

**Rick Mandl**  
**Senior Pastor**



## **We Live In “Interesting Times”**

There is an old saying, “May you live in interesting times.” This idiom dates back to the first half of the 1900s. Many claim it is of Chinese origin, and that it is an ancient curse, but there is no known equivalent expression in Chinese.

One of the most famous uses of this phrase was by Robert Kennedy in a speech in the year 1966. He said, “There is a Chinese curse which says, ‘May he live in interesting times.’ Like it or not we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty; but they are also more open to the creative energy of men than any other time in history.”

RFK meant that the 1960s were interesting because of all the fear that people had over what the future would hold.

I wonder if you can see any parallels to the times in which we are living right now.

We would be tempted to say that these are ‘unprecedented times,’ were it not for the fact that as you study church history you discover that these times were not that different from the time at which the church was born.

The Apostles used the technology of their day - letters delivered along the network of Roman cities and shipping routes - to empower and equip area church leaders who were located outside of their immediate reach. Social distance and “shelter in place” orders did not stop them from continuing their ministry.

A quarter of the book of Acts, which is the authoritative story of how the church began, is a playbook on how to do ministry in forced confinement. The last chapters of that book record the period of time during which Paul was in Roman custody (Acts 21-28). Being confined did not limit his reach.

Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians are the letters of Paul which we often refer to as “the prison epistles” because Paul wrote them while under house arrest. They were living documents, written to provide real-time ministry encouragement to the three churches he planted.

During Paul’s forced confinement he maintained his sense of ministry urgency and so are we. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to fast-track our plans for expanded online ministry and to look for new and creative ways to maintain contact with all of those in our church family.

I’m so grateful to all our staff and congregation who have adjusted so well to the rapid changes that all of us have had to make. None of us would have chosen these circumstances, as those in which

we would be doing ministry, any more than the Apostle Paul would have chosen to conduct his ministry from inside a Roman prison cell. Nevertheless, I think that we can say along with Paul:

***“And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.” Philippians 1:12***

I'm looking forward to the time when we can be back together again to worship on the corner of Colorado & Loleta, but in the meantime I'm looking forward to seeing what God is going to do through the ways in which we are doing ministry right now.

I want to thank all of you, our church family, for your support and encouragement as together we see to lift up Jesus Christ as the only source of true hope in this broken, chaotic world.

Excited to be on the journey with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R" that loops back under the name.

Pastor Rick

**Raquel Blanchard**  
**Director of Children's Ministries**

Last year was one of the most important, exciting and happiest years in my life. The last 15 months I worked at church as the Interim Director of Children's Ministry; and less than two months ago I became a full-time staff member. I strongly believe God's timing is perfect and working in children's ministry all this time has been very rewarding and uplifting, an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. I know God is moving in our church and in children's ministry in big ways and I'm glad to be a part of this movement.

Let me share with all of you some of the great things God has done so far in our ministry. Last year on Easter we were able to share the gospel in new ways to all the kids, staff and volunteers. We also offered five KI/PO for our church families and the community around. Events like Kids In/Parents Out have helped us to be known in the community as a generous church with open arms to help the families.

On Christmas we hosted our 6th event called Jingle Jam and this time families had the opportunity to stay. The event was a success! We had about 140 to 150 people, about 50 more people than expected. We had 6 completely new families that came from all different venues to the event, some of these new families made ERBC their church as a result of the caring and shepherding we offered to them in the weeks ahead. To God be the glory! We gave away 15 Bibles to both new and regularly attending children that came to Jingle Jam, plus more Bibles have been distributed in months after that.

In recent weeks Children's Ministry has been able to host two more events in different ways, our Easter and Mother's Day Drive Thru events. For Easter we distributed 70 Easter baskets to church families. We had 4 new families that heard about the gathering and came to get their own Easter baskets. And for Mother's Day we prepared 80 pastry boxes, 60 of the boxes were given to mothers and grandmothers the day of the event and 20 more boxes were distributed to moms in the community. I'm glad to report that events like the Easter and Mother's Day Drive Thru are helping our church members to stay in touch with each other and not to lose sight of the main goal which is "More People, More like Jesus"

As you can see God is good and His love for the Next Generation has been shown to all of us through generosity and growth. Talking about generosity our ministry also helps families in need, sometimes it's sending a meal, giving a gift card for a grocery store and so much more when families need it.

