

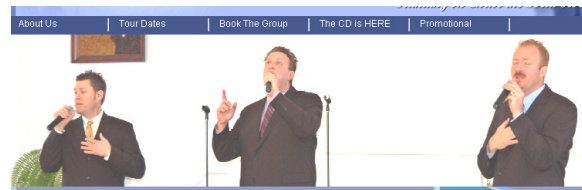


We welcome Holly Hickman into our church family. She was baptized on Sunday, November 9th.

Jews for Jesus

Sunday, December 7th
10:45 a.m.

Presenting - **A Message from the Word**
With Moishe Rosen



Solid Ground Trio

Sunday, December 7th
6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and family to come join us on Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. for a night of music and worship.

This exciting trio is out of Northern California. They enjoy singing and preaching and sharing about Jesus Christ. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Harvest Festival

Did you miss the Harvest Festival? Well if you did you missed a great time. We had a fun time, great fellowship and great food. We played games and had a baking contest.

Our dinner was ham and along with the main course we had salad, potatoes, green beans, baked beans, chili, garlic bread and for dessert we ate the baking contest entries.

Our contest winners were: "Name the Spider" won by Pastor Chris. Number of Candies in the jar won by Al Thornell. The Baking Contest won by Betty Costa who also won Best Costume. She was a Clown. We also played a team game to see what we all had in common with each other and Kim Foreman, Jane Thornell, Diana Belger and Barbara Martinez's team won.

If you missed this fun time you have another chance. Our church Christmas party is on Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m. Be sure to join us.

Mission Team Off to Africa

Pastor Chris and Kim Foreman will be on mission to Africa from December 29th to January 21st. This will be their tenth journey to the same university community in Rwanda. They will be staying at the Christian Fellowship House near campus. Kim will lead a seminar for university professors and Pastor Chris will be teaching university students and local pastors.

"And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...Pray that we may proclaim it clearly, as we should. [Colossians 4:3-4]

Let's all be in prayer each day for Pastor Chris, Kim and the mission team while they are on a Mission Trip to Africa.

Kim's Corner

I just returned from a conference in Taiwan and met many wonderful people. One special person that I met was Mary. This is part of an e-mail correspondence between me and Mary:

Dear Professor,
Thank you for your lecture in Chengchi University. It was a very fabulous Friday afternoon. I want to thank you for your inspiring and encouraging lecture. I quit being a high school teacher and am a graduate student of speech communication. Today I got so pumped-up by your passion. Thank you very much for coming.

Dear Mary,
I thoroughly enjoyed speaking at your university. I have several Taiwanese students in my department. Now I have much better understanding of them. Thank you for your kind words. I too was a high school English teacher in Korea. It seems like you are going through the same thing I did 30 years ago. If you can motivate yourself first, then you can motivate your students. Take small steps, but always in the same direction.

Dear Professor,
The temperature declined a lot right after you left Taipei and started to rain. I am studying alone with pressure of time since I am much older than all the classmates in the graduate school. Then here comes a warm current with your e-mail breaking the chill and warming my heart. I don't know how to express my gratitude to you, such a tender and powerful professor. So I can only work harder to take each small step in the same direction. Someday when I arrive, you will be the first one I'll inform so that I can return what I have received from you with gratitude.

Mary's correspondence reminds me of my first teacher in America in 1979, Dr. Ramona Argruso. She casually asked me, "When are you going to get your Ph. D.?" I took her question as a confirmation of my ability. I never had a chance to thank her for touching my life. So, thank you Ramona. I am trying to pass on your encouragement.



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

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.



Weekend to Remember

A few weeks ago, three couples from church attended a "weekend to remember" in Monterey. This conference met on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. It was sponsored by an organization called *Family Life*.

We learned about why marriages fail, what every marriage needs, and two becoming one. This time of listening, laughing, and meditating gave me a better appreciation for the wonderful person that I married.

