



Shining God's Light

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## 2014 NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

\* *"Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul — not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us."* Colossians 1 :9-12. The Message Translation

*"I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery! I'm telling you this because I don't want anyone leading you off on some wild-goose chase, after other so-called mysteries, or "the Secret." My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.* Colossians 2:2-4; 6-7, The Message Translation

We hope that this New Year is not only a time of transformation and unparalleled growth in your life, we pray that each of us will be filled up with all the fullness of God! Together may we learn to live like Christ and reach out to others in His name! May God bless you and fill you!  
Love in Christ,  
Pastor Marc & Candace

\* Dear FBC Family,  
May this New Year bring new and deeper life in Jesus Christ. He is all and in Him we

find our life... true life that far surpasses anything we could ever hope or imagine. It's my prayer that we discover just how amazing He is and experience ALL that He has for us as a church in this New Year!!! "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus

\* Happy New Year!

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* 1 Peter 2:9:

We pray you are blessed beyond belief in the coming year and that you are guided by our LORD to a life that is joyfully set apart for His glory.

Dave, Alba, Clay & Deacon Kellejian

\* *"In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."* (Luke 2: 8-14)

May the peace proclaimed by the angels on that first Christmas morning be with you this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

Pat Coffee

\* *"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."* (Acts 2:42) I'm looking forward to a new year walking in Christ with one another.

Curt Cook

\* Great advice I saw in "Daily Bread" last year, but worth noting for the New Year:

"When you've trusted Jesus and walked His way; when you've felt His hand lead you day by day, but your steps now take you another way, **Start over.**" -- Kroll

God bless you as only He can for this coming year.

Doris Waddell

\* May the God of hope fill you with all joy in believing that the Savior, Christ the Lord, is the One who brings peace on earth among those with whom God is pleased.

May the Lord Jesus bless you, and keep you; may He turn His face toward you, and give you mercy and grace that you may find help in your time of need. (Num 6:24-26; Heb 4:14-16).

Mara Prieto

\* *This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.* 1 John 4:13-16 (MSG)

Janet White

\* A simple but valuable reminder as we begin the new year...

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."* (John 3:16 (NASB))

May God grant you His richest blessings now and always!  
Love in Christ,  
Tami Strang

\* May the Lord bring you a deep and abiding sense of His presence in you and with you.

Blessings, Stenya Strang

\* May the joy and love of Jesus be with you and your families during this Christmas Season.

Sheryn Cockett

\* Praises to our most blessed God and Saviour. My prayer is that each of us grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ our Saviour in the coming year. Sandy Murray

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# January 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>SUNDAY MORNINGS:</b> 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship	<b>ALL Events Subject to Change</b>	<b>ALL Events Subject to Change</b>	<b>New Year's Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	3	4 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
5 <b>Communion</b> 12:14 Roman 12 Growth Group	6 10am Women's Support Ministry 7pm Boy Scouts	7 9am BSF Leaders 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	8 6:30pm AWANAS 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	9 9am BSF 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	10	11 9am Leadership Breakfast/Meeting
12 12:30 Children's Ministry Lunch 12:14 Roman 12 Growth Group	13 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Prayer Meeting	14 9am BSF Leaders 7pm Women's Ministry 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	15 5:30pm F.A.T. Dinner 6:30pm AWANAS 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	16 9am BSF 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	17	18
19 12:14 Roman 12 Growth Group	20 7pm Boy Scouts Martin Luther King Day	21 9am BSF Leaders 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	22 6:30pm AWANAS 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	23 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	24	25
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## GRACE, GRATITUDE, GRACIOUSNESS

By Doris Waddell

Grace is our gift from Jesus, which creates gratitude for all He has done for us, and creates a heart that treats others with graciousness and forgiveness.

Recently, I read a book by Philip Yantzy called "What's So Amazing About Grace?" It begins with several stories of grace being extended in ways that help us understand what Jesus has done for us.

These stories reminded me of a story I heard many years ago by a Christian comedian, Grady Nutt, speaking at a church conference:

A visiting guest preacher had been invited to have dinner with a family after church. The hostess had done her best to have a beautifully arranged table -- her best silver, crystal goblets, linen napkins and table cloth -- you get the picture.

As the meal progressed, a small son of the family bumped his ice tea and spilled it. His mother quietly began to clean it up as the young boy, feeling all the embarrassment you can imagine, looked like he was trying not to cry. Total silence pervaded the whole group.

All of a sudden, the visiting preacher bumped his goblet and spilled his tea exactly the way it had happened with the boy.

Isn't that what Jesus did for us -- clothed Himself in human form so we would understand His deep awareness of our condition (just as the visiting preacher understood all that little boy was feeling) so that relief and gratitude would pour out from us the way everyone at the table felt, especially the young boy? I don't know of any instance when Jesus intentionally spilled His tea, but He did intentionally spill His blood, taking our sin upon Himself so that we don't need to continue to be guilty.

This Baby whose birth we just celebrated has given us so much more to celebrate than exchanging presents and visiting with loved ones.

*"And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD') and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the LORD, 'A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.'*

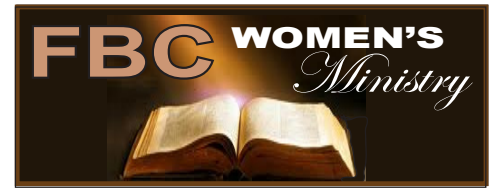
*"And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,*

*"Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond servant to depart in peace, 'According to Your word; 'For my eyes have seen Your salvation,*

*'Which You have prepared in the the presence of all peoples, 'A LIGHT OF SALVATION TO THE GENTILES,*

*'And the glory of Your people Israel.'" (Luke 2:22-32)*

Just as that old prophet, we have lived long enough to see with our spiritual eyes what amazing grace has been extended to us. How can we not praise our Messiah? And extend that message of grace to others that our community and all of San Mateo will hear and believe!



