



State Goal: \$450,000

Our Church Goal: \$1,000

September is California Mission Offering month. The Theme for this year's CMO is "Love with Action: bases on 1 John 3:18. "Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." (NIV).

In 2009 California Southern Baptists will support efforts to demonstrate "Love With Action."

Mission efforts funded through the offering are aimed at reaching California's culturally-diverse population.

- Healthy Church Evangelism Projects
  - New Churches
- Disaster Relief/Mission Action
  - Associational Projects
  - Mission Support

Through gifts to California Mission Offering, projects can be funded throughout the state to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. All gifts collected through the CMO directly support mission efforts, ministries and missionaries in the Golden State.

Here are a couple of the purposes of CMO.

- To encourage California Southern Baptists to pray for California missions and missionaries.
- To encourage California Southern Baptist churches to participate in giving to missions through the CMO.

## Vacation Bible School

### "Boomerang Express: It All Comes Back to Jesus"

Visiting Australia was great! We learned lots of interesting facts about the "land down under." For instance, did you know that the average Australian swallows three spiders a year, and that koalas, kangaroos, and the duck-bill platypus are native only to Australia?

This year's Vacation Bible School was like most other times – challenging, rewarding, exhausting and a tremendous blessing! We averaged 54 each night, with the youth and adult classes having the highest attendance. We had a wonderful summer missionary, Seth Brill, who was out here from Mississippi and taught the youth class. He was such a blessing! We didn't have many preschoolers, which is very unusual. I'm not sure if Debbie Machetta was glad or sad over this!

Our mission offering this year will help children in Afghanistan. We had a guest missionary who came and shared about his ministry with girls and boys schools in the war-torn country. We collected over \$350 to help buy supplies and do repairs at the two schools.

On Tuesday evening we had a special emphasis on the ABC's of salvation – Admit, Believe and Confess. When Pastor Chris asked who was willing to stand up and confess that Jesus is the Son of God, eight children came forward! What a good beginning to their personal relationship with Jesus. We will be baptizing one of those children soon – praise God!

One of the things I really like is how the entire church can be a part of VBS. We have members who are able to teach, and others who can donate supplies. We are blessed with good cooks, and April who can do recreation, and pray-ers, and people who love preschoolers and children. It takes all of us working together to have a balanced and effective VBS. Thank you to EVERYONE who had a part in our "Boomerang Express" VBS.



I just returned from Africa at the end of July, spending three weeks in Butare, Rwanda. I must conclude that *Come & See Africa* employs wonderful people who fear God and serve the people of Rwanda with a joyful heart. During my time in Butare, we:

- (1) Distributed books to local school officials
- (2) Ministered to local women and children at a morning devotion time
- (3) Taught National University students in "Money Matters" & "World Religions"
- (4) Hosted a luncheon for local pastors and a supper for Student Leaders.
- (5) Presented four messages to University Students at the University stadium
- (6) Supported three local girls as they complete high school
- (7) Helped the local community with gardening and entrepreneurial projects
- (8) Preached on the local radio and in 4 local churches
- (9) Elected two new members to the board of Come and See Rwanda
- (10) Began laying the foundation stones for the LightHouse

There are two things of special interest: First, we are working on an evangelism project to present the Gospel to children and those who cannot read. We hired a local Butare artist to draw 36 panels of Salvation History through the life of Jesus Christ. We plan to publish a booklet with the 36 pictures accompanied by words in English and Kinyarwanda. Second, to help raise funds for the LightHouse, we produced a 2-minute video called "Parable of the Three Builders" This video will also show where we are in our building project.

We continue to need your prayer, participation, and financial support.

We are now planning two mission trips: One led by Kim in January 2010 and one by Chris in August 2010. You are welcome to join us. You can see all the pictures and the Parable video at our web site: [comeandseeafrica.org](http://comeandseeafrica.org)

## Kim's Corner

A new school year has started! I always love this time of year. Excitement is in the campus atmosphere. I love to see old friends and hear how they spent their summer. I get excited meeting new students and starting a new semester. It's like re-birth. Something is in the air: a good virus that spreads excitement.

But this school year is different. Tuitions are nearly doubled. Students are e-mailing me to say that they have to sit out this semester because of costs. Our University dismissed most part-time instructors, while faculty and staff have taken a 10% pay cut. A dark gloom covers the landscape at San Francisco State University.

I have noticed that my beginning-of-year excitement dissipates as I listen to negative news about a hopeless future. I have also noticed how some people actually seem to enjoy spreading bad news and how easily I can get caught up in their negative talk. It is like a bad virus spreading quickly.

In this time of economic gloom, I need to speak positively and encourage others with my words and deeds. Jesus commanded us to be salt of the earth and lights in the world. My extra assignment for the 2009-10 school year is to be a beacon of light in a gloomy world. Why don't you join me?



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



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 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

# September Calendar

- 2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 12th - Church Leadership Training - 8:30 a.m.
- 14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 19th - Women's Potluck Brunch - 10:00 a.m.
- 20th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 24th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 26th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



- 1st - Sean Kelleher
- 2nd - Justine Hillard
- 4th - Elliott Seigal
- 6th - Ken Hillard
- 8th - Justin Smith
- 9th - Laureen Escobedo
- 14th - Mike Fortner
- 16th - Richard Northcutt
- 25th - Esmeralda Bocar



- 23rd - Steve & Shirley Halbach
- 27th - Edsel & Pauline Ford



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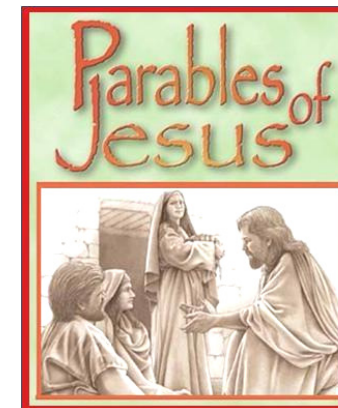
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## ~ Parables of Jesus ~

On September 6, Pastor Chris is beginning an 11-part sermon series called "the Parables of Jesus". Join us for this journey through these timeless words of Christ



~ September 6 ~  
The Parables of Jesus  
[Matthew 13:10-14]

~ September 13 ~  
Parable of the Four Soils  
[Luke 8:4-10]

~ September 20  
Parable of Good Samaritan  
[Luke 10:25-37]

~ September 27 ~  
Parable of the Rich Fool  
[Luke 12:13-21]



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## The Study on the Life of Paul

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Chris continues this video journey based on the life of Paul.

~ September 6 ~  
Guest Speaker - Frank Foreman

~ September 13 ~  
Part Three

~ September 20 ~  
Part Four

~ September 27 ~  
Part Five

