

THE FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215
410-664-7443



We Are Family



FCCBC Cast Tells The Christmas Story (see page 4)

Photos courtesy of Sis. Sharon Johnson and Sis. Kaitlyn Sanders

Service Times

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Sun. 9:15 a. m.</i>
<i>Sunday Service</i>	<i>Sun. 11:00 a. m.</i>
<i>Mid-Day Bible Study</i>	<i>Tues. 1:00 p. m.</i>
<i>Prayer & Praise Service</i>	<i>Wed. 6:00 p. m.</i>
<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Wed. 7:00 p. m.</i>

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Message From Our Pastor



"Grace, mercy and peace,
from God our Father, and
Jesus Christ our Lord "
(I Timothy 1: 2)

As Christians one of our
greatest challenges are
being able to stay focused on
what God has called us to do
in the midst of the many
distractions that life throws

our way. It is so very important to , as the Apostle
Paul writes, " press toward the mark for the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ
Jesus." (Philippians 3:13b)

We live in a world that is full of chaos. Many
Christians feel that since they are saved that they
should not have to deal with life struggles.
However, the Lord tells us in His word that," In the
world you shall have tribulation: but be of good
cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16: 33b)

We should never allow the trials and troubles of this
world to cause us to take our eyes off of Jesus. I am
reminded in Matthew chapter 14 of how Peter was
distracted by the winds and the waves which caused
him to begin to sink because he took his eyes off of
Jesus. I pray that our coming to the House of God
and attending Bible study classes are equipping us
on how to weather the storms of life.

Although we may have to face heartaches,
persecutions, and trials, we should never forget that
" God causes all things to work together for good to
those who love God , to those who are called
according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

We as the household of faith have seen how God
works wonders in our lives. He has brought us to
another milestone together. As I look back and
reflect on how good God has been to us my soul
shouts Hallelujah! I thank God for allowing me to
serve as Pastor for seven years and I know the
best is yet to come. The road hasn't been easy
and some hills have been hard to climb but as
long as I keep my eyes on Jesus I know I can
make it.

I want to encourage all of you "Family" to never
let your burdens get you down. The devil delights
in stealing your joy and causing nothing but
pain and misery, but the devil is defeated. We
have to realize that the devil has no power over us
because we belong to God and we are the church.
It is a blessing to belong to the church. Many
people criticize and talk negatively about the
church but the church still stands. Jesus said in
His word, "upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I
pray that you are honored to belong to the
Church of God. Let us continue to grow together
by gathering together in His name to worship
Him. We are reminded in the Word of God that
we should never take for granted the privilege of
worship. The Bible teaches in Hebrews 10: 24,
"and let us consider one another to provoke unto
love and to good works: not forsaking the
assembly of ourselves together." Difficulties
should never be excuses for missing church
services. Rather , as difficulties arise, we should
make an even greater effort to be faithful in
attendance.

Prayerfully yours,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker

Church Directory

Pastor	Rev. Alphonso Tucker	410-466-5776 (home) 410-664-7443 (study)
Chairman of Deacon's Ministry	Deacon Lawrence Waller	410-281-9185 (home) 410-984-5268 (cell)
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Courtesy Phone—Lower Auditorium		410-367-9776

Getting to Know... Pastor Alphonso Tucker

Hello Church Family,

The Newsletter Ministry is starting something new. We will be interviewing our members for the purpose of getting to know our family by sharing a little something about ourselves that we wouldn't ordinarily know. The plan is to enrich our family through sharing.

Our first interviewee is our own Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker (AT).

Question: As a youth how did you view your future?

AT: As a youth, I viewed my future as a computer programmer. I was very interested and intrigued by computers when I was younger. I really didn't understand them at that time, but I was fascinated by them.

Question: Who was your role model in your youth and how did he/she impact your decisions as a young man?

AT: Actually my mother was my role model during my youth. As a young person, she impacted my life in a major ways. I was influenced by her strength as a single black women raising five children on her own. She instilled in me the importance of family, church, and having faith in God.

Question: Did you have many friends? Were you a leader?

AT: Well, I knew a lot of people when I was young and was known by a lot of people, but I didn't really have many friends - maybe two or three. I never liked crowds.

I never really saw myself as a leader; however I was never one who followed the crowd. Actually, as I think back, I found myself by myself many times in my youth and was very much okay with that solitude. I enjoyed my alone time.

