

The FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
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We Are Family



Tenth Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Story on pages 3-4.

Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III, Sis. Sharon Johnson, Sis. Angela Ray, Sis. Sharon Robinson, Sis. Carolyn Sims, and Trustee Henry Smith

Service Times

Sunday School Sun. 9:15 a. m.
Sunday Service Sun. 11:00 a. m.
Mid-Day Bible Study Tues. 1:00 p. m.
Prayer & Praise Service Wed. 6:00 p. m.
 (first Wednesday of each month)
Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p. m.

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Message From Our Pastor



“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24,25)

The Church Needs You, and You Need the Church! As believers of Christ, we are called by Him to share our faith. One of the ways we are called to share our faith is by faithful worship. However, there are many people who identify themselves as Christians and yet they are not actively involved in a local congregation of believers. It seems as if many Christians regard regular participation in a local Church as optional.

The author of Hebrews pinned the above scripture to remind us of the importance of being an active member of a local Church. In Ephesians Chapter 4, the apostle Paul writes that Christians should live, minister, and work together in the community so they can experience the fullness of Christ. He writes that we come together, “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ.” The Church becomes stronger and more mature when every member actively participates in worship, and are regular in their attendance.

Secondly, regular Church attendance is important because it is where the body of believers can continue to grow and work together so that we can have a major impact on the world. The Church is where you can exercise the use of your spiritual gifts

which will strengthen your faith walk as well as empower the entire Church body.

Thirdly, Hebrews 10:24- 25) tells us that a healthy church is only achieved when we come together to participate in honoring and celebrating someone larger than ourselves. When we come together to worship and honor God it will, no doubt, cause us to “stir up one another in love and good works.” This scripture continues to teach us that our faithful worship to God with one another will lead us to “exhort one another “ which will challenge us to grow stronger in Christ Jesus. This is why the local Church, your Church, is God’s primary venue for spiritual transformation.

Finally, your ability to stay the course as a Christian is directly linked to your faithful attendance and participation in the body of Christ called Church. Our enemy, the devil, constantly seeks to detour and derail God’s people away from God’s path. Those who fail to meet regularly with other believers will be more likely to give up in the face of temptation, discouragement, and problems. It is so very important that you stay connected to your Church. If you are not actively participating, I urge you to get involved because others need the benefit of your gifts and you need encouragement and strength to help you stay the course.

The Church Needs you..... And You Need the Church!

Have A Happy New Year!

Lovingly,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

Church Directory

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FCCBC Proudly Celebrates Tenth Pastoral Anniversary

The Reverend Doctor Alphonso Tucker celebrated ten years of being the under shepherd of our church, First Christian Community Baptist. In turn, we the members celebrated with him because "We R Family." Families celebrate according to what is the desire of the leader and his pleasure. In our hearts, we wanted to go all out, but our dear Pastor thought it was not the family thing to do at this time because of our commitment to the expansion project currently in progress at the church (that is why we love him soooo much).

The anniversary theme was "A Servant Committed to Kingdom Building." To begin the celebration, we had three Wednesday nights of fellowship celebration services leading up to his anniversary celebration. We enjoyed powerful messages from Pastor Linwood Robinson, Greater New Hope Baptist Church (September 18th); Pastor Meldon Dickins, Isaiah Baptist Church (September 25th), and Pastor Terry Thornton, Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church (October 2nd). We were all revived from the Word.

Instead of a lavish affair, a family gathering was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Carson's Creekside Restaurant and Lounge in Middle River. Here we ate and socialized as families do. We talked, laughed, took pictures, and we all participated in the accolades that we bestowed upon our Pastor. We had approximately 75 guests. Each and every one had something that they wanted to share with Pastor. We had a good time. By the way, the food was simply delicious. It was a buffet, so you know that we ate and ate until we were stuffed. Sis. Nikki Waller prepared a delectable dessert table.

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***Luncheon at Carson's Creekside Restaurant
October 5, 2019***

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Tenth Pastoral Anniversary (continued)

Then on Sunday, October 6th, Anniversary Day, we enjoyed powerful messages from Reverend Vaughn Green for the 11:00 a.m. service and Reverend Doctor Marvin McFadden, Mount Zion Hill Baptist Church for the 3:30 p.m. service.

We extend our thanks to Pastor Tucker and Lady Bridgett for their service and dedication to our church. Thanks to all for celebrating with us. To God Be the Glory for all the great things that He has done in our lives.

