



First Edition



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Thank You, First Baptist

Dear Friend,

This report shares stories from diverse places around the world. But in every story, there's a common thread - the joy and hope that God's Word can bring.

I love how one young girl says Scripture caused her to leap with Joy! It reminds me of Psalm 65:8: *"Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy (NLT)*

God's Word sparks joy and hope in the hearts of those who live over all the Earth! No matter where, no matter the hardship, no matter the language, Scripture transforms lives and offers encouragement . . . just like it does with you and me.

That's why I'm so grateful for friends like you who send that message to young and old in the language and format they can understand. May God bless you for sharing the joy of God's Word!

Serving Together,
Roy L. Peterson
President
American Bible Society

A testimony from one of the recipients of our (and others') grace.

" My smile went wider and wider as I read the Bible in my own language for the first time."

INDIA -- Sujata knows what it's like to feel helpless. Following the sudden death of her father, her mother became very ill. As an only child, the responsibility of caring for her mother fell solely on Sujata. Not long after, her husband lost his job. Then she received the worst news of all: Sujata's daughter had a problem with her eyes and would have limited vision her whole life.

"It's heartbreaking to see my child struggle with her vision and not be able to play with other children," Sujata says sadly.

With so many bad things happening in such a short period of time, Sujata began to lose hope. And because the only Bible she had was in a language she didn't understand, Sujata was unable to turn to God's healing Word for comfort.

Thankfully, through the support of friends of American Bible Society like you, Sujata received her first Bible in her heart language!

"My eyes popped out, and the smile on my face went wider and wider as I read my own language for the first time," Sujata writes fondly.

When asked how the Bible has impacted her life, she replied, "It has transformed me from being a receiver to a giver." Now she regularly carries five to ten Bibles in her bag to distribute to people that she meets. Without her translated Bible, Sujata says she "wouldn't be able to preach the Gospel to many villages."

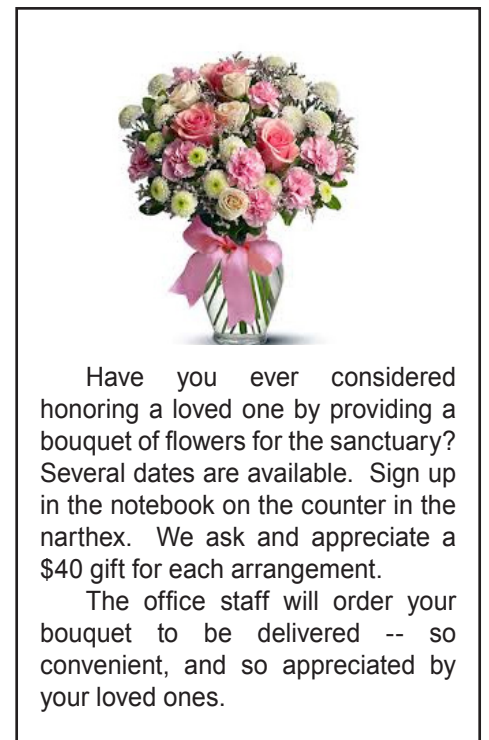
India is home to most people in the world deprived of God's Word -- only

2% of the people in India are Christian. And with over 1,600 different spoken languages, many -- like Sujata -- are waiting on Bibles in their heart languages. They are counting on you to share them the Good News.

Sujata's favorite Bible verse is Matthew 9:20, the story of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak. And like the woman in the Gospel of Matthew who was made well just by touching His cloak, so too was Sujata's hopelessness healed.

Thank you for helping American Bible Society bring hope and healing to those like Sujata who need it the most.

If you would like to read testimonies from other recipients, the folder will be in my office on the counter. Doris



