



## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Annual Ushers' Day (1922-2022)**

### *Statement of Occasion*



### **The Usher's Motto: Ready to Serve. Always at your Post.**

Ushers serve as the first representatives of Jesus Christ. With a welcoming hand, they set the stage for worship. At this church, ushers follow the first commandment of our Lord, "Love one another, as I have loved you."

The heart of an usher is the heart of a servant, and the person does their work for the Lord. A church usher has true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the house of God. It is important that an usher is friendly, honest and willing to serve. It is an honorable position in the church, requiring integrity, reliability, and wisdom.

Today, the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Annual Ushers' Day. Our ushers have a rich history of serving the Lord. They are spiritual ambassadors for the church. The Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5 is a solid guideline for a good usher. It is not about perfection, but a heartfelt motive and desire to live a life of spirit filled behavior.

To walk with the Lord means that a spiritual relationship has been established. A "walk in love" means serving the Lord with gladness. Maya Angelou said, "People will forget what you said; people will forget what you did; but people will never forget how you made them feel." I think this quote is a great example of an usher. We are the first person that members, friends or visitors encounter, and we are the last person they see upon leaving the church. Ambassadors at work!

Through the years, there are numerous examples past and present of responsible ushers walking with the Lord, and we take this time to honor those who served the Lord, in various capacities, for at least thirty years or more. Walking in love is a belief established in one's heart that empowers and motivates the believer to live as Christ did.

On our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we stop and recognize some ushers who walked these aisles and now walk in heaven still praising and serving the Lord.

Katie Daniels  
William Glover  
Charles Hawkins  
Faye Johnson  
Jesse Johnson  
Grace Lewis  
Rebecca Williams  
William Williams  
Ora Mae Wilson

We also recognize and celebrate some present ushers who have followed the legacy of Christian service, guiding youth and children ushers, and setting examples for adult ushers. They walk in love as Christ loved us. The following members deserve their flowers and appreciation:

Pamela Bizzell  
James Dancy  
Leroy Diggs  
Larry Elkins  
Gussie Edmondson  
Pauline Hampton  
Yolanda Hines  
Welton Jones  
Harold Lee  
Valerie McDonald  
Bobbette Phillips  
Enrique Phillips  
Donna Pugh  
Ella Quinlan Oatis  
Michelle Rainey Woods  
Sharon Simmons  
Perry Singleton  
Jody Spurlock  
Wiley Sturns  
Byron Taylor  
Georgia Taylor  
Ernest Terrell  
Frank Toney  
Douglas Van Vactor  
Marie Van Vactor  
and  
Jacquelyn McMahon

Let me conclude with these words that sum up our joyfulness on this momentous occasion.

God help us in everyways  
Every praise is to our God  
Every word of worship  
With one accord,  
Every praise, every praise, every praise  
Is to our God  
Come on everybody  
Sing hallelujah  
To our God  
Glory hallelujah  
Is due our God

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, my fellow Ushers! “Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord  
for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.” Psalms 106:1 Amen

Respectfully Submitted.  
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