Question: How did you come to work for Baltimore City?

AT: I came to work for the city of Baltimore fresh out of high school. Wanting to now make my own money I heard about a program called "Manpower." This program would send you out to city agencies who were hiring. So I applied for a position with this program and at the very young age of eighteen years old was hired as a temporary city employee. The rest is history.

Question: When (what age) did you realize that GOD wanted YOU?

AT: I know this may sound strange, but I actually knew that God wanted me to do something special for Him as early as twelve years old. I remember after my baptism at the Berean Baptist Church, here in Baltimore, that a real sense of God's presence was always there. I never really knew what it was and not until I got older was even able to explain what I was feeling. So when I heard the voice of God when I was about twenty years old calling me to preach His word, I understood then what that feeling was all about.

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A Christmas To Believe In



"A Christmas to Believe In," directed by Sis. Marilyn Brunt in cooperation with the Sunday School, was a play with an old message and a present-day challenge to believers: to encourage belief in the Messiah and His purpose by continuing to tell the story to the world. The Christmas story was told through the articulate narration of brothers Jamie and Javier Troy. After presenting irrefutable evidence by one narrator, the other doubtful narrator is finally convinced about the authenticity of the story of the Savior's birth. Actors from early childhood to seniors performed their parts during the narration, complete with period costumes. Songs intermingled throughout the play and a spirited dance by the Anointed Vessels of Praise completed the production.



We thank Sis. Marilyn Brunt and all the participants in the program for all of their efforts in bringing the play to its fruition. In addition, we'd like to thank Lady Bridgett Tucker and the Culinary Ministry for the delicious breakfast. And as we enter into the new year, let us never forget and be forever thankful that, *"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)."*



We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. May the Almighty God strengthen your bond with family and friends and may you also grow to be more and more like Christ each day.



Deacon James Bostick, Superintendent of Sunday School

Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assistant Superintendent



Photos courtesy of Sis. Sharon Johnson



Winter Break Outing

Sister Jackie Ward and Sister Angela Ray, along with the Youth Sunday School and the Junior Ushers, enjoyed a day of games, food, and fun during the youths' winter break.

On Thursday Dec. 29, 2016, the youth Sunday School and the Junior Ushers, along with Sister Jackie, Sister Angie, and Trustee Robert White, went to Dave and Busters in Arundel Mills Mall and to the Tokyo Grill at Security Mall. We all met at the church around noon and Bro. White was our trusted chauffeur for the day. The fun began for the day as soon as we boarded the church bus. Before we pulled off, Sis. Kaitlyn Sanders prayed for traveling mercies and we were off. It was sure to be a grand day.

Before our outing, Sister Jackie asked the youth what they wanted to do as a Christmas gift for them. We put it up for a vote whether to have a Christmas party or have an outing, and the majority ruled to go out to play games at Dave and Busters and to have lunch at Tokyo Grill, so that was it. The youth played games for a couple of hours at Dave and Busters and then off we went to Tokyo Grill where we ate a variety of good food. The children ate their favorite foods, desserts, and some even tasted foods that they had never tried before. After lunch, we again boarded our church bus to return back to the church. On the way back, we talked about the fabulous time that we all had and we even sang Christmas songs.

Truly, we thank God for His favor towards our youth of the church and youth everywhere. Because of some very selfless people, we were able to take the youth Sunday School out twice in 2016. In 2017, we are looking forward to more fellowship activities and outings with our youth, for we truly want to give thanks to God and all of the people that helped us along the way!!

Sincerely Submitted by: Sister Angela Ray and Sister Jackie Ward



Photos courtesy of Sis. Angela Ray

The Deacon's Ministry

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

1-Timothy 3:13

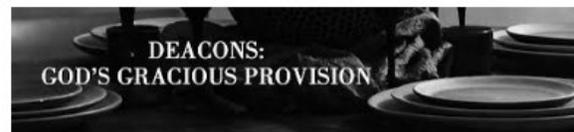
The Deacons ministry would like to thank God first for allowing the ministry to stay strong in the Lord and for keeping us safe as we fulfill our duties. We haven't had much of a winter, but with the pending storm, we pray that each of you are safe in your travels. We want you to know that you can reach out to one of our Deacons for assistance with doctor's appointments and/or transportation. Your health is our duty and our concern.

