



THE SPIRE

JUNE 2013



MIXON MUSES

“June is bustin’ out all over.” In the midst of a heat wave, windows are open to catch any little breeze, everything is green and blooming, allergies are operating full throttle, and we’ve entered, post Pentecost, that long, lazy season in the liturgical life of the church called Ordinary Time. Ordinary though it may be, we still have some excitement on the horizon. The first Sunday of this month we will be privileged by the presence of Cathleen Falsani, sharing with us some mutual experiences of grace. “Story = Grace” is our theme. This is the culmination of a month-long study of her excellent book, *Sin Boldly: A Field Guide to Grace*. I commend it you as ideal summer reading. One of the key things Cathleen says in her book is this: “Justice is getting what you deserve. Mercy is not getting what you deserve. And grace is getting what you absolutely don’t deserve. Benign goodwill. Unprovoked compassion. The unearnable gift.”

“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound...” Indeed, it is a sweet sound, sometimes a sound too sweet for our very pragmatic understanding. We all know that salvation can’t be earned but do we really believe it? Do we grasp how thoroughly God loves and accepts us with whatever our limitations and failures? It’s often a struggle to let grace enfold us, to feel its warmth, to bask in its light, to let its healing wash over us, making us whole. So we fail to see that amazing grace is around and within us in the simplest beauties and wonders of daily life – the tree, the flower, the breeze that blows, the stream that flows, the warm smile, the helping hand, the love that forms and sustains friendship and builds community.

Later this month, I will represent us at the inaugural session of a new phase in American Baptist life. The biennial meeting will no longer be a business meeting for the denomination. It is now called a Mission Summit and is designed to inspire and build up the missional life of the ABC-USA. This is an interesting ex-

periment in a way to do church at a denominational level that will enable all American Baptists to work together in the service of God. I am very pleased that Don Ng, the distinguished pastor of First Chinese Baptist Church in San Francisco, is the nominee for President of the ABC-USA and is taking a key leadership role in this effort at denominational transformation. Don is an old friend whose vision and judgment I trust deeply.

It is interesting that this Mission Summit (and the next, in 2015) will be held in Overland Park, Kansas, a place where I lived from 1950 to 1953. Some of my earliest memories are of those days when my father was the founding pastor of Prairie Baptist Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. So, this represents a kind of homecoming for me. I hope to attend that church on Sunday morning of the Biennial. In addition, I will attend the pre-biennial theology conference at Central Baptist Seminary (the school from which my father earned 3 degrees,) led by our friend, Jennifer Davidson, from ABSW. Then I will stay for the board meetings of the Association of Welcoming Baptists. It will be a full and, I trust, rich week. Wally Bryen will preach on June 23 in my absence.

What else can we say about June? There will be an intergenerational cookout and time for volleyball and visiting on Friday, June 14, in honor of Father's Day. The church choir will end its season on June 16. Adult Spiritual Formation for June will include our Sunday with Cathleen Falsani; a follow-up on our Sunday with her and our study of her book on June 9; some reflection on *The Awakened Heart: Opening Yourself to the Love You Need* by Gerald May, one of the books from my spiritual direction program; and a last go for the season at "The Newspaper in One Hand...an occasional discussion of what's happening in the world in light of the gospel."

And there will be singing. Jan reminds us that The Bay Choral Guild, the group with which she sings will be performing in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 9 at 4:30 PM. The concert is entitled "Our American Heritage" and will feature music from colonial days to the present. You won't want to miss the wonderful opportunity right here in our building. And if you're feeling a little more ad-

venturesome, The Choral Project, the group in which Dan Cudworth, Ruth Winter (who is helping us out in the church choir through June) and I all sing will be presenting concerts in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz on June 8 and 9. Our concerts, entitled “Earthsongs” will cover a cross section of music from the classical to world music to pop music. It will be a fun event as well. More detailed information is available for both groups is available elsewhere in the Spire.

Which brings us back to grace. For me there is no more open door to grace than in the experience of music – heard and performed. I thank God for all the amazing music that has graced my life and, I hope, yours as well. May our lives flow on in endless song and may the God of grace author the music of all our days.

