

# THE FCCBC CONNECTION

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



*2018 Vacation Bible School (story on pages 4-5)*

Photos courtesy of 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



I am so honored to be able to have this opportunity once again to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lord Our God ,” has done great things for us; whereof we are glad.” (Psalm 126:3)

As we are now embarking on another year of Pastoral Anniversary, I am just amazed and grateful for all that the Lord has done for us in these past nine years. In 2009, we began a new era in church history.

Nine years ago, we began restoring the “house of God.” We started by purchasing new stained glass windows for our entire sanctuary. We then had our entire church interior painted from the sanctuary to the dining hall. We purchased new flooring in the sanctuary and had an entire new cooling system installed. In addition, we were also blessed to be able to purchase and pay for a new church bus and property at 4201 Groveland Avenue.

However, we did not only focus on restoration of the building; but we also majored in restoration of families and people’s lives. From 2009 to the present; we have been consistent and deliberate in our outreach initiatives. Our Deaconess, Culinary, Ushers, Education, and Men’s ministries have been effective in giving to those who are in need and less fortunate. I truly believe that this is one of the many reasons why we have been so blessed.....it’s because we give back. What a blessing to have a Church who puts into practice that,“ it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

trust in Him, that there is no secret of what He can and will do. We are now approaching yet another historical moment in the life of our church. As we are working towards our expansion, God is continuously opening doors for us. This expansion will give us new offices, new classrooms, a larger pantry for the needy, new restrooms, and a larger dining hall. From 2009 to 2018.....look what God has done. To God Be The Glory !!! We have a long way to go Family before we see this major project to fruition, but we are on the way. God bless all of you for your giving and for your prayers in this work.

I am reminded of when God told Nehemiah to “ rise up and build.” The task was challenging, to say the least, and the work seemed to be impossible; “but with God all things are possible.” Nehemiah obeyed God, “ and they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.” (Nehemiah 2:18b)

In conclusion, God may not necessarily need for us to strengthen our hands for this work, but He most certainly means for us to strengthen our faith, our hearts, and our trust in Him for this good work.

May God Bless and Keep You Family, and remember to be “confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” ( Philippians 1:6)

In His Service,  
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

God has more than showed us that if we just put our

### Church Directory

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker	410-466-5776 (home)	410-664-7443 (study)
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Courtesy Phone—Lower Auditorium		410-367-9776	

**First Christian Community Baptist Church will be celebrating  
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker and Lady Bridgett Tucker's  
Ninth Pastoral Anniversary**



**Please come out and celebrate with us!  
Fellowship Celebration Lineup**

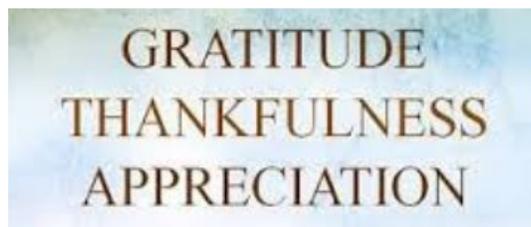
**Wednesday, September 26, 2018 • 7 p.m.  
Isaiah Baptist**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018 • 7 p.m.  
Pastor Terry Thornton and the Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church**

**Saturday, October 6, 2018 noon—3:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Luncheon at Pappas Restaurant  
550 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030**

**Sunday, October 7, 2018 • 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Romero D. Nicks, Community Baptist Church, Jessup, MD**

**Sunday, October 7, 2018 • 3:30 p.m.  
Pastor Marvin McFadden, Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church**



**“All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.”**

**Psalms 145:10**

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## Deacon's Corner

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**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**

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. As I bring you greetings and blessings from the Lord who has enabled us once again to get through another ecclesiastical period. Since the last time we shared in the newsletter, more of our circle has been broken; God is still in control. The summer months have come and gone. Now it's the time to put away the lawnmower and bring out those rakes for the leaves that will be falling. Make sure you check those snow blowers because you'll need them soon.

