



## It's all about **FAMILY**

*Pictured left: The Coe Family see pg. 2  
Right: The Crawford Family see pg. 3*



# FIRST BAPTIST-PS TIMES

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## What the Bible says about ... **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*The Bible has a lot to say about money, and there are plenty of tithing and offering verses. In fact, there are over 2,000 Bible scriptures on money, tithing, possessions, and giving—twice the amount of Bible verses about faith and prayer combined! Let's take a closer look at tithes and offerings in the Bible, and how these passages can improve our understanding of money, stewardship, and giving.*

### **What are tithes and offerings?**

*Tithes represent 10% of a person's income and are typically given to their local church. The word tithe (or tithing) in the Bible is based on the Hebrew word ma'aser and the Greek word dekate, both of which mean a "tenth" of something. The act of tithing is deeply rooted in the Bible—in the Old Testament, it was obligatory—and it is still practiced by Christians today.*

*Offerings, on the other hand, are simply gifts that are not part of a tithe. Unlike tithes, offerings were given voluntarily to express gratitude to God. Offerings first appeared in scripture when Cain and Abel brought sacrifices to the Lord.*

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. **Genesis 4:2–4a**

*There are numerous Bible verses about tithes and offerings. Abraham presented the first tithe when he gave the priest Melchizedek a tenth of all of his possessions. It wasn't until later that the practice of tithing became a requirement for the people of Israel.*

Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. **Genesis 14:18–20**

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. **Leviticus 27:30**

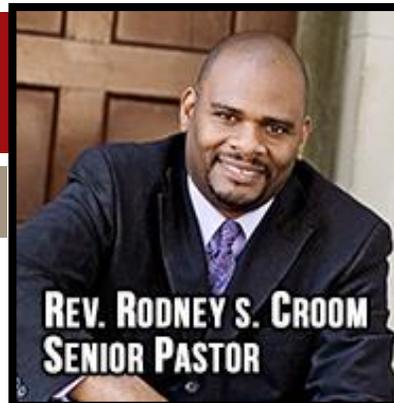
*God told his people that not tithing was equivalent to stealing from him. However, he also promised to pour out his blessings upon those who tithe.*

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." **Malachi 3:8–10**

### **What did Jesus teach about tithing?**

*Jesus only spoke a few times specifically about tithing in the New Testament. However, Jesus consistently taught that a person's generosity reflects their personal values and heart attitudes. Jesus warned that the love of money can distort priorities and actually pull people away from loving God. Jesus did not teach that people should stop tithing. He condemned the religious leaders for selectively obeying the laws of their choosing.*

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill, and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." **Matthew 23:23**



## Esperanza Coe leads Alabama A & M team at 2022 World Games



**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – Alabama A&M softball sophomore pitcher Esperanza Coe (Beaumont, Calif.) will continue to represent the Maroon and White on the international stage as she will help anchor world No. 5 Puerto Rico's pitching staff at the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama from July 9-13.

Coe has already appeared on the international stage, helping to lead Puerto Rico to a Bronze Medal at the Under-18 Softball World Cup in Lima, Peru this past December and has been a rock both at the plate and in the circle in her two seasons on The Hill.

In that time, she has hit .291 with 46 hits, eight doubles, seven homeruns, 31 RBIs and slugged .475 at the plate while going 15-17 with a 4.16 ERA, 127 strikeouts and 23 complete games in 30 appearances and 195.0 innings.

As a freshman in 2021 she earned five Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) weekly honors (adding another in 2022), became just the second Freshman of the Year in the program's NCAA Division I history and the first to earn All-SWAC honors at two positions in the same year, collecting First-Team honors as a pitcher and designated player.

She will bring that talent level to bear against seven countries who all rank in the Top-10 internationally, including six that qualified for the 2020 Olympics. Puerto Rico will be in Group B with Olympic Gold Medalist No. 2 Japan, No. 4 Mexico and No. 8 Australia with No. 1 United States of America, No. 3 Canada, No. 6 Chinese Taipei and No. 7 Italy comprising Group A.

The slate for that world-class field will run from July 9-13 at Hoover Met Park and kick off with Puerto Rico playing the very first game as they take on Mexico at 10 a.m. They will then face Australia at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 before wrapping up the qualifying rounds with a showdown against Japan on Monday, July 11.

The teams will then move to bracket play with two consolation and semifinal games on Tuesday, July 12 with placement contests, Bronze Medal and Gold Medal games being played at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, on Wednesday, July 13.

While this will only be the third time that softball has been contested in the World Games it will also hold another meaning on the international stage as it will represent the Softball World Championship, with the Gold Medal winning team taking home that title as well.

## Prayer requests...



- Pastor Croom & Family
- Church Leadership-Spiritual Unity & Wisdom
- Unity in the Family of God
- All the Bereaved Families
- Rev. Gouldlock – Health & Healing
- Sis. Gouldlock – Strength in the Lord
- James Croom – Mental Health & Salvation
- The Community
- Bro. & Sis. Harding- Obedience to God, Application of the Word
- Sis. Sydney Harding -Spiritual Healing & Direction
- Sis. Jalisia Hated – Deepening of her relationship with the Lord
- Sis. Fenita Kirkwood – Peace in the Lord
- Sis. Joyce Luckett – Mourning & Pain Relief
- FiFi Penny-Abiding in the Lord so she can experience His joy
- Sis. Gina Robinson – Trust in the Lord
- Rev. & Sis. Rogers – Health & Healing
- The sick, shut-in, and those struggling with addictions
- Pandemic Doctors & Nurses on the frontline
- National & International Leadership through the pandemic
- Our Nation & World to acknowledge God & repent of its sins
- The gospel to go forth in the world unhindered

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

## Matrit Efraim Coe graduates with honors

Matrit Efraim Coe, son of Rev. Clark and Sis. Angelina Coe, graduated from Beaumont Senior High School in Beaumont, CA on June 2, 2022. He has been accepted to seven schools/universities he applied to. He will be attending Western Washington University on an academic scholarship in the fall 2022. He graduated with a 4.0 and is in the top 20th percentile of his class. Played three sports throughout his four years at high school and graduated with four-year letterman with honors.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...