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

College Young Adults Retreat - September 1-3, 2018

By Doug Andrews

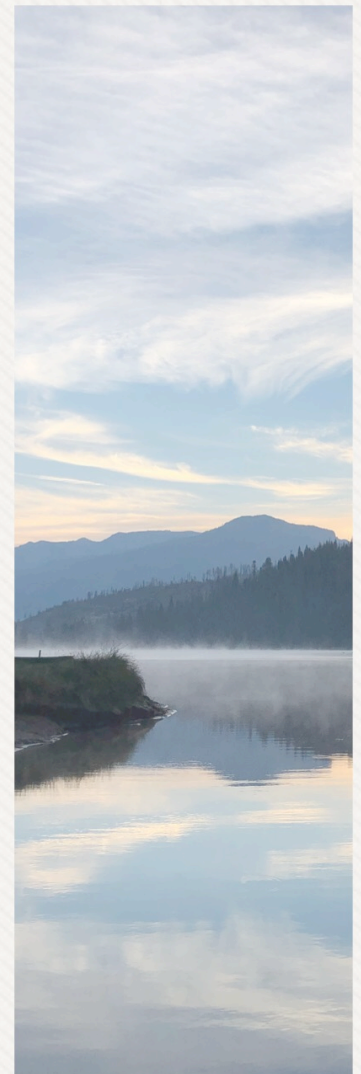
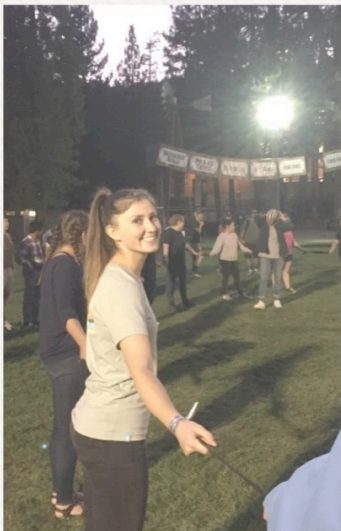
In September we took 11 college and young adults on a College Weekend Retreat in the Sierras. We had an incredible time together getting to know each other, doing new and fun activities, worshipping the Lord in His amazing creation, and being challenged from God's word.

Our speaker was an ex-missionary who spent 8 years in

Papua New Guinea teaching and translating the Bible into one of the hundreds of native languages. He amazed us with incredible stories of God's faithfulness and power to work in and through a life fully yielded to Him. We were all challenged to examine the goals and direction of our lives. Are we really living to follow God, or are we doing our plan with Je-

sus pasted on top?

Through those messages and individual times with God our discussion times were rich and enabled us to really discuss what was going on in our own lives. We were reminded that it was so easy to even get caught up in living a life for God, that we miss knowing God Himself.



Harvest Festival



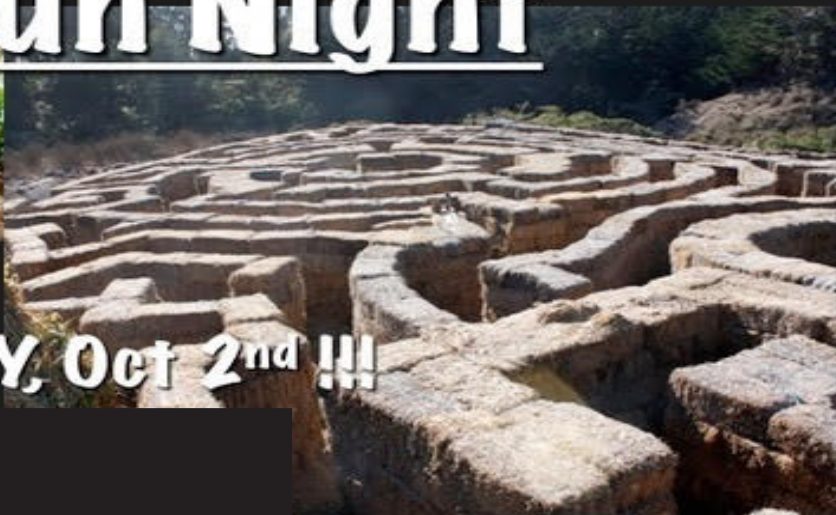
October 31

4-6PM

Sign ups
begin
October 7

Fun Activities
for the Whole
Family

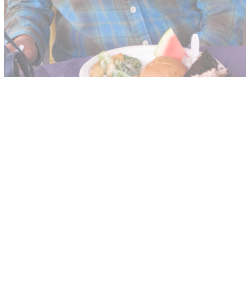
Youth Hay Maze Fun Night



NEXT TUESDAY, Oct 2nd !!!

4:00 – 8:00 pm, Bring \$15 for the Maze/Pizza

TEXAS Fun and food for all!





OUR MISSIONARIES AT WORK

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for our family. Praise God! Matt found a job in San Jose in mechanical engineering. Also, thank the Lord that Bri (18) has started her course in phlebotomy. Please keep praying for Zachery (19). He is having trouble finding a new job. Audrey is going to return to New York next week to bring her mother home from staying with her sister. Audrey's mom might return to Audrey's sister's home in the spring. Please pray that we can find the best way to help her mother here. We are so privileged to have friends like you praying for our family! Thank you very much.



