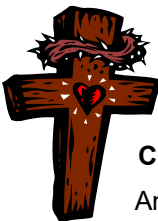


Figueroa Church of Christ

As A Matter of Faith We Believe...

1. **Jesus Christ** is the one and only sacrifice for our sins and he arose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16).
2. The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:10).
3. Every person has worth, but all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), and therefore needs salvation (Romans 6:23).
4. Forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust and obey Christ as Lord and Savior (John 3:16; Acts 2:36, Hebrews 5:8-9).
5. Those willing to obey the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:14-16; 10:17) should repent of sin, confess their faith in Jesus, and be baptized into Christ for forgiveness of sins (Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38).
6. The church is the Body of Christ on earth, is empowered by the Holy Spirit and exists to save the lost and edify the saved (Ephesians 4:1-16).
7. As the church of Christ on earth, and following the New Testament scriptures we worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24) each Lord's Day, by singing, praying, giving as we have prospered, teaching God's word, partaking of the Lord's Supper and fellowshiping with one another (Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:19; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30).
8. **Jesus Christ** will one day return to take God's children to be with him forever, 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

Dear Friend, on behalf of the **Figueroa Church of Christ** we would like to thank you for your presence in our services. We hope your experience has been both informative and inspirational. In churches of Christ our desire is to be **Christian**, no more, no less! As such we desire the same for all people, and for you. As we follow the New Testament scriptures we find that every person who became a Christian did the following: They all:



- HEARD the Gospel... **Acts 15:7**
- BELIEVED the Gospel... **Mark 16:16**
- REPENTED of their sins... **Acts 2:38**
- CONFESSED faith in Jesus.... **Rom. 10:9-10**

And were **BAPTIZED** for the remission of sins, and **RECEIVED** the **Holy Spirit**, **Acts 2:38**, and they were added to the church, **Acts 2:47**. Our prayer is that you allow us to discuss with you personally God's way of salvation for your life. Again, thanks for visiting with us, and we hope to see you again soon!



*** SERMON NOTES ***

TOPIC: _____
TEXT: _____
MESSENGER: V.E. Hawkins

MAIN IDEAS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Concluding Thoughts

Have you considered **Jesus**? Have you considered that **HE** is Sovereign over all things, even **YOU**? Are you aware that **HE** ultimately determines the end of all things? A wise man once said *"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps,"* Proverbs 16:9. Why not start over today by putting **God** first in your life and allowing Him to direct your steps? He is the only **ONE** that is stable in our world today because *"He is the same yesterday and today and forever,"* Heb. 13:8. He said *"Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you,"* Heb. 13:5. Will you accept Him today by *faith, repentance, and baptism*? He wants to be in your life and direct your steps!

CONSIDER JESUS!

THE FIGUEROA INFORMER



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Vincent Hawkins
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Charles Cline
Larry Smith
Jerome Thompson
Forest Whitaker Jr.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am 'MOP' (Men Of Prayer)
Bible School 9:00am * Morning worship 10:10am
Evening Worship 5:00pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Ladies Bible Class Tuesday 10:00am
Personal Evangelism Ministry Tuesday 11:00am
Bible Class Wednesday 11:00am & 7:00pm

DEACONS

Jessie Barfield
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Orlando Murray
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Welcome to the Figueroa church of Christ!

Our church family is honored to have you and your family visit with us on this very special day of Worship and Praise to our God!

In a world where we are so busy with the daily challenges of life; working, parenting, and dealing with every day life issues, we are glad that you came by the House of Prayer! It is our prayer that you experience the presence of God among us, engage in genuine fellowship and leave informed and inspired to make **Jesus Christ** the **Lord** of your life!

We extend to you and your family a continued invitation to join us each week for worship, prayer, spiritual formation, and bible study. If we can serve you, or answer questions regarding life, faith, and religious practices don't hesitate to ask. We are ready to meet you where you are in life! Again, welcome to our church family, and be blessed!

The Figueroa Family of God!

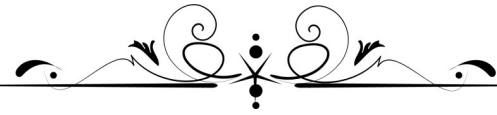
"Oh, give thanks to the Lord!"

Psalm 105:1



FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

December 17, 2017



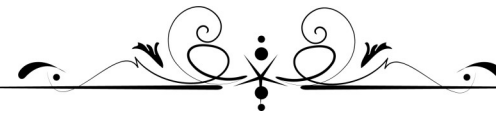
A Vision for Ministry, 2018 and Beyond!