We thank God for allowing us to take vacations with family/friends, travel and enjoy cookouts. The fellowship will forever be in our memories. Now more than ever, we need to cherish the memories of our loved ones. No one knows the time nor the hour when we will have to say goodbye. Where would we be without God on our side? If there is illness in your family and you would like a visit, please contact and / or inform one of the Deacons and we will add you to our list for a visit.

The Deacon's Ministry is on a mission from God as we continue to visit the sick and shut-in. Pray for our strength and safety as we go to and from. We invite all of the readers to attend Sunday School (Sundays at 9:15 a.m.) and/or Bible Class (Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Murphy or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Tucker).

**"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15**

**"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." Ephesians 1:6.**

Humbly Submitted

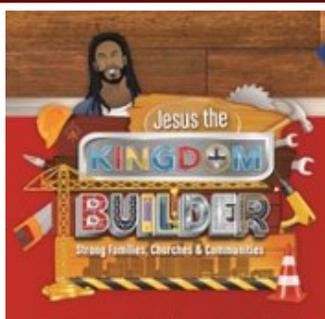
Deacon Lawrence Waller



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## Vacation Bible School 2018

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In spite of the challenge of space limitations, we were able to bring our Bible School vacation to a successful conclusion. Well prepared teachers and their assistants coupled with eager students made for a winning combination. It was an intense teaching and learning experience given the short period of time allotted to teach. Students, with the guidance of their teachers, were able to demonstrate what they had learned about "Jesus the Kingdom Builder" during the closing activity.

The weather cooperated and we were able to have the Teen class outside.

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# Vacation Bible School 2018 (continued)

Several classes completed applaudable arts and craft projects. After a delectable and nourishing meal each night, many students played outside games. It was most rewarding to witness the teaching/learning experience, comradery, and unity exhibited during this event. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed him/herself.



We are grateful to our excellent teaching staff, the tireless Culinary ministry, our versatile pastor, and all the vigilant support staff. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank all who bought a T-shirt or cap; the proceeds were donated to our VBS program. Hopefully, next year we can inaugurate our new classrooms which will eliminate the aforementioned condition. Have a safe and happy summer. With God's providence, we will see you again next year.

Submitted by Deacon J. Bostick and Deaconess M. Murphy



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

# The Missionary Ministry

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:10 NIV).*

The Missionary Ministry had a great year! We try to do something for ourselves once a year. This year, on July 21st, one of the members treated the group to lunch at Olive Branch Restaurant. The fellowship was beautiful and the food was delicious.



On July 29, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., we celebrated our 64th Missionary Anniversary. Our theme was "Missionaries Spreading the Word," drawn from supporting scripture Matthew 28: 19-20. God blessed us with a great speaker, Evangelist Gwendolyn Williams from The Church of The Redeem. Her text was "How The Church Impacts the People." The service was a blessing to all. The Anointed Vessels really gave a spirit-led performance.

Jesus' Great Commission:  
*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*  
 Matthew 28: 19-20

Sis. Mary Jones, President



Photos courtesy of Trus. Henry Smith & Sis. Sharon Johnson

# Men's Ministry



On August 3, 2018, the men hosted their 21<sup>st</sup> annual Men-In-Black Fellowship Program. We had a great turnout of visiting choirs. The choirs sung to the depth of their hearts. It was a memorable night for those who were in attendance listening to songs praising the Lord.



Reverend Moore spearheaded several "Spare of the Moment" men's bowling outings at Normandy Bowling Lanes in Ellicott City, MD. The men had a great time fellowshiping and challenging one another. Some of the men's bowling skills did not meet their verbal challenge to their opponents. Some bowled well below their self-expectation of being a great bowler. To be frank, it was awful, but funny to watch some of the bowlers.



On August 18, 2018, the men sponsored their biennial crab feast at FCCBC. It is one of the most supported male events of the year and it was a sell-out. The food prepared by our wonderful culinary department was delicious and set the stage for the grand finale. Of course, it was the crab feast. It was evident that the crabs were very scrumptious to the taste buds of most of the guests. You could almost hear a pin drop due to many indulging in feasting on crabs and not willing to talk to one another while eating. This event was perfect in bringing people together to fellowship and to enjoy the festivities.



