



**Women's Crisis Center Update**

Thanks to all of you who make it possible and for those of you who helped make up the 15 Easter baskets that we gave to the children at the Women's Crisis Center. This is one of the events that we do.

Our next event will take place on Saturday, May 9th. The Women's Ministry group will be cooking a Mother's Day Dinner for those at the Women's Crisis Center. The menu will include ham, mashed potatoes, yams, green beans, green salad and a Costco cake. Shirley Halbach and Diana Belger will deliver it to them.

**Free Comedy, Music & Dessert  
The Beaudettes Are Coming  
To Fremont, CA**

On May 16th at 7:00 p.m. you are invited to come laugh, sing and eat at Alder Avenue Baptist Church - 4111 Alder Avenue to hear The Beaudettes. The Beaudettes are four women who are school teachers and Christians and are from Lake County. Their ministry is to provide Christian laughter by doing comedy and music. Dessert will be provided. If you are interested in going and need a ride please call the church office at 510-276-3688.

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Our Goal: \$2,009.00  
We Collected: \$3,088.00

**Ladies Potluck Luncheon and Guest Speaker**

Saturday, May 16th  
11:30 a.m. - here at the church

Attention Ladies - You are all invited to a Ladies Potluck Luncheon. This will be a good time for all of us to get together and fellowship with each other. Our guest speaker will be Marie Jeanne Mukazayire who is from Rwanda. You will want to come and hear what she has to say. Come join us to learn of a great light that is shining bright in country that was darkness.

**Remember - Memorial Day  
Monday, May 25th**



those who are in harm's way.

Let's remember those who gave their lives for our country and also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially

**Parking Lot Sale for African Mission**

Saturday, June 20th  
9:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar - There will be more information in the next letter, but look at your stuff before you toss it. One person's junk is another's treasure! Save it for us and get a tax deduction.

**Kim's Corner**

**Keeping My Eyes on Jesus**

Last week I had an early morning meeting in San Francisco, so I rushed into my car and drove off. On a stretch of Highway 101, near the SF airport, my mind wandered off. I found myself on an unfamiliar street. Instead of exiting onto highway 280, I went straight on 101. I tried to get off at the next exit and reverse my route. "Simple", I thought to myself, but it wasn't. I couldn't see the highway entrance. The more turns I made to find my way out, the deeper I got into strange corners where I had a harder time getting out. Eventually, I found my way to the university, feeling stupid and anxious about missing an important meeting at work.

Afterward, I considered my getting lost experience. It happened in a split second. My mind was not on where I was going. As a matter of fact, I was replaying in my mind an unpleasant incident that happened the day before at work. The more I replayed the incident, the angrier I became. Instead of giving it to the Lord and forgiving the person, I was trying to figure out the person's motive. My mind [and my car] ran off in a wrong direction.

During our Christian walk, we often lose our way, if we are not careful. Just as I knew my destination perfectly, most Christians know where we are going. And yet, if we are not aware every minute during our walk, we could miss our exit and turn in a wrong direction. As soon as I learned of my mistake, I turned around. It still cost me an hour to get back on track and I missed an important meeting. I caused other people to wait for me and several meetings had to be rescheduled. If we take our eyes off Jesus, we make mistakes and bring grief to ourselves and cause problems for others.



I am looking forward to the visit of my friend, Pastor Paul Gasigi from Rwanda. He is scheduled to be with me from May 14 to 18. Paul will be accompanied by his wife, Marie Jeanne.

I met Paul on my first mission trip to Africa in 2001. During that visit, I learned about his history and how he survived the horrendous genocide that lasted 100 days in 1994 when about 800,000 Rwandese were murdered by their neighbors. Paul's first wife disappeared in that chaos but miraculously Paul survived, running from place to place and hiding with his two young boys. [If you want to hear more of his story, join us for the Sunday morning service on May 17].

In 2005, Kim and I determined to launch our own mission in Africa. We formed "Come and See Africa" [CASA] as a non-profit organization that ministers to students at the University of Rwanda. After a year, it became apparent that we could not supervise this African operation from our home in California. That's when we asked Pastor Paul to form a sister non-profit organization which came to be called "Come and See Rwanda" [CASR].

Pastor Paul is now President of CASR working closely with CASA to bring the gospel to the university community in Rwanda. We are collaborating to build the LIGHTHOUSE - a Christian resource and refuge located at the back gate of the University of Rwanda. While Paul and Marie Jeanne are in America, we hope to raise funds -- to raise up this building -- to raise up the name of Jesus in a part of the world that is in desperate need of His saving Gospel.

*"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 Japan through August

**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



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



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

# May Calendar

- 6th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 10th - Happy Mother's Day
- 11th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 13th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 16th - Women's Potluck Luncheon - 11:30 a.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.
- 25th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 27th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 28th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 30th - Vacation Bible School Meeting - 9:30 a.m.



- 1st - John King
- 3rd - Cheryl Hanna
- 6th - Lillie Marsh
- 6th - Kathy Musil
- 10th - George Bocar
- 23rd - Joyce Thornburg



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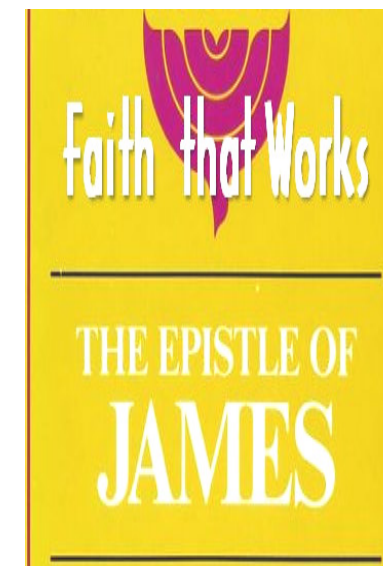
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## ~ The Letter of James ~

Sunday mornings Pastor Chris will continue the sermon series called "Faith that Works" taken from the Letter of James.



~ May 3 ~

Enduring Trials [James 1:12-18]

~ May 10 ~

Slow to Anger [James 1:19-21]

~ May 17 ~

Guest Speaker - Pastor Paul Gasigi  
from Rwanda

~ May 24 ~

Hearing and Doing [James 1:22-27]

~ May 31 ~

The Royal Law [James 2:1-13]



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## ~ The Study of Abraham ~

Come join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we continue the video series based on the life of the patriarch, Abraham.

~ May 3rd ~ Part Two

~ May 10th ~ Part Three

~ May 17th ~ Guest Speaker

~ May 24th ~ Part Four

~ May 31st ~ Part Five

