

HSBC *the* Messenger

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FEBRUARY 2005

CHOIR MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS SEASON



Each year, as Christmas rolls around, the HSBC family looks forward to many wonderful events. One such event is the annual choir musical. This year, the choir presented the narrated cantata, *The Newborn King*. Above, Angelea Payne and Aric Maalona portray Mary and Joseph admiring a baby doll signifying their new-born King - the baby Jesus. This, along with many other exciting fellowships and programs combined to make the celebration of our Lord's advent to earth a beautiful and blessed season.

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Personal



God has certainly set a great open door of opportunity for witness and ministry before us. We live in the middle of a vast *ocean* of people. There are between six and seven million people here in the San Francisco Bay area. The area cries out for a witness to God, God's Word and the Gospel. We must hear and respond to this call in the present and lay the groundwork for a strong base of witness in the years to come. This is the burden of my heart for this new year.

Since the publication of the last *Messenger*, we have gone through a very full schedule of events in November and December. Included were *Homecoming Sunday*, *Annual Missions Conference*, *Northern California FBF Meeting*, *Annual Elections and Budget Approval*, *Adult Choir Christmas Musical* and many other Christmas and New Year's activities.

We were blessed to have Dr. Tim Fisher with us on January 16 to speak at both services. His emphasis on the right kind of worship and music was both helpful and refreshing. Attendance at the Day of Prayer was gratifying.

The Annual Meeting was a time of rejoicing and blessing for all. Dr. John Waldrip, Pastor of the Calvary Road Baptist Church of Monrovia, California



Dr. David C. Innes
Senior Pastor

brought an outstanding message on *The Grace of God* given to us in and through our ministering in the local church. Reports of the many ministries of our church were distributed. The financial condition reported at the close of 2004 was the best in a number of years. I commend our people for the boldness, generosity and zeal with which they financially support this church. God has been so good to us!

Evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Barry Webb will soon be here. They are scheduled for eight days, Sunday, March 13 through Sunday, March 20. All of our people should be making plans now to attend as many of the services as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach our friends and relatives with the gospel and also to get our own spiritual batteries recharged. Please pray earnestly that this meeting will be a time of renewal and refreshing for our entire congregation.

Following these meetings, I will be traveling to Greenville, South Carolina to speak at the Annual Bible Conference at Bob Jones University. I am scheduled to speak on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon. Edith plans to go with me. We will be returning late Friday evening and are looking forward to our Easter Sunday celebration on Sunday, two days later.

I have been having preliminary meetings with an architect concerning the addition of a large, *first-class* nursery on the lower level where the bookstore and storage room (old seminary library) are located. The major addition in areas of heating and

plumbing may make it wise for us to consider a complete remodel of the restrooms on the lower level along with a complete replacement of the water lines in that area of the building. Much more work must be done before any proposals can be made.

The Sprint cell-phone installation will hopefully be completed within the next six weeks. There have been a number of serious delays which seem to be coming to an end. The income from this project will be a great help in meeting the maintenance costs of our building which is in need of major revamping and repairs due to its age.

Wonderful progress continues at *Castlepoint* (Lucerne Christian Conference Center). Most of the new staff is now in place and ambitious plans are now being considered for growth in both the scope and effectiveness of all of the camps and conferences that minister to our independent Baptist churches in Northern California.

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Let me encourage you to plan to be with us for the celebration of our 125th Anniversary at the end of October, 2006. We will be planning a very special time of celebration probably covering several days. We are hoping that this will be one of the largest events in our distinguished history.

We have work to do for God and it must be a great work. This will not be possible apart from an unusual work of the Holy Spirit of God. These must be days of prayer and seeking the Lord. As we continue to build this work and testimony, future generations will be partakers of the benefits from what we are doing in our day and time. May God see fit to greatly exalt both His Name and His Word in the days and in the years to come. Let's keep on keeping on for the Lord!

The **BOIV** Ministry Highlights

from San Francisco to the Ends of the Earth

and Beyond

Ambassador Bible Class

The Ambassador Bible Class is currently studying through the video course, "Changed into His Image" by Dr. Jim Berg, Dean of Students at Bob Jones University. The series deals with the problems of the flesh and God's plan to transform us into the image of Christ. The companion books for this series are available in the church's bookstore.

Come join us if you are not already attending another class during the Sunday morning adult Bible study hour.

Pastor Tim Sneed

Castlepoint Ministries

Many of you have generously given financially and faithfully prayed for the ministry of Lucerne Christian Conference Center which is now being called "Castlepoint Ministries."

