

THE WAY FORWARD: CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

During this and future informal “table talk” conversations during the Fellowship Hour, we will also read and review the book, “Scrappy Church” by Thom Rainer which provides hope to churches and gives a road map to turnaround churches by addresses the following adjustments that churches need to make:

1. **From excuses to ownership.**
2. **From obstacles to allies.**
3. **From limitations to abundance.**
4. **From despair to joy.**
5. **From fear to courage.**
6. **From impossible to possible.**

The next Congregational Conversation will be held on **Saturday, May 18 from 11am to 1pm** in Robbins Hall where we will discuss “Discovering a New Identity” Part I. Please plan to join us.

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, Ann Brodie, David McFadden, Amy Shellmire, Angie Loaisiga.

SERMON NOTES:

Subject: _____

Scripture: _____

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

- 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. SUNDAY 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. Evangelism Ministry Meeting in Room 12.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 a.m. Diaconate Meeting in the Dining Room.
- 11:00 a.m. THE WAY FORWARD: CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS in the Dining Room.

KOREAN FELLOWSHIP EMPHASIS SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 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. Sunday 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. Luncheon Hosted By the Korean Fellowship in the Robbins Dining Room.

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 *Miss Clara. A. Ives. A devoted member of this Church 1946-1955.* You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

PULPIT FLOWERS: *Given by Ann Brodie in Honor of Mother's Day*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Sara Guevara, Haydee Gutierrez, Roselda Lack,, Angie Loaisiga, Blanca Morales, Rosa Pineda, Silvia Torres-Ramirez. 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.

"Happy Mother's Day"

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.

KOREAN FELLOWSHIP EMPHASIS: SUNDAY, MAY 19

We will Honor the Korean Fellowship at First Baptist During Korean Emphasis Sunday and will follow with a luncheon after Worship service in the Robbins dining room.

VBS TRAINING

All VBS Volunteers please join us for training on **Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m.**