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**Calendar**

3rd - Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
- Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.  
- Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
6th - Tax Seminar - 1:00 p.m. at EBBA  
8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
10th - Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
- Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.  
- Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
11th - Bunko - 7:00 p.m.  
14th - Leadership Meeting - 5:00 p.m.  
17th - Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
- Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.  
19th - Spiffy Spoofters - 5:00 p.m.  
21st - Jews for Jesus - 10:45 a.m.  
- Business Meeting - after a.m. service  
22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.  
24th - Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
- Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.  
- Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
25th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.  
27th - Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.  
28th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.  
- Vote on 2007 Budget after a.m. Service  
31st - Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
- Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.  
- Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

16th - Mike & Char Fortner  
23rd - Ken & Justine Hillard



3rd - Lucille Halbach  
6th - Linda Furuyama  
Georgia Wheat  
10th - Debbie Machetta  
19th - Ken Abbott  
31st - Caryl Shaw



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Let's make this our number 1  
New Year's Resolution for 2007 –  
to grow closer to Christ!

**MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Church Christmas Party**

On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our Church Christmas Party. We had 43 people that came and we all had a lot of fun. We had a potluck dinner and of course we Southern Baptist's had plenty of food. After we ate we played games, sang Christmas Carols and had a gift exchange. We would like to thank all of you who attended in making this a great success.

**Christmas Caroling**

On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> thirteen people went out Christmas Caroling and we had a good time. After we finished caroling we came back to the church and had some hot chocolate and goodies. Thank you to all of you that came out to make this a fun event and also to Al & Jane Thornell for setting it up.

**Angel Gifts**

On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> we delivered to the Women's Crisis Center 10 girl gifts ages 3 and 4 and 10 boy gifts ages 3 and 4. The Crisis Center wants to thank all of you for the help in making Christmas something special for these kids. Thank you to all of you who participated in this ministry.

**Campbell's Label Collection**

Starting Now .....

For those of you who are sending in Campbell Labels we now have to send in the UPC code and the logo right next to it. If you have any questions please give us a call at 510-276-3688.

**Prayer Meeting**

Come and lift your voice to God at our Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting. We meet every Wednesday Night at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

**Baskets for Golden Gate Seminary**

On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we took 6 Christmas Baskets and on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> we took 6 Thanksgiving Baskets to families at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. We want to thank everyone who participated in this ministry and also to Ken & Barbara Day for setting it up. The families were very pleased and excited and wanted us to thank

**Tax Seminar**

**"Everything You Wanted to Know About Taxes but Were Afraid to Ask"**

Led by Ruthie James

Saturday, January 6, 2007  
EBBA Ministry Center

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 per person

Ruthie will review new tax laws and changes, discuss audit issues, and answer any tax questions. Anyone is welcome.



**FSBCSL.ORG**

We have a calendar, pictures, prayer list, Pastor's corner, weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters, etc.

Keep up-to-date on everything that we are doing.

Send a link of this Web Site to your Children and Grandchildren.



**Guest Speakers**

January 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:45 a.m. - Bob Royal  
6:00 p.m. - Port Wilburn  
Testimony and Planting Churches

January 21<sup>st</sup> - 10:45 a.m. - Dr. Moishe Rosen  
Jews for Jesus

January 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. - Tim Fortescue  
Ministry to Afghanieston

**Fatality on the Nimitz**  
Already late for my flight to Dallas, I encountered construction on the Richmond Bridge. Off the bridge and zipping into Oakland, I slowed behind a sea of red tail lights. Too late for my good, the radio told me that there had been a "fatality on the Nimitz". "The two left lanes are blocked and traffic is backed up for miles".

My frustration grew as traffic crawled. Minutes ticked by. "Why me, oh, Lord? I have a plane to catch". I felt the anger swell. "How dare some stupid careless driver block traffic and disrupt my flight plans?"

I finally arrived at the site of the car crash. Window glass still littered the highway. I encouraged myself, "now maybe we can make some speed" and the traffic did pick up a little. But relief came too late for me. I rushed to the ticket counter in a state of agitation. I handed my ticket behind the counter and heard the words, "Your flight leaves in twenty minutes. You won't get past security and to your gate in time. I'm sorry."

And so I found my way onto a later flight. It cost me twenty-five dollars extra and seventy minutes sitting in the Oakland Airport.

While sitting in an airport chair with nothing better to do, I began to re-live the events of my unhappy morning. "But didn't someone have an unhappier morning than you?", the little voice in my head whispered to me. I considered a man or a woman who DID NOT survive the morning; a human being who got up, got dressed, hopped in the car – then never hopped out again. I considered tragic phone calls to broken-hearted loved ones who were just now getting word of this death on the Nimitz.

Contrition filled my heart. "Oh, God, forgive my un-thinking arrogance. Thank you, Lord. It is a good Wednesday morning just to be alive – to take in the breath that you have given me".

**Chris A. Foreman**

*"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"*

**Michael C. Balsley** – Grandson of Annabelle Hibbs of Jean Johnson  
Branch – Army Rank – Private First Class  
Assignment – Iraq

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

**Jenny Merritt** – Great Niece-in-law  
Branch – Marines Rank - Corporal  
Assignment – Iraq

**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

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

**Nate Fielding** – Grandson of Lillian Fielding  
Branch – Army Rank – PFC Medic  
Assignment – Iran



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



**Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
11:00 am**