

# FIRST BAPTIST-PS TIMES

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
A Church where LOVE is displayed  
and the Word is proclaimed

*"A Celebration of God's Provisions Through the Pandemic"*

# 77<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021  
TIME: 10:00 AM

 GUEST SPEAKER  
PASTOR RONNIE HERRELL  
FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DUARTE, CA

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

*Welcome to the first issue of the First Baptist -PS Times. We pray it will encourage, inspire, uplift you and glorify the Lord. You are always welcome to join us in worship service, Bible Study, or any of our Christian Education Ministries.*



**Pastor Ronnie E. Herrell**

Pastor Ronnie E. Herrell is a native of San Jose, California. He has pastored for more than 16 years. He served as pastor of Strlight Baptist Church (Menlo Park, California) for six years and celebrated his 11<sup>th</sup> pastoral anniversary at First Baptist—Duarte (#LoveFBC) last month. He and his wife, Samantha, have one son, Pierce. His mission at First Baptist Duarte is “to love God with all our heart! To Love People, Teach People and Praise God in the Process!”





## 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**

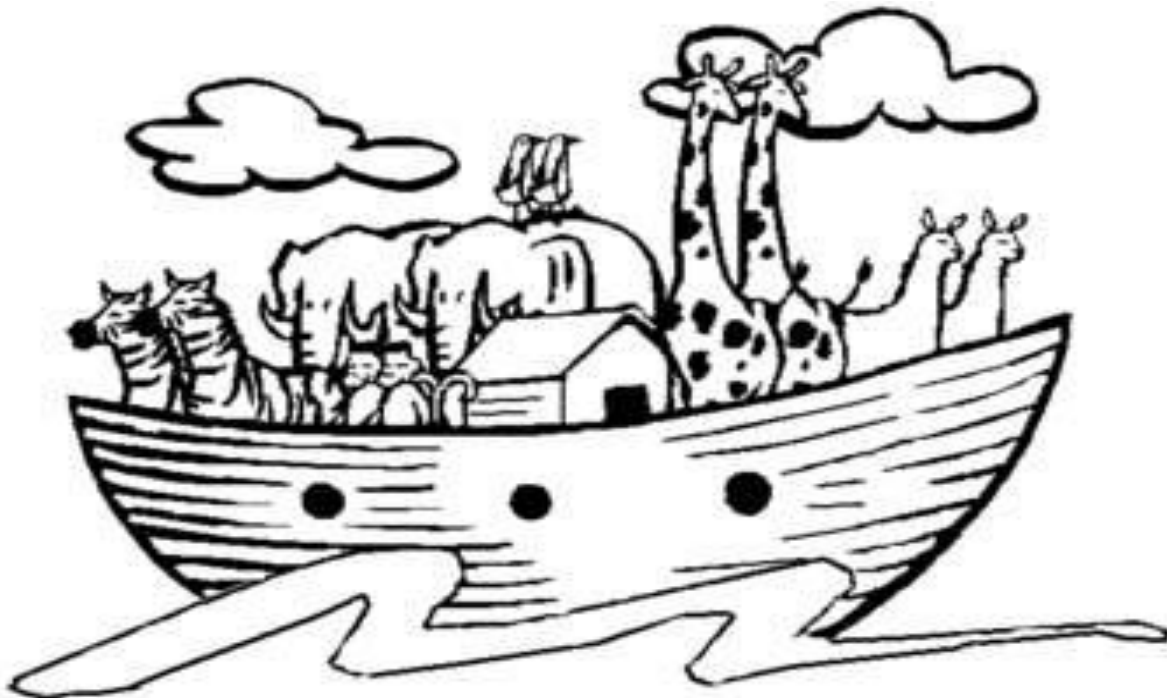
*Faith Croom April 12*



### FIVE THINGS TO PRAY & FAST FOR IN APRIL

1. **Glorification** of God 5:16
2. **Vindication** of the Righteous Isaiah 54:17; Psalm 135:14
3. **Unification** of the Body Romans 15:3-6; John 17:11-23
4. **Dedication** to Kingdom Work Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 19:17; 28:7; 14:31, Matt. 28:19-20
5. **Celebration** for Victory Deuteronomy 20:4; Psalm 108:13; Psalm 28:7

## KIDS KORNER



The story of Noah and his ark is in Genesis 5:29 - 10:32

# *First Baptist Church Palm Springs History...*

The Rev. W.P. White saw the need in 1946 for a place of worship and founded First Baptist Church in 1946 on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation. Rev. L.B. Moss past President, California State Baptist Convention assisted in organizing First Baptist Church. Services were conducted in a tent for the next two years. Rev. White was followed in leadership by Rev. Alexander who had a short tenure.

Rev. T.H. Reagans, became Pastor October 23, 1947, under his administration the first Church building was erected. A parsonage was built in 1948. Rev. Reagans served First Baptist Church for seven years. Rev. W. Mack Davis was accepted as Pastor on September 17, 1954 and served four years.

Rev. Jeff Rollins Sr. began pastoral duties December, 1958. Under Pastor Rollins' leadership spiritual and financial advancement began to form. The Church purchased four lots in 1959 for the sum of \$10,000.00. The Church purchased another lot and built a parsonage three years later.

A ground breaking ceremony was held on September 1, 1963 for the joyful purpose of building a new Church for God with its monetary value of \$100,000.00. The first service was conducted July 5, 1964. In the same year, under the auspices of First Baptist Church and the leadership of Pastor Rollins a program for care and development of children began in the Church. Soon plans were drawn for a building to house the program. Ground was broken in 1967 for this new building and completed in 1968. This program is now known as Palm Springs Child Care And Development Center.

First Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Rollins was a pioneer in the Child Care And Development Program. This Center has served as a model for California and the nation as a whole.

The debt against the parsonage was liquidated in 1972. The Church was advised by Pastor Rollins to formulate a program to liquidate its debts. This program began in 1974 and was culminated in the later months of 1978. Pastor Rollins and members of First Baptist Church joined with many friends and well wishers in a day of rejoicing in giving thanks to God for the Mortgage Burning Ceremony held on January 28, 1979.

First Baptist Church had its conception and birth in a tent, but through faith in God it has made great progress. Through Godly leadership and wise administration, First Baptist Church's assets have passed beyond the Million Dollars mark.

The liquidating of the indebtedness did not cause First Baptist Church to sit and hold its hands. Pastor Rollins declared after the burning of the Mortgage that he would continue to build up mankind and mankind's environment. This was being done by keeping the Church in training. The Church organized three main branches of instruction: The History of the Church, Christian Education and Leadership. God was blessing.

Rev. Rodney Croom became Pastor on January 1, 2002. God gave him a vision to lead First Baptist to be a "Church where LOVE is displayed and the WORD is proclaimed". Pastor Croom has endured suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He has trained hard and followed the rules as a determined athlete. Like a farmer, he works extremely hard and is patient when teaching the TRUTH.

God has shown grace to this body of believers under Pastor Croom's leadership. Many souls have been saved, baptized and disciplined in the Word of God. Lives have been changed and couples have been united in marriage. Established ministries have grown and new ministries have developed to strengthen the individual, family and community. FBC has adopted the mindset of going in to all the world to preach and teach the Word to the lost. The study of God's Word and applying It to our lives are crucial components in aiding us in glorifying God, evangelizing the lost and edifying the body.

Throughout these 77 years, we have had our ups and downs. But thank God for his grace and mercy have sustained us.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Realizing the importance, privilege and responsibility of the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, First Baptist Church believes the following:

### 1. The Holy Bible, God's Inspired Word, is the Absolute and Supreme Authority

The Holy Bible is absolutely inerrant, unadulterated, and authoritative in its original autograph.

There is no new prophecy or new revelation outside of what has already been revealed in God's written word. (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:21)

### 2. The Holy Trinity of the Godhead

One God manifested through three distinct persons. God the Father (Yahweh), God the Son (Yeshua), and God the Holy Spirit. (Matt 3:16-17; 1Cor 12:3; 2Cor 13:14; Matt 28:19)

### 3. The Biblical Creation

The God of the Holy Scriptures spoke the world into existence and created mankind from the dust and breathed life into his nostrils and he became a living soul. (Genesis Chapters 1 & 2)

### 4. The Virgin Birth

The Divine conception (seed of The Holy Spirit) and the sinless life of Jesus. (Isa 7:14; Luke 24:38 – 40; Matt 28:18)

### 5. The Incarnated Word

God became Flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. (John 1:1, 1:14; Phil 2:6 – 8)

### 6. The Death, Bodily Resurrection, Ascension, and Return of Jesus for His Church

(2Cor 5:21; Mark 15:37; Matt 28:1 – 8; Acts 1:9 – 11)

### 7. Man Is Sinful

Man is born in the condition of sin and cannot rid himself of that condition. Therefore, he is in need of a Savior. (John 3:16; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)

### 8. Salvation-Eternal Security

Eternal Salvation comes by regeneration and faith alone, a part from any human effort, through profession of faith in Jesus Christ. (Rom 10:9 – 13; Eph 2:8 – 9)

### 9. The Ordinances of The Church – Baptism and The Lord's Supper

Water Baptism by immersion symbolic of inward regeneration. (Matt 28:19; Acts 10:47; John 1:33; Titus 3:4 – 7) The Lord's Supper symbolic of Jesus' blood that was shed on Calvary for the remission of sin and for His body which was given for us. (1 Cor 11:23 – 26)

### 10. The Church is Governed By The Holy Bible

The Absolute Authority of the Holy Bible in the local church governs over any other document (Col 4:16; Acts 17:10 – 11)

### 11. Sanctity of Human Life

We hold to the Sanctity of Human Life as a Gift from God, and we reject abortion. Life and death are in God's hands. He is the Author of life. (Zech 12:1; Jer 1:5; Ps 139:14; Isa 44:2)

### 12. The Biblical Order of the Family

The Biblical order of the family consists of marriage between a male and female only, for propagation of the human race regardless of what society thinks or does. (Gen 1:26 – 27; 2:18; Rom 12:2; Matt 19:4 – 6; Acts 5:29)

### 13. Homosexuality

All Homosexual practice is sinfully perverted as taught in Holy Scriptures. (Gen 1:27; Gen 2:24; Lev 18:22; Lev 20:13; Rom 1:26 – 27)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>10 a.m. Valley District Missionary Baptist Association</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2:30 p.m. Marriage Ministry</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Sisters Who Care</b>

## Ministry of the Month

CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION  
MINISTRY

**Educating God's people** is mandatory; therefore, this ministry determines what will be taught through the entire educational arm of the church. Discipleship classes, Sunday School Curriculum, Youth, Men and Women's Ministries, as well as Vacation Bible School will use materials from Dr. Tony Evans, Beth Moore, Henry Blackaby, Billy Graham, Dr. Angulus Wilson, Community Bible Study (CBS) and many others to aid us in making effective disciples for Christ.

**Ministry Scripture:** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT



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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Friday The Word Proclaimed 7 p.m.

Rev. Rodney S. Croom, Senior Pastor

