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FIRST BAPTIST IS A MISSION FOCUSED CHURCH

In addition to our outreach to our community with the meal program on Sunday, March 21, we maintain an active global mission:

- This month a car load of clothing was taken to Tijuana for distribution through our American Baptist missionaries there. Thanks to all that contributed to this and to Martín Franco, who delivered the very much needed clothing.

- Keep informed on the work of our mission partners in Mexico, Chuck and Ramona Shawver. In addition to regular articles in the *First Baptist NEWS*, note the mission bulletin board in the downstairs hallway (near the parking lot entrance), where current letters will be posted. Check the board regularly to learn of our mission. Thanks to James Johnson and Eun Yee Kwak for maintaining this.

- We are looking for people to be part of our mission trip to Nicaragua early in September. A few have signed up and we are looking for a few more. Participants are able to help our sister church and demonstrate our commitment to be a partner as they minister in Somoto. The trip will coincide with the dedication of the building which we have helped make possible. Speak to John and Denie Sturm, Ron Tigerino or Bob Wallace to learn more or to sign up.

- Our Missions Ministry usually meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited.

AN EASTER PRAYER

O God, Thou who hast power over star and planet, who dost control the wind and the rain, who hast planned for life in its eternal cycle of birth, growth, and death, who hast granted to man alone the privilege of life after death, or rebirth, of eternal fellowship with Thee, we come to Thee to deepen our faith, renew our commitment, to affirm our love. May we see again that death is but the beginning, that we must die again and again to our selfish selves, that every Christian is a resurrected soul. In the name of Him who rose to show us that this is true, we pray. Amen.

—Albert H. Babcock, Jr.
Associate Minister 1963-1979

CALL FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

The great Day of Resurrection – **Easter Sunday, April 4** – will see Christians around the world united in joyous celebration. We are part of that glorious company as we gather on that special day. At First Baptist, there will be a “Sunrise Service” at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. and Church School classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. Then, we shall reach a moving climax with Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Please pray for these services!

Pray also for a dramatic fulfillment of our **Easter Offering Goal of \$5,000**. And then act to make your gift as generous and as visionary a personal offering as you possibly can give. To meet our budgeted objectives for the current Church year, we need full participation by all members and friends of our fellowship. In prayer, be led of God to make your worthy offering – and experience anew the wonder of God’s gift of love bestowed at Easter time.

L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK SENIOR PROGRAM



A new ministry has begun in partnership with Hope-Net, our food and housing organization. On the third Tuesday of every month, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) of the Los Angeles Regional FoodBank will use our parking lot to pass out food to low-income seniors in the area.



On the first day of the program, March 16, the parking lot was a-buzz with seniors, workers, trucks and bags of food. Stop by some 3rd Tuesday morning and see what’s happening.



And, if you are a low-income senior (60 years and older), and would like to participate, program requirements are:

- Picture I.D.
- Proof of Income: Social Security, SSI, or Pension (Bank Statement, Check Stub, Benefit Award letter)
- OR Medi-Cal Card

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PLEASE NOTE

Due to office vacation schedules, material and articles for the April 12, April 26, May 10 and May 24 issues of the *First Baptist NEWS* should arrive in the church office no later than April 1.

The best mathematical equation: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

Easter Breakfast

8:00 A.M.
Easter Sunday, April 4
\$5.00
 Robbins Dining Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



Our worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1, will include a foot-washing service, following the example of Jesus as told in the Gospel of John:

Jesus, the evening he was betrayed, "poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him" (John 13:5).

"When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. . . 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet'" (John 13:12, 14).

In the days of dusty roads and open-toed sandals, feet often became dirty, and it was the job of the lowest servants to wash the guests' feet. But Jesus set an example of service by doing this job himself, despite the protests from Peter.

Please call the church office by Tuesday, March 29 to make your dinner reservations (\$10). We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Robbins Dining Hall for dinner, followed by worship.

NEWS SCHEDULE

The **next issue** of the *First Baptist NEWS* will be published **April 12, 2010** and will cover services and events through April 25, 2010.

Material and articles for the **April 12, April 26, May 10 and May 24** issues should arrive in the church office **no later than April 1**.

IN MEMORIAM

The Church Family extends its deepest Christian Sympathy to the family of

FLORENCE S. SLADE

Deceased March 9, 2010

Member 1978-2010

Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m.



REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK
January 1 – December 31, 2009

Total Membership,		
January 1, 2009		522
<i>Received:</i>		
Baptism	1	
Christian Experience	1	
Transfer of Letter	0	
Reinstatement	0	
Total Received:		2
<i>Losses:</i>		
Dismissed	0	
Deceased	8	
Total Losses		(8)
Total Membership,		
December 31, 2009		516

In Memoriam
January 1 – December 31, 2009

- Agnes Kaho
- John Kilgore
- John Kuhn
- Jose Parada
- Hannah Redmond
- Paul Rotcher
- Mildred Settle
- Lynda Strand

New Members
January 1 – December 31, 2009

- Eric Johnson
- Blanca Maldonado

Richard S. Rogers, Church Clerk

LABCMS ANNUAL MEETING



Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society

ANNUAL MEETING

April 30 – May 1, 2010

First Baptist Church, Glendale

Contact the church office if you would like to attend.

EASTER LILIES

Potted Easter lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary again this Easter Sunday. Following the service, the plants will be delivered to our sick and shut-ins as a token of our caring concern for them.

If you would like to help with this project, please mark your check "for Easter lilies." The cost per plant is \$8.00.

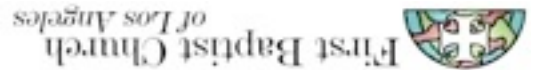
COMMUNITY TRAFFIC MESSAGE

The Los Angeles Police Department – West Traffic Division would like to keep you safe..... Safety Tips for Recognizing Aggressive Drivers (Road Rage).

Routinely aggressive drivers do the following:

- Tailgate
- Use of their horn
- Flash their headlights
- Change lanes quickly and often
- Talk on their cell phones

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner and Worship Service in the Robbins Dining Hall



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

7:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service in the Francis Chapel

8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in the Robbins Dining Hall

9:30 a.m.

Church School Classes for All Ages

11:00 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP in the Sanctuary:

“THE OBITUARY IS WRONG”

(Please read John 11:25-26 in preparation)

REV. CARLTON A. RHODEN, Preaching

– Easter Offering to be Received –



SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Church School Classes for All Ages

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP:

“I HAVE SEEN THE LORD”

(Please read John 20:11-18 in preparation)

DR. ROBERT B. WALLACE, Preaching