On August 27, 2018, FCCBC men held their fellowship meeting to discuss their future agenda. The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on October 22, 2018 to finalize the Men's Day Program Service.

We extend an invitation to all to our Men's Day program services on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by: Bro. Bruce D. Flanigan, Chairman

Photos courtesy of Bro. Phillip Johnson

## A Call to Unity

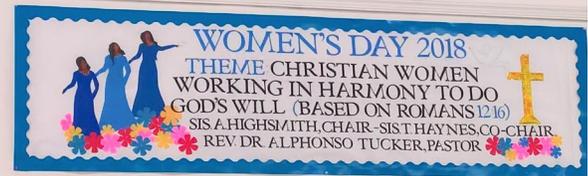
*“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.” Romans 12:16*

A year of activities came to its conclusion on Women's Day, Sunday, June 14, 2018. Under the leadership of our chairlady, Sis. Audrey Highsmith and Co-chairlady, Sis. Tequilla Haynes, we were constantly striving to meet our objective to be unified in the body of Christ with the theme *“Christian Women Working in Harmony to do God's Will”* based on Romans 12:16. Our activities were geared toward having healthy bodies, minds, spirits and relationships. This included: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mind, Body, and Spirit Series workshop for women, a road down black history with a trip to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Women in Red with an emphasis on heart health, Women in White that was celebrated on Mother's Day, a Paint and Pizza Party, where novices were able to artistically express themselves, movies (*Imitation of Life* and *The Wiz*), and a Prayer Breakfast with Minister Laverne Wallace as guest preacher. These events were designed to be educational, informative, spiritual, and fun.

Arrayed in different hues of blue, the women were privileged to have Dr. Juanita Sapp, associate minister from Greater New Hope Baptist Church, for our keynote preacher. Expounding on the Scriptures from Roman 12:14-16 and Ephesians 4:1-3, she emphasized the need for unity and postulated that *“We are Stronger Together.”* We were encouraged to work hard to maintain harmony because discord weakens us and sin creeps in. She furthered exhorted us to be committed, not drift or have personal agendas and to support one another. Unity, she said, *“demonstrates love to the world.”*

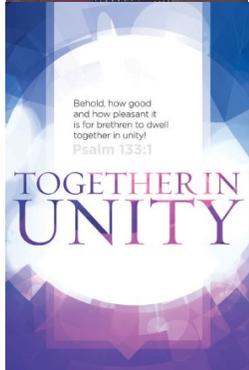
Our prayers go out to Dr. Jennifer Gaither, the scheduled keynote preacher, who was not able to accommodate us due to an accident. Please pray for our leaders for the year 2018-19. Pray that we will be *“stronger together”* and that we will fully support those that are yet to be chosen to carry the mantle.

We thank all the women for their support and for the women's choir. We also thank our pastor, Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker and all the men for their unflinching support. We are looking forward to another rewarding year as we continue to strive for unity because in unity there is strength.



Photos courtesy of Sis. Sharon Johnson

# The Women's Corner (continued)



## Education Ministry News



The ministry sponsored its longstanding annual Bookbag and School Supply Giveaway again this year. The first giveaway on Sunday, August 26th was for FCCBC members and their immediate families. Thirty bookbags were given out on this date. Thirty bookbags were handed out during the giveaway on Saturday, September 1st for community and extended family members. We strive to help pre-K through college students to get off to a good start each school year. We thank the FCCBC family for their continued donations and support.



We researched plans for an outdoor movie, but decided to have our showing indoors on Saturday, September 8, 2018. God was looking out for us as it rained that day! Members and friends came out and enjoyed a showing of “A Question of Faith,” a hot dog, chips, and a beverage. These items, along with standard movie fare—nachos with cheese, hot popcorn, and candy were available for sale at the concession stand. We hope that everyone enjoyed the movie as the character’s lives intersected while they dealt with tragedies that caused them to question their faith. God’s love, grace, and mercy were evident as each family regained their faith. We thank all who came out despite the weather. We are especially grateful to Lady Tucker and the Culinary Ministry for preparing the food items.

Please continue to support us as we fundraise for our Scholarship Fund. May God continue to bless all of you. Watch your bulletin and listen for announcements with further information.