Pastor Rick



Educational Ministries and Family Life

Rev. Tripp Hudgins

Friends of God,

Summer is here! Summer is here! Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. It's official. You may now wear your summer togs. Now, I know this seems a strange thing to say in California where it may well be possible to wear your summer togs all year long *except* in the summer months when the marine layer rolls in and the coldest winter we'll spend is summer in San Francisco. Fortunately, we're a little south of The City and can enjoy the heat. I hope you all have some summer fun planned!

My summer has shaped up to be a full one. I know some of you have heard. I'll be in and out some this summer teaching and delivering a paper (the woes of Ph.D. studenthood). One of our seminary interns, Naomi Schulz, will be filling in for me while I am away a couple of weeks in June and the first weekend of August. She is a talented pastor and will be a great addition to our community this fall. This will be your chance to get to know her a head of time and show her some of our awesome hospitality.

There's lots going on this summer!

- * Friday, June 14 - Pot Luck Cook-out!
- * Sunday, July 7 - All-Church Cook-out and Celebration!
- * Friday, August 16, - Pot Luck Cook-out!

More events are in the works. We're contemplating a baseball game. There are many summer camps with room left as well. If you would like to attend summer camp, please let me know. We can help you with a scholarship.

The summer is a great time for family, friends, and (it would seem) cook-outs. We hope you will join us in times of fellowship.

Peace and All Good Things,

Pastor Tripp

Worship and Adult Spiritual Formation

June 2 - Special
Guest

CATHLEEN FALSANI

Join us on **June 2** as we welcome author and religion journalist Cathleen Falsani. She will be with us for inter-generational worship and following worship during the

Adult Spiritual Formation hour. She is an award-winning religion journalist and the new Faith & Values columnist for the [*Orange County Register*](#) in Southern California. She is author of the critically acclaimed [*The God Factor: Inside the Spiritual Lives of Public People*](#), [*Sin Boldly: A Field Guide for Grace*](#), [*The Dude Abides: The Gospel According to the Coen Brothers*](#), [*BELIEBER: Fame, Faith and the Heart of Justin Bieber*](#), and the forthcoming [*Disquiet Time: A Devotional for Ordinary Skeptics*](#) (edited with co-author [*Jennifer Grant*](#) and published by [*Jericho Books*](#), fall 2014.)



Summer Camp Opportunities:

Friends of God, what are your plans for the summer? Parents, are you looking for some fun for your children? Children and Youth, are you looking for some summer fun? Are you all looking for something everyone can do together? Here is a list of options for you all! There's so much to do in the Bay area and beyond in the summers. These are four options that are local and far afield. I hope that you will take advantage of one of them this year. ~ Pastor Tripp

Redwood Glen has many offerings for children, youth, and families all summer long. Camping, music, drama, spiritual formation. It's all here! (And it's close!) <http://www.redwoodglen.com/>

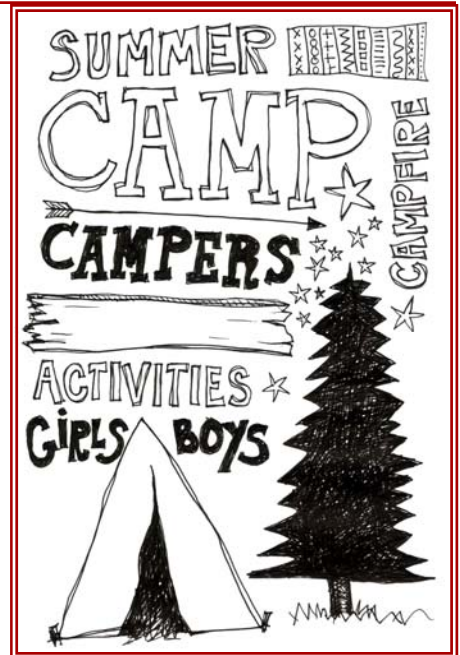
Camp Galilee is located in Tahoe. Is it a summer camp or a resort destination? You tell us! All are welcome. Liz Tichnor says, "Pay no attention to the word, 'Episcopalian.' All kinds of people come and have a great time. It's Tahoe!" <http://www.galileetahoe.org/programs/youth-camps/>

Baptist Peace Fellowship: Peace Camp: Pastor Rick has made it a tradition to attend every year for the last several years. You would find other familiar faces as well. All are welcome and there are a lot of activities for kids and families. <http://www.bpfna.org/conference> This year let's see if we can all go be peace campers together!

