

Church Elections



On Sunday, July 20th we conducted our Church Elections.

The following leaders were affirmed in their positions effective October 1st.

Senior Pastor - Chris Foreman
 Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard
 Chairman of Deacons - Al Thornell
 Deacon - Ken Day
 Deacon - Mike Fortner
 Deacon - John King
 Church Clerk - Mabel Miller
 Church Trustee - Bob Shaw
 Educational Director - Jane Thornell
 Fellowship Director - Linda Furuyama
 Finance Chair - Al Thornell
 Membership Chair - Mabel Miller
 Outreach & Mission Director - Kim Foreman
 Personnel Chair - Sue Abbott
 Treasurer - Al Thornell
 Worship & Music Director - Shauna Shoptaw

MEN'S RETREAT



East Bay Baptist Association Men's Retreat September 12-13, 2008 - Camp Cazadero

Total Cost: \$75.00 (due September 1st)

Come join the men from the EBBA for an overnight time of fun, fellowship and inspiration in the rolling hills north of the Russian River. The program will include dynamic messages, powerful music from the "Stones of Remembrance," hiking, swimming, great food, relaxation, and good fellowship.

If you have not registered, there is still room, so send your \$75.00 to FSBC by August 25th and please make your check payable to FSBC.

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Mike Brown – Son-in-Law of Al & Jane Thornell
Branch – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant
Assignment – Stationed in Miramar

Nate Fielding – Grandson of Lillian Fielding
Branch – Army **Rank** – PFC Medic
Assignment – Iraq

Jenny Merritt – Great Niece-in-law of Jean Johnson
Branch – Marines **Rank** - Corporal
Assignment – Iraq

Kevin Seigal – Son of Elliott & Teresa Seigal
Branch – Air Force **Rank** - Sergeant
Assignment – Travis Air Force Base

Todd Shaw – Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch – Army **Rank** – Staff Sergeant
Assignment – 101st Airborne Special Forces

Devon Henesley – Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch – Navy **Rank** – Petty Officer 3rd class
Assignment – Overseas

One Day At A Time

by Eldora Walton

One day at a time we live our lives
 To enjoy this time in comfort, less strain
 Some days are happy and free from pain
 Then some days there is much to gain
 Then there comes a time to reflect and
 rest and days that put you to a test
 God is with me and meets my needs and
 that's all I need to be successful
 Life can really be a challenge
 We need to really keep in balance
 Be positive, love and bond with others
 Keep active and interested in many
 things, and wait to see what each day
 brings
 God will help you in every way
 If you trust in him day by day
 Family and friends are a blessing indeed
 God will meet our every need
 There comes a time for us to endure
 It's a fact of life that is for sure

Kim's Corner

Who Will Go?

Every Friday for several months, an outreach team from First Southern has been going to the Villa Fairmont Mental Health Center, just a few blocks from our church. After passing through several locked doors, we arrive at the social room. Leah who has been attending our church greets us with a big smile as we enter the room. She excitedly tells us that she has found a room in Oakland. She is moving out from this place. We have been praying for her and her prayer has been answered.

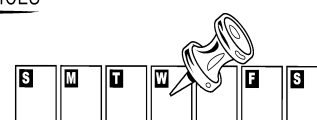
As we arrange chairs for the meeting, an announcement goes over the speaker system that the Baptist Church is having a Bible study. Braz tells us that she has been reading from the Psalms. She thanks Shirley for handing over her own personal Bible to her the week before. Several residents ask us to provide Bibles and we promise to bring some next time.

We usually read a few verses from the Bible, then talk about what the words mean to us. Participants are eager to share their stories about why they came to this place and how desperately they seek God's help to get well. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to be sensitive to the needs of this group. The residents need our listening ear more than anything else. Sometimes I am unsure about how to respond to their comments. But one thing I know is that they want us to pray for them.

The only qualification to join our mission team is a willingness to listen and to pray. It would be so wonderful to see more people from our church join this ministry group. The residents in this institution need friends who demonstrate the compassion of our Lord Jesus. Here are men and women who are at a low point in their lives. I could be a resident at the Villa Fairmont, but by God's grace I am not. In the Old Testament, God asks Isaiah "whom shall I send?" Isaiah answers, "Here am I, send me." I pray that many will say "Here I am, Lord. Send me".



Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Mid-Week
WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
 5:00 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Gospel as a Boiled Egg

One of the great missionary verses in Scripture is found in 1 Corinthians 9:22. The Apostle Paul says, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some". But what do these great-sounding words mean? Do they mean that I should become a criminal in order to witness to criminals? Do they mean that you should become a Muslim to witness to Muslims? How can we understand these words of Paul?

I found an answer by considering the greatest missionary of all time. This brave missionary left His home in glory, humbled Himself on earth, and for 33 years walked among us. Of course I'm talking about Jesus Christ. Perhaps we can best understand this missionary journey of Jesus by referring to two Greek words. One word is "hypostasis" and the other word is "morpha".

"Hypostasis" means *substance* or *essence*. In Hebrews 1:3, we learn that Jesus has the same *hypostasis* as His Father. Orthodox Christians have always held that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all of the same divine substance.

So what happened when God the Son became a missionary to earth? That's where the other word comes in. "Morpha" means *form*. In Philippians 2:6 & 7, we learn that Jesus was in the form of God, but that he voluntarily took on human form. At the incarnation, the divine *hypostasis* remained the same, but the *morpha* changed to appear like me and you.

So what does all this have to do with missionary work? I believe that the essence (or *hypostasis*) of our missionary message must remain fixed. Throughout time and throughout space, the Gospel remains unchangeably the good news of Jesus Christ. It is the form (or *morpha*) of the Gospel that "becomes all things to all people".

Take a chicken egg for example. The essence of the egg does not change, but the form in which it is served can change dramatically. To Baptists I can serve boiled eggs; to youth groups, scrambled eggs; to senior groups, eggs sunny side up; and to Roman Catholics, eggs Benedict. To become effective missionaries we must know the particular tastes of our particular audience. The essence (*hypostasis*) of our Gospel message must never change, but the form in which it is presented (*morpha*) must change to match the tastes of the listener. "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some". Amen, and pass the eggs.

August Calendar

- 1st - Vacation Bible School Family Night - 6:00 p.m.
- 3rd - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 9th - EBBA Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. at
Halcyon Baptist Church
- 11th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 13th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 17th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 20th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 23rd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 25th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 27th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 28th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.



- 7th - Shirley Halbach
- 10th - Jane Thornell
Robbie Currie
- 24th - Al Thornell Jr.
- 29th - Joy Lee



- 18th - Bob & Caryl Shaw
- 19th - Don & Joyce Thornburg



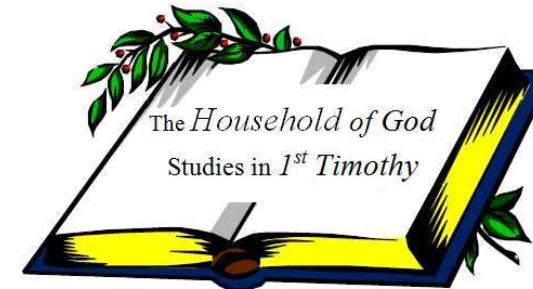
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Sunday Morning Sermon Series

The last two messages address "Instructions Concerning False Doctrine".

The two messages are:

August 3 ~ Grace Abounding ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17

August 10 ~ The Good Fight ~ 1 Timothy 1:18-20

The second six messages address "Organization of the Church".

The six messages are:

August 17 ~ The One Mediator ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8

August 24 ~ Using Good Sense ~ 1 Timothy 2:9-15

August 31 ~ Overseers of the Church ~ 1 Timothy 3:1-7

September 7 ~ Servants of the Church ~ 1 Timothy 3:8-13

September 14 ~ The Mystery of Godliness ~ 1 Timothy 3:14-16

September 28 ~ Received with Gratitude ~ 1 Timothy 4:1-5



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Sunday Evening Sermon Series

We are continuing with the Sermon Series from Revelation.

The 5 messages for the month of August are:

August 3 ~ The Woman, Child, & Dragon ~ Revelation Chapter 12

August 10 ~ Beast from the Sea & Earth ~ Revelation Chapter 13

August 17 ~ The Earth's Harvest ~ Revelation Chapter 14

August 24 ~ The Bowl Judgments ~ Revelation Chapter 15

August 31 ~ Seven Bowls of Judgment ~ Revelation Chapter 16