Submitted by Trustee Marilyn Dorsey



Anniversary Services
October 6, 2019

Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III, Sis. Sharon Johnson, Sis. Angela Ray, Sis. Sharon Robinson, and Trustee Henry Smith

Deacon's Corner

To God Be The Glory. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:13

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine, for you all making request with joy

Philippians 1:3-4

Once again, I thank God for another time of sharing with you the evidence that God is still on the throne. The winter months are here. God brought us through another season and he has already prepared us for what's ahead. I pray that while you are out and about that you remain prayerful.

The Deacons ministry is always about God's business. For I am "confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6) For we can do nothing on our own. We are led by the Holy Spirit which abides in us. I personally want to thank my pastor Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, First Lady Bridgett, and my wife Deaconess Diane Waller for attending The Baptist Deacons Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity and Its Auxiliaries 2019 Annual Awards And Scholarship Banquet which was held on October 18, 2019 at Martins West. The preacher was Pastor Eric Taylor from Ebenezer Baptist Church who spoke on the theme of "Wall of Faith." We had a glorious time in the Lord. The food was excellent, the word spirit-filled and the people welcoming.

We call on and depend on God for healing and keeping our sick and shut-in members and families safe. We are sorrowful for the loss of our Brother Gordon Quarles. We will continue to pray for all families that have lost a loved one. We are still on the battlefield for the Lord as we continue to visit the nursing home(s), hospitals, and private homes to carry the word of God to members who cannot regularly attend services.

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the Glory and Praise of God, the Deacons ministry is asking for your continued prayer that God would keep His arms around us as we do His will. Continue to be vigilant with your surroundings. Watch and check on those who might not be able to get out as much. A phone call and or a visit during the holidays especially can be one of the biggest gifts you can give. I pray that all of the readers of this FCCBC Connection have a blessed and prosperous Holiday Season. I continue to encourage you to attend Sunday School, Prayer Meetings, and Bible Study to show thyself approved unto God.

I leave you with this thought: What challenges have come to you as a result of spiritual conversations with friends? What blessings?

Humbly Submitted,

Deacon Lawrence Waller



Deaconess Update

In giving we find the purpose the joy and the fulfillment of life. It is more blessed to give than to receive. **Acts 20:35**

Each second Sunday in November, our church provides an opportunity to celebrate the patriotism, service rendered, and sacrifices made for our nation by veterans past and present. May each person realize that our country is safer and better because of their valiant duty.

We want to thank Reverend Debbie Ervin and the Retired Enlisted Association & Auxiliary (TREA) Chapter Nine for their support each year. Truly they have been a blessing to us. Deaconess Murphy welcomed all the veterans and their families. We had a moment of silence for Bro. James Spears, Bro. Ottaway Gregg, Bro. Gordon Quarles, and all other deceased veterans. Each veteran's name was called and asked to come to the front of the church. Each was given a gift bag with a veteran's hat in it. Kitty Owens sang a patriotic song as the gift bags were given out. Deaconess Eileen McCloud read a litany in which the veterans and the church participated.

We want to thank everyone who came out to share in this day with us and TREA for their monetary gift which will go toward FCCBC's Building Fund. May God bless all the veterans and their families.

Submitted by: Deaconess Hallie Allen



Photos courtesy of Sis. Audrey Highsmith



The Mourning Doves



The Family of First Christian Community Baptist shares in the loss of
legacy, faith, and service as we have to say
Goodbye to Church Family

Our hearts mourn the loss of:

Sis. Alma Davis
Sister Annie Taylor
Brother Gordon Quarles
Trustee Orlando Scott, Sr.
Dr. Robert "Bob" Sanders

"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our
lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know that they are happy"

"Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,
may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow"

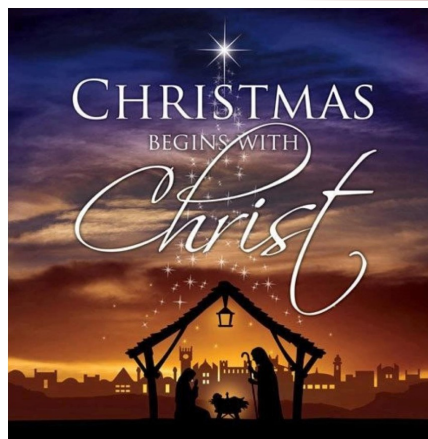
Submitted by: Sis. Marilyn Brunt

Missionary Ministry Outreach

The Missionary Ministry will be closing the year of services at Future Care Lochearn on
December 21, 2019, with our regular service and the giving of gifts to the residents. We always look
forward to seeing the residents' eyes light up.

