



REV. RODNEY S. CROOM  
SENIOR PASTOR

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

**P** Is for the - PREACHER -  
God called you to be

**A** Is for the - ANOINTING -  
gifted to you to minister  
with His leading

**S** Is for - SHEPHERD -  
appointed to lead God's  
flock

**T** Is for - TEACHER - who  
studies and shares God's  
Word

**O** Is for - OBEDIENCE - a  
heart of compliant  
submission to him

**R** Is for - RIGHTEOUSNESS -  
by which you live and are  
blessed

Hello Beloveds! I pray that all is well in this season of your lives. As I write this article, I am reminded of God's overwhelming mercy and grace! It has done for us what no one else could have possibly done. I am reminded of the verses in Psalm 103:6-14, *"The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."*

When we look at our behavior and rebellion against God, we deserve to be punished and we deserve to be cast off. We don't deserve forgiveness; but God does not deal with us as we deserve to be dealt with. This does not mean sin does not have consequences nor does it excuse our behavior. Anyone who truly fears God should reverence Him enough to desire to serve and please Him. God in His mercy and grace does not deal with us like we deserve. He knows our frame and remembers we are but dust.

There is a reason why God does not deal with us as we deserve to be dealt with. It is because He sent His only begotten Son to die in our place. Jesus died for our sins and thus took the wrath of God so that we would not have to take the wrath of God. We deserved God's wrath, but Christ took the wrath of God on our behalf. Now God the Father only deals with us in grace and mercy. This is why I am overwhelmed by grace and mercy because I know it should have been me on the cross, but Jesus took our place. Who wouldn't serve a God like this!

No wonder why the songwriter wrote:  
*"Jesus paid it all  
All to him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow"*

Let us respond to His grace and mercy with gratitude. Let us respond to His grace and mercy with submission and surrender to His will and purpose for our lives. May our lives reflect the fact that we are recipients of His grace and mercy!

Pastor "C"

## KIDS KORNER

BibleWise

### Harvest Time: Wheat or Tare?

In Matthew 13:24-30, Jesus teaches his followers the parable of the Wheat and Tares. In this parable, an enemy plants tares, or weeds, in a farmer's field of wheat. When the servants ask the farmer if they should uproot the tares, the farmer says to let them grow together. By doing this, the wheat won't be uprooted with the tares. The farmer then explains that when it is time to harvest, they should gather the tares and burn them and put the wheat in his barn.

Think about this parable. What if we thought of the wheat as good, loving thoughts and the tares as unhelpful, negative thoughts?

Now, let's harvest those thoughts! Read examples of thoughts on the stems below. Color in the stems with good, loving thoughts. Leave the unhelpful, negative thoughts white.



## Prayer requests...



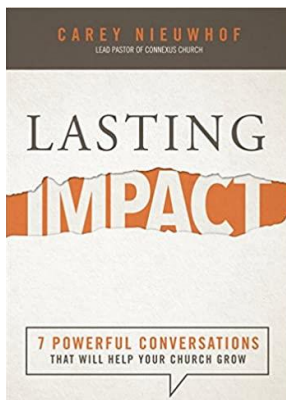
- Pastor Croom – Attentive to God, Health & Devine Wisdom
- Croom Family-Protection & Devine Wisdom
- Church Leadership-Spiritual Unity & Devine Wisdom
- Unity in the Family of God
- Gods Protection & Wisdom
- Sunday School -God would bring those who thirst for His Word
- The Community
- Bro. Jarvis Crawford Jr. – Healing (Spiritual & Physical)
- James Croom -Mental Health & Salvation
- Sis. Ann Curtis
- Bro. Orlando Harding-Spiritual Healing & Obedience to God
- Sis. Michelle Harding -Obedience to God & Application of the Word
- Sis. Sydney Harding -Spiritual Healing & Direction
- Sis. Taunya Hartwell -Pain Relief
- Sis. Jalisia Hated -Deepening of her relationship with the Lord
- Sis. Fenita Kirkwood -Pain in the body
- Sis. Joyce Lockett- Mourning &Pain Relief
- Sis. Nibia Miller
- Bro. Major Miller
- Sis. Batina Newton & Family
- Fi Penny -Consolation in the Lord & not in things/people
- Sis. Diane Powell – Pain Relief
- Sis. Gina Robinson -Traveling Grace & Trust in the Lord
- Sis. Turner – Health & Healing
- Sis. Thelma Ware -Pain Relief
- 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

## LASTING IMPACT

### Leadership Class

Oct. 16 – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 8:15 a.m.

Pastor Croom, Instructor



Purchase your book from your favorite bookseller

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



## Just being Kym

Growing up, Kym Humphrey may have been called “an Army brat” as both her parents were in the Army. Yet she focuses on the positive, her mother’s strict adherence to order.

“With Mom’s military background, everything was in order.” Kym says. “I guess that’s where I get my sense of order from.”

Born in Oklahoma, Kym came to California in May of 2015. She was Fighting her own personal demons and decided she needed a change. Her faith in God gave her complete victory!

“Faith; really believing God had not brought me this far to leave me,” she confessed. “Along with a lot of tears and prayer.”

Today, she is motivated simply by waking up each day and being able to take care of herself. But Kym also exudes an extraordinary passion for living life to its fullest.

“I love, love, love Sunday School,” Kym, who joined First Baptist Church – Palm Springs in 2015, exclaims as well as researching public and private policy. Her hobbies include cooking, reading, and landscaping. She works with the Culinary Arts Ministry and along with Sis. Gina Robinson welcoming visitors. She also loves working with senior citizens.

“I guess I love seniors so much because I am going to be one someday.” she laughs.



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*“I love, love, love being in fellowship!”*

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Her favorite scripture is Ephesians 5:15-18 (with emphasis on 18, she notes): “<sup>15</sup> See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”

Join Sisters Who Care...

### Women's Luncheon

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.  
Carver Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles  
First Lady Angie Croom, Speaker  
Contact Sis. Karen Williams (760) 904-8157  
to reserve a seat on the church van,  
departing at 7:45 a.m.

EVERY SUNDAY 8:15 a.m.

# JOIN us at Sunday school

CLASSES  
FOR ALL  
AGES

Breast Cancer Awareness  
Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

think  
Pink



*Sisters Who Care* enjoyed a fellowship evening at the movies recently. They watched "The Woman King" starring Viola Davis. (left).

They also celebrated July, August, and September birthdays at a luncheon at Billy Reed's on another fellowship occasion. (below)



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CYNTHIA CURTIS	3
EDNA JOHNSON	4
DIANE POWELL	6
MATRIT COE	6
SAM THOMPSON	7
KAYLSUM SMITH	15
TOYA THIGPEN	23

## • Grand Opening Service

Sunday, October 16th 2022 • 11am

Dollahan Elementary School

1060 W. Etiwanda Ave, Rialto, CA 92376



Pastor Tracy & First Lady Monica Crawford

Pastor Rodney S. Croom, Sr  
First Baptist Church – Palm Springs  
Afternoon Speaker

## AJALON 64<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, OCT. 23<sup>RD</sup>

SPEAKER: REV. WELTON PLEASANT, II



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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