, sounding like a kazoo!



Recurring Weekly Events:	Sunday Worship Services: 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Adult Sunday School, 9:15 & 11 a.m. Children's Church, 9:15 a.m.	Patio Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Children & Youth S.S., 11 a.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal, 2 p.m. Monday Ladies' Prayer, 10:00 a.m. King's Family Karate, 6:30 p.m.	Men's BSF, 6:55 p.m. [except 11/27] Tuesday High School Leadership, 6 p.m. High School C4, 7 p.m. Wednesday Men meet for lunch @ Sizzler, 12:30 p.m.	Family Dinner, 6 p.m. Colossians Kids, 6:30 p.m. Jr. High QUEST, 6:30 p.m. "Crazy Love" Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. Parenting Fellowship Group, 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice, 7 p.m.	[All above starting with Family Dinner except 11/22] Open Volleyball, 8:15 p.m. Thursday Ladies' Bible Study, 2 p.m.
SAT	4 11a Loaves/ Fishes 2p Shoebox shopping 8p C4 (H.S.) to Broomball 6p Love INC	11 6:30p Singles' Dinner Out	18 7p Share & Care	25 6:30p Singles' Game Night	
FRI	3 All day prep for Loaves & Fishes 7p Young Marrieds	10	17 12 noon Senior Luncheon 6p Kids' Night Out 7p Young Marrieds	24 Office Closed	
THU	7	9 7p Beacon Light Mission	16	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	30
WED		∞	15	22	29
TUE		7	14 12n Shut-in Ministry Meeting	51 6p Ministry Teams: Fellowship, GO, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess Mtngs	28
MON		9	13	20 7p Finance & FacMan 6p Ministry Teams: Teams Fellowship, GO, Outreach, Worship, & Disc. Dev. 7p Deacon/ess Mtng	27
SUN		5 Daylight Savings 2:30p Sing at Royalwood 6p Bonner Singers	12 5:20p Prayer Gathering 6p H.S. Movie Night	19 5:30p Giving Thanks Potluck & Business Meeting	26 5:20p Prayer Gathering

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- - $12/24 \sim \text{One Combined Service}$, 10a
- $12/23 \sim \text{Singles'}$ Game Night, 6:30p $12/25-1/1 \sim \text{Office Closed}$

- $12/9 \sim \text{Singles}$ ' Dinner Out, 6:30p
- $12/15\text{--}16 \sim \text{``Remembering Ebenezer''}$ Christmas Play

Upcoming December Events

Friday
Ladies meet @ Denny's for Bkfst., 9 a.m.

Saturday

[except 11/25]
7th Day Adventist Baptists, 9 a.m. Men's BSF Leaders, 6 a.m.

7th Day Adventist Bible Study, 7 p.m.

[except 11/23]

- $12/2 \sim \text{Loaves & Fishes}$, 11a
- $12/4 \sim \text{Women's Christmas Event, 6:45p}$
- $12/10 \sim \text{One Combined Service}$, 10a
- $12/15 \sim \text{Kids'}$ Night Out, 6p $12/17 \sim \text{One Combined Service}$: Christmas Cantata, 10a

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, November 11, 6:30 p.m.** ~ Meet at Little Sheep Mongolian Hot Pot, 2575 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance (in AMC Rolling Hills Center across from Veggie Grill).



Game Night ~ Saturday, November 25, 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

"Jesus Is the Final,
Ancinted King"

by Laura K. Springer, Th.M., Ph.D.

Three kinds of leaders were anointed for ministry in the Old Testament: prophets (1 Kings 19:16); priests (Exodus 28:41); and Kings (1 Samuel 10:1). Last month we saw Jesus as the Priest. This month we see him as King.

God created humanity to bear his image and act as his viceroy over creation. Unfortunately, humanity's decision to sin in the Garden of Eden threw a wrench in the works. God made humanity for something wonderful. Jesus' Messianic kingship has begun the restoration of that wonderful something.

Jesus is the Messianic King (Psalm 110; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28). In placing Jesus on the Messianic throne, the Father has begun fulfilling Psalm 8. There the psalmist says of humanity, "You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet" (Psalm 8:6, ESV). Jesus, the God-Man, is now sitting on that Throne, and, when he has brought absolutely every created thing in subjection to himself, he will turn over the kingdom to his Father (1 Corinthians 15:28; Psalm 110:1). Christ restores humanity's delegated rule and magnifies God's glory beyond measure.

Jesus is the eternal King (1 Timothy 1:12-19). He is King of the Universe from eternity to eternity. As King of the Universe, he exercises providential and judicial authority. In exercising his providential authority, he provides for all things in his care. In exercising his judicial authority, he metes out perfect justice. There is never a time when he is not sovereign. He always has the power and authority of divine rule.

