

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS- "The Way Forward"

The First Baptist Church of Los Angeles Council of Ministries invites you to a second session in a series of congregational gatherings to allow all members to learn more about the state of our church and engage in conversations about our future as a community of faith. The theme for this dialogue is "The Way Forward." The goal of these gatherings is to enlist your participation in shaping the future of this congregation as we near the end of our transition.

Today **Sunday, January 20, 2019** we will focus on the future of pastoral leadership, an update and evaluation of the current pastoral search process.

RRMO OFFERING THROUGH DECEMBER 2018- JANUARY 2019

Retired Ministers, Missionaries and their widowed spouses often have limited resources to adequately plan for the future. RMMO provides financial support to those who have helped build our churches. Thank You checks, as well as emergency financial assistance, are made possible by the contributions of American Baptist congregations to the annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering.

LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

All members are encouraged to give toward the Lifestyle Stewardship Capital Campaign. Our goal is \$100,000, which is over and beyond your normal giving to the tithes and offerings. You may give your offering via the special "Lifestyle Stewardship Capital Campaign" Offering envelope (located in the Narthex) or in the regular offering envelopes under other and identifying your gift as "Lifestyle Stewardship Capital Campaign".

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee will be available to provide status updates and answer questions during the coffee fellowship time following the morning worship service. Please do not hesitate to ask questions of any PSC Member. PSC Members are: Gerald Gubatan, Chair; Zuleima Argumedo, Daniel Choi, David McFadden, Shirley Parsley, Alma Pineda, Richard Rogers and Marta Torres.

SERMON NOTES:

Subject: _____

Scripture: _____

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY- SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room.
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Ministry in Moore Prayer Chapel.
- 9:30 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL: "A Fellowship of Learning." For all ages, infant through adult.
- 10:40 a.m. PRAYER in the Sanctuary, led by the Women's Ministry.
- 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE in the Sanctuary.
- 12:30 p.m. Ebenezer Fundraiser for the Youth in Robbins Dining Hall followed by Congregational Conversations "The Way Forward"

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

The Building and Office will be closed in observance to Martin Luther King's Birthday.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6:00 a.m. Tele-Prayer (from 6:00 a.m. to 6:21 a.m.) Call: 323-645-9525.
- 11:00 a.m. Ministry of prayer in the Moore Chapel.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:30 a.m. Food Pantry open at 8th street door. (until 9:30 a.m.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Ministry in Moore Prayer Chapel.
- 9:30 a.m. FBC Gospel Ensemble rehearsal in he Sanctuary.
- 9:30 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL: "A Fellowship of Learning." For all ages, infant through adult.
- 10:40 a.m. PRAYER in the Sanctuary, led by the Women's Ministry.
- 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE in the Sanctuary.
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser in Robbins Dining Hall.

PLEASE NOTE

BIBLES in English and Spanish are available in the narthex or from an usher for use during the service. Please return them to the cart in the narthex following worship.

BOOK OF MEMORY: The page illuminated today- **In Sacred Memory of Mr. Harold P. Vail. Faithful Member from November 192- to April 1948.** You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

LET US CELEBRATE: SANTIAGO & ETNA MORALES 36th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Ross Adams, Charles Aguirre, Mila A., David Ayala, Ann Brodie, Scott Cave, Juana Christie, Maria Cubillo, Robert Culp, Holly Gardner, Michelle Glasker, Alice Gubatan, Sara Guevara, Haydee Gutierrez, Flor Hernandez, Roselda Lack, Noah LaRosa, Angie Loaisiga, Aurora Martinez, Gustavo Martinez, Marcello Martinez, Nalis Mercier, Elizabeth Miller, Blanca Morales, Sonya Nichols, Cloudia Pawlok, Silvia Torres-Ramirez, Anabell Sanchez, Amy Shellmire, D'andre Shellmire, Vance Smith, Greg Spruell, Dera Tatum, Brian Wangenheim You may pick up the Prayer List in the narthex.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

“Trusting God in the Transition” Proverbs 3:5-6

OUR CALL AS A CONGREGATION

We are called to be a community of faith, a welcome table, that celebrates the rich diversity of its membership as it serves and honors the diverse cultural and ethnic nature of Los Angeles and surrounding communities. We are called to be deeply grounded in the Word and Witness through the power of the Holy Spirit, being a prophetic voice for justice, healing and transformation. We are called to manifest the love of Christ as we share our various sources of capital with the community as well as being a witness to God's reign through celebrative worship and care for one another.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to complete the Connection card located in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH?

Near the end of worship, the pastor will invite anyone who wishes to become a member of this community of faith to the front of the sanctuary. Following this response, you will be introduced to our Membership Intake Ministry, who will guide you through the process of church membership and beyond.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today, during our Morning Worship Celebration, we celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which precedes the national holiday in his honor on Monday, January 15, 1986 was the first year in which Dr. King's birthday was recognized as a national holiday. Because of his identification with American Baptists, our denomination continues to have a unique opportunity and responsibility to keep before ourselves and the rest of the nation the deep roots of the Christian faith which were the foundation and inspiration of his philosophy and action. Dr. King was a committed Christian and a Baptist. He graduated from Crozier Theological Seminary. His teachings and actions were based on biblical ideas as interpreted by Baptist tradition. His life reminds us of the struggles for freedom in our heritage.

The theme of justice was foundational to Dr. King's actions and was based on the concept that all persons are valued and are precious to God. Through the years, American Baptists have been committed to justice as they have worked with people who have been hurt by the injustices in our society and around the world. Today that theme continues to be a priority in American Baptist programming and ministry.

CHURCH WIDE FASTING & PRAYER JOURNEY

Today marks **Day 15** of Spiritual Renewal Journey of Prayer, Devotion and Fasting. We are dedicating this time of spiritual renewal at the beginning of the year to align ourselves with God's plan for our church and our individual lives. **During this 21 day** journey, each member is asked to participate by praying and reflecting on the devotional themes for each day including: Spending time alone with God, experiencing God's presence in your life, fulfilling your purpose in life, love, faith, endurance, transformative thinking, and persistent prayer.

Everyone is invited to participate with us on this prayer and fasting journey. Pray about how long you should fast (one day, one week etc.), what kind of fast (no food, eating vegetables and grains only, no meat, no television, no social media, no phone etc.), and how much time will be devoted to prayer, meditation, and study of God's word. We are asking the members to specifically set aside some time on Wednesday if you are not participating with us every day. Please use the time from 11am to 12 noon to set aside some focused time for prayer. Other alternatives on Wednesdays could include one, two or three hours during the day from 6am to 6pm. For example, you could fast from breakfast time to lunch time or from lunch time to dinner time. What matters is that we are all on one accord and dedicating our lives to God by drawing near to God in prayer and fasting. Dedicating a time of fasting and praying will bring us into alignment with what God desires to do with this congregation as God prepares us what lies ahead beyond the transition into new beginnings. You may still pick up a Prayer Devotional in the narthex.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, shall be held at 760 South Westmoreland Avenue, Los Angeles, California on Sunday, **February 10, 2019 at 12:30** p.m. for the purpose of adopting a budget and hearing the financial report for 2018 and progress reports from the various Ministries. — Ann Brodie, Moderator and Amy Shellmire, Church Clerk

Spiritual Gifts Symposium

Please mark your calendars for a series of workshops on Discovering, Developing and Deploying Your Spiritual Gifts. These sessions will help us to understand fully the role of the Holy Spirit in using and working through the church to do the work of ministry. The first session will occur on Saturday, February 2 from 10am to 12 noon.