

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 is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2018 following the Morning Worship at 12:30 in Robbins Dining Hall. We During this meeting we will evaluate our current ministries, develop new ministries and brainstorm effective ways to increase the impact of these ministries to the community to engage more of our membership in ministry. We will also have a conversation about our facilities.

All members are invited to complete a survey which you should have received via email. There are also hard copies available for you to complete and return to the church office by **December 5**.

Please note: Our worship service for Sunday, December 9 will be held in Robbins Hall.

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, DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT & COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 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, DECEMBER 5

- 6:00 a.m. Tele-Prayer (from 6:00 a.m. to 6:21 a.m.) Call: 323-645-9525.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 1:00 p.m. Leadership Development & 2019 Planning Meeting in Robbins Hall. (until 5:00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 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 Robbins Dining Hall..
- 12:30 p.m. All Church Coffee in the Robbins Dining Hall followed by Congregational Conversations "Ministries & Facilities"

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 Memoriam of Mr. & Mrs. W.O. Bagley. 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,, Aurora Martinez, Gustavo Martinez, Marcello Martinez, Nalis Mercier, Elizabeth Miller, Blanca Morales, Sonya Nichols, Silvia Torres-Ramirez, Anabell Sanchez, Amy Shellmire, D'andre Shellmire, Vance Smith, Dera Tatum, Dicksie Thompson, 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.**

First Sunday in Advent

Today marks the beginning of advent. Advent is the four-week season of anticipation that precedes Christmas. Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Today, we light the candle of Hope. Think about hope as you hear Lamentations 3: 21-24:

"But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in the Lord."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

December 7- Linda Pineda

December 16- Mercy Leiva

December 16- Linda Zaretsky

December 21- Joy Kim

December 27- Marte celebrating their 60th Anniversary

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