We Are Family! I count it a blessing to once again greet you, Family, in the name of our Wonderful Counselor, Savior, and soon coming King – Jesus who is Christ.

Let me first praise God for “His marvelous works and wonders to perform.” As a congregation of baptized believers, our aim is to learn more about Jesus Christ and His will for our lives. We should always be heading toward genuine Christian Discipleship. This is one of the reasons I am excited about what God is doing with our church and His people.

We have seen and are still witnessing tremendous growth in the many Christian Educational Ministries within our church. Our Sunday School has doubled in attendance, and our young people’s attendance has increased such that we will soon divide into two classes. Our Wednesday Night Bible Study has challenged us to step up and “launch out on the deep” as our students have become teachers. Members have selected to share in the teachings of the Parables of Jesus. Each presenter (facilitator) has been informative, equipped, and led by The Spirit.

My prayer is that we continue to “equip the Saints for the work of the ministry and build up the body of Christ.” (Eph. 4:11-12) I am grateful to God that FCCBC is a bible believing church that is driven by the Word of God!

Again, it is evident when over thirty members have gone beyond the church walls and have enrolled in classes at the Church Wide Institute to further their spiritual growth.

May God continue to bless and keep you as you draw closer to the Lord. Let us continue to “study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”...

(II Tim. 2:15)

In His Service,
Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

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Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday

In the year 2012, Resurrection Sunday, our most holy day, will fall on April 8th.

On behalf of Pastor Tucker, we cordially invite you to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Services will take place at FCCBC during Holy Week from April 2nd - April 5th from 7-8 p.m. nightly.

First Christian and Mt. Zion Hill will worship together on Good Friday (April 6th) again this year at Mt. Zion Hill.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3 NIV.
### Food Drive

The Senior Ushers once again collected non-perishable food items and monetary donations for their Christmas Food Drive and provided holiday meals to many need.

Thanks to the generosity of FCCBC, we are pleased to announce that 26 baskets were distributed.

### Deaconess Ministry

To God be the Glory for the great things he has done.

The Deaconess’ have reached out into the community to help those who are less fortunate. In the month of December, the Deaconess’ collected forty kits consisting of toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, soap, lotion, deodorant, tissues, and other items to give to the homeless. These items were delivered to the shelter by Brother Keith Owens and Deaconess Hallie Allen.

Deaconess Allen would like to thank all the Deaconess’ for making this project a success. We will continue to serve the community and our church family.

### Men’s Ministry

Bro. Curtis Allen and Bro. Anthony Jackson have been selected to serve as Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, for 2011-2012.

Several activities and fundraisers are planned.

Men’s Day calendars are available for purchase. Please see Bro. Keith Owens, Jr. to purchase your calendar. Donations are $20 and are behalf of Men’s Day.

### Sunday School Christmas Play

On Christmas Day, the play, “The Birth of Christ,” was held during the Sunday School hour. It was preceded by a delicious and hearty breakfast. We had quite a turnout for the event; it exceeded our expectations.

Deaconess Hallie Allen skillfully presided over the event. The actors and actresses, wearing authentic period costumes, were very convincing in their portrayal of The Nativity. The angels, dancers and singers were beautiful and inspiring in their performances, also. The play was closed with a heartfelt rendition of “Mary Did You Know?” Judging by the comments from audience members, the play was a real success. If you were not in attendance, you missed a great performance.

The officials of the Sunday School would like to thank all the participants in the play and all who took the time out of their busy day to attend. Special thanks to: Sis. Wanda Fuller for her choreography and costumes; Minister Clareetta Holloway for constructing the angels’ wings and halos; Sis. Amy Arthur for making the angels’ outfits; Bro. John Sanders for his support and participation; the culinary crew; Sis. Marilyn Brunt, director and playwright, who did an excellent job in bringing the production to fruition. We hope that, after the conclusion of the play, everyone felt a renewed sense of appreciation for the true meaning of Christmas and will continue to remember and rejoice in the days to come that our Savior was born.

Have a happy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Deacon James Bostick, Superintendent

Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assist. Superintendent

### Bowling Fellowship

On Saturday, March 17, 2012, the men of First Christian Community Baptist Church sponsored a bowling fellowship at Normandy Lanes in Ellicott City.

Approximately 34 men and boys participated. There was plenty of pizza, salad, sodas and breadsticks to go around and a good time was had by all. There were strikes made and also a few gutter balls.

It was an opportunity to get to know each other a little better and to have good clean fun outside the church. There is talk of doing it again with the women included some time in the future.

