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SUNDAY,

AUGUST 24, 2014



JOIN IN THE FUN!



from **12:30 to 3:00 pm.**

at **Pan Pacific Park**

(3rd Street and Gardner, Los Angeles)

\$5 per person 

Fun, Fellowship,



Games, Food



HOPE-NET's

TASTE OF LARCHMONT



Hope-Net's Annual Fundraiser, **A Taste of Larchmont**, will be held on Monday, **August 25** from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Larchmont Blvd. featuring over 20 great restaurants. Theme: "From Abbey Road to Larchmont Blvd." Tickets: **\$40 per person.**

Raffle tickets are also available for \$5 each or 5 for \$20; Great Prizes including dinner for 2 at 12 Los Angeles restaurants and, "A British Experience in Los Angeles" (including stays at the London West Hollywood and the Queen Mary, meals and more).

Go to <http://hopenetla.org/tol/> for more details or to purchase your event tickets and raffle tickets.

For more than 20 years, the Taste of Larchmont has featured delicious food tasting from exceptional Larchmont Village-area restaurants, featuring live music and a raffle of great prizes. The event is highly anticipated by the community and is very family-friendly. The Taste of Larchmont is Hope-Net's primary fundraising event each year.

Hope-Net, created in 1988, is an interfaith community organization committed to eliminating hunger and homelessness by providing food, shelter and self-help assistance to families and individuals.

IN MEMORIAM

The Church Family extends
its deepest Christian Sympathy
to the family of

YUKIKO "YUKI" HAYASHI

Deceased July 29, 2014

Church Member since 1961

Memorial Service:

Sunday, August 17

11:30 a.m.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BIRTHDAY BASH AND OPEN HOUSE WELCOMES NEIGHBORS

It was a cool summer day but the weather didn't dampen the spirits of First Baptist Church members who opened our building doors on July 19, 2014, to hold a neighborhood party to kick off the church's 140th birthday.

Over 155 neighborhood residents, young and old, came over to join the festivities on our church plaza and parking lot.

The church plaza was transformed into a cool venue for kicking back and listening to the smooth jazz sounds of the multicultural "Leon Wesley Jazz Sextet." Church member Donald Artola also shared a few Spanish praise songs while on guitar then was spontaneously joined by Eva Artola, Etna Morales and Marta Torres. The plaza also became the scene for multiple intense rounds of Bingo led by Bingo Master Annette Daniels. Winners yelled out "Bingo!" and were awarded prizes, so smiles abounded. Another church member, Dr. Ben Marte, conducted free blood pressure readings and gave out small paper hearts with his patients' measurements written down.

Church Clerk Gerald Gubatan led a historic building tour for a curious group of first-time visitors who were awestruck by the massive edifice.

In the meantime, the Eighth Street parking lot became a major activity center for children, youth and their families. A multi-colored inflatable water slide dominated the space and beckoned the children to climb on to the bouncy, glide down and splash into a small pool. It wasn't uncommon to see the kids immediately return for more of the same.

The arts-and-crafts tables commanded the attention of little children while the youth and their parents could not help but participate in games like the water balloon toss. Shirley Parsley, Linda Zaretsky, Ann Brodie, Nalis Mercier, Kenneth Mercier, Alma Pineda and many others made sure the children and youth were engaged and their parents felt welcome.

In the meantime, chef James Johnson, assisted by Ann Brodie, George Essandoh, Hugo Lemus, Maxine McFarland, and Santiago Morales, held court cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and serving watermelon as hungry onlookers anxiously waited for their plates to be filled.

The event culminated in giving out free raffle prizes back on the plaza.

HOMECOMING MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

The Homecoming 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, **September 14, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.** for the purpose of hearing reports, election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

—Gerald Gubatan, *Church Clerk*
and Shirley Parsley, *Moderator*

Happy 140th Birthday, First Baptist! Special thanks to all our volunteer Church Members who helped open our "front porch" to the local neighborhood. Thank you for sharing the caring Christ!

On Sept. 6, 1874, eleven followers of Jesus gathered for worship at the first service of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles. The church continues celebrating its 140th anniversary during our up-coming Homecoming Sunday activities on September 14, 2014. Everyone is invited, so mark your calendar!

JULY 19 BIRTHDAY BASH AND OPEN HOUSE PHOTO ALBUM



NEWS SCHEDULE
The next issue of the *First Baptist NEWS* will be published **September 1, 2014**. Material and articles for the September 1st issue should **arrive** in the church office two weeks before publication, or no later than **9:00 a.m. on August 18th**.



760 South Westmoreland Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90005



SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary:

“THE ROCK”

(Please read Matthew 16:13-20 in preparation)

DR. NORMAN BULLOCK, Preaching

11:30 a.m.

Church School Classes for All Ages



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary:

“IN THE WAITING ROOM”

(Please read Isaiah 40:28-31 in preparation)

DR. NORMAN BULLOCK, Preaching

11:30 a.m.

Church School Classes for All Ages