I thank God for allowing us to be able to share our Blessings with them.

Submitted by: Sis. Mary Jones



Sunday School

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Sunday School cordially invites everyone to its annual Christmas program. Our Drama Ministry, under the direction of Sis. Marilyn Brunt, will tell the incredible story of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. In addition to the story, there will be joyous singing and dancing to celebrate this event. Breakfast will be served prior to the program. This program will be held Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

Submitted by Deacon James Bostick, Superintendent and Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assistant Superintendent

Drama Ministry

We focus to visually demonstrate the Love and Power of Christ by presenting a spiritual ministry using the visual and performing arts. Our production this year is “The Celebration” - celebrating the Birth of Christ. We will bring to visualization the Birth of Christ through acting, singing, and the gift of dance. All are welcomed.

Submitted by Sis. Marilyn Brunt, President



Christmas Concert

FCCBC hosted The Good Friday group's Annual Joyful Sounds Christmas Concert on Friday, December 6th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were clergy and members from all eight churches - Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Christ Spiritual Temple Baptist Church, FCCBC, Grace Baptist Church, the Isaiah Baptist Church, New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, St. John Transformation Baptist Church, and St. Paul Institutional Baptist.

Bishop George Stanton, Christ Spiritual Temple Baptist Church, served as worship leader. Deacon Keith Owens, Sr. opened the service with prayer. Deacon James Bostick delivered the scripture. Deaconess Vurely Johnson welcomed everyone to the concert.

Choirs from Grace Baptist Church, St. Paul Institutional Baptist, New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, and St. John Transformation Baptist Church rendered joyful selections. All in attendance were then invited to worship through giving. Following offering, the remaining four churches then gave glory to God through song—FCCBC, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Christ Spiritual Temple Baptist Church, and Isaiah Baptist Church. The FCCBC Youth and Young Adult Choir represented FCCBC. Sis. Kaitlin Sanders led “Mary, Did You Know?,” a Christmas song addressing the mother of Jesus.

Following the invitation to Christian Discipleship, Pastor Tucker closed with remarks and the benediction.

We are thankful for the continued fellowship and collaborations among our churches.

Submitted by: Sis. Sharon Johnson

Planning Committee Ministry Update

Pre-Development Activities Update

Pre-development building renovation activities reached another milestone in November 2019.

The project design plans for FCCBC church renovations received approval from the various Baltimore City's governmental departments for the 4116 Groveland Avenue construction permits. The FCCBC project is ready to move forward once the FCCBC Planning Committee Ministry completes construction contract negotiations with a General Contractor for the building renovations.

Below is the latest rendering of the exterior:



The Planning Committee Ministry continues to seek qualified General Construction contractors that will serve the best interests of Church by providing quality services at a fair price.

The Planning Committee expects that the project plans review and approval for the lot located at 4201 Groveland Avenue will be completed by Baltimore City's departments in February 2020.

As the FCCBC Planning Committee Ministry is working to complete pre-development project activities, fundraising activities will continue as FCCBC prepares for construction and operation of the renovated Church property and expansion of Church activities on the newly developed lot at 4201 Groveland Avenue.

The Planning Committee Ministry would like to thank FCCBC Members and friends of the church for continued faithfulness and support in honoring the Building Fund with love offerings and pledges.

Submitted by: FCCBC Planning Committee Ministry

Suggested Donations for Homeless

As you purchase items for the Deaconesses outreach, please consider selecting items from the list below of easy to open non-cooking items and hygiene products:

- Fruit Cup
- Applesauce
- Tuna Fish
- Sardines
- Chicken Spread
- Ham Spread
- Vienna sausage
- Vienna Chicken
- Corned Beef
- Potted Meat
- Spam
- Raisins
- Pop Tarts
- Peanuts
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Spaghetti
- Ravioli
- Beans with Hot Dogs
- Chips
- Hygiene items**
- Wet Ones
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toothpaste* high need item
- Comb/Brush
- Soap
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes

FCCBC Men's Ministry

72nd Annual Men's Day Celebration

On November 3, 2019, the FCCBC Men's Ministry celebrated the 72nd Men's Day. This year's theme "**Humble Men under God's Grace**" was developed from **1 Peter 5:5-7**.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble....."

Our Pastor, Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker, noted during the occasion "I am blessed to be a part of the great men of First Christian Community Baptist Church. We have some of the most humbled men anywhere."

