



COVID-19 UPDATE

As many are aware, due to the continued spread of Covid-19, the State of California has mandated that we do not assemble for Worship in the Church Facility / Sanctuary at this time. We will continue to follow the guidance of the Health Care Professionals and Scientists.

Stay Safe and Please Wear a Mask!

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St. Stephen CME Church

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Virtual Worship Services Sundays at 10:00am PST

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701-779-9590

We are a people inspired by the Holy Spirit to: Worship God, Witness to the World and Work with One Another – “Church Mission Statement”

25TH PASTORS' CONFERENCE & 77TH FOUNDERS' CELEBRATION
January 11-12, 2021 7:00 PM-10:00 PM (Each night) A Virtual Event
 Theme: "Getting Back to Basics: Breaking The Chains Of The Traditional Pastor (A COVID-19 Edition)"

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The Phillips School of Theology will host the **virtual Twenty-Fifth Pastors' Conference & Seventy-Seventh Founders' Celebration** on Monday, January 11 and Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM each night.

The theme is, "**Getting Back to Basics: Breaking The Chains Of The Traditional Pastor (A Covid-19 Edition).**" This historical Pastors' Conference is a milestone as we celebrate our 25th annual event and first virtual one! The Pastors' Conference will be streamed via the ITC Zoom Platform. The Chapel Service will be held Tuesday January 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM.

The registration fee for the Pastors' Conference & Founders' Celebration is \$100.

For additional information, please visit the [Pastors' Conference and Founders' Celebration](#) online, or call 404-527-7768.



Remember in Prayer

Our Known Sick & Shut-In Members and Friends

Lorri Carlson | Edna Franklin | James Grandison | Raynard Green | Elizabeth Hogue | Kevin Morris | Ted Nelson | Elizabeth Reeves | Ben Robbins | Retired SFO Police Chief and Mrs. Sanders | Minnie Smiley | Mary Trammell | Clarice Scott | Albert White



“Every Member Pray For Every Member”

Robert Ashford | Tom Barton | Viola Braggs | Arlene Grandison | Freddie Gravely | Verna Green | Viola King | Wesley Moore | Patricia Redds | Bessie Scott | Annita Lakey | Jacquelyn Best | Annette Robinson | Victoria Shields | Don Sims | Jesse Sims | Josephine Sims | Ida Singletary | Ida Byrd | Lacynthia Carr | Melisha Perkins | Karene Thomas | Mr. Floyd Dale Bratton, Sr | Myrtle Boggan | Rev. Joseph Allen

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A Word From Pastor & Mrs. Isom



'Tis' So Sweet to Trust In Jesus – that's the Hymn that continues to be in my heart during these very, very difficult times. Even as we enter in the New Year, we still know all to well the concerns of the world. But thank God for Jesus.

Yes, just to take Him at His Word. Jesus told us that in this world we will have trouble, trials, tribulations, difficulties, challenges, valleys, sorrows and all else that would cause dismay, but Jesus concluded that we are to take heart, that we are to be of good cheer and be at peace because He reminded us that He has overcome the world - John 16:33 and John the Evangelist reminded us that we too are overcomers because of our belief in Jesus – 1st John 5:5.

What wonderful news at a time when that is exactly what we need, some good news.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead, c. 1850-1917

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise, And to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me - 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking - Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Love, Joy, Peace

Amanda Harrinauth

We rejoice! Our heavenly Father has filled us with love, joy and peace. These are the fruits of the spirit, that will open our hearts and help us walk with Him. They open us up to a brand new start. We come together with these traits that rain down from the hills.

Love! Love one another. Be Love and do love around the world. Let our hearts be showered with praise and let us be amazed that...

The heavenly Father gives us joy, without ceasing. Find joy in simplicity like the sunshine. Find joy in the raindrops that tickle our noses as they roll down, Let's find joy in the most Joyous Being, our friend - Jesus Christ.

Give us peace, my Father. We have been through a lot. We have fought the battle courageously.

Beginning on Sunday, January 3rd through Sunday, January 24th, the Lay Ministry under the leadership of Sister Annette J. Williams will lead the SSCMEC Family in our "21 Day Daniel Fast and Prayer Time". Every evening, at 5PM, SSCMEC Family Members are asked to dial in to our shared phone line 701-779-9590 for encouragement, connections and prayer. We will open the time together with prayer, followed by a time of fellowship and encouragement.

During the 21 days of fasting, we remind you to follow your physician's guidance on medication and nutrition. During the times of fasting, we are reminded to use the time as an opportunity to seek the will of God in each of our own individual lives, as well as what God is speaking to the SSCMEC Family as we embark on a new year. Sister Annette J. Williams, Lay Leader -

CHURCH CONFERENCE / OFFICIAL BOARD

Church Conference / Official Board will meet on Tuesday, January 5th at 6PM. The Zoom information is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/93007815945?pwd=UEhGc2dRSWJZbUNYNW10cIE0QXZtdz09>

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669.900.9128

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