FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor's Word

The word for June is "amazing." Amazing is a nice word. Amazing is an uplifting word.

The word "amaze" means "to fill with wonder." So if something or someone causes you to be filled with wonder, it is or they are amazing.

So what do we find amazing?

At the end of May, Janice and I were able to spend three days in Cambria with her sisters and then four additional days in Pismo Beach celebrating our 48th wedding anniversary. It was amazing to be with her sisters after more than 18 months, and then to celebrate forty-eight years of marriage. Being by the ocean has always been an amazing place to be ... we are reminded of the powerful and creative work of God.

There are so many wonderful things about God. Allow me to share a few:

- God's love for us is amazing!
- God's grace is amazing!
- God's faithfulness is amazing!
- The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is amazing!
- The living Word of God is amazing!
- The fellowship of the Church family is amazing!
- The privilege of prayer is amazing!
- The gathering for Worship is amazing!
- The gathering to study God's Word is amazing!
- The opportunity to serve in advancing God's kingdom is amazing!

So, for June, let's look for the amazing. Let's look for God!







The church family is encouraged to continue to mail in their tithes and offerings, drop them off at the church office during the hours listed, or bring them on Sundays when you come for worship! Thank you so much for your faithfulness in giving.

June Verse of the Month

² How <u>AMAZING</u> are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them. ³ Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. ⁴ He causes us to remember his wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our LORD!

Psalm 111:2-4 NLT

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North American Mission Board

Prayer Calendar – June 2021

Brian and Amy Jones

Church Planter

The Hills Community Church
San Marcos, CA



Pray for North San Diego County that people will find and follow Jesus. Pray for our team as we carry the mission of Jesus to every neighborhood, starting in San Marcos.

Alex and Rachel Dennis

Church Planter

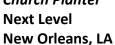
Asante Church

Surprise, AZ



Pray for wisdom and discernment as we continue to feel the affects of the pandemic as a new church. Pray for our ability to meet the needs of our community and reach residents with the hope of the gospel.

Bobby and Lakeisha (Keisha) Williams Church Planter





Pray for us in the areas of clarity and God's provision. We are desiring for God to continue leading us to make great impact.

Chris and Libby Phillips

Church Planter

Journey Point Church

Denver, CO



Pray for Journey Point as we point people on a journey with Jesus and continue to be a catalyst for multiplication in Denver, the West and the world for the gospel, people and churches.

A Penned Note from the Pastor's Wife

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see



'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed



My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love Amazing grace



The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love Amazing grace



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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Sometimes all you need is a song. This one, entitled *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* by Chris Tomlin, speaks to the heart of 'amazing grace.'

Follow us on the church's Facebook page at *First Southern Baptist Church*:

• "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays by Pastor Jerry; upon viewing you are encouraged to **Share** and **Like** so that it will be available to your friends on FB

Livestreaming of Wednesday's Bible study at 6:00 p.m. led by Pastor Jerry and Janice Lanford.