A Summer Reading List:

Mysticism, by Evelyn Underhill. This one hundred year old book is experiencing a bit of a revival as Christians are once again diving into the deep water of our tradition. The Gospel is not just Social; it is also Mystical.

Sin Boldly: A Field Guide for Grace, by Cathleen Falsani. Ranging from Chicago to Kenya, New Orleans to Ireland, Big Sky to Graceland, Falsani dons her investigative cap and scouts for grace. This religion columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times is a charming guide to places and people who reveal "grace when and where it happens."



A Father's Day Potluck Cook-Out!

INTERGENERATIONAL POTLUCK

Friday, June 14, 6:00 PM

This will be our first of the season. The church will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, beverages and condiments. You bring the rest to share. We will be grilling on the patio and afterward we will engage in a spirited but gentle game or two of volleyball. You can play or cheer from the sidelines or both. Bring some along to share in the good food and good fun.



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THE WORK OF THE CHURCH



◆ **FBC BIBLE STUDY** is held on **Tuesdays at 10:30 AM** at the home of **Thelma Parodi, 543 South El Monte Avenue, Los Altos**. Anyone interested in studying the lectionary texts for the following Sunday is welcome to attend. Let Pastor Rick know if you need a ride

◆ **CHURCH CHOIR REHEARSAL** is held **each Thursday at 7:30 PM** in the parlor. New voices are always welcome to join.



◆ **MEN'S BREAKFAST, Every first and third Wednesday at 8 AM**, at **Hobee's Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**. All the men from our Church family are welcome.

◆ **WOMEN'S BRUNCH** meets on the **last Thursday of the month at 10 AM**. All women of our church community are invited. Please join us at **Country Gourmet Restaurant, corner of Fremont and Mary Ave. in Sunnyvale**.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- * **AGAPE FEAST** celebrating the life of **Susan Dickerson**, hosted by the Rev. Al Williams at Ladera Community Church, **Saturday, June 1, 2:00 to 4:00 PM**. RSVP: Al Williams (aewj1224@aol.com) or Hugh & Eleanor Satterlee (ehsattpa@sbcglobal.net).
- * Because Joanne Jones is laid up with back pain and because it would be generally good to share this opportunity among everyone in our church community, **we are looking people to volunteer to do the refreshments after church for the last four Sundays in June – 9, 16, 23, 30.** We will help orient you to what is needed, if you'd like. Please let Pastor Rick or the office know if you can help with this and thanks.
- * **BAPTISTS LUNCHING TOGETHER, THURSDAY, June 27, Noon** – a panel of those who attended, including Pastor Rick, will bring a report on the first biennial Mission Summit. Grand Lake Gardens in Oakland. Lunch is \$8.00. For reservations contact Joan Thatcher, (510) 350 - 7008. If you would like a ride let Pastor Rick know.
- * **The Choral Project** presents its final performances of the season. **EARTH-SONGS: A concert of music from around the world, featuring selections that celebrate our global community and the joy of singing.** Highlights include Christopher Tin's epic sounding Baba Yetu from the video game "Civilization," along with Brad Holmes' setting of the American hymn Weeping Mary. The expressive and dramatic Horizons, by Dutch South African composer Peter Louis van Dijk takes you into the heart of the bush, as do the stirring soulful sounds of the Swahili hymn O Sifuni Mungu (All Creatures of Our God And King). **Saturday, June 8, 8:00 PM, Mission Santa Clara and Sunday, June 9, 5:00 PM, First Congregational Church, Santa Cruz.** For more information: <http://sjcp.org>. Dan Cudworth, Ruth Winter and Pastor Rick sing with this group.
- * **"OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE"** Presented by Bay Choral Guild, Sanford Dole, Artistic Director. BCG tours American music, from Colonial days to the present, spotlighting the best music from our cultural history! In the first half we'll sing a cappella works from the 18th to the 21st centuries by composers working in the "classical" tradition. After intermission, we'll let our hair down and perform hits from a wide variety of American popular genres, accompanied by Tim Getz, BCG's wonderful accompanist, on virtuoso piano. **Sunday, June 9, 4:30 pm.** First Baptist Church of Palo Alto. For more information: <http://baychoralguild.org/concert/>. *Jan Gunderson sings with this group.*

