

FIRST BAPTIST-PS TIMES

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She wears many hats – wife, mother, daughter, friend, counselor, teacher, First Lady, and most recently, New York Life insurance agent. But she's also a cheerleader, having been captain of the cheerleading squad in middle and high school for six years.

"I still cheer for Jesus all day long!"

First Lady Angela Glenn Croom

Born in Benton Harbor, Mich., she grew up in Grand Rapids until her family relocated to Oakland, California in January 1986. The oldest of three (she has a sister and a brother), Angela attended college in Fresno and quickly got involved in church there. One night in 1989, as she was leading Praise and Worship, Rodney Croom came into the service and into her life. He knew immediately that she would be his wife! They married in 1994 and are the parents of three children – Alexandria, Faith, and Rodney, Jr. As a pastor's wife and the beloved First Lady of First Baptist Church – Palm Springs, she identifies her spiritual gifts as being a teacher, encourager, and servant-leader. She has a passion for encouraging women, especially pastor's wives.



"I'm grateful for God's provision, protection and purpose here in the Desert," she says, expressing the joy she finds in "walking with ladies and seeing their lives transformed through discipleship."

Her favorite scripture is found in Psalm 37:4 – Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

"Often times we want desires without delighting. Find your delight in Christ first," she advises.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Hello my beloveds! I pray all is well with you and yours!

I was thinking the other day about how many people lost their lives during this pandemic due to covid and health related issues. There was so much loss it was painful to see. I thought about the grace and mercy of God and how our lives were spared from death. It was because God has a purpose for you in this world. He has a purpose for you at this time in world history. Are you fulfilling your purpose? Have you ignored the message God was sending to the world? God has a purpose for all of us or why else would He keep us here?

Listen to the words of our Master:

"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20) NLT.

He left us here for a purpose and this is to make disciples and evangelize the lost with the gospel. Are you fulfilling your purpose? Are you propagating the gospel? Are you teaching people the ways of Christ? If you are not obeying this command of Jesus, you are not fulfilling your purpose in world history for this time. Let us be purposeful and intentional. Let's fulfill our God-given purpose. God bless you my, beloveds!

Pastor "C"

Happy Birthday, Pastor C Trivia Quiz

Pastor recently had a birthday.

How well do you know your pastor?

Test yourself!

1. What is Pastor's middle name?
(No, the S is NOT for Steelers)
2. What is Pastor's favorite scripture?
3. What is Pastor's favorite color? Favorite food?
4. How tall is Pastor?
5. Where was Pastor born?
6. What year was Pastor called to the ministry?
7. What year did Pastor accept his calling?
8. What was the first sermon Pastor preached?

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Prayer requests...

Pastor Croom & Family
Church Leadership – Wisdom
Unity in the Family of God
Pastor Ellis – Health & Healing
Rev. Mike Green – Health & Healing
FBC Seniors & Members – Protection from COVID-19
Sis. Brianna Berry
Sis. Gayle Crawford – Family
Bereaved Family of Sis. Pauline Goree
Sis. Gouldlock – Health & Healing
Bro. Orlando & Michelle Harding – Study & Application of the Word
Sis. Sydney Harding – Hearing the voice of the Lord & responding w/obedience
Sis. Tanera Harrell – Hedge of Protection around her life
Sis. Taunya Hartwell – Time with the Lord
Sis. Sharita Hawkins & Family
Sis. Melva Lucas – Health & Memory
The Bereaved Family of Bro. Manning
Sis. Nibia Miller – Health
Sis. Ola Roberts – Health & Healing
Sis. Regina Robinson – Rest in the body
Bro. Sam & Sis. Keisha Thompson – Family Healing
Family & Friends of Bro. TJ
Pastors, Churches & Families affected by COVID-19

KIDS KORNER



Three Notable Mothers in The Bible

1. Jochebed, the mother of Moses. We hear far more about her son than her, but her role deserves highlighting. Moses was born when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and the Pharaoh was killing baby boys.

Because Jochebed hid her baby boy in the river in a basket that was found by Pharaoh's daughter, he was not killed. Instead, he grew up and was used by God to deliver the nation of Israel.

2. Hannah, the mother of Samuel. Before he was born, she was barren and grief-stricken. She went to the temple crying out to the Lord and she was given Samuel. Her gratitude led her to sacrifice raising the boy herself and she took him to the prophet Eli.

And she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there (1 Samuel 1:26-28).

Hannah's sacrifice did not go unnoticed by God.

And the LORD blessed Hannah, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD (1 Samuel 2:21).

3. Nameless mother of the living

We hear about the wisdom of Solomon. The most famous story regarding his wisdom involves mothering.

The story is of two women who both gave birth to boys three days apart. One of the women accidentally smothered her son and switched the babies in the middle of the night.

In the morning, the nameless mother of the living noticed the switch, but the nameless mother of the dead refused to return him.

