

Farewell to Sandra Rogers

On Thursday, April 26, the church staff bid a farewell to Sandra Rogers who was a faithful employee of First Baptist for over 38 years. She served most recently as Communications Coordinator and across the years she also served in many other staff capacities such as Minister's Assistant, Administrative Assistant and Music Director. We will miss her support in the daily administrative function of the church but will continue to embrace her continued membership here at First Baptist. The Pastoral leadership and Church Council have invited Sandy to share in a Day of Appreciation and Honor for her years' of service here at the church in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned for further information.

Korean Fellowship Emphasis Sunday

The Korean Fellowship Emphasis Sunday has been canceled for Sunday, May 27 and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Becoming a Welcoming Church

At First Baptist, we want to promote, enhance and in some areas promote our fellowship of believers as a welcoming church. We will engage in a Six- Week Church-Wide Learning Opportunity on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 during the Sunday Church School hour at 9:30am in Room 12. Hospitality is the combination of two words: stranger and love. It literally means to show love to strangers and it is very biblical. God's hospitality toward us is the foundation and motivation for our hospitality toward others. God loved us while we were still strangers. While we were His enemies, He pursued us. And now we are to accept others the way Christ has accepted us. Being hospitable is even a qualification for being a leader in the church (1 Timothy 3:2). Please join us for

SERMON NOTES:

Subject: _____

Scripture: _____

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY — SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

- 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** in the Sanctuary.
- 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.
- 12:30 p.m. **Evangelism Ministry** in the Babcock Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

- 8:00 a.m. **Food Bank Truck** (in the Parking Lot).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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

THURSDAY, MAY 17

- 9:15 a.m. **Staff Meeting** in the Hobbs Room.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

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

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 11:00 a.m. **Play More Children's Activities** in the gym (until 4:00 pm).
- 9:00 a.m. **Diaconate** in the Dining Room .
- 10:00 a.m. **VBS Orientation** in the Dining Room.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 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. **All Church Coffee** in the Robbins Dining Hall.
- 12:30 p.m. **Council Meeting** in the Babcock Room.

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

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 – Rose Annie. *“They who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” Isaiah 40:31. Given by the Partners Class.* You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Ross Adams, Miguel Aguilar, Ann Brodie, Juana Chrispie, Robert Culp, Alice Gubatan, Sara Guevara, Eva Kee, Noah LaRosa, Maxine McFarland, Aurora Martinez, Gustavo Martinez, Marcello Martinez, Nalis Mercier, Elizabeth Miller, Chuck Narcho, Anabell Sanchez, Lee Strand 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

Today, we celebrate Mother’s Day and the gift of motherhood. We would not be here today if it were not for Mothers. Whether you are a mother biologically or because of what you have been in the life of someone through your nurturing and giving traits, we celebrate you today. Mothers are so special, they hug us, comfort us, teach us right from wrong, support us, stand up for us, and help us to stay strong. Here is a special prayer for Mothers today:

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who have children they do not want;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

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.

We welcome to the pulpit today, Maria Bullock, as our guest speaker. She is the wife of our Interim Pastor, Norman Bullock and has been supportive of the church during our transition. She is also a mother, gifted singer and has been practicing law for over 20 years. Please pray for her as she shares with us today.

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.

Countdown to Pentecost Sunday – May 20

Pentecost Sunday is approximately two weeks away. Pentecost Sunday is the day that the church was born. On that day, the Holy Spirit came to fill believers. Jesus had ascended, but He sent the third person in the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit so that believers could have the comfort, guidance, and empowerment of God’s presence. In preparation for Pentecost Sunday, we started a 21 Day Period of Prayer on Monday, April 30. The season of Easter preceding the season of Pentecost points us forward toward new beginnings for the church as we celebrate the power, presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Please join other members of the church on the scripture and specifically pray for the particular area in prayer at 6am and 6pm each day:

May 14 – Develop a spirit of Church Unity – I Cor 12:27; Eph. 4:4-7

May 15 - Growth and renewed commitment to our church ministries – Eph 4:11-18

May 16 - Volunteers and Workers to come forward to further vision of church – Matt 9:35-38

May 17 - Praying for the lost to come to know Jesus – Isa. 55:1

May 18 - For the full anointing of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit within our church – Acts1:8; 2:41-47

May 19 – For the church to embrace the fruit that come from the Holy Spirit’s anointing – Gal 5:22-23

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 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.