In keeping the tradition of the Annual Men's Day, the Men of FCCBC conducted the morning service with Brother Tyrone Moore, Men's Ministry Chairman, serving as Worship Leader.

After the Opening Hymn "Amazing Grace," worship continued with scripture reading from Romans 6:11-18, verses 4:9 presented by Bro. Keith Owens, Jr. Deacon Keith Owens, Sr. prayed and Bro. Bruce Flanigan presented church announcements.

The Men's Ministry used this occasion to announce a special presentation to Sister Rosetta Quarles on behalf of the late Bro. Gordon Quarles. Bro. Quarles was an active church member and Men's Ministry participant. During a long illness which prevented Bro. Quarles from attending church services and activities, he continued to be faithful to God's work in financially supporting FCCBC. Our Brother, Gordon Quarles, went home to be with the Lord in October, 2019. Accompanied by several officials, the Men's Day Chair and Co-Chair, and several members, Deacon Waller presented this special recognition to Sis. Quarles at her residence following the service.

The FCCBC Men's Ministry also took this opportunity to stand up around the church to acknowledge our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, for his pastoral counsel and setting a spiritually-filled leadership example for the men of FCCBC.

FCCBC's Male Chorus celebrated Men's Day with an array of spiritual selections that included "Down By the River," "He Who Began," "Let's Have A Good Time" led by Deacon Keith Owens, Sr., "Jesus is My Rock" led by Keith Owens, Jr., and "By His Grace." The Male Chorus' songs of worship were well received and noted by our Pastor during his remarks, "The FCCBC Men Chorus came to praise the Lord this morning."

Deacon Lawrence Waller introduced the guest preacher, Reverend Joshua Thomas, Director of Ministry, New Psalmist Baptist Church. Deacon Waller noted in his introduction how responsive Rev. Thomas was to his request to participate in FCCBC's Men's Day celebration.

Rev. Thomas' theme for his message was "Take a Stand for GOD," drawn from Numbers 13:30—"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it: for we are well able to overcome it."

Rev. Thomas reminded worshipers in attendance that the Lord had designated unto the children of Israel the land of Canaan. And regardless of the challenges that the twelve tribes of Israel would face to secure the land, their faith in God's Word should give them strength to face any circumstance.



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Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith, Sis. Sharon Johnson, and Sis. Nikki Waller

Men's Ministry (continued)

Rev. Thomas encouraged the men of FCCBC to keep the faith in GOD and to renew that faith by reading the Bible, participating in Bible study, and Sunday School. Of utmost importance is to use that faith to be involved in GOD's work in their church, homes, and community.

Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker closed out the Men's Day worship service with remarks, thanking Rev. Thomas for a message that the men of FCCBC and all in attendance could use "Take A Stand For God" for God gave His only Son, Jesus Christ's life for humanity.

Pastor Tucker also thanked all of the Men's Ministry members for having a productive year, working and praying together, as well as for the men's support of the church buildings expansion project.



Submitted by: Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III

FCCBC Men's Ministry 2019-2020

The FCCBC Men Ministry met on Monday, November 18, 2019 and elected the following officers for calendar year 2020:

Chairman: Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III

Co-Chairman: Bro. Tyrone Moore, Sr.

Secretary: Bro. Keith Owens, Jr.

Treasurer: Deacon Lawrence Waller

The men of FCCBC meet each month for devotions, fellowship, and to make plans to give service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All men are welcome to join us.

The next men's monthly meetings are scheduled for the following Mondays: January 27th, February 24th, and March 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Corner

Phenomenal Women Ministry

On November 16, 2019, the Phenomenal Women's Ministry was launched. Under the auspices of Rev. Dr. Eva Sapp, Elder Mary Fisher, and Rev. Dr. Marjorie Duncan Reed, the ecumenical gathering was incredible. All of our deaconesses, along with many remarkable pastors, ministers, elders and the household of faith at large attended this power packed event. Phenomenal preaching, testimonies of deliverance, singing, and dancing dominated the occasion. The primary focus was on edifying, encouraging, inspiring, and equipping women with the Word of God that will empower and enable them to invest in the lives of others.

Our guest preachers, Rev. Pam Yerby Hammack and Rev. Carmie Washington Flood, delivered powerful messages. They spoke to the strength and resilience of women, noting that God still uses them for His purpose, citing the illustrations of Deborah (Judges 4:4-7) and Mary (Luke 1:26-28). The sermonic topics were, "Sometimes the Best Man for the Job is a Woman" and "God has His Eye on You" by Rev. Yerby Hammack and Rev. Washington Flood, respectively.