"As King of the universe...he provides for all things in his care."

As the New Humanity, those who trust Christ participate in Jesus' care of and authority over creation. We are co-workers in Christ's mission to restore all things to his lordship. When we work to create things, bring justice, restore health, provide resources, and a plethora of other professional activities, we are doing Jesus' work in the world. He made everything and is concerned about everything so that we can do every profession for God's glory and humanity's good. Whether serving in church ministry, making lattes at Starbucks, treating patients in a hospital, or helping people plan their vacations, good work is God's work.

Editor's note: For those of you who do not know, Laura, is now Dr. Laura Springer! Her graduation ceremony is in December.



We Get Mail

Dear Friends at Torrance Baptist Church,

Thank you all for helping my family this year with backpacks and school supplies. Our family is so blessed to have someone like your church to help make our start of this new school year [better].

My husband had back surgery in 2013 and has been temporarily disabled. He used a walker, then a cane and is now walking great but continues to get [completely] well.

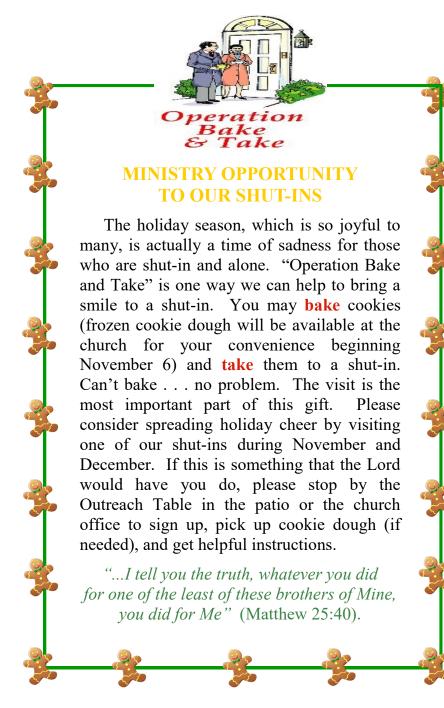
I am the sole provider for my husband, 7 children (3 boys and 4 girls), and my Mom [who has] stage 4 cancer. It has been a rough couple of years for us. I am the caregiver.

So with great gratitude my most precious children were blessed by your church and love their backpacks and school supplies.

Thank you so much. May God continue to bless your church!

Sincerely, Lorraine & Ricardo & Family

Sophia 4 (kindergarten); Lesley, 6 (first grade); Joseph, 9 (5th grade); Christopher, 10 (6th grade); Alyssa, 13 (8th grade); Ricardo, Jr., 14 (9th grade); and Adriana 16 (11th grade)



Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who came, helped, sent or brought cards and gifts for my 90th birthday—and all I had to do was show up!

I'm so lucky to know so many kind, wonderful people.

I'm especially grateful to my daughter, Lisa, and my son, Donald, and Becky who worked so hard to make everything great.

Donna Rowe

Dear TFB Friends,

Here I am finally able to sit at my computer! So now I can say a BIG THANK YOU! to all who prayed for me, sent cards and words of encouragement, and asked about me over these past several months. It's been a long, hard struggle, trying much on my patience to wait! But the Lord has been here helping me to trust—nothing more I could do!

I'm getting better and stronger each day, but still needing knee replacement later.

So thanks again, and I will see you all later.

God bless you all Mary Crutchfield

P.S. Please pray for my precious Bob for continued strength in taking care of me!!



Blog Excerpts from Jon & Jerilyn Sousa with InFaith Ministries

As you know, I am a missionary to Hispanics in Oregon. In February of 2015, one of my parishioners, Juan, called saying that his [young] son, Emmanuel, in Mexico, was dying of kidney failure. They had returned to Mexico nine years earlier seeking treatment for their son's kidney problems. Now, the doctor was telling them that they were at the end of the road.

I immediately called the doctor in Mexico and asked if Emanuel was strong enough to travel. He responded with, "Yes," but quickly added that Emanuel could get much worse at any moment. I sent Juan [back to Mexico] to get his son. We met at the border crossing in Tijuana, and I quickly drove him to an emergency room in San Diego. Emanuel was transported by ambulance to Rady Children's Hospital where he spent 3 days in intensive care and another few days in a regular bed. We then flew him to Portland, Oregon, where he was admitted to Doernbecher Children's hospital and spent a week for further stabilization. Emmanuel and his father have been living with Luis and Jessie Zavala (our daughter and son-in-law), and since March [2015], Jerilyn and I have been transporting Emanuel to Portland three times every week for dialysis. Whenever we cannot take Emanuel to dialysis his father has to lose a day of work. When he misses a day, it really hurts the already stretched family finances. Juan is a farm worker that makes only \$10 an hour. All of his money goes to support his family in Mexico and his son here in Salem.

