

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Psalms 118:1

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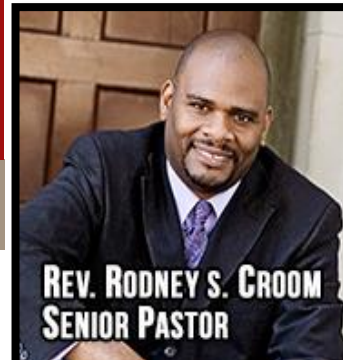


Photo courtesy of Deacon Sam Thompson

Train Up A Child...Sis. Lela Adams instructs junior ushers before Sunday worship service.

Hello my beloveds. I hope this article finds you well. I know the holidays are swiftly approaching, and this is a time when we take the time to fellowship with friends and family.

Although things have changed significantly since COVID-19, we still are going to be together with many of our family. I want to put a challenge to us all during this holiday season. The challenge is don't forget who you represent. Don't forget who you belong to. Sometimes when you get around family member during this time, we sort of blend in by adopting the different theme ungodly things our family members do. Instead of standing out, we blend in. Instead of being light, we join in with the darkness. We are not called to join in but called to stand out. I'm reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:13-16, ***"13 You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.***

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (ESV). At the end of the day, we want to live in such a way that we bring God glory not just during the holiday season, but every day. God bless you, be safe and I love you all!

Pastor "C"

***Special Christmas Edition
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Wish friends and family

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Send your holiday greetings and pictures to
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or

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The Bible Speaks of Giving Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Psalms 107:1 - Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalms 7:17 - I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Ephesians 5:20 - Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Colossians 3:15 - And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, as you are called in one body. And be thankful.

Psalms 100:4 - Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

2 Corinthians 2:14 - But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.



KIDS KORNER



You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10

Prayer requests...

- Pastor Croom & Family
- Rev. Theon & Sis. Miranda Rogers – Health, Healing & Peace
- Church Leadership – Spiritual Unity & Wisdom
- Unity in the Family of God
- The church will seize the opportunity to be a witness for Jesus
- FBC Seniors & Members – Protection from COVID-19
- Bro. Orlando Harding – Relationship with the Lord
- Sis. Michelle Harding – Application of the Word
- Sis. Sydney Harding – Obedience to the Lord
- Sis. Taunya Hartwell – Spending time with God
- Sis. Kym Humphrey -Family Unity
- Sis. Kiana Johnson – Health
- Sis. Fenita Kirkwood – Family Unity
- Sis. Nibia Miller- Family Relationships
- Sis. Regina Robinson – Health and Healing
- Sis. Toya Thigpen – Discipline – Studying the Word or God
- Bro. Sam & Sis. Keisha Thompson – Family Healing
- Sis. Doreen Torrance – Her personal relationship with the Lord
- Sis. Thelma Ware
- Bro. Kenneth & Sis. Karen Williams – Family
- The sick, shut-in and those struggling with addictions
- Pandemic Doctors & Nurses on the frontline
- National and International Leadership through the pandemic
- Our Nation and World to acknowledge God & repent of its sins
- The gospel to go forth in the world unhindered

Please give the names for the Prayer List to Sis. Taunya Hartwell

Member Spotlight...

Michelle Harding and Jamiah Hall

*"She walks in beauty like the night
Of cloudless climes and starry skies,
And all that's best of dark and bright
Meet in her aspect and her eyes..."*

Lord Byron

When Lord Byron penned those poetic words, one must believe he had Michelle Harding in mind. The statuesque beauty has served as the church secretary since 2014.

Born and raised in San Diego, Michelle met the love of her life, Orlando, while attending San Diego State University, where she majored in Business Management. After dating for three and a half years, they have enjoyed 23 years of marriage and have one daughter, Sydney, 19.

When not attending to the duties of maintaining the church calendar, fielding calls and correspondence, providing several types of information to church members and visitors, she enjoys working out, dancing, shopping, going to movies and comedy clubs and "hanging out" with friends.

"They are my family," she says, "I love spending quality time with people that I love and are like minded. I love to laugh and have fun, so I surround myself with people who like to do the same."

She also enjoys eating. Among her favorite foods are "BACON," potato chips, enchiladas, tacos, black-eyed peas, and won ton soup.

"The list goes on." She laughs. "I just love to eat good food."

Growing up in San Diego, Michelle was introduced to the insurance industry at an early age.

"My father has owned an insurance agency forever, so I can say I've grown up in the industry," she revealed. "My first job was to walk around neighborhoods with a friend and pass out flyers for the agency. While in high school I would spend summers working there. During college it was one of my part time jobs."

