



The Altar Guild Ministry ‘GOES ON’

AND YE SHALL KEEP THE CHARGE OF THE SANCTUARY, AND THE CHARGE OF THE ALTAR.

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The Second Baptist Church Altar Guild Ministry is grateful for the privilege to serve our congregation during these last months of challenges while we have been away from that sanctuary we love and that altar we hold dear to our hearts. We continue to serve by reaching out to our membership, by ordering flowers for the sick and shut-in, our grieving families and supporting bereaved families by providing funeral flowers. Please know we are available if you need our assistance, we are just a phone call away.

Before the pandemic we confessed how tired we were and we didn't know if we would be able to carry on and deliver 150 plus lilies and poinsettias to adorn that altar we miss so much. The Narthex with the window issues was becoming an increasingly challenge to keep the area clean and welcoming. We had forgotten how we had really set the bar (186 plants) so high with all his goodness and mercy. Well we are grateful for the time we have been blessed with to rest and heal and to listen and learn that there are other ways to accomplish those things, you just have to be still and listen. We have always been grateful, but it is God's grace and mercy that made the impossible, possible with a few tired old women and men. .

We always like to say we started deep in the hole owing the church, the florist and a few others. We have never had much, but he blessed us with whatever we needed when we dreamed it. We have had many impossible dream stories to share and sponsors to celebrate. We didn't go to a furniture store and order furniture, or a garden shop and order wrought iron benches or to a fine linen shop and order scarfs and table cloths from around the world, or a specialty salon to acquire endless choices of Christmas decorations, but we have the best of everything. Someday we will write it all day and share our stories about God's miracles with the SBC Altar Guild. Even with those few old ladies and men nothing is impossible for our Lord and Savior.

We just want you to know we remain steadfast for our congregation and we are here to help make your day blossom with flowers for any occasion or your life sweeter with love and hope with special bouquets. You know the saying "If and when you plan to experience the joy of giving please consider doing it through flowers." If you are celebrating *I got my vaccine, I hugged my child, I went to the barber/beauty shop, I spent my day zooming, I now can operate email or any of those good choses*, may we encourage you to allow the Altar Guild the privilege to provide the flowers. E-mail or call Church Office Lisa Ly <deleby@pacbell.net> or Phone 213-748-0318 and Natlieth Smith< ndsmith2@sbcglobal.net> (323-574-3255).

To God Be The Glory!