

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our members who are celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary during the month of September:

- September 14- Bernice Thomas
- September 14- Kenneth Mercier
- September 29- David McFadden

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, SEPTEMBER 1

- 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. Christian Ed Meeting in the Babcock Room.
- 12:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee Meeting in Room 10.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Building and Church Office closed in Observance of Labor Day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 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.

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 *Carolyn Royston*. Member of First Baptist Church June 19,1898- November 7,1958. You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Maude Hoggard, Carminda Kho, Roselda Lack, James Lawrence, Blanca Morales, Rosa Pineda, Silvia Torres-Ramirez, Janet Roberts, Lidia Ruiz, Paula Trivelato. 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.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SYMPOSIUM

The Diaconate Ministry of First Baptist will sponsor a workshop on Discovering, Developing and Deploying Your Spiritual Gifts on **Saturday, September 14 from 10am to 12 noon**. This session will help us to understand fully the role of the Holy Spirit in using and working through the church to do the work of ministry. If you would like to get involved in one of the ministries of First Baptist and do not know how to get started or would like someone to come alongside of you as you discern your gift in ministry, this workshop is just for you. All members are invited to attend. A continental breakfast will be served.

145th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On **Sunday, September 15**, we will begin a monthlong celebration of our 145th year as a congregation of committed believers in Christ. This celebration affords us the opportunity to pause and thank God for all that God has done for us. We pause, to celebrate our church's past and gather to embrace the glorious future that God has planned for us. Remembering what the Lord has done in the past is important. Joshua 4:6-7 says, "In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean to you?' you should tell them." As the nation of Israel crossed the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land for the first time, 12 stones were selected from the river as a memorial of God leading the Twelve Tribes of Israel into their land.

During the celebration on **Sunday, September 15**, we will honor the legacy and ministry of Pastor Emeritus John Townsend who passed recently. The theme for our 145th Anniversary celebration is "Celebrating Our Heritage and Embracing Our Future." The monthlong celebration will culminate on **Homecoming Sunday, October 20**.

145th ANNIVERSARY/HOMECOMING FAITH SHARE OFFERING

As part of the Anniversary celebration, we are inviting you to demonstrate your appreciation for the church and what First Baptist has meant to you through a "Faith Share" offering of at least \$145. A "Faith Share" is a dollar for each year of the church's existence. This gift authenticates our appreciation for God's faithfulness toward us and in so doing demonstrates our faith that God will continue to bless First Baptist Church into the future. This offering will serve as an investment and deposit into the church programmatic year which begins on Homecoming Sunday.

Congregational Conversations: The Way Forward

As we near the end of our transition and pivot toward new beginnings, we will gather for another Congregational Conversation on **Sunday, September 15 at 12:30 pm** in Robbins Hall. During this dialogue, we will hear from the Pastoral Search Committee about their progress of the pastoral search. Please make a special effort to attend this gathering.