Many thanks to the aforementioned visionary women leaders who were instrumental in planning and executing this program from the spiritual to the physical food. Thanks to our pastor, Rev. Alphonso Tucker; our church secretary, Trustee Marilyn Dorsey; and our driver, Deaconess Eileen McCloud. All were instrumental in providing us the opportunity to witness the inauguration of this mighty ministry.

Submitted by the Deaconesses

Women's Day 2019-2020



We are pleased to announce that Miss Kaitlyn Sanders has been appointed chairlady for the year 2019 -2020. Although young, she has had the experience of serving as co-chairlady under the leadership and capable hands of Deaconess Vurely Johnson during the past year. She did not let youth be a deterrent to serving as co-chair lady and was not intimidated to take the helm as chairlady. She did a great job as co-chair, showing reliability and growing confidence that was only matched by her eagerness to assume and execute her duties. So, as women, we are saying to Miss Sanders what the Apostle Paul said to Timothy, *"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12).

Deaconess Johnson will continue to play a pivotal role as Co-chairlady this year. Miss Sanders and all the officials will need your prayers, encouragement, and support to make this year a successful one.

Stay tuned for the date of the first meeting.

Submitted by Deaconess Mary Murphy, Secretary



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith and Sis.. Sharon Johnson

What's Trending with The Senior Usher Ministry

Senior Ushers Dutch Country Trip

On Saturday October 19, 2019, we enjoyed the fellowship of church family and faithful friends during our annual trip to Dutch Country in Lancaster, PA. Our first stop was to the Farmer's Market where we purchased fresh baked bread, fruits, vegetables, fresh custom cut meats, along with many other snacks and goodies that we enjoy eating. The next stop was lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. We enjoyed their "epic buffet", and yes, we did eat! During our next stop to the Tanger Outlet Mall, while shopping, we made an "honest effort" to walk off the unwanted calories from our lunch fellowship. Once our money and shopping time ended, we headed back to the bus and watched a movie while enjoying our ride home. We had a blessed and beautiful day of fellowship and fun.



Combined Anniversary of the Youth & Senior Ushers

On Sunday, November 10, 2019, the "Usher Ministry" celebrated their combined anniversary, Youth Ushers (71 years) and the Seniors Ushers (67 years) of service to the Lord. Reverend James E. Butler, Pastor of the Canaan Missionary Baptist Church was the guest preacher. He preached from *1st Corinthians 12:1-4* and used the theme: "What is the quality of your service to God?" We had a high time of worship, praising and thanking God for all that He has done and is still doing for us! *For we are God's handwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10.*



Photos courtesy of Sis. Sharon Johnson, Trustee Henry Smith, and Sis. Angela Ray



The Senior Usher Ministry (continued)

FCCBC's Annual Holiday Food Outreach

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength... Isaiah 58:10-12

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Because of the generous monetary and non-perishable food donations we received from the FCCBC family, Christian friends, the "Grand Court of Calanthe Knights of Pythias of MD" (coordinated by Rev. Debbie Ervin), the Deaconess Ministry, and Sister Paula Foote, the Senior Usher Ministry was able to prepare and give sixteen food baskets for Thanksgiving and fourteen food baskets for Christmas to families who needed assistance. The recipients were grateful and thankful for the food baskets.

When we are united and help God's people then our living is not in vain. Many thanks and appreciation to all who endeavored in our annual holiday food outreach. God bless you!



Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson III and Bro. Tyrone Moore, Sr.

Autumn Breeze

Autumn Breeze 2019 was held on October 26, 2019 here at FCCBC. It was a success! We would like to thank everyone who came out. The kids had a great time and so did the adults! The Culinary Ministry did an awesome job with the food! Thank you so much Culinary Ministry and thank you to everyone.

Submitted by: Sis. LaNecia Owens



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

Potpourri

Helpful Hints

When pumping gas, wear latex gloves to keep the smell of gasoline off your hands and to prevent other germs. At this time of year, friction from your gloves or a wool coat could start a fire.

Latex gloves can be purchased at any Dollar Store.

Submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward

Vehicle Emissions Waiver

Anyone 70+ years old or vehicles registered with hard metal disabled tags who will be driving their vehicle 5,000 miles or less each year can request a waiver from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) vehicle emissions inspection. The waiver request can be found at the bottom or back of the emissions notice.