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION DATES AND TOPICS

(11:30 in the Parlor)

- June 2:** Sin Boldly: a Field Guide to Grace, with author Cathleen Falsani
- June 9:** Sin Boldly: a Field Guide to Grace, a wrap up conversation led by Pastor Tripp
- June 16:** The Awakened Heart: Opening Yourself to the Love You Need by Gerald May, a conversation on spiritual formation led by Pastor Rick
- June 23:** “The Newspaper in One Hand...an occasional discussion of what’s happening in the world in light of the gospel.”
- June 30:** The Awakened Heart: Opening Yourself to the Love You Need by Gerald May, a conversation on spiritual formation led by Pastor Rick

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WORSHIP THEMES FOR JUNE 2013

- June 2:** *Story = Grace*, Luke 1:39-57, a morning with Cathleen Falsani
- June 9:** *Widows and Orphans*, 1 Kings 17:8-24; Luke 7:11-17
Pastor Rick preaching
- June 16:** *Justice and Grace*, 1 Kings 21:1-21a; Luke 7:36 -8:3
Pastor Rick preaching
- June 23:** Wally Bryen preaching
- June 30:** *Moving On*, 2 Kings 2:1-14; Luke 9:51-62
Pastor Rick preaching

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to:

Dorothy Aker	June 4
Ann Hillier	June 4
Dona Smith-Powers	June 5
Kathryn Gillam	June 8
Daniel Ha	June 15
David Shi	June 16
Gerardy Lucero	June 18
Bob Towner	June 25
Jamie Shi	June 25
Leo Alexander	June 27
Thelma Tuttle	June 28
Marcia Heydon	June 29
Deborah Ha	June 30

SENIOR CHAT

Friday, June 14 - "The Miracle of Water" will be considered from philosophical, scientific, and health perspectives. Water is essential to life and being in water is one of the best ways to keep fit or to strengthen our bodies. Some of us found appreciation for water at a young age and some of us later in life, but it is a real loss if we don't appreciate water at some point in our lives. We look forward to hearing from **Lucia Panini**, a key staff person from the Betty Wright Swim Center here in Palo Alto. This program is held in the Fireside Room of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive. For more information, Dona Smith-Powers, Coordinator (650) 494-3093.

PIGS FOR KIDS IN HAITI PROJECT

In January our children/youth sponsored the Mission Offering which totaled \$1,602. This was sent to International Ministries of ABC-USA, and then on to our missionaries in Haiti. We now have received a letter from Nzunga Mabudiga to our church, dated May 11:

Greeting from Haiti! As I promised you, I traveled to Gros Morne, about 5 hours' drive from our city of Cap-Haiti, to be and to worship with our people there. Gros Morne is in the desert-like kind of nature. Water is hard to find specially during the dry times. At this time of year, they produce plenty of mangos which become a source of income for many families. Since they have mangos, they are not interested in selling pigs and pigs become rare and expensive.

We did manage to find and buy 20 pigs and one was stolen after a few days.

Families and specially children who have received those pigs are very happy to have them. We always share them after our Sunday service after we have prayed for them and the families of the children receiving the pigs. The whole church becomes the witness of what the love of Christ is doing in the world.

Please be our voice to the children to let them know that their money is well appreciated and it has not gone in vain. We have children who are being blessed by their love and their support.

Nzunga





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Dear Sisters and Brothers of FB Church

Greetings in the Name of our Lord from Balasore Technical School, Orissa India. It is our joy and pleasure to be in touch with God's children like you through this letter. We take this opportunity to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your continuous generosity towards the cause of the poor and down trodden you student of Balasore Technical School. The Good Lord will reward you back for the great deed you have shown on these poor people.

