



First Baptist Church

September 2011 AD

Communique



Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn, C. S. Lewis

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PASTOR AND THE PULPIT **+**

Faith

What is it that gives faith its value? The first part of the answer should be obvious. However, since that sometimes eludes us, the answer is the object. For Christians it is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Folks put their trust in many people and things but only faith in the Lord has value. Eternal value!

The second part of the answer is testing. Someone has said, "Untested faith is of no value" and they were 100% correct.

All of us want to have a strong faith and we like it when others believe that we do. That only happens as the result of our faith being tested. Not tested privately but openly. Then it serves as a testament to God and an example to follow.

Pastor Mike

Baptists back path for immigrants



Article in part from The Tennessean By Richard Land - Jul 1, 2011.

In dealing with the divisive issue of immigration reform, American Christians have needed to balance their devotion to Scripture with their respect for the rule of law.

As the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) 2011 resolution "On Immigration and the Gospel" explains, the Gospel commands us "to love our neighbor as self." Christians have a biblical mandate to care for "the least of these among us" and for the "strangers" who live among us.

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Usher Rotation:

Steve	-	June
John	-	July
Charlie	-	August
Kevin	-	September

*****Church Services & Activities*****

SUNDAY MORNING

9:15 a.m. Donuts & Coffee 9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship Service Junior Disciples Church (ages 4 to 5th grade)

MONDAY: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Victory Youth Ministry at the church

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. Bible Study

SATURDAY: 6:30 p.m. Worship and Bible Study

First Sunday of each month, 11 a.m. - Memorial Supper

First Saturday of March, June, September and December "Agape" Supper - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Night Worship

6:30 p.m.

(Followed by Fellowship and Refreshments)

3 Birthday Celebration and Refreshments

10 Refreshments

17 "Potluck" - 5:15 p.m.

24 Refreshments

Men's Breakfast



Saturday,

September 3rd at 8 a.m.

8105 E. Wardlow Road

Long Beach Ca

Ladies' Night Out

September 8th 6:00 p.m



Franco's
4453 Cerritos
Avenue
Cypress, CA

Call Darlene for reservations:

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Home 714-898-9188

Outreach Programs: Cypress Pointe / Cypress Park Sundays
Worship Service at 4:30pm.

Karlton Residential Care Center, Anaheim last Thursday of the Month. Worship Service at 10:00am

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The Bible also commands us “to respect the divinely ordained institution of government.” Christians have a right to expect government to enforce its laws. Disrespect for the rule of law festers into lawlessness.

Several factors have made it increasingly difficult for American Christians to maintain that balance of personal grace with institutional respect for government. Government has failed to enforce immigration laws and has shown little intention of securing the border or the workplace. Consequently, we have posted two signs at our borders: one says “No Trespassing!” and the other says, “Help Wanted!”

The SBC resolution urges government to secure both the workplace and the borders, then “to implement, with the borders secured, a just and compassionate path to legal status, with appropriate restituting measures, for those undocumented immigrants already living in our country.” This passed by a 4-1 margin among local church messengers nationwide.

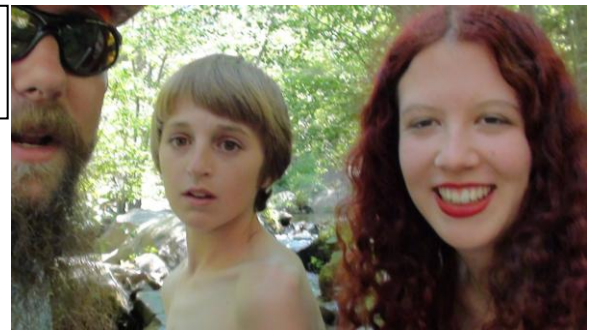
This is not amnesty. It acknowledges the undocumented have broken the law and must be punished; thus, “restituting measures” such as fines, criminal background checks, learning to read, write, and speak English, and going on probation for a number of years before full legal status could be earned.

This approach frees Christians to balance their respect for government with their duty to act in a redemptive way toward everyone they encounter. For the full article see

<http://erlc.com/article/baptists-back-path-for-immigrants/> or <http://www.sbc.net/resolutions/amResolution.asp?ID=1213>



Hume Lake 2011 is over and all went well.
Lots of photo on Facebook



A Little Bit of Trivia

328 AD. A character in a nursery rhyme may be closely connected with Church history and Christian archaeology. Probably you have sung "Old King Cole was a merry old soul." But did you know that the British have an ancient tradition that Helena, the fourth-century Christian archaeologist was the daughter of King Coel of Colchester, immortalized in this Mother Goose rhyme? If this story is true, another interesting fact follows from it. Helena was the mother of Constantine, the first christianized Emperor of the Roman Empire. This means Emperor Constantine was the grandson of a Mother Goose hero! Since there actually was a Christian church at Colchester in 250 A.D.--about the time that Helena was born--it is possible that she become a Christian as a young person which would explain Constantine's interest in the faith. <http://www.christianity.com/ChurchHistory/>

