



100th 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 100th 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 100th 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 100th 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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