



We Are Family

The FCCBC Connection

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“Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord...”

(I Timothy 1:2)

As we approach a new season, it in a real sense, carries with it a new season that we are embarking on in our church and ministry.

God, no doubt, has moved us into a higher level of worship and servitude. He continues to do great things for and through us, but greater things He desires to do and will do.

We are still reaping the blessings from our “Women’s Ministry” who as a result of Women’s Day 2011, “Women in Red” and our Women’s Day Revivalist, Dr. Eva Sapp, have taken us to a greater experience in God.

The men of First Christian Community Baptist Church have begun a “Men’s Fellowship” where we men of God meet every 4th Monday to strengthen, pray for, and educate each other. It has already been rewarding as it has raised awareness of the importance of being physically healthy. We cannot be a blessing to our children and families if we are not in good health. The bible declares “... beloved I wish (or pray) that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers ...” (III John 2).

The men will be celebrating

Men’s Day 2011 this November, and just as we were blessed during our “Men in Black Service,” and our Male Chorus Anniversary, I expect God to move in this worship experience as well. Our guest this year will be Rev. Lee Michaels of Heaven 600 and Pastor of Manifest Wonders Ministry.

The new season also brings in another year of Pastoral Ministry for this servant of God. I am so blessed to serve as Pastor to the most loving people in God’s kingdom. First Christian, you really are my Family. Please allow me to take this opportunity to say from Sis. Bridgett and myself, “WE LOVE YOU ALL!”

In His Service,
Rev. Alphonso Tucker,
Pastor

Pastor Tucker celebrates second Pastoral anniversary

A PASTOR’S HEART

A pastor’s heart is **p**rotective and guards his flock from Satan’s snares.

A pastor’s heart is **a**ttentive and seeks to know his people’s cares.

A pastor’s heart is **s**acrificial and for his sheep will give it all.

A pastor’s heart is **t**ender and listens to the Spirit’s call.

A pastor’s heart is **o**bedient and heeds the Master’s commands.

A pastor’s heart is **r**eflective and considers he is but a man.

Deanna Malawy

We thank and praise God for sending Reverend Alphonso Tucker to serve as our shepherd and for his wonderful and dedicated helpmate, Sis. Bridgett Tucker.

Prior to being called to our

pulpit, he was thoroughly trained by Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Ernest Humphrey. We are truly blessed as he preaches and teaches the Word of God, and leads us into the future. Under his leadership, First Christian has experienced significant growth and progress.

To celebrate his second Pastoral anniversary, FCCBC is hosting a week of nightly revival services leading up to anniversary celebration services on Sunday, October 2, 2011 (see back cover).

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

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Church Directory

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What's all the buzz about the Youth and Young Adult choir at First Christian??? Well, in case you were wondering, they are all about a good work for the Lord.

Under the leadership of their President, Keith Owens Jr., the Youth and Young Adult choir has been spreading God's word all around town.

Earlier this year, they collected and donated coats, food, school supplies, monetary donations and much more to charities such as the First Solution Center and Agape House, Inc.

The Youth and Young Adult choir was also very instrumental in helping make

this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success. Some members of the Youth and Young Adult choir served as instructors and on the culinary committee, while others filled the new teen/pre-adult class. The Youth and Young Adult choir members have assumed the responsibility of taking on and blowing away the second Sunday's choir services.

Not only do they sing on second Sunday, but they have been actively filling every seat in their new Sunday Bible study class. Under the direction of Sis. Carolyn Smith, Bro. Garry Carter and Rev. Tucker, the youth have been studying the Bible and God's teaching as they relate to their very own lives.

Most recently the Youth and Young Adult choir celebrated their choir's anniversary singing in arrays of orange and yellow. They displayed the theme "Hang on to your Faith". The theme was their way of telling the world no matter how hard or what the situation may be—hang on to your faith and never give up.

So by now, if you don't know what the buzz is about, stay tuned because there is much more excitement in store for the Youth and Young Adult choir of First Christian.

If you are a member of FCCBC and would like to join the Youth and Young Adult choir, please see either Bro. Keith Owens Jr. or Sis. Chrystal Smith.

Vacation Bible School 2011

Many thanks to all who participated in our Kick-Off and Vacation Bible School (VBS) activities, from their inception to their actualization.

Kick-Off activities began immediately after our Semi-Annual church meeting on June 11th. There was fun to be had by all who attended. Bro. John Sanders, accompanied by Deaconess Ollie Kelly, manned the grill and cooked delicious hot dogs and hamburgers. Sis. Carolyn Phillips and Sis. Gwen Franklin had their free giveaway set-up with many useful items. Children lined up for Sis. Wanda Fuller's artistic face paintings and they loved it. The children also had loads of fun on the Moon Bounce under the watchful eyes of Deacon Jimmy Kelly, Sisters Marilyn Brunt, Jackie Ward and others. As usual, the last ones to leave were Bro. Orlando Scott, Sr. and Trustee Robert White who made sure that everything was in order.