On Saturday, February 11th, we visited with Bro. & Sis. Quarles. They were happy to see us and give their love to everyone. Bro. Quarles sent his offering in his absence by Dea. Owens. On March 11th we visited Bro. Thomas Davis, Bro. Ottaway Gregg, Trustee Ronnie Cole, and Sis. Mary Johnson. They were all in good spirits and appreciated our visits and prayers. On Sunday, March 12th we visited Sis. Ann Taylor and had prayer with her. She asked about everyone and is looking forward to coming back to her FCCBC Family. Please keep the Smith family as well as my wife Deaconess Waller's maternal family in your continued prayers.

The Quarterly Official Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 2nd and the discussion was made that the Deacons reinstitute the announcement of our monthly visits to our Sick and Shut in. This will keep our circle intact and let you the members know any updates that you may not be aware of.

Lastly, I pray that everyone remains vigilant about their surrounding. I look forward to the next season of praise which will be Spring and all the blessings that it brings.

Humbly submitted,
Deacon Lawrence Waller



The Deaconess Ministry

Holy Week Observances

“He who gives to the poor will lack nothing...” Proverbs 28:27

The Deaconesses will be distributing food and other items to the homeless on April 22, 2017.

Members are asked to donate non-perishable foods or cash to purchase needed items.

Please help give hope to those in need.



Please join FCCBC for services commemorating the Passion and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ

April 9th: 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship service

April 12th: 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service

April 14th: noon—Good Friday worship

7:00 p.m.—Good Friday Worship

April 16th: 8:00 a.m. Resurrection Sunday breakfast

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School Resurrection Sunday Program and Play

11:00 a.m.—Resurrection Sunday worship service



Women's Day Ministry 2016-2017

The women of First Christian Community Baptist Church thank God for the gift of leadership of our official staff, chaired and co-chaired by Sis. Michelle Bright and Sis. Audrey Highsmith, respectively. They have thrown down the gauntlet and the women are prepared to do whatever it takes to reach our goal which is stated in our motto: *Courageous Women working together in unity for Christ.*

Our activities this year will include: **Women in Red, FCCBC Day of Sisterhood Workshops and Fellowship, Women in White,** and a **Movie Night.** A proposed trip to The Smithsonian National Museum of African History and Culture was postponed due to the overwhelming demands for tickets to the museum, thus, forcing us to forego this activity for 2017.

Our first activity for the year was **Women in Red** which was held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Arrayed in red, the women made a united front against heart disease. Sis. Marilyn Brunt set the stage by giving us a colorful history of Women in Red, its purpose, and how it has evolved throughout the years. Women were encouraged to guard their heart health by going to the America Heart Association's website to become knowledgeable about causes, preventative measures, and treatment related to heart attacks and strokes because these diseases disproportionately affect black women. *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"* (Hosea 4:6). Future plans will include making a financial contribution to the American Heart Association. It was a joyous fellowship of singing by our FCCBC choir, the Cole sisters, visiting church choirs and soloists. As usual, we could always depend on the Anointed Vessels of Praise to give enthusiastic praise to the Lord, which they did through an exuberant and uplifting dance. Our fellowship continued after the program with light refreshments in the lower auditorium. (Continued on page 8)



Photos courtesy of Sis. Sharon Johnson

Women's Day Ministry 2016-2017 (continued)

The Women's Workshop (*women only*) will be held March 25, 2017 from 9:00 AM – 4 PM. The first half of the Women's Workshop will include but not limited to a continental breakfast, health screening and guest presenters. The presenters will be a combination of laypersons and clergy. Due to an increase in longevity and its concomitant issues related to aging, a great need was seen to address these issues. A major concern is impaired cognition related to dementia and Alzheimer's disease which can have devastating effects on the entire family. Many of us have seen or have witnessed what toll aging can wreak upon the body and mind. Therefore, it will be most beneficial to learn about the physiology of aging, coping mechanisms, and resources that are available that can enhance the quality of life. Additional focus will be on strengthening relationships by using positive communication. We hope to see all women there.

The second half of the workshop will consist of the **Sisterhood Fellowship in Dining** at The Peppermill Restaurant. It is exactly what it implies – a wonderful fellowship of our sisters- affirming our unity and sisterhood in Christ.

Dates and times for the other activities are to be announced.

