

# NEWS & NOTES

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## Notes From The Director...



Hello, Friends!

We've been working hard since June after a long Covid-induced hiatus to prepare our 4th Annual BlesSING Benefit Concert for you. The concert will be presented on Sunday, October 24th at 3pm at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego. Themed *Let Light Shine Out of the Darkness* (Second Corinthians 4:6), the concert will feature uplifting musical selections coupled with personal stories about persevering through the challenges of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. This will be a moving and memorable experience for all, not to be missed! Accompanying the choir will be a full orchestra featuring musicians from the Westminster Orchestra, City Ballet of San Diego Orchestra, and the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego Worship Team. Admission to this concert is FREE. All are welcome. There will be a freewill offering taken to support *Street Corner Care* that serves the homeless community downtown. Please see our BlesSING Concert Flyer at the end of this newsletter.

We hope you'll join us and bring your friends!

- Rodney

**Please make check payable to:**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**MEMO: San Diego Street Choir**

**Donations**  
**Gratefully**  
**Accepted!**

**MAIL TO: San Diego Street Choir**  
 % First Presbyterian Church  
 320 Date St., San Diego, CA 92101

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# SDSC AWARDS

**Congratulations!!!**

**To our Perfect Attendance Award Winners for June-July**



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**Celebrating and  
Remembering**

**San Diego Mayor's  
Proclamation of**

**“San Diego  
Street Choir Day”**

**9-14-18**



## In the Spotlight... Ernest Bell

### “Look At GOD”

Hello, my name is Ernest Bell and I am blessed to be with the San Diego Street Choir here in good old San Diego, California. I was born in General Hospital in Los Angeles, California and grew up in Watts, (Los Angeles), during the Watts riot. I am currently 67 years of age, born October 30, 1953. I will be 68 this October 30, 2021. I was born in a household that knew and feared GOD. Both of my parents were ministers of the gospel. So you know how come I really love the Lord. As a child growing up, I was the youngest of 2 sisters and 3 brothers. That was hell... at least my version of it!



I went to Blair High School in Pasadena, California where I spent a lot of my time in the art of musical plays. Most of the time I tried out for the lead part and out of 4 plays, I got the starring role in 3 of them... all by the love of GOD. You see, I was brought up to love GOD with all my heart and all my soul. I had to learn how to love GOD, Mom, Dad, and me because we were a poor family that made it on the word of GOD.

I went to Pasadena City College and received my AA degree in Business Management. It was my dream for the future. I was married with three kids and went into the Marine Corps and became part of the end of the Vietnam War. By the grace of GOD I made it out alive! My wife left me with the kids while I was stationed in the Philippines. She left us without saying a word except for a “Dear John” letter. She remarried and overdosed on heroin.



I have one son living in Canada; one son in the service; and one son in prison for committing murder in the first degree in broad daylight. All I can do is turn him over to GOD’S saving grace. I praise GOD for saving me and bringing me to sing in the Street Choir. GOD is good and so is the love of the San Diego Street Choir. It’s like a family and I feel so blessed. I’m okay with that!

# SDSC PERFORMANCES



Chapel Service at San Diego Rescue Mission



FPCSD Sunday Service

## San Diego Street Choir

<http://sandiegostreetchoir.org>

### BlesSING Benefit Concert 2021

FREE ADMISSION!  
ALL net proceeds benefit  
"Street Corner Care"  
Rodney Girvin, Director  
Joe DeMers, Pianist

FEATURING...  
The San Diego Street Choir  
The Westminster Orchestra  
The First Presbyterian  
Church Worship Team



LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF THE DARKNESS  
- 2 Corinthians 4:6



SUNDAY, OCT. 24, 2021 @ 3PM

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

320 Date Street, San Diego, CA 92101