Please know that we greatly appreciate your prayers and your gifts. God is doing wonderful things at *The Castle*. Our new staff is coming together nicely. Please hold these dear servants of Christ up in prayer:

- Chris Pelletier, Executive Assistant
- Beverly Pelletier, Book Keeper/ Booknook
- Aaron Branine, Program Assistant
- Aaron Kranich, Maintenance
- Julie Kranich, Housekeeping
- John Schmidt, One-Year Intern
- Albert Abdelnor, Food Services
- Jennifer Abdelnor, Snack Shop
- Kirsty Branine, Craft Shop

Dan Pelletier www.camplucerne.org

Discipleship

We are so thankful for all who are participating in the discipleship program. Thank you all for your kindness and patience as we rework some of our materials to make this vital training more complete and effective. If you are already involved, keep your eyes peeled for a soon-coming announcement concerning our revised discipleship program. If you would like to get involved, either by being discipled or by discipling someone else, we would be happy to talk to you!

Pastor Tim Sneed

Pro-Teens Youth Fellowship

Early in the year we began a teen night on Wednesdays, to coincide with the adult meeting. Our youth enjoy food, games and a biblical message by Brother Steve Crozier. Some of our activities have been a car wash, bowling, skating, picnics, overnight camping trip, youth camp and a trip to the snow.

In April we chartered with Pro Teens, a good, solid, bible based youth program developed by Dr. Frank Hamrick, of *Positive Action for Christ*. We have already begun to see a desire in our young people to grow in the Lord.

If you are a teen or you know of a teen who is not involved in this dynamic life changing ministry, we invite you to learn more about the youth ministry of Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

Pastor Leroy Guillen

SALT & LIGHT Singles Ministry

What a blessing it has been to see the singles ministry grow in its desire for Christian fellowship and service. Once a month, our singles visit and minister to the elderly at San Francisco Convalescent Hospital. Beyond that, they mentor, encourage and support our youth group in so many ways. Once a month the singles play volleyball at Calvary Baptist Church here in San Francisco and once a month we have a singles dinner here at Hamilton Square.

The highlight of the year was our Singles Christmas Dinner here at the church. We had 63 people representing 7 fundamental churches in attendance. We had a wonderful meal, professionally prepared by Miss Pearl Villena, a white elephant gift exchange, a lively Bible game and lots of Christian fellowship. Pastor Mike Gradwell, of Calvary Baptist Church in Alameda, brought the Christmas message and challenge. What a blessing it was.

We invite all single adults to come and take part in these edifying and encouraging activities.

Pastor Leroy Guillen



Teenager Isaiah Ross decorates the Christmas Tree preparing for the teen Christmas activities.

SAGES Seniors Ministry

After the last publication of *The Messenger*, the *SAGES, Senior Adults Growing in Excellence and Spirituality*, took a Christmas trip on

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December 16, 2004 for a guided tour of the McConaghy House of Antiques and a visit to the Hayward Historical Museum. The McConaghy House was decorated throughout with Victorian Christmas displays and the Historical Museum had holiday displays used in various parts of the world. After our tours in Hayward, we ate lunch at a Fresh Choice Restaurant in San Leandro, California.

The senior adults were also blessed to host an overflow crowd at the Munch and Mingle activity following the annual Christmas musical program at the church on Sunday, December 19. Special thanks go to JoAnn Young, Virginia Osteyee, Wilma Van Wyngaarden, LaRue Jensen and Jean Moffatt for arranging, preparing and serving the food and refreshments for this Munch and Mingle event.

Lowell Skidmore

Tract Evangelism

Join us in the month of March as we go into the streets to spread God's Word. Instead of the usual Tract Evangelism on the first Saturday of the month, in March we will go out on the second Saturday in order to give out invitations to the Evangelistic Meetings with Barry Webb. So join us on Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. We need many hands to go into the highways and bi-ways and compel them to come in to the house of God to hear the glorious good news that Jesus saves! Pastor Tim Sneed

Visitation Outreach

The first Thursday and the second and fourth Sundays continue to be our designated days for visitation outreach. On the first Thursday we meet for training and on the Sundays we go out and follow-up on our recent church visitors. This ministry has born much fruit and is an exciting way to fulfill the Great Commission. Come join us! You'll be glad you did. Pastor Tim Sneed

Welcome!

New Members




And the Lord added to the church . . .

Ruby Ang

Happy Happenings

Crispy Luppino praises and thanks God for the Day of Prayer.

"...[I]t was a] sweet precious time sitting at the feet of Jesus.

The *open heart surgery*, as Deborah [Kelly] called it, is intensely painful - arteries blocked by things such as grudge and bitterness were exposed. (Matthew 6: 12-14) And by the mercy of God's grace, I ask God to help me. I love Matthew 6:33, 'But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.'