Emanuel's mother and two siblings were still in Oaxaca, Mexico. Emanuel's mom, Vicki, and his younger brothers did not have legal papers to come to the U.S. [At that time] Vicki had stayed out of the US for more than 10 years (after her father brought her here illegally as a teenager). Fortunately, Juan applied for his wife [to get her green card] in 2001. Vicki, had her appointment with the US Consulate in Ciudad Juarez on June 3, 2016 and [unfortunately] the officer denied her immediate entrance to the US. She would have to apply for a pardon. This decision meant several things. It meant that the family would have to continue to suffer a difficult separation. Emanuel was devastated when he learned that his mom would not be coming for another [so he thought] few months. He had never been away from his mom or his siblings. He and his dad were living with people he had never met before (our daughter and her husband). [At that time], they had been separated for almost a year and a half.

The decision also meant that it would cost us another \$2,350 in application and lawyer's fees. It has already cost about \$850 more in transportation as Vicki and the children had to fly back to Oaxaca to wait for the pardon to come through. It will probably cost yet another \$2,000 more in travel and staying in Ciudad Juarez again. That is over \$5,000 of extra expenses. If you would like to help with these expenses, you can send a tax deductible donation to: ICDV, PO Box 240, Jefferson, OR 97352. Designate the gift to Benevolent Fund. Do not put Emanuel or any other name on the check as we cannot give a tax receipt for any gift to a specific person, only a ministry. When we see Benevolent Fund, we will know what it is for.

We have some good news to share! Emanuel finally received the news that his mom has an appointment (her second) with the US Consulate on November 1. Hopefully she will be able to come to Oregon with her two other children – finally after $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of separation.

MORE GOOD NEWS. As I am writing this, Emanuel is in surgery receiving a donated kidney. He went in at 8 pm (Pacific Time) [on October 8].

Update: Emanuel's surgery went well, and his new kidney is working. Juan, his dad, is leaving for Mexico this Saturday [October 14] to take his wife and the rest of his family to the US Consulate on November 1 in Ciudad Juarez where Vicki will hopefully receive her legal papers to come to the US. Jerilyn and I will be caring for Emanuel in their absence.

A couple of weeks ago Jerilyn and I attended a retreat for missionaries serving with InFaith. While we were there, we were presented with a plaque acknowledging 30 years of service as missionaries with InFaith. The plaque commemorates our faithfulness, but we know that our faithfulness would not be possible without the faithfulness of many who are praying for us and supporting us in this ministry. We thank you. Please continue to hold us up in your prayers.

Reflections

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and, by His grace, they are His gifts to us. Praise Him!

And at this time of thanks giving, I am thankful for the Lord Jesus, His blood, my precious wife and family, and yes... each of you. Sadly, to many, Thanksgiving is merely a holiday, but to us who personally know God through faith in Christ, it's an attitude of the heart which can be celebrated again and again. And so, may each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving as you reflect on God's gracious goodness to you. Thank you, Jesus!

We're rejoicing in Him, Pastor Rog and Joyce





Michael Banfield, Reba Belcher, Becky Brunckhorst, 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, Joy Moore, Bill Morgan, Joy Pierson, Darlene Purdom, Penny Rahmeyer, Jean Rayner, Barbara Rudé, Claudine Schultz, Mary Schultz, Bill & Gerri Stoodley, Norma Vinsonhaler, Gertie Wissinger, and Art Zeller.



Please pray for each family who has recently lost loved ones:

Audely Norsworthy lost her sister;

Michele Servia's twin brother, Michael, passed away;

Shirley Kellogg, mother of Gregg and grandmother to Mark & Kurt, and former attendee of TFB, who has been a shut-in for several years;

former member Harry Drabelle, lost his wife, Carol;



Horace Hinkston, long-time former TFB member and loving husband of Edythe, is now with the Lord;

Michael Gaines lost his grandmother, Mabel;

long-time member, Ralph Norsworthy, loving husband of Audely, is now in Heaven; and



Nancy Christensen has lost her mother.



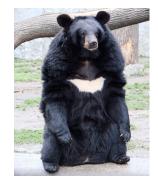


Thank you for giving approximately \$58,104 in the month of September.



Animal markings that make you look twice

Each of these animals is ready for a costume party every day!



Bat Bear!



This little puppy wears his panda costume all year long!



My stars! It looks like Midnight and Mom are both ready for Trick or Treating!

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

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For more information, contact the church office: 310.328.5030 or tfbc@pacbell.net. Or visit us on the web at www.tfbclife.org