I would like to add that our virtual services have been very uplifting for the parents and their children in these uncertain and difficult times. The connections we are making right now through shepherding and being intentional are very valuable to our kids and their families. I can't wait to see what God has in store for our Children's Ministry in the months ahead. May God continue giving us the wisdom to lead the church and His people.

In Christ,

Raquel Blanchard  
Director of Children's Ministry

**James Bean**  
**Director of Worship Arts & Technology**



Looking back on this year, I am praising God for the ways He has used us to advance His Kingdom in Los Angeles and various parts of the world. God's name will be glorified, and I am humbled to be a part of His work. I have seen more and more people stepping up to serve and living lives of worship. I see people being inspired by the weekend worship services and living lives that honor God throughout the week, living side by side with the lost, and offering the hope that can only be found through faith in Jesus.

Spreading the love of Jesus to our community is the number one reason we do JAMPAC each year. This year, 100 students K-8<sup>th</sup> grade were a part of the *Jesus And Me Performing Arts Camp*, a week-long day camp put together by our staff and volunteers. JAMPAC has served as an onramp for people in our community to get involved at ERBC for over a decade. The kids learned and performed the musical "Danny & The Shacks" in one week's time. Parents, friends and family filled our Worship Center to hear about the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. JAMPAC serves us internally to raise up future worship leaders from Elementary and High School. JAMPAC also serves as both outreach and evangelism that happens due in large part to the generosity of our ERBC family.

Leading the congregation in music worship throughout the year is a special passion of mine. Our choir has been growing steadily in size and expertise. Besides our Christmas Choir services and Easter Choir we held four special worship services to encourage our congregation to live out their worship throughout the week. Volunteers came out and "Decked the Halls" on the inside and outside of our church campus. We created a photo opportunity wall inside the foyer and a coco bar inside the coffeeshouse, to make ERBC a fun place to invite your family and friends during the holidays.

I held Worship Arts Auditions every 4 months, calling on the congregation to rise up and "Be The Church." Each time our congregants stepped up to join the choir, play, sing and serve in tech. Even though people constantly come and go, God always fills the void. People's talent can vary greatly, but each of us can begin the process of serving by being open to God using us, many times, in spite of our weaknesses.

In addition to my primary role of planning and leading weekend worship services, I also took on new roles and assisted our staff by providing technical support and facilitating groups. In addition to leading a life group each semester, I led the summer Hiking Group, gave my support to the Men's Camping Trip and provided audio/video support and for the Women's Retreat and Women's Tea. I also worked closely with Pastor Andrew to incorporate new vision and strategy into the Welcome Team Ministry.

This year, I did a major install of energy efficient LED stage light fixtures in the Worship Center with our Sound Coach, Matt Westman. We have planned and saved for this project for many years, and we finished on-time and under-budget. LED light fixtures give us greater flexibility to match the look of each sermon series with the press of a button, save energy and help to create a

worshipful ambiance in our sanctuary. With your help, we will continue to make improvements that reflect the glory of God and serve to spread the good news.

A central focus of ours this year has been to **Love God** and **Love People**. Invite tools, Servant Evangelism, Special Events, Day Camps and Special Worship Services have all been designed to share the love of Jesus Christ with our community. Thanks so much for continuing to partner with us in this mission to be living reflections of God's glory and living expressions of his love for all people.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Bean". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "In Him,".

James Bean  
Director of Worship Arts & Technology

**Hortensia Aguilar**  
**Director of Caring Ministries and Staff Assistant**



Can you believe another year has gone by? As Director of the Caring Ministries, I oversee volunteers to help us with baptisms, hospitality, communion, bereavement, and visitation. Please feel free to call me or send me an email if you would like to get involved in any of these ministries.

**Staff Assistant** – I oversee what needs to be done around here to keep up our premises looking inviting. I work with Chuck Haynes and Property Management. Thanks to Chuck and his expertise I have learned how to go about getting many things done. One of my other jobs as staff assistant is making sure bulletins, flyers, posters, etc. get done. Our challenge as we move along with new guidelines, is on how to do things so yes, we have lots of work cut out for us. Our main concern is to make this place as safe as possible for our members.

**Caring Ministries** – We oversee baptisms, communion, hospitality, and bereavement/visitation. Again, new guidelines will change on how we will be doing these ministries. I am looking forward on how we will be moving ahead, and how you will be able to help with these ministries in the future.