1. Charity (above) is a Christian student from Zambia. Charity had sponsors to pay for her first two years of college here in Sacramento. She asked everyone in our Friday night leaders meeting (below) to pray that God would somehow provide the money for her to stay here for another year of study.

The group prayed all summer, but the money never came. We said good-bye to her one Friday night, and we tried to find a good Christian community in Zambia for her when she went home. But the next Friday night Charity walked in the door with a huge smile! She shared with the group that a woman she met at the dog park gave her \$5,000 and then a neighbor gave her \$10,000! God did it! What an amazing answer to prayer! What a great God we serve!

2. Think is a student from Vietnam. He invited Christ into his heart over a year ago, but the last nine months he has been too busy with school work to meet for follow-up Bible study. I texted him asking if he has time to get together his semester and he said yes. I sheepishly texted that I would bring the next Bible study discussion in case he wanted to do it. When he came to meet me I was so surprised to see him pull his Bible out of his back pack! Then he told me he has been going to an on campus Bible study! And then he shared that he has been going to church and that the previous Sunday he found himself weeping as he thought about how Jesus has forgiven all his sins. Another wonderful work of God!

Prayer Requests:

- For Zachery to find a good job.
- For wisdom about how to care for Audrey's mom.
- For Charity, Think and other Christian international students to keep growing and sharing Christ with others.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support! We appreciate you!

Alan and Audrey

From CRU Ministry

Dear First Baptist and Missions Committee --

Hi there, and Happy Fall. We hope all is well back home and the congregation is groing in grace and favor with the Lord.

I recently turned 50 and it gets you to reflecting and showing gratitude for all who have made contributions to your life. I've been in ministry more than half my life and First Baptist has been along for the ride the entire time. Your first gift toward my ministry was in January 1991. That's 27 years of constancy. I'm in awe of that. And very grateful. Thank you for 27 years of praying, encouraging, and helping to make ministry possible. It is so amazing to know that I have had the First Baptist community behind me this whole time.

We send love and continual prayers to you as well. Thank you for partnering with us in the furtherance of the gospel

Love in Christ,
Nick and Clorice

“Not Just Another Day on the Road”

By Alan Sturken

A few months after retirement I decided to take on a part-time job, driving cars for Enterise, a car rental company. For the most part, it's a great job. I have driven everything from a Smart Car to a large commercial truck. Earlier this year, I had delivered a vehicle to a dealership, in the town of Fairfield and then picked up a lease returning vehicle, to bring it to our Oakland holding yard. It was mid-morning, as I was traveling south on the heavily used Interstate 80 near Berkley, when a vehicle in the fast lane kicked up a large metal object into the air, and as I watched in disbelief, this object catapulted up into the air, at what had to be at least fifty feet high, and as it started descending I could see that it was coming right at me. I remember thinking, okay Lord, I have no place to go, cars in front of me, cars behind me, and cars on both sides of me. I could hit the bakes, but that would cause an accident in itself. Just then my vehicle was hit directly on top of the front engine hood by this large piece of metal and in that moment I remembering a soft, calm voice in my head coming from the Lord saying, “I am with you; hold steady on the steering wheel.” To my surprise, I did not lose control of the vehicle, avoiding any collateral damage to others, the engine hood did not open, the windshield did not shatter, and the air bag did not deploy - all events that could have created a major accident.

Eventually, I was able to safely exit the highway and check the vehicle, as I thanked the Lord for always protecting me. Later that evening, as I was reflecting on the events of the day, I realized that the Lord truly has a plan for my life. Joshua 1:9.