Our VBS, which began on June 27th, and ended on July 1st was well attended; it averaged about sixty-five students a day. We had excellent teachers and receptive students which was evident as they demonstrated their knowledge of the Parables during our culminating activity.

**Vacation Bible School
was a resounding
success!**

We all enjoyed the immense talent of Bro. Rudy Jackson, the ventriloquist, who kept us in stitches.

Kudos to our teachers who took on the challenge of teaching our students and those who were prepared to teach if they were needed, namely; Sisters Tequilla Haynes, Gwendolyn Taylor, Marilyn Dorsey, Wanda Fuller, Carolyn Smith, Carolyn Phillips, Bro. Robert Sanders, Deacon Jimmy Kelly, Trustee Garry Carter and Rev. Alphonso Tucker, our pastor.

Good food was provided daily by Sis. Valerie Scott and the Culinary Committee. Lively outdoor games were also provided. These events were captured by our

roving photographers Deacon Jimmy Kelly and Trustee Henry Smith.

We would like to again thank all of you who contributed in any way in making our VBS a success. A special thanks to our Pastor for leading and guiding us throughout the process of planning and implementation. We hope that if you were a student you had fun and were enlightened and if you donated your

time, talent, and resources, that you were filled with the knowledge that you contributed to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

We are hoping that next year will be even better with the help of the Lord and your participation.

School Giveaway 2011

The Educational Ministry would like to thank all the members of FCCBC for their generous donations during our Back To School Drive. They are happy to announce that some 55 book bags were filled/distributed and supplies were donated to two Baltimore City Schools.

A special thanks to Sis. Alexis Tucker, Sis. Valerie Scott, Sis. Michelle Bright, Sis. Yolanda Cash, Sis. Joyce Dorsey, Sis. Amy Arthur, Sis. Kiyonna Scott, and Bro. Kendrick Winters for their personal donations of school supplies.

May God continue to bless each of you.



Birthday Wishes To

July

Sis. Amy Arthur
 Trus. Garry Carter
 Deacon Flander Dunham
 Sis. Sheila Fenwick
 Sis. Audrey Gregg
 Baby Arion Cole Heaggans
 Bro. Orlando Scott, Jr.
 Bro. Teddy Sims
 Bro. Henry Smith
 Sis. Shatia K. Stuckey
 Bro. Lamont Thomas
 Bro. Lawrence Waller

August

Sis. Makeba Edges
 Bro. Bruce Flanigan
 Miss Whitney Flanigan
 Sis. Felicia Gault
 Sis. Tequilla Haynes

August (continued)

Sis. Ollie Kelly
 Sis. Yvette Samuels
 Bro. Jared Smith
 Bro. Calvin Taylor
 Sis. Fredericka Waller

September

Sis. Hallie Allen
 Sis. Winifred Berry
 Sis. Michelle Bright
 Bro. Oliver Hill
 Bro. Walter Jones
 Bro. Michael Montague
 Sis. Annie Norris
 Baby Kennedee Pelzer
 Sis. Carolyn Phillips
 Minister Juliette Samuels
 Sis. Ashley J. Sanders
 Sis. Lalita Shaw
 Master Tedrick Spicer, Jr.
 Miss Sophie Tucker

October

Sis. Alma Baker
 Sis. Donna Bright
 Miss Kirsten M. Cole
 Trus. Gwen Franklin
 Sis. Audrey Highsmith
 Minister Claretta Holloway
 Sis. Rita Holloway
 Sis. Leslie Hyman
 Sis. Irene Macklin
 Sis. LaNecia Owens
 Bro. Robert Sanders
 Bro. Orlando Scott, Sr.
 Sis. Valerie Scott
 Sis. Annie Smith
 Sis. Doris Van Story
 Sis. Jackie Ward



Happy Anniversary To:



July

15th - Bro. Gordon & Rosetta Quarles (44 yrs)
 30th -Trus. Keith & Sis. Kitty Owens (34 yrs)
 30th—Trus. Henry & Sis. Carolyn Smith (40 yrs)

August

12th -Dea. & Sis. Diane Waller (39 yrs)
 30th –Bro. Lawrence & Sis. Eileen McCloud (31 yrs)

September

23rd - Bro. Karl and Sis. LaNecia Owens (6yrs)

Newsletter Due Dates

Please help the newsletter ministry keep our FCCBC family informed of church news.