Visit <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/> for more information.

Submitted by: Trustee Henry Smith

Contact Updates

Are you receiving our One Call Now messages? FCCBC is using this method to reach out to members about weather and closing notices, reminders, schedule changes, bereavement announcements, and other notifications.

Please help us to make sure we have accurate contact and personal information for you.

If you have not already done so or if your information has changed, please see Trustee Marilyn Dorsey for a Member Information Sheet. Thank you!

Member Spotlights

Million Mile Club Recognition

Deacon Garry Carter was honored at a Million Mile Club awards ceremony. The Million Mile award is given to drivers with thirty years of service who have accumulated 1,000,000 miles without being involved in a safety accident.

We are proud of your accomplishment!



Sock Drive

The Humphrey Choral Ensemble is organizing a Sock Donation Drive to collect new, unused socks for the homeless and less fortunate.

Socks are the least-donated clothing items and yet the most in-demand.

Stay tuned for more information.



Congratulations on thirty years of civil service

Sis. Paula Foote (center) celebrated her thirtieth service anniversary working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Congratulations Sis. Paula!

Photos courtesy of honorees

Member Spotlight - Lady Bridgett Tucker



Rev. Tucker's chief supporter is his wife, Lady Bridgett. She is kind, approachable, and ready to be of service with that generous smile. Lady Bridgett has graciously agreed to answer a few questions for our upcoming Newsletter. Thank you Lady Bridgett.

We all know that you are most comfortable being of service with your culinary skills; do you see yourself expanding your other talents (organization) to other areas in the church?

Lady Bridgett: Sis. Leslie, early on when my husband was called to Pastor, me being new to the faith and the church family, I was concerned that I would not live up to the many unrealistic traditions and the unwarranted spoken expectations as how I should serve solely because I was the Pastor's wife. I sought God and He assured me that as long as I continued to seek Him first and be obedient to Him, not trying to please everyone who had thoughts as to what my role should be within the church but continue to support my husband and family; He would direct me as to where I should serve.

God did just that. He allowed me to continue my education in the field that I truly enjoy doing. Being comfortable in serving in culinary is putting it lightly ... all aspects of culinary are my passion, but more importantly God revealed to me that this would be one of the vehicles I should use in serving His people.

I thank God for my gift! For the most part, people primarily take notice of the final product; not taking into account that there are so many intricate components within the professional culinary service puzzle.

Ten years later, I still solely rely on God to continue to lead and reveal my directions. God only knows as to where He will have me to serve next within the church that will support the vision that He has given to our Pastor. I pray that wherever He tells me to serve, I will have a listening ear and the faith to act.

Can you provide some insight on being one of the "most well-known persons" in the FCCBC family?

Lady Bridgett: To God be all glory ... With all the complex layers of being blessed to be married to a man that has been called by God, to lead, counsel and teach His people has its "plus" and "minus" moments (less of the latter). Coupled with life and family experiences, not to mention the responsibilities within a committed marriage that must be upheld while maintaining, my personal relationship with my Savior is a daily intentional task.

To say the least, it's an ongoing learning, humbling, and amazing experience of how God continues to allow me to have a front seat in witnessing His grace, mercy in so many people's lives. I'm blessed beyond measures to have the moments in so many people's lives, no matter how small or great (a smile, a hug, kiss, word of encouragement, or listening ear) or to witness my brothers and sisters in Christ making themselves available to God to be used in many selfless ways, while bringing honor to Him.

What inspired you to become an entrepreneur in the culinary field?

Lady Bridgett: Initially, I started to have a creative outlet (this has been an interest since childhood). While maintaining my full-time position in the field of human services in the capacity of executive administrative assistant, I would accept contracts to do events.

Fast forward to 2018, I had been working for a non-profit organization for 18 years; I had been praying to God periodically about wanting to move on and do "something different;" not to mention

Member Spotlights

Lady Bridgett Tucker (continued)

the financial climate was ever changing for the worst.

God continued to use me professionally to bless the clients and my colleagues. I had the autonomy within the company as it related to my time management which gave me the opportunity to support church obligations and allowed me to take on additional culinary events. Eventually, God said it was time to move on and I did. I worked briefly for a hospice center within the dietary department. I was elated that I was finally working full-time in my desired field. In June of 2019, after being gainfully employed for over 20 years in some capacity, I decided to resign for many reasons. Prior to my resignation, my long-term goal was to toss my hat into the entrepreneurial arena at some point in time (as I had assisted others in their entrepreneurial ventures), but it was now my immediate goal out of necessity.