The matter was brought before King Solomon who responded to their arguing with wisdom revealing the true mother — the one who'd rather give him up than have him killed — a giver of life.

And the king said, "Bring me a sword." So a sword was brought before the king. And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other." Then the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because her heart yearned for her son, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him." Then the king answered and said, "Give the living child to the first woman, and by no means put him to death; she is his mother" (1 Kings 3:24-28).

What the Bible says about Christian Mothers

Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. A Christian mother is told to love her children (Titus 2:4-5), in part so that she does not bring reproach on the Lord and on the Savior whose name she bears.

Children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5). In Titus 2:4, the Greek word *philoteknos* appears in reference to mothers loving their children. This word represents a special kind of “mother love.” The idea that flows out of this word is that of caring for our children, nurturing them, affectionately embracing them, meeting their needs, and tenderly befriending each one as a unique gift from the hand of God.

Several things are commanded of Christian mothers in God’s Word:

Availability – morning, noon, and night (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Involvement – interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together (Ephesians 6:4)

Teaching – the Scriptures and a biblical worldview (Psalm 78:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:10; Ephesians 6:4)

Training – helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths (Proverbs 22:6) and spiritual gifts (Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12)

Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly (Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17)

Nurture – providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love (Titus 2:4; 2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 4:29-32; 5:1-2; Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:8-9)

Modeling with Integrity – living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by “catching” the essence of godly living (Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23; Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; Psalm 37:18, 37).

The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.

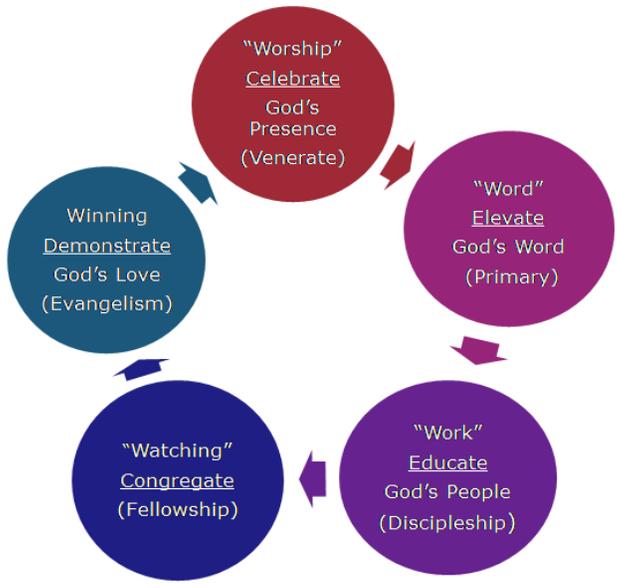




Memorial Day and Veterans Day are both patriotic holidays honoring the military, but there is a significant difference between the two aside from when they land on the calendar.

Memorial Day, which falls on the last Monday in May, honors the men and women who died while serving in the military. Veterans Day, observed every November 11, recognizes all who have served in the Armed Forces.

You may wonder: What is the proper way to acknowledge each holiday? On Memorial Day you can honor the fallen by attending memorial services within your community or laying flowers and planting flags on graves at your local Veterans cemetery. Veterans Day is an opportunity to do the same, but it is also an appropriate time to show your appreciation to Veteran friends and family. You can also recognize Veterans Day by flying the American flag outside your home, visiting or volunteering at a Veteran facility, attending a local event, and, of course, thanking Veterans and their families for their service. You do not have to wait for a national holiday to show your gratitude to Service members. Any day is a good day to support Veterans either through a charity or giving a heartfelt "thank you" to those who served.



MISSION STATEMENT / WHY WE EXIST

Our objective at First Baptist Church- Palm Springs is to bring hope and healing to sinners and saints through the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria and to every part of the world. We will carry out our mission by:

- Celebrating God's Word (Worship)
- Communicating God's Word (Evangelism)
- Congregating with God's Children (Fellowship)
- Educating God's People (Discipleship)
- Demonstrating God's Love (Christian)

THE FIVE CORE VALUES

We also practice "Five Core Values" that will help build Christian Community.

They are:

1. We Worship the Risen Christ,
2. We hear the Word and practice it,
3. We Work for the Kingdom of God,
4. We Watch over one another in Christian Love
5. We Win souls for Kingdom of God.

Happy Birthday, Pastor C Trivia Quiz Answers

*Editor's Note: We have no idea what these answers are 😊
Ask Pastor C*

Ministry of the Month



Sunday School is one of the greatest ministries where one can learn about who God is and how much He loves us. Sunday School is where one learns how to seek Christ and develop a relationship with Him. There are classes for every age so families are able to review the lessons together and discuss methods of practical application. This ministry involves all five core values: **Celebrating God's Presence, Elevating God's Word, Educating God's People, Congregating with God's People and Demonstrating God's Love.**

Ministry Scripture: "Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth." John 17:17 NAS



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and the Word is proclaimed

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Friday The Word Proclaimed 7 p.m.
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