Submit Fall 2011 articles and suggestions to Sis. Sharon Johnson or Sis. Leslie Hyman by November 13th.

Greetings from our 2011-2012 Women's Day Chairladies

Helpful Hints

I am so excited about the Love and Spirit-felt energy that is shown through the women of FCCBC. Through God's direction and our Pastor's guidance, the possibilities are endless.

We have formed committees to help carry out Women's Day responsibilities. Congratulations and thank you to all of the chairladies for stepping up:

Activity - Sis. Annie Norris Decorations - Sis. Carolyn Phillips
 Finance - Sis. Yolanda Cash Hospitality - Sis. Bridgett Tucker
 Journal - Sis. Shirley Carter Publicity - Sis. Marilyn Dorsey
 Spiritual Guidance - Evan. Juliette Samuels

Please contact the committee chairlady to join the committee of your choice.

Sis. Sharon Robinson, Chairlady

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Co-Chairperson this year and I anticipate your fine cooperation and enthusiasm as was demonstrated at our first meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24th at 10:00 a.m. here at First Christian. Please attend and bring your ideas, suggestions, and concerns so that we may move forward swiftly.

Thank you all for your love and support.

Sis. Christene Holmes, Co-Chairlady

A paste of baking soda and water rids hands of fish or onion odors.

Lemon can also be used for fish odors.

Contributed by
 Sis. Felicia Gault

Recent Services, Programs, and Outreach

Men and Women's Ministries

Women's Day 2011

Dr. Eva Sapp from Greater New Hope Baptist Church did it again!! From June 22-24, the Women's Revival 2011 challenged the Women of First Christian to recharge and rededicate the work that is needed in God's Kingdom. Her nightly messages to us were "Is It in you," "Plug into the Power," and "Let the Word Do the Work." Her messages inspired us to work a little harder on our Christian journey and resonate in our everyday life.

The year of activities culminated with our Women's Day celebration on June 26, 2011. The theme was "Christian Women Boldly Serving and Praising the Lord."

Rev. Alverta Windley delivered a powerful morning message. A delicious meal was served in between services. Uplifting afternoon messages were delivered by "The Seven Ups," seven Spirit-filled ministers each preaching for seven minutes.

Sis. Theresa Crusoe, Chairlady
Sis. Leslie Hyman, Co-Chairlady

Men In Black

On August 12, 2011, the 15th annual Christian Men In Black Fellowship Concert was held at First Christian. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Bro. James Brunt, a devoted church and Male Chorus member.

Our very own Pastor Tucker served as Master of Ceremonies as several local male groups ministered through song.

Joining First Christian's Male Chorus were the Guthrie Family Singers, Oak Street A.M.E. Church, the Redeemers, and the Male Chorus of Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church.

What a glorious sight to see the pews filled with men sharing the message of Jesus Christ through song, scripture, and personal testimonies!



Inaugural Karaoke Night

If you were not there, boy did you miss a good time! The inaugural Men's Day karaoke night was a huge success. Many of our Church members came out to sing all their favorite songs of the past and present. Those of us who got the nerve to make our way up to the microphone sang songs from their favorite artist such as: The Chilites, Karyn White, Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Cameo, Richard Smallwood, Luther Vandross, Beyonce, Barry White, and others. Even Reverend Tucker, Deacon Kelly, and Deacon Bostick belted a few notes. So the next time you hear of another First Christian karaoke night, you should be first in line to get a ticket...you are in for a show!



Culinary Ministry Food Outreach

On Saturday, July 16, 2011, the Culinary Ministry prepared and distributed 30 bags of non-perishable food items to the community.

It was a great success and we were able to fellowship with each other and the people in our church community. Additional donations were sent to a local shelter for runaway teenagers.

Our prayer is that we will be able to serve soup and sandwiches for those in need here at the church in the future months.



Missionary Programs 2011

The Missionary Society has continued its outreach program and has gained two members in 2011. To God be the glory! God is Blessing us to be a Blessing to others.

We have had two Spirit-filled services this year. On May 29th, with our very own Reverend Debbie Ervin as speaker, we had our first program of the year. On July 31st we celebrated our 57th Missionary Anniversary with The Reverend Juanita Maye from the St. John Christian Community Church in Baltimore, Maryland as speaker.

Both ministers were anointed by God and preached from the depths of their hearts. We were all inspired by both services.

