



Community Baptist Church of Santa Rosa

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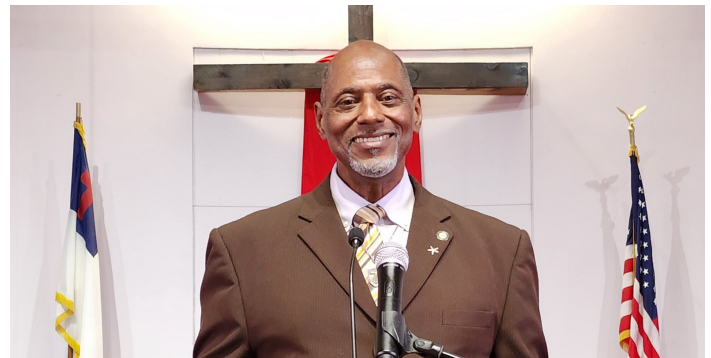
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Pastor's Corner

Happy and Joyous New Year! Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It's in Him that we live, move, and have our being. I pray you are experiencing the joy of being both His creation and His child.

In Roman mythology, some scholars regard Janus as the god of all beginnings and believe that his association with doorways is derivative. Roman religion was based not on divine grace but instead on mutual trust (fides) between god and man. Christianity, unique in its universal charity and unique also in its demand for a noble effort of faith in Jesus' blend of divinity and humanity, was the religion that prevailed in the Roman world. Janus presided over the beginning and ending of conflicts. Janus was depicted as a god with two faces on one head; and these two faces looked in the opposite direction of each other. Their direction indicated that one face looked backward as the other face looked forward. It is conventionally thought that Janus is the root from where we get the word January, the name for the first month of the year. Now we are not polytheistic; we do not consent to the belief in many gods. So for us, the history of this mythical Janus only serves to shed some historical and cultural light on the terminology and application for the month of January. It is the ideal time to look back and reflect on God's work and Providence in our lives in 2023. However, it is also a time to look ahead and set a course for 2024 that leads to an expected end.

I pray that as God is beginning some things, you'll walk in His strength to end some things. As you press towards the mark, you should also forget those things which are behind. Make a conscious choice to end those things (within your control) that distract and deter you from God's plan for your life. Amen

Blood Donor Awareness Month

Join us every Sunday at 11am for Church Service. Here is our current schedule for Bible Studies and other services as of September 2023:

Tuesday: 5:30pm- Women's Bible Study
on Zoom: 843 3917 1993

Thursday: 6:30 In-person Bible Study
5:30pm- Special Needs Bible Study
on Zoom: 819 0115 3607

Friday: 5:00pm-Bible Study (Isaiah)
online only

Saturday: 5:00pm- Hour of Prayer- In-person and online

Sunday: 9:00am- Sunday School- online only

10:45am Praise and Worship- In-person

11:00am- Church Service- In-person and online

Blood donation is a national concern. More than 50 years ago - on December 31, 1969 - President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month (NBDM). The new monthly observance was meant to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood at a time when more blood is needed. Due to increased seasonal illnesses during the winter months and inclement weather conditions, donations of blood and platelets decline, and demand increases.

From one unit of blood, red blood cells can be extracted and used to treat patients who lost blood due to trauma or those who are recovering from surgery. Plasma, the liquid part of blood, is typically administered to patients with requiring treatment to improve blood clotting. Platelets, a third component, clot the blood when cuts or other open wounds occur, and are often used in the treatment of patients with cancer or those undergoing organ transplants.

About 36,000 units of red blood cells and 7,000 units of platelets are needed every single day in the U.S. The most requested blood type by hospitals is type O. This kind of blood can be transfused to patients of all blood types, so it's always in great demand and very short supply. Only 7% of people in the U.S. have type O. A single-car accident victim may need up to 100 pints of blood to survive. About 6.8 million people donate blood every year in the U.S. 38% of our population is eligible to donate, but less than 10% actually do.

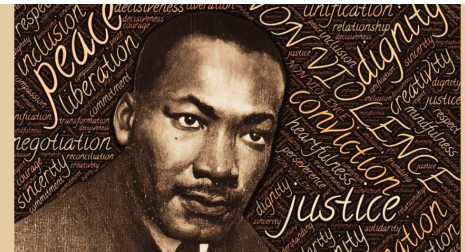
#NationalBloodDonorMonth #GiveBlood

A Day On, Not A Day Off

Community Baptist Church of Santa Rosa, the CBC Collaborative, and Community Equity Foundation will be hosting a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration-"A Day On, Not A Day Off" at 1620 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA on Monday, January 15, 2024 from 10am - 3pm.

We will be having a community-driven, festival-type venue with music, tables of information offering local services and resources available, some local vendors, food and diaper giveaway, and more to be announced. In addition, there will be a park clean-up at MLK Park in Santa Rosa.

A Day On, Not A Day Off is a free event, that will be an enjoyable atmosphere for the greater community, as we unite to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This celebration is for our whole community and offers a great opportunity for networking. If you are interested in hosting a resource or vendor table, please contact Maria Dwyer at (707) 546-0744 x 304 for more information.



"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, THE CBC COLLABORATIVE, AND
COMMUNITY EQUITY FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

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We will be having a community-driven, festival-type venue with music, tables of local resource information, some local vendors, a food and diaper giveaway, and more! There will also be some community service projects to participate in throughout the community for those who wish to serve.

This is a free event open to the whole community, as we unite to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. If you are interested in hosting a resource or vendor table, please contact the phone number or email below.



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