Hence, my entrepreneurial venture “Scratch” was launched and well received.

What is the meaning behind your business name, “Scratch” besides the obvious?

Lady Bridgett: That’s funny that you asked the question because when I shared with my oldest daughter my plans and concept for my new venture, she suggested the name “Scratch”. I thought it was appropriate because of the obvious (I pride myself in scratch cooking), but she meant ‘money.’

But in hindsight; I was literally starting over professionally ...

I continue to put my trust and faith in God. Doing my best to allow God’s light to shine through me ... being a blessing to others and making new memories along the way ... for I know God will lead me to my next assignment.

Forever grateful to God,

Bridgett Sophia Tucker

Compiled by Sis. Leslie Hyman

Getting to Know You

Potpourri

Support Our Newsletter

The FCCBC Connection is a quarterly newsletter designed to share news and to keep our members and friends informed of church services, fellowships, programs, and projects as well as information of interest (prayer requests, testimonies, birthdays, awards, retirements, anniversaries, weddings, births, etc....).

Our goal is to distribute newsletters before each season ends (Winter by 3/21, Spring by 6/20, Summer by 9/21, and Fall by 12/20). **The DEADLINE to submit articles, photos, and announcements is 3/1, 6/7, 9/6, and 12/6.** Ministry representatives and members are asked to submit photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to Sis. Sharon Johnson or Sis. Nikki Waller or email to newsletter@myfccbc.org. Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!

Winter newsletter photos, announcements, and articles will be due on 3/1/20.

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

January 2020

Bro. Lamont Aldridge
Master DeVaughn Banks
Trus. Everett Cash
Sis. Lysa Davis
Bro. Thomas Davis, Jr.
Trus. Roland Gardner
Miss Amaya Heaggans
Sis. Lauren Highsmith
Sis. Amanda Hornes
Sis. Ashanti Horton
Sis. Joyce Jackson
Bro. Rupert Jackson
Sis. Pamela Jennings
Sis. Mary Jones
Trustee Steven Jones
Miss Faith Nichols
Sis. Nancy Pope
Trus. John C. Sanders
Sis. Kaitlyn Sanders
Trustee Robert White
Bro. Kendrick Winters
Bro. Larry Womack

February 2020

Sis. Sybil Adams
Sis. Dorothy Arthur
Trustee Shirley Carter
Trustee Marilyn Dorsey
Bro. Keefe Flanigan
Deaconess Vurely Johnson
Miss Maya Jones
Sis. Shirley Kenol
Sis. Sadie Knight
Sis. Angela Ray
Bro. Jonathan Sanders
Bro. Robert Youngblood
Master Journi Troy

March 2020

Bro. Carlton Allen
Miss Autumn Banks
Bro. Michael Bright, Jr.
Faith Carter-Topp
Sis. Asia Davis
Sis. Joyce Harris
Bro. Louis Highsmith
Sis. Lois Knight Harrison
Sis. Cheryl McCottry
Sis. Rosetta Quarles
Trustee Brenda Sanders
Sis. Adrienne Thomas
Sis. Mary Vaeth
Bro. Michael Tynne
Sis. Mae Williams
Sis. Teyonna Wright

Member and visitor birthday honorees—
be sure to get your complimentary
sundae on “Birthday Sundae Sunday”
the last Sunday of your birthday month!
Ice cream sundaes will be available to the
congregation-at-large for only \$1.00
(while supplies last)

If you don't see your birthday, please
notify Sis. Michelle Bright or e-mail
newsletter@myfccbc.org so we can
keep our records up-to-date. Thank
you.

FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

Please continue to pray for:

The Cole family on the passing of their cousin
Johnny Mae Johnson
Sis. Christene Holmes on the passing of
John Earl Stokes IV
Sis. Rosetta Quarles on the passing of
her husband Bro. Gordon Quarles
Sis. Leslie Hyman on the loss of her nephew
Ronald Distance
The Cole family on the passing of Sis. Annie Taylor
Sis. Nina Hooks on the loss of her godson
Antawn Conley, Sr.
Sis. Brenda Sanders on the transition of her
husband Dr. Robert (Bob) Sanders
The Scott and Macklin families on the passing of
Bro. Orlando Scott, Sr.
Sis. Sierra Gaither on the loss of her father
Reginald E. Amos
**Cast your burden on the Lord who will sustain
you**
Psalm 55:22

Wedding Anniversary Wishes

February

12th - Bro. John & Dorothy Arthur (61 years)
16th - Bro. Roscoe & Sis. Sharon Johnson (29 years)
22nd - Trus. John & Sis. Karen Sanders (29 years)
25th - Bro. James & Deaconess Vurely Johnson (26 years)

March

March 1st—Bro. Devin & Sis. Ashley Givens (6 years)



So that we might acknowledge your anniversary, please notify
Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or email newsletter@myfccbc.org.