October 6: Sandy Squire
October 7: Pat Coffey
October 16: Greg Andrews
October 17: Tim Dufficy
Sandy Murray
October 23: Katherine Chen



Happy Anniversay
October
Darryl and Eliza Fujita



October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All Events Are Subject to Change.	1	2 7:15pm FBC Youth Going to the Maze	3 6:30pm AWANA	4	5	6 8:30am Men's Breakfast
7 Prayer Meeting (praying for Harvest Festival) 12:15- 12:30pm Room 250 Communion	8 7-8:30pm Parent Night - Youth	9 7:15pm FBC Youth	10 6:30pm AWANA	11	12	13
14 Prayer Meeting (praying for Harvest Festival) 12:15- 12:30pm Room 250	15	16 7:15pm FBC Youth	17 6:30pm AWANA	18	19	20
21 Prayer Meeting (praying for Harvest Festival) 12:15- 12:30pm Room 250	22	23 7:15pm FBC Youth	24 6:30pm AWANA	25	26 6:30pm Movie Night	27
28 Prayer Meeting (praying for Harvest Festival) 12:15- 12:30pm Room 250	29	30 7:15pm FBC Youth	31 4:00-6:00 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL	SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship		

What's Happening in AWANA

By Cathy Thomas

The Lord is truly blessing the ministry here at Awana this year. We have grown in numbers as we have over 100 children and youth attending on Wednesday evenings. If you enjoy working with children, this just may be the place for you!

It is wonderful to come alongside the children as they hear Bible Stories and/or Stories of Great Christians and/or participate in Bible Study, depending on their age group. The children also worship the Lord in song, spend time in memorizing and reciting Bible Verses, and engage in fun and active games.

The Lord has been bringing new help, and we are very thankful for that. He has given us a leader for our Sparks games, a Club Secretary, and new leaders in our T and T Clubs. **We still have need of more leaders. Please pray that God will bring people to fill these needs.** Leaders make a difference: they are the ones who encourage and inspire as they interact with the children. They help keep order and model God's love and care. They can share their own faith as they come alongside the children in all of the activities.

If you think God is calling you to be with us each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00, we would welcome your assistance. Please contact Ron or Cathy Thomas or email us at

awanaronthomas@yahoo.com.

A Ladies Tea at Grace Bible Church

Saturday, October 27th at 11am in
the Fellowship Hall.

Ambica will be teaching
from Mark 8:34-35.

Music will be provided by Lorna.

There will be a cost of \$20.00.
Young ladies 13 and above are
invited.

We look forward to serving you.
If you haven't been to one of our
teas, you can look forward to a teaching
lesson, singing hymns of praise,
Christian fellowship, and enjoying
tasty butternut squash soup, delectable
sandwiches, salad, scones, and
dessert.

Let Sandy know if you plan to go.
They need that information by the
15th for planning.



FBC Youth

8:30am Men's
Breakfast

FBC YOUTH Service- Sunday Mornings 11:00 - 12:15 pm

Games, fun, worship, and our next teaching direction for our Sunday youth group meeting is going to focus on Exploring God's word and integrating knowing Christ into our daily lives.

College/Career Fellowship - Sundays 12:30-2:00 pm

Part 3 of our "True University Series" - Who is Jesus? As always, we have great discussions together about the topic we are discussing but are relating it to our own personal relationship in knowing Jesus. Lunch provided.

FBC YOUTH Mid-Week - Combined CAD and TNT (High/Jr. High) - Tuesday Nights 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Our teaching direction for our mid-week youth group meeting focusing on "Walking with the Lord" in our lives.

Parent Night - Youth October 8, 7-8;30



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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

October

Mon.	01	Zephaniah 1-3
Tues.	02	Haggai 1-2
Wed.	03	Zechariah 1-3
Thurs.	04	Zechariah 4-6
Fri.	05	Zechariah 7-10
Sat.	06	Zechariah 11-14
Sun.	07	Malachi 1-2
Mon.	08	Malachi 3-4
Tues.	09	Matthew 1-3
Wed.	10	Matthew 4-6
Thurs.	11	Matthew 7-9
Fri.	12	Matthew 10-12
Sat.	13	Matthew 13-15
Sun.	14	Matthew 16-18
Mon.	15	Matthew 19-21
Tues.	16	Matthew 22-24
Wed.	17	Matthew 25-28
Thurs.	18	Mark 1-3
Fri.	19	Mark 4-6
Sat.	20	Mark 7-9
Sun.	21	Mark 10-12
Mon.	22	Mark 13-16
Tues.	23	Luke 1-3
Wed.	24	Luke 4-6
Thurs.	25	Luke 7-9
Fri.	26	Luke 10-12
Sat.	27	Luke 13-15
Sun.	28	Luke 16-18
Mon.	29	Luke 19-21
Tues.	30	Luke 22-24
Wed.	31	John 1-3



Movie Night Friday, October 26

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Dinner at 6:30

Movie starts at 7:00 pm.

Intrepid reporter Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded Haddock's ancestor.