We the family of Balasore Technical School joins with me in sending their Love and Greetings to you. We are looking forward for your continuous support for the ministry of Balasore Technical school during the years to come.

Please find enclosed the official receipt for the grant received form FB Church. Once again we are extending our sincere and heartfelt thank.

Thanking you

Sincerely

P RAMESH KUMAR

OUR TRAVELLING ROBES!

An official First Baptist Church of Palo Alto choir robe makes its theatrical debut performing as a Supreme Court Justice's robe in the premiere performance of "*Dr. Dollar Gets His Due*", a production of the 28th Amendment Players (5/11/13). The robe received rave reviews from the critics!



The Peace and Justice Center was founded in the mid-1960s as the Palo Alto Peace Center, a local leader in opposing the Vietnam War. Refounded in 1982 as the Mid-Peninsula Peace Center, we have continued to grow both in numbers of supporters and the region we serve. A final name change to Peninsula Peace and Justice Center in the early 1990s reflected our commitment to a broad program that addresses the interconnectedness of the many issues and problems facing our world. PPJC is dedicated to building coalitions among progressive organizations to make all of our work more effective. Our efforts have led to the formation of broad-based coalitions fighting against U.S. military intervention, corporate globalization, the death penalty and many, many other issues. We are also committed to involving individuals in the struggle for a just and humane world. We deeply believe in the power of democracy and take to heart the premise that in a democracy, the people should lead.

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Dear Church Family,

It was a great surprise to us to receive so much attention at the end of the service today, May 26, 2013! To receive your thank you litany with so many gracious comments and your generous gift of a digital picture frame to make it easy to share our life with others, we are indeed grateful. On top of that, we enjoyed a cake decorated especially for us, as we also remember many others on this Memorial Day weekend. Thank you also for the many kind comments in your card. We know that many of you in Congregational Life and others worked hard behind the scenes in the planning, writing, compiling pictures, printing, buying the gift, getting the cake and all the other little details needed for this event. Our sincere thanks to each for your special efforts and also for being present for us. Some of you such as the Hunwicks we have known since 1960 when Lynn visited us when we first arrived in Palo Alto and he invited us to join the Hearthstone group at the church. Others we have known more recently. We are a diversified group. Some have stronger opinions than others, but we try to respect and accept each other. We do have a deep compassion and concern for each other as we personally are moving through different phases of our life together. We currently have some good and faithful volunteers in various aspects of our church life. But some of us are now slowing down and do welcome more volunteers willing to help or share with some of the tasks that need to be done for the church.

We are both happy to be a part of this loving and understanding church family as we experiment and explore what might work for us as a church now and in the days to come. **Thank you very much for this memorable recognition time,**

Jin and Jane



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2013

Moderator Carolyn Shepard opened the meeting at 5:04 PM.

Present: Dan Cudworth, Jane and Jin Chin, Marilyn Hunwick, Pastor Rick Mixon, Eleanor and Hugh Satterlee, and Moderator Carolyn Shepard.

Pastor Rick read a brief item from a piece by Mathew Haumann noting that mission can be thought of as dialogue - is sharing, and that the Holy Spirit should be the guide.

Rick noted that Pastor Tripp is in the final throes of paper writing and assembling his comprehensives for review. It has now been firmed up that Tripp will spend three Sundays per month during the next school year at our church and the other at a Berkeley Episcopal church. His thesis will compare and contrast approaches to worship at that church, a Roman Catholic Church in Berkeley and our church. Rick and Tripp will meet on June 7th with the two interns, Naomi Schultz and Doug Davidson, to put plans on the calendar for the school year beginning in September 2013.

Those noted with current health problems included Eileen Conover, Bob Towner, and Joanne Jones.

Coverage for managing the fellowship time following church was discussed. Eleanor will prepare a list of supplies with locations to help those helping out. June fellowship time will continue in the narthex. Patio Hour will begin in July. The Congregation Life Team will offer support.

The subject of church office hours was discussed. Members are reminded that the office is open from 1:00 to 5:30 PM Tuesday through Friday. Rick's phone numbers are listed in the church directory for emergencies.

The Council voted to establish a volunteer IRA for church employees who work 15 hours or more per week. Details of this are in the Resolution, made a part of these minutes and available in the church office. Hugh moved to adopt the resolution and Marilyn seconded.