Submitted by: Sis. Sharon Johnson



Photos courtesy of Sis. Cheryl McCottry & Sis. Sharon Johnson

## “JESUS” at the Sight and Sound Theatre



On June 23, 2018, Sister Jackie Ward and I went to see the production of JESUS at the [Sight and Sound Theatre](#) in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Sister Jackie had been to the theatre before to see other productions, but it was my first time. Now Sister Jackie had shared with me her experiences of going to the Sight and Sound Theatre. But honestly, it was beyond any expectations that I had. Bringing the story of our Lord and Savior Jesus’ life on the big stage was magnificent. The whole experience was wonderful for both Sister Jackie and myself.

The Youth Sunday School has been wanting to go to the Sight and Sound Theatre for quite some time now, so it is our goal to give a churchwide trip to Sight and Sound in the future. The Youth Sunday School will be doing fundraisers and activities to make this trip cost efficient and available to our church at large. Please continue to pray and support the Youth Sunday School on all of their future endeavors!

Submitted by Sis. Angela Ray



Photos courtesy of Sis. Angela Ray

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## *Living with Vascular Ehler-Danlos Syndrome*

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FCCBC member Sister Chrystal Nichols is diagnosed with Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS). She ran an awareness campaign on social media in May. Her story was selected by the EDS Society for publication on their website and in their newsletter. She was then asked to do a photoshoot, filming, and speech at their August 2018 National Global Learning conference. Her speech can be viewed [online](#) (click the link or search YOUTUBE for Chrystal Nichols - Struggle, Survival and Make a Difference.) Below is an article contributed by Sis. Nichols.

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**Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome** is an inherited connective tissue disorder that is caused by defects in a protein called [collagen](#). It is generally considered the most severe form of [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#) (EDS). Common symptoms include thin, translucent skin; easy bruising; characteristic facial appearance; and fragile arteries, muscles and internal organs. Joint hypermobility; loose/unstable joints which are prone to frequent dislocations and/or subluxations; joint pain; hyper extensible joints (they move beyond the joint's normal range); early onset of osteoarthritis. Among affected people diagnosed as the result of a complication, 25% have experienced a significant medical complication by age 20 and more than 80% by age 40. The median life expectancy for people affected by vascular EDS is 48 years. At this time, research statistics of the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes show the total prevalence as 1 in 2,500 to 1 in 5,000 people. While there is no cure for the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes ( there are 12 types total), there is treatment for symptoms, and there are preventative measures that are helpful for most.

As a young child, my brother (Jared) and I always thought that being able to bend our fingers back and pulling our elastic-like skin was the neatest trick to show our friends. However, we wondered why we would bruise so easily and we always had a scrap or bump. Seemed weird but since all of us (Carolyn, Chrystal & Jared) had it, it was our norm. Not until my mom got sick in 1993 with three major blot clots did we realize that our norm had a name -Vascular Elhers Danlos Syndrome. Jared later became sick with a near fatal bowel perforation which he was able to survive. My personal EDS battle came to life when my uterus ruptured during the birth of my daughter, Faith. As a result of that rupture, three surgeries, nine blood transfusions, and a week in the hospital, I survived by God's amazing grace. Because EDS causes the body to age quicker, I tend to deal with sore joints and arthritis. Due to the fragileness of my body, I am limited to exercises, physical, and contact activities that would not harm me.

Just this past summer, I had the honor and privilege of attending the National Elhers Danlos Society conference. For three days patients, professionals, and industry merchants came together to educate, share, and bring awareness about Elhers Danlos Syndrome. I was able to meet some of the most phenomenal individuals. They shared their experience with this critical disease and for once I was able to share mine. I was asked to speak for 2 different seminars on my personal experience from a patient's perspective. I was also able to participate in an upcoming PSA, photo shoot, and Podcast. The goal for the conference was to bring awareness to as many people as we possibly could. Please take a moment to visit the Elhers Danlos Society website at <https://www.ehlers-danlos.com>. There you can educate yourself further, make a donation, purchase a t-shirt, learn the signs of EDS and possibly save a life.