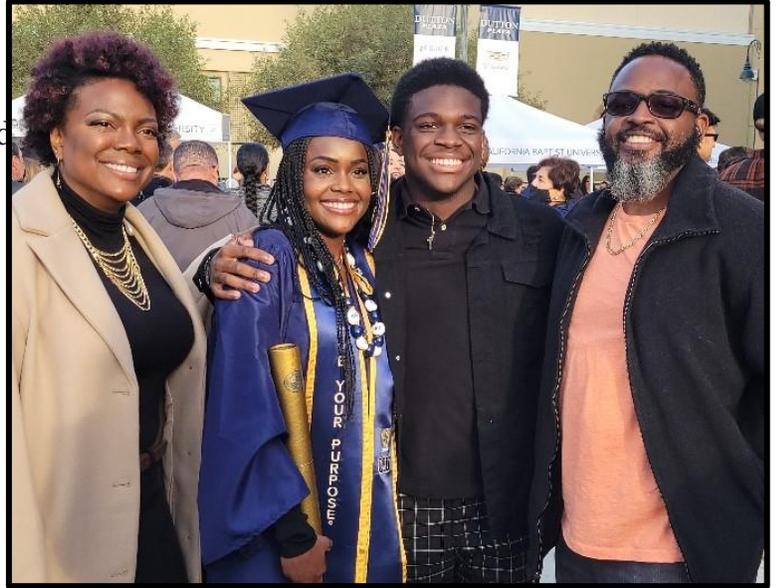
# THE CRAWFORD FAMILY

The only way to describe the Crawford family – Jarvis Sr., Reshae, Zjarvre and Jarvis II – is POWERHOUSE!

Jarvis and Reshae met in 1997 while both were students. They graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Reshae ultimately graduated from Bradley University with a Doctorate of Nursing in Family Practice. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Western Governor University and has two Associates degrees from College of the Desert one as a Licensed Vocational Nurse and the other as a Registered Nurse.

They married March 30, 2002.

But as they say, “the apple doesn't fall far from the tree,” the daughter Zjarvre (her mother explains her name as a combination of Jarvis and Reshae, with Z thrown in “just to be different”), graduated from California Baptist University this year with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science’



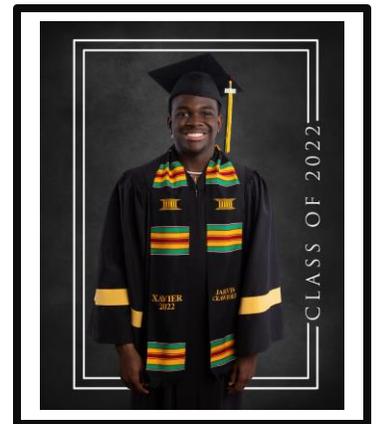
Jarvis II has been interested in the medical field since he was young. He has toyed around with various fields but at this time feels dentistry is where he wants to be. Graduating this year from high school, he has decided to pursue his dream at John Carroll university in Ohio.

Jarvis Sr. is a community center manager for the city of Palm Springs. He has worked at James O Jessie's Desert Highland Unity Center for more than 22 years. Fulfilling his passion for community service, he also sits on a host of community-based boards. Jarvis loves golf, spending time with friends, and riding both his bicycle and motorcycle. Many people are not aware that he was a martial arts instructor.

Reshae works as a nurse practitioner at Indus Medical Associates. She enjoys sewing, crafting, and binge-watching various shows. A very interesting fact about Reshae is she took care of both President Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty.

“I was actually his last nurse making the final call for secrecy service to come secure President Gerald Ford,” Reshae explained. “My passion will all ways be my family however I do enjoy the way God uses me to help heal others.”

Of course, the family enjoys studying the Word of God, each having their own favorite scriptures: Jarvis - Luke 9:23-26; Reshae - Romans 8:37-39, Psalms 103:2-5; Zjarvre - Jeremiah 29:11; and Jarvis II - Isaiah 54:17.



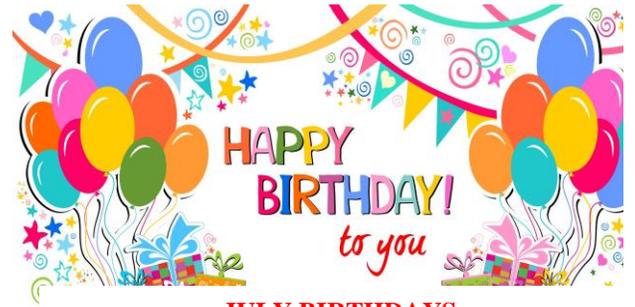
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**“First Baptist is the Crawford’s home. We have been serving the Lord here for many years. We are not perfect but enjoy the perfect PEACE of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.”**

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## FAMILY PRAYER



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

MICHELLE HARDUNG	5
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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 11:2 NLT



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