**Eagles Wings** – This has been one of the best ministries for me. I get to spend time with the seniors, and now I am a senior myself, how time flies. We have outings, lunches, and while doing this we fellowship with one another. In the future we will have to adjust to the new way of doing things. I am still looking forward to how things will change, mask and all. A new look for all of us.

**Love Share** – Going out visiting those who no longer can worship with us or are hospitalized is another one of my passions. Love Share is a great way to serve our church, and those who once served in this ministry and other ministries. They are always happy to hear that more people are stepping up and serving in the church ministries. The Lord commands us to serve those who are in need. Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' We had to put this ministry as many others on hold due to COVID-19, as we could not visit anyone at the homes, or hospitals, to protect them as well as to protect ourselves. Yes, there will be new ways on how to continue with this ministry.

**Grief Ministries** – This is one of the ministries we had to put on hold due to COVID-19. Kathleen McKissick and I facilitate the group for 6-week. We meet on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm sometimes all we need is to share how we feel. We do not have all the answers, but we are there to listen to you and share with you and to let you know that you are not alone. It doesn't matter how many come to the support group. One of the participants in the group came to us and told us how much it had helped her to have someone listen, and she realized she was not alone in her journey. That to us was one of the most satisfying words we could ever have heard. Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. We are looking forward on starting this ministry in the future again.

As most of you already know, I also oversee janitorial, gardening services, and I've been known to water our plants in the patio area. I also have the privilege to work with Chuck Haynes. He is always overseeing the needs of the property. Here again, if it wasn't for my faithful volunteers, I would not

be able to accomplish all that I do. Volunteers are what makes our church so great! I'm reminded of Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."

Thank you for your generosity. Without it, none of our ministries would be possible. "For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give—large or small—will be used to measure what is given back to you." - Luke 6:38

If you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please feel free to contact me either by email [hortensia@eaglerockchurch.com](mailto:hortensia@eaglerockchurch.com) or call the church office at 323-255-4611 ext. 106. We need people to help grow these ministries and reach more people.

For Christ,

Hortensia Aguilar

**EAGLE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Membership Report**  
**2019-2020**

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Received Into Membership: 6

Baptisms: 10

Dismissed:

    Withdrew 0

    Death 3

    Removed due to Inactivity 0

With the Lord:

    Dionne Hathcock

    Robert Reinhard

    Ila May Willian

Total Membership: 188



## EAGLE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

### List of Active Members

2019-2020

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1 Aceves, Alma	36 Chacon, Irma	71 Grubb, Adam
2 Aguilar, Hortensia	37 Chavez, Mylan	72 Grubb, Paula
3 Alvarez, Julie	38 Chavez, Neomi	73 Guerra, Denise
4 Alvarez, Kiara	39 Cobankiat, Lucy	74 Gutierrez, Claire
5 Alvarez, Rodrigo	40 Concepcion, Siony	75 Harris, Paul
6 Alwin, Beth	41 Conrad, James (Missionary)	76 Hayne, Charles Jr
7 Alwin, Caren	42 Cook, Jane	77 Hayne, Rosemary
8 Alwin, Leslie	43 Cruz, Sharon	78 Hernandez, Caitlin
9 Artry, Elvira	44 Cruz, William	79 Hoy, Robert
10 Ayala, Daniel	45 Dallarte, Majella	80 Hull, Bill
11 Balleza, Frankie	46 David, Cristina	81 Hull, Marianne
12 Balleza, Mary Anne	47 David, Ellen	82 Humble, Arnold (Missionary)
13 Barcena, Reggie	48 Davis, Lois	83 Jimenez, Jorge
14 Barr, Barbara	49 Deacon, Clint	84 Jimenez, Martha
15 Bates, Eric	50 Deacon, Linda	85 Jimenez, Rosalinda
16 Bates, Judith	51 Dechant, David	86 Johnson, Madelyn
17 Bautista (Donis), Rosa	52 Dechant, Nick	87 Johnson, Tracy
18 Bautista (Fiorenza), Janina	53 Dechant, Shelley	88 Jones, Jeanette
19 Bean, James	54 Derayunan, Adrian	89 Joya, Alina
20 Bean, Judy	55 Ellis, Dorothy	90 Judas, Elsa
21 Bean, Kari	56 Ellis, Tom	91 Kidd, Kristian
22 Belz, Eric (Missionary)	57 Formoso, Raquel	92 Lang, Debra (Shut-in)
23 Belz, Holly (Missionary)	58 Fryar, Jennifer	93 Lee, Gloria
24 Blanchard, Michael	59 Gewe, Gerald	94 Liepins, Diane
25 Blanchard, Raquel	60 Gewe, Linda	95 Liu, Hong
26 Bolen, Judith	61 Gewe, Vicki	96 Liu, Trini
27 Boxwell, Bill	62 Goberdhan (Yamagami), Kathleen	97 Llorico, James
28 Buehler, Andrew	63 Gonzaga, Trecia	98 Llorico, Joel
29 Buehler, Melanie	64 Gonzales, Raymund	99 Llorico, Josie
30 Cantal, Mae	65 Gonzales, Russell	100 Llorico, Marissa
31 Cantal, Romeo	66 Goodridge, Helen	101 Llorico, Moses
32 Carney, Dee-Dee	67 Gordon, Mark	102 Lomedico, Dino
33 Carney, Patrick	68 Grieb, Adrian	103 Lyle, Frank
34 Carillo, Saray	69 Grimm, Barbara	104 Lyle, Luz
35 Castillo, Galo	70 Grimm, Ramona	105 Maclang, Lynn