With the threat of a shortened life span, I receive every day as a gift from God. I invite you to read more about my personal journey <https://www.ehlers-danlos.com/crystaln/>

Helpful Hints

Thanksgiving Day Tip

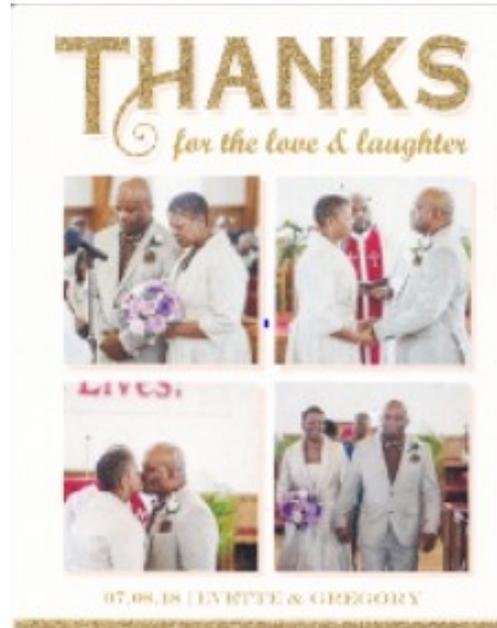
Give canned jellied cranberry sauce an upgrade.

Remove from the can—making sure that it comes out intact. Lay it down and slice into various thicknesses.

Use small cookie cutters in various shapes. Place on a beautiful serving dish and enjoy.

Submitted by Sis. Beverly (Jackie) Ward

GOD BLESS THE UNION OF MR. AND MRS. TOWNES



Evette and Greg met right here at First Christian!

Congratulations!!

Deacon Garry Carter has over 29 years of service with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier. While we all expect our mail to be delivered each day –no matter what– we don't always think about the physical impact of walking miles each day to serve customers.

Deacon Carter will soon be able to take a break from the daily grind! He was recently selected for the City Carrier Academy Instructor AD-HOC position. In this role, he will train new employees in the craft of safely delivering mail.



Congratulations Deacon Carter! Rest those knees!!!

Photo courtesy of Dea. Garry Carter

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, 6/1, 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.

**FALL photos, announcement, and articles will be due on December 1, 2018.**

## Member Spotlight— Sister Alea Powell



Member Alea Powell, a junior vocal major recently traveled to Novafeltria, Italy where she participated in an intensive three-and-a-half-week summer training program “La lingua della lirica” (The Language of Opera) through the [Classic Lyric Arts Summer Program](#). This trip spanned July 22- August 16, 2018. She was honored to have performed in “Le Nozze di Figaro” as Susanna and in “Il Barbiere di Siviglia” as Rosina. She enjoyed the experience of working with Kathleen Kim singing “V’adoro Pupille” by Handel. She also worked with Soprano Donata D’Annunzio Lombardi and physical therapist, Giampaolo Giacomo singing “Signore, ascolta” by Puccini.



Alea thanks all her First Christian Community Baptist Church family for being a sound support and encourager for her. Each of you have played a significant part in her journey as she continues to press toward the mark for the prize of the higher calling which is Jesus! She knows what God has for her is for her!!!!

Now back on campus at The Juilliard School, Alea will be focusing this year on the Combining Literacy Instruction with Musical Beginnings (CLIMB) fellowship. Here she will work with youth ages 4-10 in the Music Advancement Program. She is assigned a co-teacher and will be working in small teaching groups engaged in two-hour sessions each Saturday with hands-on activities that stress phonics and reading comprehension while providing a fun introduction to classical music and performing arts.

During academic years 2017-2018, Alea participated in the Gluck Fellowship where she performed in an ensemble throughout New York City which boosted her confidence and stage presence. We know at First Christian there is nothing shy about Alea. She also appeared in Opera Comp where she performed ‘Becoming Hawk’ as The Vagrant by Composer/ Co-Founder & Co-Artistic Director Chanson Goldschmitz and Director Ronny Goldschmitz. A major accomplishment was to appear in the school’s annual production and to perform in “Hippolyte et Aricie” by Rameau.