Eventually, Michelle left insurance sales and customer service field and moved into insurance auto claims.

"I was a liability claims adjuster for years about three years then became a Claims Supervisor for years," she said.

With the birth of her daughter, she transitioned into becoming a stay-at-home mom. Although she has "no desire to return to the insurance field," she does work from home as a notary public "from time to time."

A member of First Baptist Church –Palm Springs since 2013, her favorite scripture is 2 Timothy 3:16, which tells us "All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness."

"It just depends on what stage of life I am in and what I'm going through," she sums it up. "My favorite always depends on what I need to study and meditate on at that time."



Charismatic, determined, dedicated, talented, ambitious, beautiful... these, of course, are words that describe 21-year-old Jamiah Hall, who has been a member of First Baptist Church –Palm Springs "all her life."

In addition to serving on the Media Team, Jamiah, the daughter of Tanaya and Reginald Hall, is a college junior studying Entrepreneurial Studies. While she is "taking a break" from school she works with BRAAF.

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything You gave me.'"

Chadwick Boseman

"I am currently working as a youth development worker and co-director for the BRAAF program under Family Health and Support Network," she said. "I am also working to begin my nonprofit, working with high school aged teens."

On top of all that, she also wants to open up a bakery.

"My greatest aspiration in life is to be used by God in my community," she states proudly. "And to help break generational cycles and bring hope and restoration back into our community. I stand on the shoulders of my grandfather, James O. Jessie. I aspire to keep his legacy alive."

"My grandfather was a key advocate in the community," she explains. "While I was too young to be able to meet him, I have heard many stories of all that he has done and the impact he has left both on this community and in other people's lives outside of the community. He believed in his community and his people. He believed in unity and pouring love into others. It amazes me how many people I meet who tell me how great he was. He worked at what is now James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center. He passed away in 2001 saving a child from drowning."

Jamiah, who has an older brother De'Andre Goree and a younger sister Renava Hall, enjoys spending time in ministry, reading, walking, hiking, spending time with God, cooking, traveling, trying new restaurants and coffee shops.

Her nonprofit organization is Broader than The Corner, and its goal is "to help high school-aged teens in low-income communities build a better future and walk confidently in their purpose."

"We will teach them skill building in the areas of financial literacy, college and career planning, character building, etiquette and other things," Jamiah details. "We also want to set the teens up with mentors that will be able to walk alongside them and be committed to helping them succeed. Our last but equally important component would be exposure that will allow them to see outside of their community and their norm. We want to be able to take them on college tours mainly but also just get them to see what is outside of California and within their reach."

She encourages young people to attend Sunday School.

"Join our 'Keep it 100' Sunday School class for young adults every other Sunday!" she says excitedly.

Reflecting on the challenges facing young women in contemporary society, Jamiah feels, "Probably not the most challenging, but one issue I feel that is very relevant, is the idea that we have to settle for the bare minimum and that we are thought to be the bare minimum. However, we hold so much power, strength, resiliency, and light. We are more than enough!"

Be of Service! Join the Usher Broad!

Contact Sis. Adams or Bro. Williams

Psalms 84:10

Usher Board meets every
3rd Saturday of the month
at 10am
Next meeting November 20th



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeannetta Edwards 21

Community Faith Thank You
Oneness Spirit Family Soul
Believe Abundance Divine
Change Healing GRATITUDE Peace
Journey Receive Emotion
Grateful Appreciation Kindness
Feeling Warming Thankful Love
Life Truth Give Ask Hope Thanks

Ministry of the Month



The Media Ministry operates to provide excellent service in recording sermons, live streaming the services via Facebook Live and assuring the sound quality is accurate for our Pastor and Worship Arts Ministry. This ministry is devoted to use all avenues to get the Gospel message to the uttermost parts of the world.



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and the Word is proclaimed

588 Rosa Parks Road
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Sunday School-Sunday 8:15 a.m.

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



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!! See Rev. Coe

Sisters Who Care

Holiday Basket Food Drive 2021

Please bring donation items by Nov. 21st

- Stuffing Mix
- Instant Potatoes
- Gravy (Turkey or Brown)
- Canned Yams, Sweet Potatoes,
- Corn, Greens and Green Beans
- Cranberry Sauce
- Apple Sauce
- Cream of Mushroom Soup or Chicken Broth
- Cans of Fried Onions
- Muffin or Cornbread Mix
- Boxed Mac and Cheese
- Pre-made Pie Crusts
- Instant Pudding
- Cake Mix
- Evaporated Milk
- Apple Juice
- Coffee/Tea/Sugar

Remember to check the product expiration date