The Council voted, with Jane moving and Eleanor seconding, to award the cash donation to Oleta agreed to at the last Council meeting as a, "direct, non-insured, payment of medical expenses."

Jin reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Total income is behind schedule at this point, but pre-pledges and lower spending for expenses at this point have preserved a positive bank balance. No funds have been drawn from Special Funds.

Jane reviewed the Finance report. The Annex Committee met with an attorney to review changes in documentation offered by the Palo Alto Community Child Care. A few minor changes resulted and these are being reviewed by the PACCC. A short delay in closing will result.

Jane reported that the earnings of the Lundquist Fund available for use has grown to about \$48,000 because of the rising stock market.

Task Teams: Patio: Rick continues discussion with a contractor regarding the patio. The all-up price of over \$100,000 is discouraging, but the project can be segmented and completed in increments.

Sound System: Chip Clark and Rick have met with a sound specialist who has prepared a list of possible changes totaling \$24,000. This, too, can be segmented. Discussions will proceed.

Renewal: The concept for a plant of an Asian congregation from one of the larger Asian-American churches will be difficult. The effort on the part of the churches which might sponsor this effort seems currently a little much. Other ideas were discussed.

Mission: Marilyn showed photos of Haitian children tending some of the black pigs purchased with funds from the January Fellowship Offering. Funds remain and more piglets are being sought for purchase.

Rick reviewed current and ongoing planning for joint summer services with the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13th, at 5:00 PM. The second Quarterly Business meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2013.

Carolyn closed the meeting with a short prayer at 7:27 PM.

Submitted:

Hugh Satterlee, Clerk

AMERICAN BAPTIST NEWS

PRAY FOR CARLOS BONILLA AND MAYRA GIOVANETTI, HELPING TRAIN LEADERS AND SHOWING THE REALITY OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY IN NICARAGUA.

Carlos and Mayra are working with the Baptist Theological Seminary in Nicaragua, accompanying them in the program of informal theological education in the churches of the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua and as writers of curriculum material for the Seminary. They seek each day to show others God's love and mercy, as a reality. They write: *[Recently] we celebrated the Baptist Theological Seminary's 72nd anniversary. We are three years from their diamond anniversary in 2016... God is good, God is faithful. From the very beginning, in 1941, God has been the solid Rock on which the Seminary stands. What a delight to hear Jerjes share of the three different phases the Seminary has lived and how it has stood as a beacon in the midst of challenges and as an anchor of hope for a wide community. The Seminary has stood the test of earthquakes, physically and spiritually. It has distinguished itself as a quarry of servants who are thinkers as well as doers.*

At different times throughout the thanksgiving service, their appreciation for the contributions of American Baptists was shared with those in attendance. As we stand in a cloud of witnesses before us, we can only humbly pray to be obedient and faithful to God's call to us for this time in serving through the Seminary in Nicaragua. This is a Seminary that has Baptist origins and principles while serving other families of faith (i.e. denominations) that also prepare their servants.

*Carlos shared the Word, reflecting on 1 Peter 2:9-10, and we could see the Seminary's relevance and how important what it does. Each seminarian that comes to the main center in Managua, as well as those attending the satellite centers throughout the country, are precious stones in God's hands to be polished into the gem God intends for His service. Granted watching movies about diamonds such as *Flawless* or *Blood Diamond*, one would rather not have diamonds in our hands. Yet, as we read the Scriptures, we feel blessed to have been trusted these sisters and brothers to be polished in God's precious diamonds, bought by His blood to shine His light through as His servants. And, oh, how God uses them to polish us in the process as well...*

Each community we visit and accompany is a testimony of God's presence in this land. In each rural setting, we are challenged to providing the same education of excellence whether they read and write or not. We are learning so much with them as the Lord is leading us in preparing these curriculum materials. Three years will go by quickly and we trust that when we reach that diamond anniversary, many of these seminarians will be better equipped to serve in the communities they're inserted. And God knows we shall be polished as well... Only to bring many more to God's kingdom to enjoy His love and care.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Our June Mission Offering

The month of June marks the time for our annual giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. "In 2011 we began the 3-year 'Sharing Brings Joy' theme for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. During 2011 we explored how sharing blesses, transforms, and brings joy to the giver. In 2012, we explored how sharing blesses, transforms, and brings joy to others. And finally this year we will conclude this 3-year theme by exploring how sharing brings joy to God."