Thanks to all who participated in the fellowship or sponsored a young man.
Birthday Wishes To:

March
Bro. Carlton Allen
Michael Bright, Jr.
Faith Carter-Topp
Sis. Joyce Harris
Bro. Louis Highsmith
Sis. Joyce Jackson
Bro. Rupert Jackson
Sis. Cheryl McCottrey
Miss Ceandra Shaw
Bro. James Spears
Sis. Mary Thomas
Deaconess Diane Waller
Trustee Brenda Wilkins
Sis. Mae Williams

April
Deaconess Ada Bostick
Sis. Marilyn Brunt
Trustee Ronnie Cole
Sis. Theresa Crusoe
Sis. Joyce Dorsey
Sis. Laura Maxwell
Sis. Nikki Moore

April (continued)
Bro. James Neails
Sis. Icelon (Kitty) Owens
Tamara Sharp
Sis. Phyllis Stokes

May
Special Honoree:
Mother Lillie Mae Campbell
Chymira Carter
Sis. Yolanda Cash
Janel Gay
Akia Holley
Bro. Garcia Miller
Sis. Mary Murphy
Sis. Kimberlee Pelzer
Sis. Mary Webb

June
Special Honoree:
Sis. Bridget Tucker
Bro. John Arthur
Sis. Carolyn Booker

June (continued)
Sis. Cierra Bright
Taylor Brown
Sis. DeNay Cole
Sis. Wanda Fuller
Sis. Christene Holmes
Sis. Carolyn Lasta
Sis. Eileen McCloud
Tyrone Moore, Jr.
Bro. Karl Owens
Sis. Arnetta Pinkney
Sis. Arlene Pledger
Sis. Sharon Robinson
Rev. Freddie Samuels
Sis. Karen Sanders
Sis. Chrystal Smith
Sis. Susie Spears
Sis. Thelma Stewart
Sis. Gwen Taylor

Please advise Sis. Evelyn Bright of birthday updates.

Happy Anniversary

April 16th — Rev. Freddie & Evan. Juliette Samuels (41 years)
May 2nd—Bro. Willie & Sis. Mary Webb (44 years)

The FCCBC Family Wishes
Comfort and Peace

Please continue to pray for:
Bro. Curtis Allen (loss of mother)
Sis. Shirley Carter & Sis. Mary Webb (loss of father)
Sis. Delores Hines (loss of brother)
Sis. Cheryl McCottrey (loss of father-in-law)
Bro. Calvin Taylor (loss of great grandson)

When those we love have left this earth, we still can feel them near. We'll see a picture, hear a song, and it's just like they are here. And when we call upon our faith, when we believe and trust, we know the ones we care about are always close to us.

Constance Parker Graham

Women’s Ministry

The mighty women of FCCBC proudly presented their first event of the year, “Annual Women in Red,” at FCCBC on February 24th. This fellowship was a great success! Thank you to Sis. Marilyn Brunt for spearheading this event and to Ms. Doresa Harvey, Heaven 600’s “Midday Diva,” for serving as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Also, on hand to celebrate the occasion in song was Duane Simmons, Jr. of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Full of the Gospel of Odenton, Maryland, and Rev. Trent Bolling of FCCBC. A lite fare was served afterwards.

Christene Holmes, Doresa Harvey, Sharon Robinson

We wish to commend the women on their very fine cooperation and enthusiasm in attending and participating fully on all of the issues and concerns addressed at our meetings. This proves that our theme, “Godly women fully committed standing firm and always abounding in the work of the Lord.” This is being lived through our women in their commitment. We are truly blessed to work with such a great group of women. May God continue to bless and keep you. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting/events. Yours in Christ,

Sis. Sharon Robinson & Sis. Christene Holmes
Our stained glass window project is on track for completion on Mother's Day 2012. The first window was installed in March. Final payments are due on April 29th.

The Culinary Ministry is selling t-shirts for Family and Friends Day. See Deaconess Kelly or Sis. Annie Norris to purchase your shirt.

Congratulations to Sis. Marilyn Dorsey on her final retirement from the Social Security Administration!

Please help the newsletter ministry keep our FCCBC family informed of church news. Submit Spring 2012 articles and suggestions to Sis. Sharon Johnson or Sis. Leslie Hyman by May 20th.

Chrstyal Smith and Wayne Nicols joyfully announce the birth of Faith Noel Nichols on January 20, 2012 at 7:41 p.m. Faith weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Congratulations to grandparents Bro. Henry Smith and Sis. Carolyn Smith on the new addition.

Helpful Hints

To alleviate cramps in your legs at night, place a bar of soap under your sheet.

For cramps in your hands, hold a bar of soap in your palms.

Contributed by Sis. Felicia Gault
In Memory of Pastor Emeritus Reverend Dr. Ernest Humphrey
April 9, 1914- October 24, 2011

WE ARE FAMILY
Visit our website at www.myfcchc.org
Every February, FCCBC’s Black History Ministry celebrates Black History Month. The month-long holiday focuses on celebrating the achievements of Black Americans and the vitality of Black culture.

