

# Happy Mother's Day



**Women's Retreat**  
by Shirley Halbach

On Friday, March 28th the magnificent seven were off to the Women's Retreat. They were



Diana Belger,  
Caryl Shaw,  
Stacie Kopet,  
Kim Foreman,  
Sandy Tangney,  
Shirley Halbach

and P.J. Lewis. When we arrived at Mt. Hermon we checked in and then got settled into our rooms for the 2 nights. We then had dinner and a program following. On Saturday we had a busy day. We were either eating, going to classes, hiking or taking it easy. The classes that we attended were exciting and the speaker Dr. Linda Clark was dynamite. We had a wonderful time and are looking forward to going again next year.

This is what Shirley had to say about her experience at the Women's Retreat: Diane Varady had my full attention. Her gifts and talents for missions was unbelievable to me. I had never seen a person so hands-on, organized and passionate. I was so impressed with this woman of God and Linda Clark was impressive as a great speaker. The theme of her message was "Extreme Makeover". For me, her talk was about God taking our hearts, home, work, and community; our missions as wife and friend. We must allow God to work in our lives in all these areas for His Service and Glory. We worship the Living God through service.

## Our Church

Written by Eldora Walton

Our church stands on a corner, majestic and white  
To welcome newcomers to come inside.  
We are like a loving family where all can abide  
Many souls have been saved and serve our Lord  
And welcome newcomers to come aboard  
It's comforting to know our Lord is here  
That there's nothing for us to fear  
As we live day by day  
He guides and protects in every way.  
This love for us comes from above  
As we sit back and bask in His love.  
We praise Him and can really see  
All he's done for you and me

## A Hill Called Golgotha

Composed & Sung by Don Clark at Talent Night

Sung to the tune of Green sleeves  
Away away come away with me  
To a place I know where there stood a tree  
Away away to a distant land  
And I'll show you a hill called Golgotha

Upon this hill there stood a cross  
To which God's dear Son was nailed for us  
He gave His life and shed His Blood  
That we might know life everlasting

## Chorus

Come come to the cleansing flood  
Where your sins may be  
Washed away in His blood  
Come come to God's own dear Son  
And forgiveness you'll know from that moment

And from that day you'll know God's peace  
And a growing joy that is better each day  
You'll know some day He'll come for you  
And will take you to Himself forever

And from that day you'll know God's peace  
And a growing joy that is better each day  
You'll know some day He'll come for you  
And will take you to Himself forever  
Yes He'll take you to Himself forever more

## Kim's Corner

### Sing a new song

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is the first line the 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm, a Psalm of David: "Sing to the Lord a new song". I love to sing songs. However, I have a hard time carrying a tune. People who listen to me may have to suffer. Nevertheless, I have sung in a few church choirs during my life. When I was a young person, my church was eager to hang on to its youth. This church sponsored a special choir for young people. I remember one time the choir director pointed in my direction and announced that someone was singing off key. I didn't think it was me since I could not hear any difference between my own voice and the voices of the people surrounding me.

When I moved to San Francisco, I briefly attended a Korean church. On just my second visit I was wearing a choir robe and singing in their choir. I don't think that they discovered my singing disability. I remember attending that church for a short time before we found an American church where our entire family could worship together.

A person in my family once jokingly told me that I sing like a "stuck pig". I imagined the squealing screams of a pig getting stuck in its throat with a knife. With that image I stopped singing and listened carefully my own song. Sure enough, I sang out of tune.

When Koreans get together, we take turns singing. When my turn comes, I usually refuse to sing. One time my friends pressed me more and more to sing. I didn't want to be a party pooper, so I invented a tune with words in English. They were impressed and thought I was singing a song that they didn't even know. It was a new song for them. It occurred to me that I can carry a tune, but it must be a new song that no one else knows.

I still can't sing someone else's song, but I can certainly sing my own song in my own way. Nowadays, I only sing for God and for myself. I am convinced that God is delighted in my off-tune singing, in the same way that I am delighted when I watch kids sing in a Christmas program. I may sound like a stuck pig to others, but I think God is delighted when "I sing to the Lord a new song".

## FROM THE PASTOR

**Panggapsumnida Time**  
(written on March 18, 2000)

Just last Sunday I was sitting next to my wife in our favorite church pew. There is a special time just after the service begins when we greet one another. I look over at my wife and say "It must be Panggapsumnida time". Panggapsumnida means "Welcome". One of the hands that I always shake belongs to Elder Kim. He doesn't speak much English and the only words that we exchange are "Panggapsumnida".

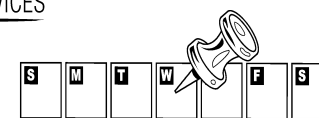
A light has gone from our church. Last Thursday Elder Kim passed away. He was a few weeks short of his eightieth birthday and a stroke took him to meet his maker. Elder Kim was a pillar in the church. He was a founding member and with his wife served many unselfish years.

Today was Sunday again. There was sadness among church members. The seat was empty where Elder Kim once sat. His four children were present with many of his grandchildren. I didn't know Elder Kim very well. Illness had affected his health and it was not easy for his to speak. But I know this: His eyes always lit up when he saw his two-year-old granddaughter, Sidney. He would bend his knees slightly, stretch out his arms and the little girl would run to him. I cannot judge the success of Elder Kim's life, but I can see his life through the legacy of his children and grandchildren. And in seeing his family, he was a successful man indeed.

The sorrow in our church was real today, but mixed with sorrow was hope; a hope that lives in the hearts of Christians. I have this sneaky feeling that there will come another "Panggapsumnida time". Perhaps when I die and land at the gates of heaven I will meet Elder Kim again. I bet that he will stretch out his hand to me and welcome me with "Panggapsumnida".



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.

### "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

# May Calendar

- 7th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 11th - Mother's Day
- 12th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 14th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 18th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 21st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 24th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 26th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 28th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



- 1st - John King
- 6th - Lillie Marsh
- 6th - Kathy Musil
- 10th - George Bocar
- 23rd - Joyce Thornburg



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### New Sunday Morning Sermon Series

Is it a bad thing to be human? Should we be ashamed to show emotion? Should Christians shy away from human decision-making and expect God to control our every step? Do mature believers “transcend” the body to become more spiritual? The answers may surprise you.

**On May 18, Pastor Chris begins a six-part sermon series entitled: “Embracing our Humanity”. The six messages are:**

- Our Fully Human Christ ~ May 18
- Our Reasonable Faith ~ May 25
- Our Natural Emotions ~ June 1

- God's Will and Mine ~ June 8
- Facing Temptation ~ June 15
- Life as a Human Being ~ June 22

NOTE: Pastor Chris will be visiting his family on Sunday, May 4. In his place, Pastor Ken Hillard will be preaching a Message entitled: “Jesus Stills the Storm”. May 11 is Mothers Day. In recognition of this day we will be honoring four mothers in our midst: Betty, Justine, Roberta, and Lucille. Join us as we hear four stories concerning “The Legacy of a Godly Mother”.

### New Sunday Evening Sermon Series

There is a distinction between “Teaching” and “Preaching”. “Teaching” appeals to the mind and results in learning. “Preaching” appeals to both mind and heart and results – it is hoped -- in a changed life. The first four chapters of the *Book of Revelation* are fully suited to preaching. The remaining 18 chapters are more appropriate for teaching. For this reason, the sermon series that has been preached in the morning service will be relocated and taught at the evening service. Chapter Five/*The Lamb is Worthy* begins the series on May 18 and Chapter 22/*The Time is Near* is scheduled to close it out on October 19.



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