

## Fellowship BBQ

One of the five purposes of the church is FELLOWSHIP, and we at First Southern are pretty good at it! Jean Johnson hosts an annual Memorial Day BBQ at her home, and the goal is not just great food, but also bringing people together. Several churches are represented at the BBQ, so we are always making new friends.

There was plenty of good food, as always. After the meal, everyone was given a partner and where challenged to find out what they had in common with each other. Prizes were given to those who could name the most. Then, probably the most memorable and special moments came as people praised the Lord in song.

It was a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and fellowship, and a great time was had by all.

## CELEBRATION - from Azuza Pacific University

Come and join us for a night of Music and Worship!! Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

## Pray for Pastor Chris and the Mission Team while in Africa

Continue to pray for Pastor Chris as he is still on mission in Africa until July 11 that God may open a door for the message, so that he may proclaim the mystery of Christ...Proclaim it clearly, as he should .

ON	IN	WE PLAN TO	THEREFORE Pray for		
Tuesday	1-Jul	Butare	Rwanda	Teach Seminars	A Fearless Testimony
Wednesday	2-Jul	Butare	Rwanda	Teach Seminars	Graceful Speech
Thursday	3-Jul	Butare	Rwanda	Teach Seminars	A Clear Proclamation
Friday	4-Jul	Butare	Rwanda	Teach Seminars	Gentle & Humble Heart
Saturday	5-Jul	Butare	Rwanda	Teach Seminars	Peace in Africa
Sunday	6-Jul	Kigali	Rwanda	Local Church Service	Boldness to Proclaim
Monday	7-Jul	Butare	Rwanda	Planning meetings	Faithfulness of Leaders
Tuesday	8-Jul	Goma	Congo	Site visit	Open Door to Gospel
Wednesday	9-Jul	Goma	Congo	Site visit	Answer Questions Wisely
Thursday	10-Jul	Kigali	Rwanda	Depart Africa	Traveling Mercy
Friday	11-Jul	Home	USA	Arrive	Team Unity

### "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** – 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Special Forces

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

## Vacation Bible School - 2008

It's just around the corner, July 27 – August 1 to be exact. This year we have an island theme: "Outrigger Island, Living God's Unshakeable Truth." The Bible studies exam five "unshakeable" truths about God: that He is real, that Jesus is His Son and the only way of salvation, that the Bible is God's Word, and that our actions show what we believe.

Again this year we will provide classes for all ages, from three years to adults. We have an experienced and trained crew of teachers and helpers. All we need is YOU – to join in a class, to bring your children and grandchildren, to boldly invite your neighbors and friends to VBS. After the week of study, we will end with a luau on Friday evening, August 1. You won't want to miss it!

Here are "10 Reasons for Adults to Attend VBS"

1. There will be real, live missionaries.
2. You will be supporting the teachers, and workers, and this program of the church
3. Kim Foreman has planned some fun activities!
4. You can be one of over 2.6 million people who will attend VBS this summer.
5. There will be food!
6. Sue Abbott is a great Bible teacher.
7. "Know the Truth! Speak the Truth! Live the Truth!" will mean something to you
8. You will be a good example to others.
9. God will be pleased.
10. You might learn something!

## Kim's Corner

### Stay Behind

This summer I am not going to Africa. I made this decision on my way back home from Africa last summer. I was so tired and weary from a long travel. I told Chris that I want to sit out this time. In the past 8 years, when school is over at the end of May, I would be busy packing and preparing for the mission trip. But this year, I am watching Chris pack and prepare for this summer mission.

There are five young people going to Africa this summer: Mark Singleton, Jason McCoy and his wife Kristin, and Mark Shim. They are children of our friends. A few years ago Dr. Craig Singleton went to Africa with CASA and he trained Christian musicians to play the guitar. Mark Singleton who is also a music director at a Episcopal church is going this year. He will train worship leaders as his father did. Jason who is a music scholar will teach music with Mark. Kristin and other Mark will teach VBS to children. Chris will give a leadership workshop for National University Students and also will teach local pastors. Since I am not going to Africa, I will go to the Prayer Mountain near Santa Cruz and pray for and open doors to the Gospel and bold a witness for Christ.

Over the last several days, many people from the church and friends from San Francisco dropped by and prayed for Chris and me. We had a mission send-off ceremony on Sunday night. Many congregation members came out to pray for us. I was touched by their kind words about how they are proud of their pastor who is going to Africa year after year. I am also proud of my pastor who is just as tired and weary as I am, but doesn't back down from a commitment.



