

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. **Cathedral Choir Rehearsal** in the Music Room.
9:15 a.m. **Prayer Ministry** in the 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. **Memorial Service** celebrating the life of **Robert Smith** in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Food Pantry** open at the 8th Street door.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 9:00 a.m. **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** in Robbins Dining Hall.
11:00 a.m. **Play More Children's Activities** in the gym (until 4:00 pm).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9:15 a.m. **Prayer Ministry** in the Moore Prayer Chapel.
9:30 a.m. **CHURCH SCHOOL: "A Fellowship of Learning."** For all ages, infant through adult.
9:30 a.m. **FBC Gospel Ensemble** rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
11:00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** in the **Sanctuary**.
12:30 p.m. **Council of Ministries** in the Babcock Room.

*The Church office is open Monday through Friday
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

MISSION STATEMENT: 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.

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 Lillie M. McGillivray. A devoted member of the Fidelia Class 1961-1977. This page is presented by the Fidelia Class.* You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Alice Gubatan, Sara Guevara, Noel Herrera, Noah LaRosa, Aurora Martinez, Gustavo Martinez, Marcello Martinez, Nalis Mercier, Arturo Parajon, Anabel Sanchez, and Dera Tatum. 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

**Assisted Listening Equipment is available along with translation assistance in Korean and Spanish. Please see an usher for a device..*

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to complete the Registration card located in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. Please join us following Morning Worship for Coffee/Fellowship Time.

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.

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.*

NEXT WEEK, CICLAVIA

Next Sunday, December 10, Wilshire Blvd. will be closed from Western through downtown for another cicLAvia. You will only be able to cross Wilshire at Vermont and Alvarado; please allow extra time for traffic. For more information and for the route map, go to the website at www.ciclavia.org or call (213) 355-8500.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The CE Christmas Program will be held in Robbins Dining Hall on Sunday December 17th at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ with the children and the youth of First Baptist.

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Our Food Pantry Ministry provides food on a weekly basis to the community. We are encouraging all members to bring canned food and non-perishable items for our Pantry. During this holiday season, there are many families who are in need. As a church family, we will demonstrate God's love through our sharing of food and other resources to those who are in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 17 – Christmas Sunday with Christmas Pageant and Special Music presented

December 24 – Special Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at 11:00 a.m.

December 31 – New Year's Eve Celebration, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Robbins Dining Hall

CONGRATULATIONS to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in **December**, including:

- 7 Pineda, Linda
- 16 Leiva, Mercy
- 21 Kim, Joy
- 27 Marte anniversary

2018 YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

2018 Youth Winter Retreat is coming. The Early registration for the ABCOFLASH winter retreat is finally open. The date for the retreat is **February 17-19**, Saturday to Monday. The prices are \$135 if you register by December 11. It is \$145 after that date. If you are interested in attending the retreat, ta

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.

DID YOU TAKE PICTURES AT A FBCLA EVENT?

If you have photos and announcements that you would like to share; to include in the newsletter and online, please email them to fbclasmm@fbcofla.org.

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