Submitted by Deaconess Mary Murphy, Secretary

Men's Ministry

The men sponsored a fellowship Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9:00 am.

The speaker was FCCBC's own Minister Harvey Moore. There was an extraordinary turnout.

Submitted by: Bro. Steven Jones
Chairperson

Tickets are on sale for the Fourth Pre-Mother's Day Extravaganza scheduled for May 12, 2017. To purchase tickets, please contact Deacon Lawrence Waller or any man.



Fourth Pre-Mother's Day Extravaganza

*Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of
First Christian Community Baptist Church*

Friday, May 12, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

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



Larry Lancaster, Comedian



Mothers' Day



Music by: Definite Friends



Door Prizes

Donation: \$30.00
**** Light Refreshments ****



Door Prizes

*To purchase tickets, please contact:
Deacon Lawrence Waller at 410-984-5268*

*Chairman: Bro. Steven Jones
Co-Chairman: Bro. Bruce Flanigan
Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor*



Thank you -Expressions of Gratitude-Kudos



On January 7, 2017, the children wrote thank you notes and made a poster to express appreciation to our church family and two special friends of Sis. Jackie Ward about how much they appreciated their acts of love and kindness.

Sis. Cecile Collins and Sister Mary Curtis donated \$250.00 between them. The acts of kindness included helping Sis. Angela Ray and Sis. Ward with the purchase of snacks and goodies given out to the children and OLDER Sunday School students after Sunday School.

Sister Ray and I shared with the children how a hand-written note saying “Thank You” is so valuable to the gift giver because the children took the time to sit and write a note from their hearts about how the gift they received made them happy. We stressed to the children that GOD deserves ALL their THANKS and PRAISE.

On the last Sunday in January during Sunday School, the children handed out thank you notes to Deaconess Hallie Allen, Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, Trustee Gwendolyn Franklin, Sis. Betty Jackson, Deaconess Ollie Kelly, Sis. Angela Ray, Evangelist Juliette Samuels, Sis. Phyllis Stokes, Sis. Beverly (Jackie) Ward, and Sis. Mary Webb.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Trustee Robert White for transporting our precious cargo to Dave and Buster’s and Tokyo Hibachi Grill on December 28, 2016.

I want to thank everyone who has been a blessing to our children. Sis. Ray and I (in our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School ministries) appreciate each of you. Everything we do is to the glory of GOD and not man.

Prayerfully submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward

Watch Night Service

Watch Night services can be traced back to gatherings on December 31, 1892 as slaves came together in churches, homes, and other gathering places awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law. On January 1, 1893, all slaves in the confederate states were legally free. When the news of freedom was received, there were prayers, shouts, and songs of joy as people fell to their knees and thanked God. FCCBC holds a Watch Night Service each year.

In 2016, in addition to musical selections and a sermonette by Pastor Tucker, the Vessels of Praise performed several liturgical dances and we were inspired by Brother Christopher Jones.



Photos courtesy of: Sis. Sharon Johnson

COMING! Vacation Bible School 2017



It's time for Vacation Bible School! *Glow for Jesus: Let Your Light Shine* is this year's challenge. And there's no more urgent time than the present for Christians to shine! So, come out and share in the activities that are designed to help us GLOWrify God. The lessons are geared to practical ways to apply biblical principles in our world today. Our prayer is that we will exemplify what is commanded in our theme verse that says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

So, mark your calendars for June 26 – 30, 2017. It will be held from 6:00 p.m-9:00 p.m. nightly.

Submitted by: Deacon James Bostick, Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent Mary Murphy

Daddy—Daughter Dance

Black History Month

The Youth & Young Adults Present

Tiaras & BOW TIES
DADDY Daughter Princess DANCE

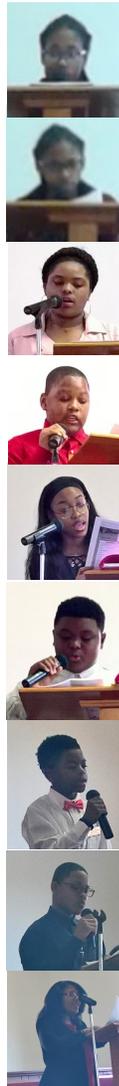
Sat. May 27, 2017
First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

*Princesses of all ages
Finest Dresses and Dads in Suits
Hors d'oeuvres & Punch Included*

Join us for a night filled with music, dancing, games, bonding and fun!!