While Alea knows she wants to perform opera on stage, she now also wants to be able to teach voice. This is all because of her passion to sing. Sis. Powell is striving daily to achieve excellence in her progression from student to young professional artist. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 - “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”

Submitted by Minister Darlene Taylor

*Getting to Know You*

Photos courtesy of Minister Darlene Taylor

# Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

**September 2018**  
(inadvertently omitted from Spring newsletter. We apologize for the oversight)

Sis. Paula Foote

## **October 2018**

Sis. Alma Baker  
Miss Brac'lyn Barnes  
Miss Rickia Briggs  
Sis. Donna Bright  
Rickyah Brooks  
Miss Kirsten Cole  
Miss Dontia Cummings  
Miss Tyesha Daye  
Trustee Gwen Franklin  
Sis. Lorraine Hale  
Sis. Audrey Highsmith  
Sis. Leslie Hyman  
Bro. James Johnson  
Bro. Phillip Johnson  
Sis. Irene Macklin  
Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin  
Sis. LaNecia Owens  
Sis. Alea Powell  
Bro. Jonathan Powell  
Dr. Robert Sanders  
Bro. Orlando Scott, Sr.  
Sis. Annie Smith

Sis. Brenda Taylor  
Sis. Jackie Ward  
Sis. Rita Ware

## **November 2018**

Dea. Walter Adams  
Trustee Rudolph Cole  
Sis. Deborah Cooper  
Min. Debbie Ervin  
Sis. Cheryl Farrare  
Joseph Foote  
Sis. Marquette Heaggins  
Bro. Precious Hale, Jr.  
Sis. Betty Jackson  
Sis. Sharon Johnson  
Trustee Steven Jones  
Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin  
Miss C'ynai Moore  
Bro. Keith Owens, Jr.  
Sis. Megan Roundtree  
Tonya Sloan  
Bro. Quennell Sowers  
Sis. Ella Smith  
Sis. Annie Taylor  
Master Javier Troy  
Master Journi Troy  
Sis. Alexis I. Tucker

## **December 2018**

**Special Honoree: Pastor Tucker**

Dea. James Bostick  
Bro. Charles 'Petey' Bright  
Sis. Kim Carter  
Sis. Pamela Chapman  
Sis. Barbara Cole  
Jasmine Conway  
Miss Kayla Davis  
Bro. Lewis Ervin  
Sis. Delana Jordan  
Sis. Kayla Johnson  
Sis. Monique Malone  
Bro. Darrell McCoy  
Min. Harvey Moore  
Bro. Tyrone Moore  
Dea. Keith Owens, Sr.  
Sis. Kimberly Randall  
Sis. Patricia Rhinehart  
Sis. Remira Robinson  
Sis. Vera Robinson  
Sis. Kayla Sanders  
Sis. Camille Toussaint

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

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)

## FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

**Please continue to pray for:**

Sis. Pearlizer Davis on the loss of her husband  
Bro. Thomas Davis

Deacon Keith Owens on the loss of his cousin  
Mark Rodgers

Sis La-Kia Kommeren on the passing of her father  
Egan Wesley Davis, Sr.

Sis. Darlene Harwell on the passing of her  
daughter and Sis. Barbara Cole on the passing of  
her niece Shalonda Johnson

Sis. Patricia Reinhardt Jenkins on the passing of  
Charles Edward Jenkins

Sis. Evette Townes on the passing of her husband  
Bro. Gregory Townes

Bro. James Spears on the loss of his son Devonte

Sis. Audrey Gregg on the transition of  
Bro. Ottaway Gregg

Sis. Amanda Davis on the passing of her mother  
Janet Alexander

**Cast your burden on the Lord who will sustain  
you  
Psalm 55:22**

## Wedding Anniversary Wishes

### **October**

9th—Bro. Precious & Sis. Lorraine Hale (7 years)  
12th - Bro. Rupert & Sis. Joyce Jackson (19 years)  
21st—Pastor Alphonso & Lady Bridgett Tucker (18 years)

### **November**

6th —Trus. Gwen & Bro. Frank Franklin (53 years )  
9th - Bro. Keith & Sis. Tisheena Owens, Jr. (5 years)