Regularly Scheduled Ministries

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	Sundays
New Members Ministry	9:30 a.m.	1st & 2nd Sundays
Mid-Day Bible Study	1:00 p.m.	Tuesdays
Prayer Service	6:00 –6:45 p.m.	First Wednesday each month
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	Wednesdays
Baptismal Service	9:30 a.m.	Third Sunday
Humphrey Choral Ensemble, Male Chorus, Unified Voices, and Voices of Praise Rehearsals	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule

Our Known Sick & Shut-In

Dea. Walter Adams (Home)
 Sis. Pam Chapman (Home)
 Bro. Oliver Hill (Home)
 Trus. John Spencer (Home)
 Bro. Calvin Taylor (Future Care,
 12020 Reisterstown Rd., 21136)

Church Calendar

January 2020

19	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
19	Installation Service for Officeholders	Morning Worship Service
27	Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

February 2020

9	Greater St. John worships with us	3:30 p.m.
16	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
23	Black History Program	3:30 p.m.
24	Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

March 2020

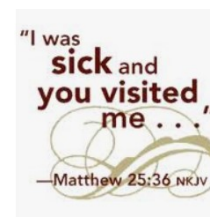
5	Quarterly Official Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
15	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
15	Official Day	Morning Worship Service
23	Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

Please refer to weekly bulletin for updates



**Remember the Sick and Shut-In
 everywhere in your prayers.**

**Any act of kindness can make a big
 difference in their lives.**



Prayer List

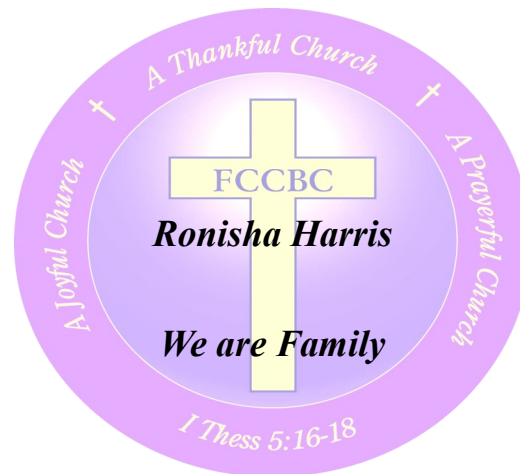
Bro. John Arthur	Dea. Ada Bostick
Sis. Donna Bright	Mother Lillie Mae Campbell
Sis. Dené Cole	Bro. Ronnie Cole
Trus. Rudolph Cole	Bro. Walter Jones, Jr.
Sis. La-Kia Kommeren	Sis. Flore Mincey
Sis. Annie Norris	Sis. Rosetta Quarles
Sis. Karen Cole Sanders	Sis. Annie Smith
Sis. Mae Williams	

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
- Turn off cell phones/electronic devices

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members



Upcoming Services, Programs, and Fellowships

YOU'RE INVITED PRAISE PRAYER WORSHIP

HELP BRING IN 2020 WITH JOYOUS SONG AND DANCE

THIS IS THE YEAR THAT WE PUT OUR FAITH TO WORK, (NOW
FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, AND THE
EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.) HEBREWS III

◊ MUSIC MINISTRY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
MINISTER DARLENE TAYLOR

◊ LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY
CHOREOGRAPHED BY
SISTER STEPHANIE RANDALL

◊ PRAYER AT MIDNIGHT

◊ LIGHT FARE PREPARED BY CULINARY MINISTRY

First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

December 31, 2019
10:00 p.m. to Midnight

WE ARE FAMILY

Strengthen

Pray for

Educate one another

**First Christian Community Baptist Church
Men's Fellowship**

All men are invited to come out every 4th Monday at 6 p.m.

January 27th

February 24th

March 23rd

Contact Rev. Freddie Samuels for additional information

Remember

Educate

Celebrate

February 23, 2020 3:30 p.m.

**Please join us for our annual
Black History month program**



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