Tickets \$25 per couple (1 Tie & 1 Tiara)
Each additional Tiara (\$5.00)
Tiaras under two are Free
Photographs will be available for purchase

In Loving Memory of Jared L. Smith
Rev. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor



The history of Black Americans is the history of all Americans. The month of February is set aside for Black History month to commemorate our unsung heroes and heroines. We must reflect on the experiences of those who have gone before us. We can learn valuable lessons from these pioneers that have paved the way for us to accomplish and achieve the goals we set for ourselves and our children.

Sis. Angela Ray and several of our youth presented the following profiles:

- Katherine Johnson—mathematician
- Dorothy Vaughn— mathematician and first African-American NASA supervisor
- Mary Jackson—NASA aeronautical engineer
- Elizabeth (Bessie) Coleman - civil aviator
- Jesse LeRoy Brown—naval aviator
- Wesley A. Brown—first African American to graduate from the Naval Academy
- Jackie Robinson—first African American to play on a major league baseball team
- Carla D. Hayden—first woman and first African American to serve as Chief Librarian of Congress
- Reginald Lewis—entrepreneur

We hope that everyone was inspired.

Submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward

Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, .Sis. Sharon Johnson & Sis. Jackie Ward

Educational Ministry

At Pastor Tucker's direction, the FCCBC Educational Ministry has been re-organized. Officers have been selected as follows:

President: Sis. Alexis Tucker
Vice President: Sis. Cheryl McCottry
Treasurer: Sis. Audrey Highsmith
Secretary/Records and Statistics: Sis. Sharon Johnson
Advisors: Sis. Annie Norris & Trustee Marilyn Dorsey

The Ministry's purpose will be to assist youth and young adult members (ages 4-26) of First Christian with their educational endeavors and to encourage them to exceed, excel, and remember that all things are possible through Christ Jesus who strengthens us.

Specifically, the ministry will support youth and young adults with educational enrichment programs, scholarship opportunities, and will raise funds to support educational enrichment, educational supplies, and cover selected educational expenses. Many ideas are under consideration.

Each February will be designated as a "Month of Giving." In addition, each third Sunday, a plate offering will be collected to assist with ministry expenses. A trip to Myrtle Beach is planned for August 21-25, 2017 (see rear cover for details). Seats are still available. Please consider joining the group for a week of fun, food, and fellowship! See Sis. Norris to reserve your seats. The proceeds will benefit the Educational Ministry.

In order to ensure that the ministry has current contact information and to begin to plan for scholarships, activities, and events, the ministry created a Youth (ages 4-18) and an Adult Member (over the age of 18) Information Sheet to collect member information. Anyone who has not yet completed an Information Sheet or who has changes is asked to contact and turn their sheets in to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey.

Ministry members introduced themselves and shared information about upcoming plans each Sunday in February. On February 26th, the ministry recognized the youth who presented during Black History month.



First Christian will be recognizing 2017 graduates and award recipients of all ages on Youth and Young Adult Day— June 11, 2017. The Educational Ministry will be requesting graduation and award information as well as a graduation headshot for *The FCCBC Connection* by May 21, 2017. Watch your bulletin for a form requesting graduation and award information. Thank you!

Submitted by: Sis. Sharon Johnson, Secretary

Photos courtesy of Sis. Sharon Johnson

Potpourri

Helpful Hints

Lettuce will not turn brown as quickly if you place a paper towel or napkin in the storage container.

After washing the lettuce, remove any excess water and wrap the lettuce in the paper towel. The lettuce will stay crisp and fresh for several days.

Submitted by: Sister Jackie Ward

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 DEAD-LINE to submit articles, photos, and announcements is 3/1, 6/1, 9/1, and 12/1.** Ministry representatives and members are asked to submit photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to Sis. Sharon Johnson or Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or email to newsletter@myfccbc.org. Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry.

Contact Update Underway

First Christian is updating our church records.

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!



National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

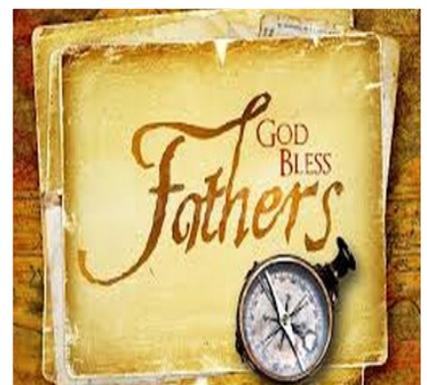
April 29, 2017 – 10AM to 2PM



The National Prescription Take-Back Day is an annual event sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.

