

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 **Sunday, June 9th** in Robbins Hall where we will discuss “Discovering a New Identity” Part II. Please plan to join us.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Christian Education Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, June 23**. Members of our Youth and Christian Education ministries will be leading and participating in worship. We will also recognize all graduates (kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, and college) at a reception following the morning worship service in Robbins Dining Hall. Please contact the church office at **(213) 384-2151** if you or your child will be graduating this year. We want to celebrate and recognize you!

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

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.

12:30 p.m Church Council meeting in the Babcock Room.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:00 a.m. LA Regional Food Bank Truck Senior program in the parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

11:00 a.m. Ministry of Prayer in the Moore Chapel.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

SATURDAY, MAY 25

10:00 a.m. VBS Training in the Babcock Room.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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.

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 *William B. and Mattie J. Ross members of this church from 1903-1925. parents of Rev. C. Howard Ross, retired missionary to Japan now a member of this church.* You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

PULPIT FLOWERS: IN CELEBRATION OF NALIS MERCIER 65TH BIRTHDAY

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.

KOREAN FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

As our city celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month during the month of May, we celebrate Korean Fellowship Emphasis Sunday here at First Baptist. First Baptist Church is known for its cultural diversity and as we continue in this transition, with a goal of unity and fellowship, there will be opportunities provided for celebrating our cultural diversity including African American, Asian Pacific American, Hispanic and Latino American, and American Indian cultures.

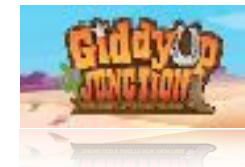
Today we celebrate the contributions of Korean Americans to this Fellowship of Faith. We are thankful for our Korean congregants, individual and collective members of the body of Christ, as we continue to develop the spirit and harmony with one another in the diversity within First Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Across the years, this fellowship has sponsored Small Group Bible Studies on Sunday Mornings; served our brothers and the sisters on Skid Row in downtown LA (6th & San Pedro) on Sunday afternoons; and provided monthly luncheons for seniors in the community as a "welcome table". We hope to revive these activities in the coming months. We are grateful to Rev. Joseph Cho for facilitating the participation of our Korean Fellowship in the worship service today.

Farewell to Rev. Woun Kim

Today is the last Sunday that Rev. Woun Kim will be with us in the capacity of Interim Christian Education/Youth Minister. Rev. Kim has decided to leave this position to pursue other endeavors. We pause today to give our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Kim who was called on June 11, 2017 during our Christian Education Emphasis Sunday. He has served with dedication and commitment in providing encouragement and participation of our youth and contributed to the ongoing work of our Christian Education ministry. Please pray for Rev. Kim as the Lord leads him to his next assignment in ministry.

VBS TRAINING

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



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION CLASS

All members who have recently joined First Baptist are invited to attend new member orientation class which will be given in two sessions. **Session II will be on June 1 from 10 am to 12 noon.**