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	7:30 p.m.	Thursdays
Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal		To be announced
New Members Ministry	9:30 a.m.	1st & 2nd Sundays

Church Calendar

September

4	Worship w/Trinity AME, Delta, PA	3:30 p.m.
11	Worship w/Davis Memorial AME	3:00 p.m.
18	Pastor's Aide Anniversary	3:30 p.m.
24	Women's meeting	10:00 a.m.
25	Humphrey Choral Ensemble Anniv.	11:00 a.m.
26-30	Services leading up to Pastor's Anniversary	7:30 p.m. nightly

October

2	Pastor's 2nd Anniversary Celebration	
23	Annual Family Day	3:30 p.m.
29	Autumn Breeze	

November

6	Men's Day	
13	Senior Usher's Anniversary	4:00 p.m.
20	Unified Voices Anniversary	
24	Thanksgiving Day Service	11 a.m.—12 noon

Please refer to weekly bulletin for updates



★ Students ★
★ - have a ★
★ wonderful ★
★ semester! ★
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Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov. 6th.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



Known Sick & Shut-In

Sis. Pam Chapman—Future Care, 4800 Seton Dr., 21215
Sis. Icelon Cole—Levindale Nursing Home, 2434 W. Belvedere Avenue, 21215
Sis. Elaine Dunton—3915 Callaway Ave., Apt. 713, 21215
Sis. Mary Guthrie—Keswick Multi-Care Ctr., 700 W. 40th St., 21211
Sis. Mary Johnson—Future Care, 4800 Seton Drive, 21215

Prayer List

Bro. John Arthur—8901 Meadow Heights Rd., 21133
Sis. Agartha Bolling—4318 Elderon Ave., 21215
Bro. Rudolph Cole—10 N. Mt. Olivet Lane, 21229
Sis. Delores Hines—6532 Woodgreen Circle, 21207
Pastor Emeritus Humphrey, 3437 Milford Ave., 21215
Sis. Laura Jones—733 Roundview Road, 21225
Bro. James Neails—3020 Grantley Ave., 21215
Sis. Nancy Pope—6003 Ivydene Ter., 21209
Bro. Gordon Quarles—3407 Yataruba Rd., 21207
Sis. Karen Sanders—7401 Inwood Ave., 21228
Sis. Annie Smith—1102 Wildwood Parkway, 21229
Bro. Jimmy Spears—2315 Wichita Ave., 21215
Sis. Ann Taylor—5352 Gist Avenue, 21215
Bro. Calvin Taylor—3801 Schnaper Dr. #120, 21133

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN EVERYWHERE IN YOUR PRAYERS. A PHONE CALL, A CARD, AND/OR VISIT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Please help Kennedee continue her courageous fight and help the family support her ongoing care by purchasing an awareness bracelet or by making a contribution via the web at <www.giveplanet.com/kennedeeskare>.

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 robes on Communion Sunday
- 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



Baby Dedications

Aubrey Monae Stevens

Father: Andre Stevens
Mother: Trenae Johnson
Godmother: Brittany Garland

Kennedee Pelzer

Father: Valanti Pelzer
Mother: Kimberlee Pelzer
Godmother: Marilyn Dorsey
Godfather: Jamar Middleton

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members

Sis. Doris Knight



You are now members of the FCCBC Family

Upcoming Services, Programs, and Fellowships

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 7 p.m.

Sept. 19th (third Monday) • Oct. 24th • November 28th

Pastor's Anniversary Celebration

Join the FCCBC family for a week of revival services celebrating Pastor Tucker's second anniversary. Services held at FCCBC at 7:30 p.m. nightly

Mon. 9/26 Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist—Rev. Thornton

Tues. 9/27 Isaiah Baptist—Rev. Dickens

Wed. 9/28 Gethsemane Bapt.—Rev. Greene

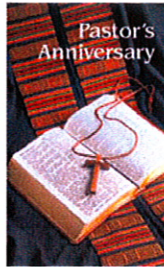
Thurs. 9/29 Greater New Hope—Rev. Robinson

Fri. 9/30 Greater St. John Bapt. —Rev. Darby

Sunday, October 2, 2011

11:00 a.m. Rev. Devon Houser, Pastor, Streams of Mercy

4:00 p.m. Rev. Marvin McFadden, Pastor, Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church



**Come Join the Senior Ushers of
First Christian Community Baptist Church**

Dutch Country, Lancaster, PA

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Lunch at Shady Maples Smorgasbord

Shopping at Tanger's Outlet Mall

Donation: \$57.00 per person

See any Senior Usher for tickets

**Bus will leave from church at 8:00 a.m.
and return at 8:00 p.m.**

(not responsible for lateness on either end)

Sis. Rosetta Quarles, President

Sis. Jackie Ward, Business Manager

Rev. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor



As we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the September 11 tragedy, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by the events of the day. We are reminded again that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

**The Pastor's Aide is sponsoring a trip to
Reading, PA
on November 19, 2011.**

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