This is an excellent time to take inventory of what is in your medicine cabinet, secure all unexpired medications that are needed, and dispose of those that are not.

To find a drop off location and for information on acceptable or unacceptable items, visit https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.



Member Spotlights

Congratulations!

Greetings FCCBC family! Devin and Ashley Givens would like to announce the future arrival of their first child. The couple has been married since March 1, 2014. The baby is due late Summer 2017.

Ashley is the daughter of Trustee John and Sister Karen Sanders.



Baby Dedication 3/5/17



Baby's Name: Madisyn Skyy Ervin

Mother: Monique Malone

Father: Demetrius Ervin

Godmother: Michele Mansaray

Godfather: Aaron Burwell



Getting to Know ... Pastor Tucker (continued)

Question: Many times in your sermon you have referenced your struggle with the “spoils of the world,” how did you pull yourself out of that?

AT: This is the short version. During times in my youth, I felt overwhelmed with responsibilities that were more than I could handle. Like most young people, even young people today, I thought I could do it on my own. I rebelled, I was disobedient and I suffered the consequences. Once I realized I needed help, I sought God. I felt it was time to “let go and let God.” It was by no means a quick or easy fix, but each day got better and easier. The key to overcoming obstacles, habits, or bad situations is to never give up. Never stop trying, and never stop praying even while you are going through. God never fails.

Question: What advice would you give to our young men?

AT: One piece of advice for our young men I would like to share is to get to know Jesus Christ, and never let anyone tell you that you are too young to understand who Jesus is. Your relationship with Jesus Christ will help you in all areas of your life. There are things in life that you will have to go through alone, and your connection with your Heavenly Father will give you all you need to go through any situation in life.

Submitted by Sis. Leslie Hyman

Getting to Know You



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MOVIE NIGHT
SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S DAY MINISTRY
MAY 20, 2017 5:00 P.M.
FIRST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

April

Bro. Duran Banks
Deaconess Ada Bostick
Sis. Marilyn Brunt
Trustee Ronnie Cole
Sis. Annette Langley
Sis. Laura (Mae) Maxwell
Master Kavon Owens
Sis. Icelon (Kitty) Owens
Tamera Sharp
Miss Sanaa Stanley
Aubrey Stevens
Sis. Phyllis Stokes

May

Special Honoree:
Sis. Lillie Mae Campbell

Sis. Chymira Carter
Trustee Yolanda Cash
Bro. Thomas Davis
Bro. Tyrell Dickens
Sis. Janel Guy
Sis. Akia Holley
Sis. Annette Moore
Deaconess Mary Murphy
Miss Karlyece Owens

May (Continued)

Sis. Kimberlee Pelzer
Sis. Nina Roots
Bro. Gregory Townes
Sis. Mary Webb

June

Special Honoree:
Lady Bridgett Tucker

Bro. John Arthur
Sis. Carolyn Booker
Sis. Cierra Bright
Taylor Brown
Sis. Dené Cole
Sis. Christene Holmes
Sis. Ellen Johnson
Sis. Bessie Kittrell
Sis. Doris Knight
Mr. Kenneth Knight-Tate
Sis. Carolyn Laster
Sis. Eileen McCloud
Bro. Tyrone Moore, Jr.
Sis. Chrystal Nichols

June (continued)

Bro. Karl Owens
Patrick Parents III
Sis. Arnetta Pinkney
Sis. Arline Pledger
Sis. Sharon Robinson
Rev. Freddie Samuels
Sis. Karen Sanders
Sis. Susie Spears
Sis. Thelma Stewart
Sis. Gwen Taylor
Bro. Anthony Williams



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:

Sis. Marilyn Brunt on the loss of her grandmother Mary Holley

Tisheena Owens on the loss of her aunt Veronica E. Lloyd and her father Richard D. Lloyd, Sr.