As you probably know, I wear many hats. Of course, my biggest hat is the "hat of pastor" at your church. God has called me to San Lorenzo; I receive a salary from First Southern; and Kim and I live next door to the church in the parsonage. I am happy and proud to be your pastor

However, there is a second hat that fits squarely on my head two times a year. That's my Africa missionary hat. I am the president of a non-profit charity called "Come & See Africa International". The picture below shows me wearing my "special" African hat. If you see me wearing this hat, that means I'm about to travel.

The first time I wore this hat in Africa, one of my Rwandan friends said, "That hat that means that you are the owner of many cows". I suppose that as a child of God that's a true statement.

I don't think that I would be wearing this hat without the kindness and support of the good people here at First Southern. When I was first hired in 2006, your church leaders gave me permission to go on mission to Africa two times a year and to miss two Sundays on each mission trip. This is your grace extended to me. I thank you. Traveling to Africa in God's service is something hard to explain. It's exhausting and exhilarating at the same time.

By my calculations, I have about three more years of missionary trips ahead of me. By 2011, I hope to complete construction on a "Christian Fellowship House" near the University of Rwanda and I hope to establish strong local leaders to operate the house into the indefinite future. Of course, this is my plan. God may have an altogether different future set before me.

As the fellow wearing the African missionary hat (not as pastor of First Southern), I want to thank and acknowledge First Southern for its financial support over the last year and a half. For the year 2007, Come & See Africa received \$7887 from First Southern. To this date in 2008, Come & See Africa has received \$3862.

These \$11,751 in funds have included \$200 per month from the church, \$6251 in individual contributions given through the church, and \$1898 raised at the parking lot sale (2007) and the yard sale (2008). Again, thank you for all of your help. My prayer is that sometime soon a member of this church will be going with me and Kim on mission to Africa.

Blessings,

Dr. Chris A. Foreman,  
 President of Come & See Africa International



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
 5:00 p.m.

# July Calendar

- 2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 11th - Pastor Chris returns from Africa
- 13th - High Attendance Day
  - Lord's Supper - a.m. worship service
- 14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 19th - Vacation Bible School Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- 20th - Business Meeting - following morning service
- 25rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 24th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 26th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
  - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 27th - Vacation Bible School - 6:00 p.m.
  - (through August 1st)
- 28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



- 6th - Don Thornburg
- 8th - John Kopet
- 9th - Gerri Lance
- 12th - Eva Emerson
- 14th - Lorna Prickett
- 17th - Sue Abbott
- 20th - Betty Costa
- 23rd - Sita Abulencia
- 29th - Elmonta Hillard
  - Don Clark
- 30th - Millie Brogdon
  - Martha Housley



- 2nd - Bill & Millie Brogdon
- 5th - Jeff & Debbie Machetta
- 14th - Emil & Lorna Vinuya
- 16th - Alex & Lisa Villafuerte



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While Pastor Chris is in Africa on mission our Associate Pastor Ken Hillard will be leading the church.

## Morning Service

- July 6 ~ Regeneration is the Start ~ Ephesians 1:1-10 ~ Ken Hillard
- July 13 ~ Rise Up and Walk ~ John 5:1-9 ~ Vance Hunter

## Evening Service

- July 6 ~ What's the Greatest Thing That Ever Happened to You ~ John 3:16 ~ Mike Fortner
- July 13 ~ Sovereign Regeneration ~ Acts 9:1-10 ~ Ken Hillard

## New Sunday Morning Sermon Series

When Pastor Chris returns from Africa, he will begin a new Sermon Series taken from Paul's First Letter to Timothy. This letter is called a "Pastoral Letter", because the great Apostle Paul instructs his young mentor, Timothy, as a pastor would.

What Paul taught to Timothy is as relevant in 2008 as it was in 64 AD. Paul wrote to Timothy concerning (1) false doctrine, (2) the church, (3) false teachers, (4) church leadership, and (5) the man of God. Join us for 19 Sundays as we linger on these wonderful words of life and teaching.

**The first four messages address "Instructions Concerning False Doctrine".**

**The four messages are:**

- July 20 ~ The Heart of a Pastor ~ 1 Timothy 1:1-2
- July 27 ~ The Glorious Gospel ~ 1 Timothy 1:3-11
- August 3 ~ Why Jesus Came ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- August 10 ~ The Good Fight ~ 1 Timothy 1:18-20

## Sunday Evening Sermon Series

When Pastor Chris returns from Africa, he will continue with the Sermon Series from Revelations. The two messages for the month of July will be:

- July 20th ~ The Two Witnesses ~ Revelation Chapter 11
- July 27 ~ The Woman, Child, & Dragon ~ Chapter 12



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