

Happy Father's Day

June 17th

The greatest gift I ever had
came from God; I call him
Dad.

Vacation Bible School

For All Ages Including Adults

July 29th - August 3rd

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Our next planning meeting for all workers will be on Monday, June 25th at 7:00 pm at the church. Don't forget to mark your calendars. We are excited and are looking forward to this year's VBS.

50th Wedding Anniversary

John & Roberta King

Please Join Us

Saturday, June 23rd
1:00 p.m.

East Bay Baptist Association
1221 Pacific Avenue - S.L.
San Leandro

Please RSVP by June 9th to:

Deborah Machetta—510-783-4339
Blenda Schultz—510-357-3736

Lunch will be served

Please no gifts



Tea Time

~ written by Pat Harrelson ~

On Saturday afternoon, May 11th, the ladies of FSBCSL were treated to an afternoon Tea. The event was held at the church, hosted by the Silver Team and directed by Mrs. P.J. Lewis. Her background includes putting on many Tea Parties. The fellowship hall was transformed into a lovely Tea Room with tables bedecked with linens and colorful crystal and china and fragrant flowers everywhere. The scene was topped off by the appearance of about 40 ladies in their lovely dresses and delightful hats.

The ladies dined on an assortment of scrumptious Tea Sandwiches and many Sweets including English scones with clotted cream, lemon curd and jam to slather on top. Everything was delicious. Of course this was all topped off with an assortment of Teas to choose from. We were entertained with a medley of songs reminiscent of a time when Tea parties were popular. The duet was made up of Roberta King and her son-in-law Paul Schultz. There were drawings for delightful prizes including a cake made up to look like a lovely Tea Pot.

Of course you can't have a proper Tea party without waiters to serve the guests. Thanks to the men of the Silver team and members of their families, we had seven handsome men whose uniforms included white shirts, silver bow ties and colorful aprons. They did a super job. In case you had thoughts of hiring them, they included John King, Paul Schultz, Jonathan Schultz, Curt Smith, Justin Smith, Gary Weber and our own illustrious Pastor Chris. Everyone had a lovely time of fellowship and laughter.

Kim's Corner

What is for the dinner?" someone shouts during announcement time. "Ham, salad, and potatoes!", Bob shouts back from the choir. About a month ago, we started a Wednesday dinner and mid-week service. While most churches are cutting back on services, First Southern is adding them.

There is old saying that the "family that eats together stays together". How true it is! Eating is the most family-oriented activity in every culture. By serving a dinner on Wednesday, we are accomplishing three goals: First, we stay close to our church family by touching base in the middle of the week. Second, we reach out to people in our community. Often it is easier to invite people to a meal than to a Sunday service. Third, we get a delicious meal.

Bob Shaw has been our lead chef. He has been coming to church on Wednesday morning, spending many hours to prepare food for 30 people. A full course dinner is served between 5 to 6 p.m. – with all the fixing's. After an enjoyable meal in the dining hall, we gather in the sanctuary for a "word of the week". After that we break up into smaller groups to practice choir, pray, or study the Bible. As we share food and fun with one another, our love for one another grows.

It's so much fun to belong to the family of God. I find myself looking forward to Wednesday evenings. I invite everyone who receives this newsletter to attend our First Southern mid-week dinner. I am reminded of the scripture, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." [Hebrews 10:24-25]

Team Report

The "RED CROSS" have been the lead team for the month of May with Ken Day as Deacon.

Their saying is "Without the Cross we would be lost". The Red team had their first social and are pleased with how the team is coming together. Some of the RED team members have been chosen to clean the church. Diana Belger chosen to be the hostess, Millie Brogdon chosen for prayer and Bob Belger, Elliott Seigal and Ken Day chosen for the visiting team.



By-lawlessness

For the last month or so I have been helping to revise the bylaws of this church. A quick look at my internet dictionary tells me that "bylaws" are "rules or laws adopted by a corporation to govern its actions."

Now the funny thing about bylaws is this: the words don't mean a thing unless someone in the organization cares about them. As a recently installed pastor, I have discovered that we have doing some things that are not in harmony with our bylaws. At the same time we have been neglecting other things that the bylaws commit us to do.

It's not so much that our "by-lawless" actions are bad, but since we do have a "rulebook" that we ourselves have written and adopted, shouldn't we be following it? As followers of Christ, we should "say what we do", then "do what we say". It's a matter of integrity.

On July 22, at our regular business meeting, members of First Southern will be voting on a revised set of Church bylaws. On the Sunday, before that, these 21 pages of bylaws will be available for every member to read and comment on.

As pastor, I urge everybody to take their membership seriously. Care about the rules and laws that govern our actions. And then, if our bylaws are adopted, let's encourage one another to practice what we preach. Let's keep one another accountable. It's a matter of integrity.

"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

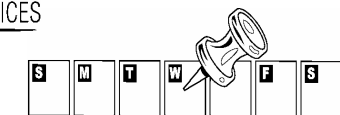
Kevin Seigal – Son of Elliott & Teresa Seigal
Branch – Air Force **Rank** – Sergeant
Assignment – Travis Air Force Base

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



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

June Calendar

- 2nd - Parking Lot Sale - 9:00 am
- 6th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 10th - Church Council - 5:00 pm
- 11th - Driftwood Ministry - 11:00 am
- 13th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 16th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 am
- 17th - Happy Father's Day
- 20th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 23rd - EBBA Men's Fellowship - 8:30 am
- King's 50th Anniversary - 1:00 pm
- 25th - Driftwood Ministry - 11:00 am
- Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 27th - Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 28th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm



- 15th - Timothy Connolly
- 18th - Lillian Kopet
- 20th - Char Fortner
- 26th - Lance Calloway
- 28th - Gertrude Hankins



- 8th - Clarence & Dorothy Silva
- 10th - Tony & P.J. Lewis
- 13th - George & Esmeralda Bocar
- 14th - Al & Jane Thornell
- 23rd - John & Roberta King
- 27th - Don & Eldora Walton



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Chris & Kim Foreman

Parking Lot Sale — First Southern is sponsoring a church-wide / community-wide sale on Saturday, June 2, from 9am to 4pm in the parking lot next to our church. All proceeds will go to *Come & See Africa*, a religious non-profit organization that assists African students at the University of Rwanda.

You can help in several ways. First, we need people to donate household items. You can drop them by the church or you can schedule a pick-up for May 31 or June 1. On Thursday and Friday, we need volunteers to sort and price items at the Church. On Saturday we need people to help with setting up tables and taking down tables. We also need volunteers to sit and sell the household items. There will also be cookies for sale, a church open-house, and activities for kids.

If you have items to donate or would like to help with set-up or sales call Caryl at the church: 510-276-3688. One more thing: We do need people to drop by and buy things. But I know that you were already planning to do that.

Off to Africa — Chris and Kim Foreman will be on mission to Africa from June 27 to July 13. This will be their seventh 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 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 I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. [Colossians 4: 3 & 4]



Rwanda



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