

**Music Box**

— APRIL 29, 2012 —

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**

***The Salvation Army Band***

**Eandi Sosa Valenzuela - Vocals**

**Irvin Pacheco - Piano**

**Chris Sosa Valenzuela - Percussion, Bass Guitar**

**Melissa Pettitt - Guitar**

**Praise Band:**

Happy Day

My Redeemer Lives

Our God

Shout to the Lord

Jesus Loves Me

Postlude: TBA

A warm welcome to the Salvation Army Band! Thanks to Ken White and Melissa Pettitt, we have the pleasure of their first appearance at CitF, and we are delighted to support this excellent program.

The Salvation Army's **Youth Praise Band** has been faithfully leading worship for nearly a year and a half. The **Praise Band** sprung out of their **Youth Music Program**, held weekly, where students attend for free and participate in singing groups, learn musical instruments such as piano, guitar, drums, and hand bells, as well as creative outlets like Drama, Flags, and Ribbons.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Dear members and friends,

I thought that I was fairly conversant with much of the Old Testament. I really thought that I had the early stories in Genesis down pat. I knew the stories surrounding Joseph the beloved son of Jacob. He was the son of his father's much beloved wife, Rachel, who had died after birthing her second son. Like any misguided father, Jacob showered his favorite son with goodies arousing the resentment and anger against Joseph by his many brothers. So they sought to kill the favorite son but by God's intervention, he is saved from death and sold into slavery. After some sexy episodes, he becomes the second most powerful man in Egypt. But there are strange elements in the Joseph story I had not noticed.

He reaches his prominent position, when he is able to interpret Pharaoh's troubling dream of the seven scrawny cattle eating the seven fat cattle. He saw it accurately as predicting the seven years of plentiful harvests to be followed by terrible starvation. So he makes huge grain purchases during the plentiful years and stores the grain in great warehouses. (Genesis 47:13 f) Now when the years of great harvest end, the people begin to starve. They then are able to buy grain from the Joseph's great storehouses. First year they bring money to purchase the grain. That lasts until they run out of money. Unable to pay for the food in the continuing famine, they bring their cattle and horses for payment.

But the famine continues and with nothing else to offer, they sell their land, their homes, and their real estate to Pharaoh and themselves into slavery in return for grain. So Joseph's brilliant saving tactic ends up enslaving the Egyptians.

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The black preacher who made a great lesson from this account asked what we can learn from this story. His answer is that turning to the government instead of to God to be our provider in hard times only leads to slavery. That the only reason government wants to be our provider is also to become our master. The black preacher concluded by saying we see the same thing happening today. The government wants to become our master—to take from us and redistribute it back to us. So we will wind up as did the people of Egypt as slaves to the government and as slaves to our leaders. Well, that is a black preacher's perspective.

But there are voices in the wilderness, and some of them may see things clearly.

See you in church,



Charles C. Anker

**Announcement:** Music this Sunday is provided by the Monterey Peninsula Salvation Army, Youth Music Program, in gratitude to those members of Church in the Forest who donated funds toward improving their musical talents.

## *Calendar*

**Sunday, April 29, 2012**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study with Charles Anker. Topic: 1 Peter 2: 11-12  
Reasons for right living; the greatest answer and defence

**9:15 AM** **Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM** **Morning Prayer**

**Passages** 1 John 3:16-24; Psalm 23; John 10: 11-18

**Lector** Lloyd Nattkemper

**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Flowers** Hal and Jane Ulrich

**Cookies** Victoria Carns and ??

**Altar Care** Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

**Ushers** Mary Kay Crockett and Ann-Marie Halloran

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** Love in Action

**Sunday, May 6, 2012 — Spring Breakfast, 8:00 am, Stevenson cafeteria**

## **Church in the Forest Podcast Capability Now Available**

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All you have to do is:

1. Search on “Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach”
2. Click on our web site
3. Click on the Worship Service Podcast button, and
4. Select the service you want to hear, and click the **PLAY** button. You’ll then hear the entire service. (Be sure to have your computer speaker turned on!)

**Podcasts are available by 11:00 AM the day of the service.**

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