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106	Magtoto, Chris	141	Rodgers, Aziel	176	Vega, Pedro
107	Mandl, Judith	142	Rodriguez, Anna Maria	177	Vega, Rose
108	Mandl, Rick	143	Roger, Donald	178	Waddle, Brandon
109	Martin, Debbie	144	Rojas, Alicia	179	Waddle, Devin
110	Martin, Gary	145	Ross, Cathy	180	Westman, Frank
111	Martin, Nick	146	Ross, Lester	181	Westman, Mia
112	McDaniel, Kevin	147	Russo, Steve (Missionary)	182	White, Andrew
113	Mielke, Hilda	148	Salazar, Dolores	183	Wilkins, Robert
114	Modglin, Wendy	149	Sanchez, Richard	184	Wong, Moon
115	Monge, Ana Maria	150	Sims, Lynne	185	Yabs, Matt
116	Morales, Patricia	151	Smith, Alexander (Missionary)	186	Yu, Famela
117	Morgan, Richard	152	Smith, Faith (Missionary)	187	Zeldenrust, Jon
118	Murgia, Brenda	153	Smith, Pat	188	Zimmerle, Marie
119	Navarro, Benjamin	154	Smith, Patty		
120	Navarro, Lilbeth	155	Sojobi, Bolaji		
121	Nunez, Armando	156	Sollesa (Montecillo), Janica		
122	Nunez, Donna Marie	157	Sollesa, Arnel		
123	Ogawa, Alice	158	Sollesa, Becky		
124	Ogawa, Glen	159	Soriano, Editha		
125	Okun, Eva	160	Soriano, Marie		
126	Patag, Jacob	161	Soriano, Norman		
127	Patag, Lorraine	162	Taganas, Melvin		
128	Peck, Aleks	163	Taganas, Roula		
129	Portillo, Jasmine	164	Tam, James (Ming)		
130	Portillo, Rosalia	165	Tam, Johnny		
131	Portillo, Susanne	166	Tam, Jahnell		
132	Poyorena, Sharon (Shut-in)	167	Tolentino, Gloria		
133	Pubols, Cheryl	168	Tolentino, Pat		
134	Pubols, Kevin	169	Torres, Lydia		
135	Ramirez, Bryan	170	Torres, Richard		
136	Ramos, Cynthia	171	Trammel, Jerry		
137	Ramos, Ron	172	Trammel, Mary Ellen		
138	Reinhard, Virginia	173	Tripura, Uttam		
139	Reny, George	174	Udlock, Donn		
140	Reny, Liz	175	Vega, Elba		

**EAGLE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Baptisms**  
**2019-2020**

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1	Sam Blanchard -- April 14, 2019
2	Saray Carillo -- April 14, 2019
3	Misty Duffy -- September 8, 2019
4	Johnny Tam -- September 15, 2019
5	Frank Castro -- September 15, 2019
6	Elena Sanchez Castro -- September 15, 2019
7	Maddison Gallegos-- September 15, 2019
8	Miranda Gallegos -- September 15, 2019
9	Raul Gonzales-- September 15, 2019
10	William Caputo -- October 20, 2019