Our gifts this month will be used to meet the needs by peoples around the globe who are suffering from the effects of natural and man-made disasters, and on-going difficult situations. "These gifts...will be used for tangible ministries that further God's reign, by meeting the human need by the prophet Isaiah (61: 1-4):

- * Bringing good news to the oppressed,
- * Binding up the broken-hearted,
- * Proclaiming liberty to the captives,
- * Comforting all who mourn,
- * Repairing ruined cities,
- * Providing for those who have lost too much,
- * Proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor,
- * Sharing a mantle of praise rather than a faint spirit."



We join with Christians of 8 denominations around the nation to multiply our gifts for a common good. "Together our gifts nurture stronger futures... through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods. Together, our gifts bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable. Together, our gifts build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in (places) devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty."

This is the offering by which we can contribute to the immediate needs of the nation and the world. As of this writing (5/25/13), OGHS has sent \$5,000 in domestic emergency relief funds in response to the appeal made by Church World Service for the tornado disaster in Oklahoma. American Baptist Home Mission Societies is in contact with local partners to monitor the situation, as well. It is through this offering, we were able to respond to the needs of Japan, Haiti, and many others in the world.

As we share our gifts, we remember the ways we are bringing joy to God. We are called to be "cheerful givers", "sharing the good news of a world where justice is possible!" Please help us reach our goal of \$1,000.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTRY & FACILITY-BASED EVENTS

June 2013

June 2013							July 2013								
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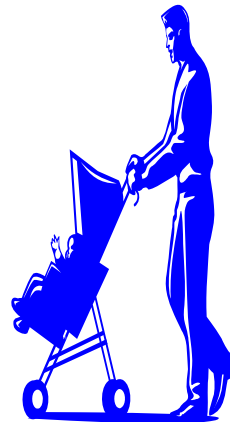
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Memorial for Sue at Lade
						Wedding - Kevin Manley
						Wedding Party Reception
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THE VISITATION	9:00am The HAPPY	10:30am Bible Study	8:00am Men's	7:30pm Choir	SACRED HEART	Sally Lieber Meeting (P)
8:30am New Mozart	9:00am Walking	(Los Altos)	Breakfast	Practice	9:00am Walking	11:00am New Mozart
10:00am Sunday	11:30am Macrobiotic	7:00pm TNT -	7:00pm BCG Dress	(Parlor)	5:00pm New Mozart	Summer
More Items...	6:30pm PPJC Board	Tuesday	Rehearsal (8:00pm Stanford	Guitar Recit
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10:00am Sunday	9:00am The HAPPY	10:30am Bible Study		5:00pm Church	9:00am Walking	8:30am New Mozart
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11:30am Adult	9:00am Walking	7:00pm TNT -		7:30pm Choir	5:00pm New Mozart	10:00am PA
More Items...	11:30am Macrobiotic	7:00pm Huntington's		Practice	More Items...	Philamonic
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day	SPIRE DEADLINE	10:30am Bible Study	8:00am Men's	7:30pm Choir	9:00am Walking	12:00pm The HAPPY
10:00am Sunday	9:00am The HAPPY	(Los Altos)	Breakfast	Practice	Group (BODY ONE
10:00am Worship	9:00am Walking	7:00pm TNT -	7:00pm PPJC	(Parlor)	8:00pm Stanford	DAY
More Items...	11:30am Macrobiotic	Tuesday	meeting (P)		Folklore	RETREAT (
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00am Sunday	JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:30am Bible Study	Anniversary of Rick Mixo	10:00am Women's	9:00am Walking	PPJC Noon event (FH)
School (Y)	9:00am The HAPPY	(Los Altos)		Brunch (Group (
10:00am Worship	9:00am Walking	7:00pm TNT -		7:30pm Choir	10:00am Senior Chat	
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