The Hines and Montoute families on the loss of Jane Polk

Sis. LaNecia Owens on the loss of her Aunt Sarah

Sis. Vurely Johnson on the loss of her son-in-law James McCollum

The Cash, Pope, and Pelzer families on the loss of their loved one Audrey Collin Pope

The Pressley family on the loss of Sis. Dorothy Pressley

The Cole family on the loss of Arthur Mae Scarborough

The Gay family on the loss of Sis. Irene Gay

Sis. Annette Moore on the loss of her sister Barbara Wallace

Deacon Keith Owens on the loss of his cousin Moses Owens

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

Wedding Anniversary Wishes

April

2nd— Rev. Freddie & Evangelist Juliette Samuels (46 years)
11th— Bro. Wesley & Sis. Cheryl McCottry (25 years)

May

2nd—Bro. Willie & Sis. Mary Webb (49 years)
11th—Dea. Garry & Sis. Kim Carter (26 years)
27th—Trus. Solomon (Rudolph) & Sis. Barbara Cole (28 years)

June

1st—Bro. Walter & Sis. Sybil Adams (60 years)
5th— Bro. Alvin & Trustee Shirley Carter (27 years)
23rd— Bro. Karl & Sis. Amy Arthur (33 years)
25th— Bro. Valenti & Sis. Kimberlee Pelzer (8 years)

Regularly Scheduled Ministries

Our Known Sick & Shut-In

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 & Praise Service	6:00 –6:45 p.m.	Wednesdays
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	Wednesdays
Baptismal Service	9:30 a.m.	Third Sunday
HCE Rehearsals	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule
Male Chorus Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule
Unified Voices	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule
Voices of Praise	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule

Dea. Walter Adams (Home)
 Sis. Pam Chapman (Home)
 Sis. Alma Davis (Home)
 Bro. Thomas Davis (Home)
 Bro. Oliver Hill (Home)
 Sis. Mary Johnson (Future Care, 4800 Seton Drive, 21215)
 Sis. Nancy Pope (Home)
 Sis. Rosetta Quarles (Home)
 Sis. Carolyn Smith (Home)
 Trus. John Spencer (Home)
 Sis. Ann Taylor (Home)
 Bro. Calvin Taylor (Future Care, 12020 Reisterstown Rd., 21136)

Church Calendar

April 2017

2	Unity Day	Morning worship service
9	Worship with Greater New Hope	3:30 p.m.
14	Seven Last Words	Noon & 7:00 p.m.
16	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
16	Annual Easter Program	9:30 a.m.
24	Worship with Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church	7:00 p.m.

May 2017

12	Men's Pre-Mother's Day Extravaganza	7:00 p.m.
14	Women In White	Morning worship service
20	Women's Movie Night	5:00 p.m.
21	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
21	Deaconess program	3:30 p.m.
27	Daddy Daughter Dance	

June 2017

1	Quarterly Official Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
4	Worship with Unity Baptist	3:30 p.m.
10	Semi-annual Church meeting	10:00 a.m.—noon
11	Youth and Young Adult Day	
18	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
19	Official Day	Morning worship service
21-23	Summer Women's Revival	7:00 p.m. nightly
25	Women's Day	
26-30	Vacation Bible School	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. nightly

Please refer to weekly bulletin for updates

Prayer List

Bro. John Arthur	Dea. Ada Bostick
Mother Lillie Mae Campbell	Sis. Dené Cole
Trustee Ronnie Cole	Sis. Tisheena Owens
Bro. Ottaway Gregg	Bro. Walter Jones, Jr.
Sis. Flore Mincey	Sis. Annie Norris
Sis. Annie Smith	Bro. James Spears
Sis. Phyllis Stokes	

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN EVERYWHERE IN YOUR PRAYERS. ANY ACT OF KINDNESS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES

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



You are now members of the FCCBC Family

Upcoming Services, Programs, and Fellowships

2017 MYRTLE BEACH TRIP

AUGUST 21-25, 2017

Sponsored by the FCCBC Educational Ministry

Tour includes:

Round-trip deluxe charter bus transportation
4 Nights Accommodations at the DAYTON HOUSE RESORT
(Ocean-front efficiencies with private balconies - daytonhouse.com)
8 Meals: 4 Breakfasts/4 Dinners
Luggage Handling Tax & Gratuities for Meals

Double: \$650 per person Triple/Quad: \$550 per person

Departure from and return to First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

Contact Sis. Annie Norris or Sis. Alexis Tucker for more information and to
purchase your ticket. Payment plan available.

Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

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.

April 24th • May 22nd • June 26th

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