### Study of Philippians

All women are invited to join the Women's Ministry on every other Tuesday, beginning Tuesday, January 14, at 7pm in the Davidson Chapel. We desire to help you grow in your love and knowledge of God through:

- Worship
- Prayer
- Teaching of God's Word in the book of Philippians
- Small Group Discussions.

### Women's Ministry Retreat

Mark your calendars for March 14-15 at Redwood Glen near La Honda. More information will follow.

## FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR FBC LEGAL EXPENSES

Because of the law suit, a Legal Defense Fund has been established for contributions toward this need. Be in prayer about this, and be obedient to whatever God tells you. We have seen many evidences of His presence with us throughout the past two plus years, and this is one way we can express our gratitude.

To contribute, use an envelope from the pew rack and mark it "Legal Defense Fund."



### Come, sing with us!

Choir will be starting back up again in 2014 on January 8 at 8:00pm.

### Special Offerings

For the month of January, the special offering taken at the close of Communion and received all month long goes to the Deacon Reserve Fund for providing help to the needy.



King Center Dec. 6, 2013





*FBC at San Mateo City  
Tree Lighting Celebration  
December 8, 2013*

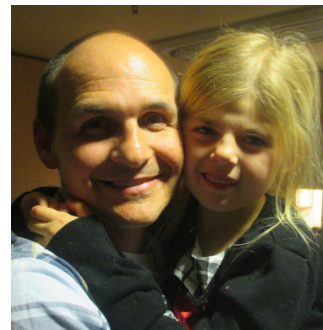








*FBC Christmas  
Party at the  
Shelter,  
December 18,  
2013*





**Women's Ministry -- Pizza and a tour of Eucalyptus Street in San Carlos**



● A huge thanks to Sandy Murray for the photographs in this issue of First Edition.

● For more about First Baptist Church Activities, be sure to check the website at [fbcsanmateo.org](http://fbcsanmateo.org)





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### Daily Bible Readings- January

The following Bible reading schedule was compiled by Robert Murray McCheyne in 1842. Using this Bible reading schedule you will read four portions of Scripture each day (two in the morning with "family" or individually and two in the evening in "secret" or privately), and read through the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice in a year.

Sun.	1	Gen. 1; Matt. 1; Ezra 1; Acts 1
Mon.	2	Gen. 2; Matt. 2; Ezra 2; Acts 2
Tues.	3	Gen. 3; Matt. 3; Ezra 3; Acts 3
Wed.	4	Gen. 4; Matt. 4; Ezra 4; Acts 4
Thurs.	5	Gen. 5; Matt. 5; Ezra 5; Acts 5
Fri.	6	Gen. 6; Matt. 6; Ezra 6; Acts 6
Sat.	7	Gen. 7; Matt. 7; Ezra 7; Acts 7
Sun.	8	Gen. 8; Matt. 8; Ezra 8; Acts 8
Mon.	9	Gen. 9,10; Matt. 9; Ezra 9; Acts 9
Tues.	10	Gen. 11; Matt. 10; Ezra 10; Acts 10
Wed.,	11	Gen. 12; Matt. 11; Neh. 1; Acts 11
Thurs.	12	Gen. 13; Matt. 12; Neh. 2; Acts 12
Fri.	13	Gen. 14; Matt. 13; Neh. 3; Acts 13
Sat.	14	Gen. 15; Matt. 14; Neh. 4; Acts 14
Sun.	15	Gen. 16 ; Matt. 15; Neh. 5; Acts 15
Mon.	16	Gen. 17; Matt. 16; Neh. 6; Acts 16
Tues.	17	Gen. 18; Matt. 17; Neh. 7; Acts 17
Wed.	18	Gen. 19; Matt. 18; Neh. 8; Acts 18
Thurs.	19	Gen. 20; Matt. 19; Neh. 9; Acts 19
Fri.	20	Gen. 21; Matt. 20; Neh. 10; Acts 20
Sat.	21	Gen. 22; Matt. 21; Neh. 11; Acts 21
Sun.	22	Gen. 23; Matt. 22; Neh. 12; Acts 22
Mon.	23	Gen. 24; Matt. 23; Neh. 13; Acts 23
Tues.	24	Gen. 25; Matt. 24; Esther 1; Acts 24
Wed.	25	Gen. 26; Matt. 25; Esther 2; Acts 25
Thurs.	26	Gen. 27; Matt. 26; Esther; Acts 26
Fri.	27	Gen. 28; Matt. 27; Esther 4; Acts 27
Sat.	28	Gen. 29; Matt. 28; Esther 5; Acts 28
Sun.	29	Gen. 30; Mark 1; Esther 6; Rom. 1
Mon.	30	Gen. 31; Mark 2; Esther 7; Rom. 2
Tues.	31	Gen. 32; Mark 3; Esther 8; Rom. 3

### Favorite Passages from God's Word

"Seek the LORD while He may be found;  
 Call upon Him while He is near.  
 Let the wicked forsake his way  
 And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
 And let him return to the LORD,  
 And He will have compassion on him,  
 And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.  
 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 Nor are your ways My ways,'  
 declares the LORD.  
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth  
 So are my ways higher than your ways  
 And My thoughts than your thoughts.  
 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
 And do not return there without watering the earth  
 And making it bear and sprout,

And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;  
 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
 It will not return to Me empty,  
 Without accomplishing what I desire,  
 And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.  
 "For you will go out with joy  
 And be led forth with peace;  
 The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you,  
 And all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

Isaiah 55:6-12

Do you have a favorite passage or verse? Email Doris at her new email address:

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