### **December**

18th - Sis. Delores and Bro. Theodore Hines (21 years)  
23rd - Dea. James & Deaconess Ada Bostick (51 years)  
31st - Trustees Everett & Yolanda Cash (30 years)



## 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 & Praise 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
HCE, Male Chorus, Unified Voices, and Voices of Praise Rehearsals	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule

## Church Calendar

### October 2018

3	Service leading up to Pastor's Anniversary	7:00 p.m.
6	Luncheon with Pastor & Family Fellowship	noon - 3 p.m.
7	Pastor's Anniversary Celebration	11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
14	Worship with Community Baptist, Jessup	3:30 p.m.
17	Greater New Hope worships with us	7:00 p.m.
20	Dutch Country trip (Senior Ushers)	8:00 a.m.
21	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
27	Autumn Breeze	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
28	Birthday Sunday Sundaes	Following a.m. service

### November 2018

4	Annual Men's Day Celebration	11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
6	Worship with Berea Baptist	7:00 p.m.
11	Combined Usher's Anniversary	3:30 p.m.
18	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
18	Unified Voices Anniversary	A.M. Service
22	Annual Thanksgiving Day Service	11:00 a.m.—noon
25	Worship with Word4Life Baptist	3:30 p.m.
26	Birthday Sunday Sundaes	Following a.m. service

### December 2018

6	Quarterly Official Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
8	Annual Church meeting	10:00 a.m. - noon
9	Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
16	Annual Christmas program	9:30 a.m.
29	Culinary Outreach	
30	Birthday Sunday Sundaes	Following A.M. Service
31	Watch Night Service	10:00 p.m. - midnight

Please refer to weekly bulletin for updates

## Our Known Sick & Shut-In

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

## Prayer List

Bro. John Arthur	Dea. Ada Bostick
Mother Lillie Mae Campbell	Sis. Dené Cole
Bro. Ronnie 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
Bro. James Spears	Sis. Mae Williams

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 a member of the FCCBC Family

## Upcoming Services, Programs, and Fellowships

### COME JOIN THE SENIOR USHERS

On their annual

**DUTCH COUNTRY TRIP, LANCASTER, PA**

**OCTOBER 20, 2018**

Lunch at Shady Maples Smorgasbord

Shop Until You Drop—Farmer's Market & Tangier's Mall

Donation: \$58.00

See Sis. Rosetta Quarles or any member of the Senior Usher's Ministry for your ticket

### VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

Sunday, November 11, 2018 (AM worship)

### THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

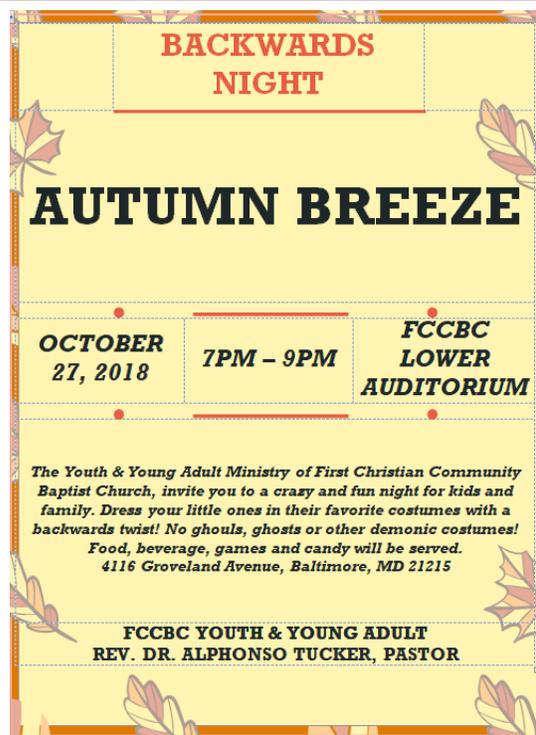
Thursday, November 22, 2018 11 a.m. - noon

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 16, 2018 9:30 a.m.

### WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 31, 2018 10:00 p.m.—midnight



*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.

October 22nd • November 19th • December TBD

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