Now, every morning I choose to spend time with God and read my Bible (which I committed to do in one

year), meditate and pray. I'm still in the process of the *open heart surgery*. If Jesus, the Son of God prayed to His Father and fellowshiped with Him and knows His will, I'd like that too - so I am doing it!" 😊

Heather Cahill and her three children flew to Pennsylvania in the middle of November to help her mother who fell and broke both of her arms. They stayed there until the beginning of January. Carl Cahill was able to travel so they could all be together for Christmas.

The Cahills were also able to spend some time at Christmas visiting Carl's family in New Jersey. "It was a busy time but we were grateful to be able to help. My mom is making good progress and is still dealing with significant pain as she continues rehabilitation." 😊

In Memoriam

Mr. Milo (Bud) Bacon, husband of the late Alma Bacon passed away at the Veteran's Hospital here in San Francisco on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at the age of 86. Pastor Sneed had the joy of presenting the gospel to him several months prior to his decease. Milo's response was positive, for which we are so grateful.

Mr. Bacon's internment was held at the Golden Gate National Memorial Cemetary on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 with full military honors. Officials proclaimed his cause of death as a result of injuries sustained in World War II.

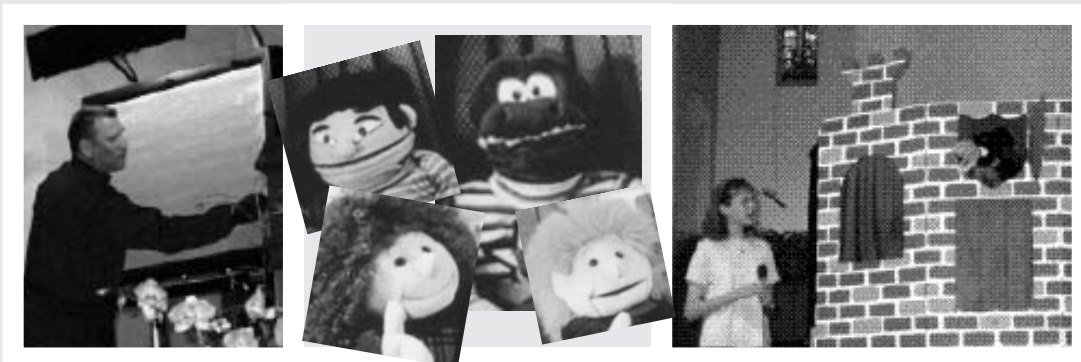
Alma was a member of Hamilton Square for almost 70 years. Mr. Bacon is survived by his son Paul who attended HSBC with his mother and still resides in San Francisco.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MEETINGS



Barry and Cheryl Webb

with the Barry Webb Evangelistic Team



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March 13-20, 2005

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

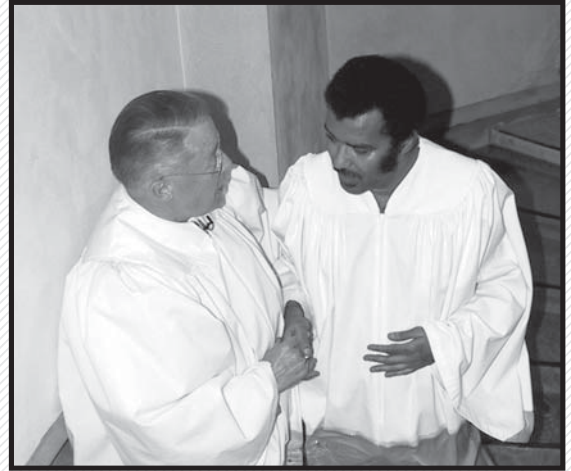
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Friday 7 p.m. nightly
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BAPTISMS



Dr. David Innes prepares Heather Stone (left) and David Woods (above) for their recent baptisms.

*Then they that gladly received
His word were baptized.
Acts 2:41*

Piano MEMORIAL



Mrs. Brown, as shown here, often came to the evening service early to hear the choir practice.



The choir practices before each Sunday Morning Service in the choir practice room. The new piano has already been a tremendous blessing in the choir's preparation for worship.

A new electronic piano for use in the *choir practice room* has been purchased in loving memory of Mrs. Christian Brown. Mrs. Brown came early many Sunday evenings to hear the choir rehearse. She dearly loved the music of our church.

The choir will benefit greatly by this replacement. The old piano was beyond repair.



with Pastor Sneed

We are ever thankful and humbled at the faithfulness of our wonderful God. In the last few months, God has been very faithful to us during the many miles we have traversed.