Each participant was asked to write a love letter and exchange it with their spouse. As I composed my letter to Kim, I pondered how the two of us became one. I remember how opposite we were when we first met. I was a care-free Peace Corps volunteer prolonging my adolescence in Korea by teaching English as a second language. She was a serious-minded school teacher helping to care for her family. I figure that we saw in each other what we lacked in ourselves.

And maybe that's what has made our marriage work for 35 years. Obviously we were externally different, but by natural attraction Kim and I chose a mate who was internally different as well. Kim zigs where I zag, and I yin where Kim yangs. I recognize that every married couple has differences. In failing marriages, the differences cause strife. In successful marriages, the differences cause growth.

To all you married people out there, celebrate the fact that you are different than your mate. Maybe you are different as night and day. That's OK. Where would our lives be without a day and a night in balance? Finally, remember the Weekend to Remember. Participate sometime when it's near your home. You won't regret it. Just ask Chris, Kim, Brenda, Sean, Shirley, or Steve.

Chris A. Foreman

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

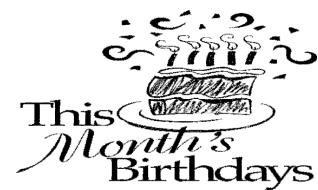
Mike Brown – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell
Branch – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant
Assignment – Stationed in Miramar

Todd Shaw - Son of bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch - Army **Rank** - Staff Sergeant
Assignment - Stationed in Kentucky

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

December Calendar

- 1st - 7th - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 3rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Church Christmas Party - 4:00 p.m.
- 7th - Jews for Jesus - 10:45 a.m.
 - Solid Ground Trio - 6:00 p.m.
- 8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
 - Christmas Caroling - 6:00 p.m.
- 10th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 13th - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 14th - Christmas Cantata - 6:00 p.m.
- 17th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 21st - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 22nd - 26th - Office Closed
- 25th - Christmas Day
 - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 27th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 28th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.



- 3rd - Clarence Silva
- 18th - Roberta King
- 24th - Mabrie Huff
 - Chris Foreman
- 27th - Jean Johnson
- 30th - J.J. Blazin
 - Lisa Villafuerte



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Three December Christmas Events at First Southern

Church Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6th
4:00 p.m.

Plan to come to our Church Christmas Party this year for a Christmas dinner and fun. If you plan to come please sign up.

After the meal, we will sing Christmas songs, play games and exchange gifts. We ask each person attending to bring a small wrapped gift. Please limit your gift amount to a maximum of \$10.00.

Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 8th
6:00 p.m.

It's time to go Christmas Caroling. Let's put a smile on someone's face. Come join us as we gather together at the church on Monday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring cookies or a snack for a time of warming-up afterward.



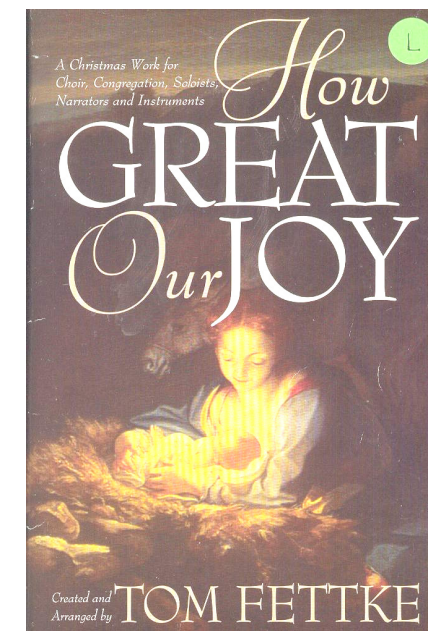
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Return Service Requested



You're Invited to Our Christmas Cantata

"How GREAT Our JOY"

Sunday, December 14, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Come and invite your friends and family to this musical Celebration of Jesus Christ. Just after the cantata join in our candlelight procession to commemorate this light that came into this world. Refreshments will follow.