Each Sunday, one of our young adults showcased the achievement of a Black American. In addition, on February 26th, everyone was asked to wear African attire and the Black History (Sis. Carolyn Smith, Chair) and Drama (Sis. Marilyn Brunt, Chair) Ministries recognized four T.V. Judges for their contributions to entertainment as well as their professional contributions to their communities: Judge Joe Brown, Judge Greg Mathis, Judge Mablean Ephriam, and Judge Lynn Toler. The Drama ministry brilliantly described and portrayed the judges with live court cases. Mr. Blair Brannock served as Bailiff and Dea. James Bostick announced each case.

Judge Joe Brown (Trus. Ronnie Cole) tried the case of “The Good Son versus the Bad Son.” In this case, the bad son, Roger (Bro. Curtis Allen), steals the identity, money, and belongings of his brother, Franklin (Keith Owens, Jr.) The judge ruled that Roger pay back all of the money and return the belongings to Franklin.

Judge Greg Mathis (Deacon-Elect Keith Owens, Sr.) tried the financial case, “Where’s My Money?” In this case, former roommate Wanda (Sis. Wanda Fuller) made a loan to former roommate Annette (Sis. Annette Langley), who neglected to pay back the loan. The judge ruled in the favor of Wanda.

Judge Mablean Ephrim (Trus. Yolanda Cash), tried the paternity case of “I Might Be The Pappy.” After being married for 35 years, plaintiff Madea (Sis. Theresa Crusoe) filed a complaint against Brown (Trustee-elect John Sanders), claiming that he is the daddy. The DNA test revealed that Brown is the daddy of 34 year old Cora (Christene Holmes).

Judge Lynn Toler (Sis. Sharon Robinson) tried the divorce case, “This Marriage is a Joke.” In the divorce case of Jack (Rev. Trent Bolling) and Shanaeae (Sis. Marilyn Brunt), who woke up in Vegas married. Judge Toler ruled that the couple was beyond counseling or reconciliation, and suggested that they seek Jesus now. The divorce was granted.

Before and after each court scene, Sis. Carolyn Smith, the Mistress of Ceremony, narrated Black History facts in the field of law and presented background information and contributions of the respective judges.

In keeping everyone reminded of the reason that we celebrate Black History month, the cast ended the program with a medley of old Negro Spirituals. The celebration ended with delicious refreshments in the lower auditorium. (Note: Photos compliments of Bro. Robert Gault and Trustee Henry Smith)
Regularly Scheduled Ministries

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sundays
Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays
HCE Rehearsals 7:30 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays, monthly
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Unified Voices Reh. 7:00 p.m. Thursdays
Baptism 7:00 p.m. Friday before third Sunday
Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal To be announced
New Members Ministry 9:30 a.m. 1st & 2nd Sundays

Known Sick & Shut-In

Sis. Pam Chapman—Future Care, 4800 Seton Dr., 21215
Sis. Elaine Dunton—Levindale, 2434 Belvedere Avenue, 21215
Sis. Mary Guthrie—Keswick Multi-Care Ctr., 700 W. 40th St., 21211
Sis. Mary Johnson—Future Care, 4800 Seton Drive, 21215
Sis. Florine Mincy, 2577 Cecil Avenue, 21218

Church Calendar

March
16 Baptismal Service 7:00 p.m.
18 Official Day Program a.m. service
24 Women’s Day meeting 10:00 a.m.
31 Women’s Prayer Breakfast 10:00 a.m.

April
1 Unity Day
6 Seven Last Words (Mt. Zion Hill) 7:30 p.m.
8 Resurrection Sunday
8 Annual Easter Program 9:30 a.m.
13-14 Men’s Conference
13 Worship with Sweet Hope Freewill 7:30 p.m.
15 Worship with Greater New Hope 4:00 p.m.
19 Fellowship with Edmondson Comm Ch. 7:00 p.m.
20 Women’s Gospel Karaoke
27 North Star Bapt. worships with us
29 Missionary Society’s Anniversary 4:00 p.m.

May
6 International Food Festival
18 Baptismal Service 7:00 p.m.
19 “My Sister’s Keeper” Women’s Program

Please refer to weekly bulletin for updates

In God’s House...

As we praise and worship God in this House, we are reminded to adhere to the following:

- The congregation shall stand when the choir enters the sanctuary
- The congregation shall stand during the reading of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- All pulpit ministers shall wear white or black robes on Communion Sunday (as appropriate)
- During Communion, no one shall exit or enter the sanctuary
- Blessings of infants are to take place on the first Sunday of the month

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members

Regina Belford
Jamel Bishop
Rev. Randall Trent Bolling
Taylor Brown
Janel Guy
Diane Habeebullah
Kasheera Habeebullah
Linwood Hargrove
MarQuise Moore
Nikki Moore
Tyrone Moore
Tyrone Moore, Jr.
Ronnie Ware
Tyler White
You are now members of the FCCBC family

Baby Dedication

Dedication Date: January 1, 2012
Mother: Stephanie Randall-Blanchard
Father: Sean Bryant
Baby’s Name: Shilo Kelsi Randall-Bryant
Date of Birth: September 8, 2011
Godmother: Wanda D. Fuller
First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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