In November, we rejoiced to reacquaint ourselves with many of God's servants at Castlepoint Ministries during the Northern California Fundamental Baptist Fellowship. While there, Eileen had the privilege of sharing her testimony during a special ladies' session. This was the second opportunity Eileen has had to share with ladies at Castlepoint; Mrs. Doreen Schmidt had asked Eileen to lead a workshop at the Ladies' Retreat. They agreed upon the topic of biblical forgiveness – always a needed area of discussion.

In early January, Eileen and I headed back East for some family visiting and seminary work. We spent one week with my mother in Wilmington, North Carolina, the place of my birth, and then two weeks in Greenville, South Carolina. While in Wilmington, I was asked to preach at Grace Baptist Church. It was at Grace Baptist Church that I trusted Christ as my Savior 30 years ago this past November



1st. That is also the church where my mother and my sister's family attend.

The evening that I preached there, my

Tim Sneed
Associate Pastor

mother and sister went to the effort of letting my extended family know that I was preaching in the area. She must have filled four or five pews that evening with loved ones who came out to hear me preach. They have all heard me preach before, but mostly at funerals. It was a great privilege to be able to share God's Word with all the folks there. They were so kind and gracious and we enjoyed a bit of a family reunion too.

While at home, I also had the privilege of visiting my former pastor. We had a wonderful reunion and spent the good part of an afternoon talking about all the special ways in which God has blessed and also the many issues confronting us in the fundamental ministry today.

Then, we traveled on to Greenville and to Bob Jones University where I took another course towards completion of the Master of Ministry Degree. (I am about half way there!) The course this time was Church Law and Finance. The topic did not sound as inviting as some previous ones I had taken, but I found it to be a real blessing. We learned from experts in the field about many business, financial and government issues that can greatly weigh on the house of God. I am currently working on the homework to complete the requirements for this course. So, if you see me over the next few weeks with a bit of bags under my eyes, you might guess as to why. ☺

While in Greenville, I had the privilege of preaching at the church I help to found before coming to San Francisco in 1999. I preached for Pastor Ivan Moore of Beth Haven Baptist Church and Eileen was asked to speak at the ladies' ministry. We had a glorious time together renewing

acquaintances and spending time with the wonderful people there.

We also saw many of our dear friends in Greenville, not only on the campus of BJU, but also at Faith Baptist Church and Mount Calvary Baptist Church where we attended on Wednesday nights. Our hearts were warmed by the glad welcomes there, and the hospitality of our friends. While at Faith Baptist, Eileen attended the Frontline Children's Club meeting - what a blessing it was for her to observe the club in the church that designed it! She has been working with Mr. Chuck Jones, our beloved Frontline Commander, sharing some of the insights and tips she received. This should come in handy as Mr. Jones helps us to install this new program into the overall workings of the church.

Upon our return, I began to prepare to preach for a teen snow camp in Sonora, California. On Sunday, February 13, I filled our pulpit here at HSBC as Pastor was headed back east for the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship annual board meeting. Then, Eileen and I *headed for the hills*. We drove for a few hours to Camp Sylvester. There, I preached four times to the teens of Calvary Baptist Church of Marina and Grace Baptist Church of Sonora. Our good friend, Youth Pastor Reggie Williams, invited us to come up and preach to the teens sermons based on the theme *conformed into the image of Christ*. The group was extremely attentive and respectful. Eileen had an especially sweet time of devotions with the girls before bedtime. We trust we gave them something profitable to help them in their growth in the Lord.

We can hardly wait to see all that God will do!

We now look ahead to one of our favorite times of year. We will be gathering up as many people as possible to go out and invite people into the Barry Webb Evangelistic Meetings in mid-March. Be praying and thinking now about how God can use you to bring in someone who needs the gospel to hear these very effective presentations of God's message. And prepare your own heart to be challenged and changed as you seek true spiritual renewal during these meetings. We can hardly wait to see all that God will do!

RESURRECTION SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

10:00-10:30AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:40AM RESURRECTION SUNDAY WORSHIP

Make plans now to attend and invite friends to this year's exciting Easter Resurrection Sunday Celebration at Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

Instead of our typical early Easter morning breakfast, join us for a refreshing continental breakfast between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. The morning service will begin earlier than usual at 10:40 a.m. Featured will be additional special music from our adult choir and an evangelistic message geared to the unsaved. (There will be no Sunday School-Bible Study hour at 9:45 as is usually scheduled.)



Dr. Rod Bell Sr.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to bring your unsaved family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to church. Invite them to join you for the breakfast and the morning service. We are honored that Dr. Rod Bell will be with us as our special guest speaker for both the morning and evening services.

Pray earnestly that we will see a number of souls gloriously saved on this wonderful day of celebration.

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

← **SPECIAL SPEAKER FOR THE DAY - DR. ROD BELL**

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