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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The week that will change your life takes place **July 10-14, 2017** at First Baptist Church, Los Angeles from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Our theme this year is *“Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God!”* Join us for a fun-filled week of activities, adventures, games, interactive study of the Bible, food, and fellowship. Volunteers are needed. Please contact the church office during the week for further information.

Come and join us!

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2017 GRADUATES HONORED JUNE 11



Congratulations to our graduates:

Leila Amaya, from kindergarten at Leo Politi Elementary

Sofia Herrera, from high school

David Luong, from high school

Lendy Martinez, from high school

Abraham Fajardo, from Ramón Cortinez School of Visual and Performing Arts (high school)

Kudzo Ahegbebu, Bachelor of Arts from Purdue University, with a double major in Physics and Space Engineering

Evin Timon Marte Davis (*grandson of Cora & Ben Marte*), Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, majoring in accounting, at Cal State, Dominguez Hills

Teresa Negrete, from Harvest Bible University

Lee Strand, from Harvest Bible University

JUNE MOVIE – THE SHACK

JUNE 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer]. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

Join us Friday evening, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. for this inspiration movie.



REICHTER AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Norman Bullock, Angie Loaisiga, Marta Torres, and Woun Kim



Arlo R. Reichter

The ministry of Arlo Reichter, a former associate minister and co-pastor of First Baptist, was centered on Christian Education. An award was established in his honor to recognize a person dedicated to serving in this ministry.

Our recipient has attended First Baptist all of her life. Her early days of attending Sunday school and Vacation Bible School influenced her love for participating in Christian Education ministry. I remember while she was in elementary school, she invited friends to participate in Vacation Bible school. She is a teacher, narrator in plays, and a chaperone when attending summer and winter retreats. Whenever asked to participate in worship services, her response is yes. At a moment's notice, she volunteers as a food server or ticket seller at our luncheons.

This young lady made the decision to fully dedicate her life to Christ with her baptism in 2011. Faithfully, she accompanies her mother to church on Sundays. She is a devoted daughter. There is always a smile on her face which reflects her sweet spirit.

This is her junior in college at Cal State Northridge where she is majoring in psychology. On Saturdays, she works in another church activity, Play More, our neighborhood outreach program.

I am sure you know the name of this year's recipient, **Angie Loisiago Hernandez**. Angie is the youngest person to receive the Arlo Reichter Award for faithful and dedicated Service in Christian Education.

– Presented June 11, 2017
by Moderator, Ann Brodie

MEET OUR INTERIM YOUTH/CE MINISTER, WOUN KIM

On Sunday, June 11 during a Special Called Church Meeting, the members present received the recommendations from the Council of Ministries and the Personnel Committee serving as the Search Committee for the Interim Youth/Christian Education Minister to call Rev. Woun Kim as the Interim Youth/Christian Education Minister. The members present voted unanimously to receive the recommendations to call Rev. Kim.



Rev. Kim was ordained at Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle (American Baptist Churches-USA). He is a third generation minister and is passionate about ministry.

His ministry experience includes the following:

- Hanwoory Presbyterian Church. Granada Hills, CA as Director of Christian Education and Pastor to the youth and young adults.
- Japanese Baptist Church (JBC), Seattle, Washington, 2010-2013 Minister of Outreach: Pastor for the refugees and young adults.
- Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (LABC). Oakland, California, 2006-2008 Young Adult Facilitator: Leader for the young adult program at LABC.

Rev. Kim has also served as Vice President and Chair of the Scholarship Committee of the Asian American Baptist Caucus (AABC). Seattle, Washington and as Chaplain Resident at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.

Rev. Kim received the Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree from American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Seattle Pacific University.

Rev. Kim states, "God has given me a lot of opportunities to make an impact for his kingdom. I believe that the experiences that I bring will complement the ministry of First Baptist Church." In this role, Rev. Kim's specific tasks will be to promote and implement the vision and values of First Baptist as it relates to enhancing Christian Education and enhancing the experience of the Youth Ministry.

NEWS DEADLINE

The next issue of *The First Baptist NEWS* will be published on **JULY 3, 2017**. Material and articles for the July 3rd issue should arrive in the church office two weeks before publication, by **June 20**.



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PERIODICAL

JUNE 19, 2017

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Church School Class for All Ages

11:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary

“YOU HAVE A PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST”

(Please read I Corinthians 12:1-11 in preparation)

DR. NORMAN BULLOCK, Preaching



SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Church School Class for All Ages

11:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary

“WHY ARE YOU HERE?”

(Please read I Corinthians 12:12-27 in preparation)

DR. NORMAN BULLOCK, Preaching

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