

THE WAY FORWARD: CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

Please join us for our next Congregational Conversations on Sunday, June 9 following Morning Worship in Robbins Hall, which will focus on "Discovering a New Identity, Part II." In the discussion on Discovering a New Identity, Part I on May 18, we learned that our unique identity is important because if we don't know who our church is called to reach, then we will wander around aimlessly trying to figure it out. Instead, figure out who God is calling this church to serve specifically in this community. Knowing our identity will unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our church and in our congregation's lives.

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

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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. Coffee/ Fellowship Hour in the Robbins Dining Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast in the Dining Room.

11:00 a.m. Sisters of Faith in the Dining Room.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 9

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. Coffee/Fellowship Hour in the Robbins Dining Hall.

12:30 p.m. Congregational Conversations: The Way Forward in the Robbins Dining hall.

12:30 p.m. Evangelism Ministry Meeting in Room 10.

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 Dulcie M. Orewyler A Devoted Member of this Church 1942-1962.* You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During the month of June, we receive an offering to support The America for Christ Offering is the American Baptist response to the needs of home missions within and beyond the local congregation in witness and service for Christ as mandated by the Great Commission. Gifts are channeled through National Ministries and Regional Ministries to fund home mission, education and local community ministries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our members who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of June:

June 4- Vance Smith

June 5- Angie Loaisiga

June 26- Carolina Quezada-Trinh

June 29- Etna Morales

June 13- John & Denie Sturm Wedding Anniversary

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next gathering of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be on **Saturday, June 8 at 9am** in Robbins Dining Hall. All men are invited to join us!

SISTERS OF FAITH

Sisters of faith will meet **Saturday, June 8** at 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

COFFEE HOUR SMALL GROUPS

Please join us during the coffee hour today for "Table Talk" During our initial May 5 Table Talk we introduced the book Scappy Church by Thom Rainer which provides hope for churches and leads them through a turnaround process. Four leaders volunteered to be small group leaders including: Ben Marte, Gerald Gubatan, Joseph Cho, and Teresa Negrete. These leaders will be in Robbins Hall today and will schedule out future Table Talks on Sundays during Coffee hour and may consider additional times to gather. They will also have copies of Scappy Church to distribute. Please join us as we continue to pray, plan, prepare, participate and make process as we continue The Way Forward.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

In Scappy Church by Thom Rainer, one of the common themes of the scappy (turnaround) church was a greater dependence on prayer. Please join us each week as we will together as a corporate church family pray and reflect on a specific theme and scripture. As we pray for revitalization, let's reflect on the theme "Believe, God Has the Answers" and meditate on the following scriptures:

Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV): 22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassion fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV) We walk by faith, not by sight.

Psalms 25:4-5 (NRSV): 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NRSV): For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV): 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.