Joshua 4:19-24

Where does one begin in charting one's future? We consider this question a challenging one as it relates to the Figueroa church of Christ. As we look back in hope of the future we are challenged to build on the past bedrock of success. But what will we build? Addressing these questions is not an easy task as we contemplate the present and envision the future. George Barna in his book **The Power of Vision**, states, "Vision for ministry is a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to His chosen servants and is based upon an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances" (p.28). This new vision must be borne out of God's vision for His church in the twenty-first century as seen and interpreted in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. In **Luke 4:18-19**, Jesus declared, "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

From this text, we learn the meaning and purpose for our future existence in the Lord's church. It is from this text we derive our vision for ministry, and plan. It's a vision that involves ministering to people in the context of their culture, circumstance and crisis. It's God's vision for the people, a vision of reconciling people to Himself through Jesus Christ and His church. That's why we exist, for fulfilling God's vision for people. We must embody this vision of reconciling people to God through Jesus Christ and His church. Therein lies the challenge of developing and building **A People of God, A People for God and A Place for God's People**, where members are equipped to serve church and community, where the **People of God** can grow, glow, and go,

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



***DeGENAE SPENCER'S ARMY BOOT CAMP SENDOFF** TODAY 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. (DINING HALL) SHAE LUNCH TODAY WITH DeGenae Spencer who will be leaving for the Armed Services on January 8, 2018.

* **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SISTER BETTYE BREWER** will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Inglewood Park Mortuary (Manchester Chapel), 3801 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, Calif. 90305. Repast at Figueroa immediately after the service. Viewing on Wednesday, December 20th from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Cards may be sent to the Brewer Family, 5060 Oaknoll Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90043.

* **SISTER BARBARA BOWERS** would like to thank all for the cards, calls, well wishes extended to her during the loss of her brother. Please keep her in your prayers.

***THE CARSON ZONE WILL MEET FOR A FEW MINUTES IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE.**

***A COPY OF THE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS IN THE CHURCH FOYER.** PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT. IF INCORRECT PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS NEXT TO THE TYPED INFORMATION OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE NEED YOUR HELP SO WE CAN FINALIZE THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY BEFORE SENDING TO THE PRINTER. THANKS

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***BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING THOSE BORN IN THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER** WILL BE HELD December 31, 2017 following morning worship.

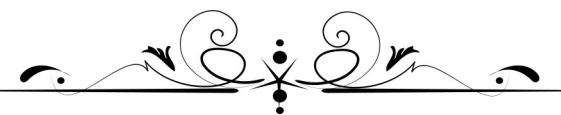
CONGRATULATIONS: SISTER ANNETTE WILLIAMS celebrated her 80th birthday on December 13th, 2017.

***THE 29TH ANNUAL FIGUEROA LADIES SYMPOSIUM** WILL BE JANUARY 27TH—28TH, 2018. THE THEME: "GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE". Registration fee for Adults is \$25.00 and \$15.00 for youth. Registration forms are available in the foyer or see sister Clemmie Johnson.

****SAVE THE DATES!** DECEMBER 31, 2017. citywide year end worship service here at Figueroa at 5:00 P.M. All Church of Christ Congregations will worship together during our regular 5:00 p.m. service.

***JANUARY 12, 2018 @7:00 P.M., January 13, 2018 @3:00 p.m. & January 14, 2018 @2:30 P.M. EPE EMPHATIC PRAISE EXPLOSION, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE SINGARAMA** WILL BE HELD AT THE Hawthorne COCm 4585 W. ElSegundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA., 90250.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



***** ENTER TO WORSHIP *****

Sunday December 17, 2017

Morning/Evening

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Jerome Thompson

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Alfred Garrett

RESPONSIVE READING & INVOCATION PRAYER

V.E. Hawkins

SCRIPTURE

Erango Kelbisow

MAIN PRAYER

Ruben Boykin

SERMON

V.E. Hawkins

RESPONSES

Derrick Pierre

OFFERING

Damon Saddler

LORD'S SUPPER

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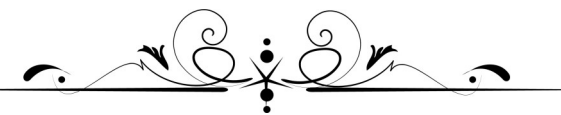
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Dan Gates

BENEDICTION

Orlando Murray

***** LEAVE TO SERVE *****



RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100