

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.

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.

The next congregational Conversation will take place on Sunday, January 20, 2019 and will focus on the future of pastoral leadership, an update and evaluation of the current pastoral search process.

SERMON NOTES:

Subject: _____

Scripture: _____

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY- SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 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. All Church Coffee in the Robbins Dining Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 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 Francis Chapel.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Ministry in Moore Prayer Chapel.
- 9:30 a.m. FBC Gospel Ensemble rehearsal in the 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. All Church Coffee in the 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 Loving Memory of Miss Isola E. Goetchius. Devoted & Generous member of this Church. 1921-1951. You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

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, Claudia Pawlok, Silvia Torres-Ramirez, Anabell Sanchez, Amy Shellmire, D'andre Shellmire, Lily Soon, 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.

MAIN PARKING LOT ADDRESS

When calling for a ride (Uber, Lyft), the address of the main parking lot is: **2869 W. 8th St.**

CONTINUING TO TRUST GOD IN THE TRANSITION... THE WAY FORWARD

Today is the first **Sunday in 2019**. We have so much to thank God for. As we enter a brand new year, I encourage you to continue to trust God in all areas of your life. During the month of January, one of our foci will be on Fasting and Prayer. I invite you to join me on a 21-day fast which begins TODAY and ends on **Sunday, January 27** to seek and honor God. "I beseech you therefore; brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). By starting the year with a corporate fast, God meets with us in very unique and special ways. Fasting has been used throughout the ages to prepare the people of God for the great things God has in store for them. As we pray toward the end of our transition, I am calling, I am asking, I am requesting the entire church become involved in some form of prayer and fasting. A special prayer and devotional journal is available today to all members to participate with us on the prayer journey as we begin a new year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our members who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of January:

January 1- Gladys Escorcia

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January 6- Alma Marie Campos

January 16- Richard Rogers

January 19- Betty Licuanan

January 21- Eunice McGee

January 25- Christopher Ellis

If you have a birthday during the month of January and it's not posted here, please complete the connection card and return it in the offering plate so that we can update our membership data base.

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**.

Youth Retreat Fundraiser:

First Baptist Youth are in need to raise \$1,500 for the upcoming youth retreat. This is a tall order for the youth here at First Baptist Church. We are planning to do variety of fundraiser to reach our target by the end of January. The main fundraiser we are planning is the Spaghetti Luncheon which will be held on **Sunday, January 27th** after church in the Robbins Dining hall. The youth will be selling tickets for \$10 starting next week. Please buy the tickets and give generously. We need your help. Thank you so much for your love and support for the young people of the church.