

The FCCBC CONNECTION

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The FCCBC

COVID-19

REFLECTIONS



This edition documents the experiences of members during the COVID-19 pandemic. You will find testimonies, stories, photos, and creative expressions throughout the newsletter.

Photos courtesy of pictured members, Bro. Roscoe Johnson III, Sis. Sharon Johnson, and Sis. Sofie Tucker

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



“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
(2 Timothy 1:7)

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about challenges that we have never seen in our lifetime. We had to make major adjustments and sacrifices that were detrimental to our lives and the lives of those we know and love. This global health crisis took the entire nation by surprise, and it appeared that no one was prepared for the catastrophic

damage it would inflict on human lives and the economy at large. Due to its rapid devastation of human lives, we were all afraid on some level, but the Word of God tells us not to fear.

We didn't know if we or someone in our family would be next to test positive for this disease. We were told to shelter-in, to practice social distancing, and to adopt frequent handwashing. Our church, and all churches and businesses, restaurants, schools, airports, etc... were all closed. To say the least, we were all affected by this pandemic, and yet we are told by the Word of God that, “ God has not given us the spirit of fear.” How can you not be afraid when the climate is that of a pandemic? The answer isyour faith in God! Some of you may or may not remember, but our Church theme for the calendar year 2020

was, “By Faith.” We began this year by preaching and teaching that this would be the year that we had to put our faith to work. During our Watch Night service we preached “ By Faith.” I asked everyone to put into practice (2 Cor. 5:7), “ for we walk by Faith, not by sight.” The only way to successfully conquer fear is faith in God. We have every reason to be afraid because of what's going on around us, but we are challenged by the Word of God to overcome our fears by our faith. Remember Jesus loves us and gave His life for us. The Bible teaches us that, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.” (1 John 4:18a)

In conclusion, I would like to commend all of you. My FCCBC family; you have shown how much you really care for and love one another just by staying home during this time of crisis. I also want to commend you for while staying apart still sticking together. We will get through this together, and we will soon be back in the House of God for fellowship and worship. Coming together for worship may be a little different, and we will have to put some safety guidelines in place, but we will be back together. In the meantime, “Have Faith In God.” Keep the faith walk in faith, and practice faith.

“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

(Luke 12:32)

In His Service,
Lovingly Submitted,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

Church Directory

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Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 26, 2020, as a part of the Good Friday Group (GFG), several members of First Christian Community Baptist Church journeyed to Grace Baptist Church - under the leadership of Pastor Eric Holder - for Ash Wednesday service. We were given the meaning of the Lenten season and reminded through the powerful preaching by our pastor, Reverend Alphonso Tucker, that this was indeed a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday opens the first day of Lent and is 46 days before Resurrection Sunday, the most important event in the history of mankind. We were truly blessed to be a part of the service.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary Murphy

Church Expansion Pre-Development Activities Update

COVID-19 has impacted the development activities scheduled for FCCBC's new Outreach Center. The current health crises slowed down that development process and gave FCCBC's Planning Committee Ministry the opportunity to re-evaluate the needs of the church and related costs proposed by project consultants. The Planning Committee took the additional time to review the various project options as well as to assess the new environment created for church operations as the nation is still in the midst of the health pandemic.

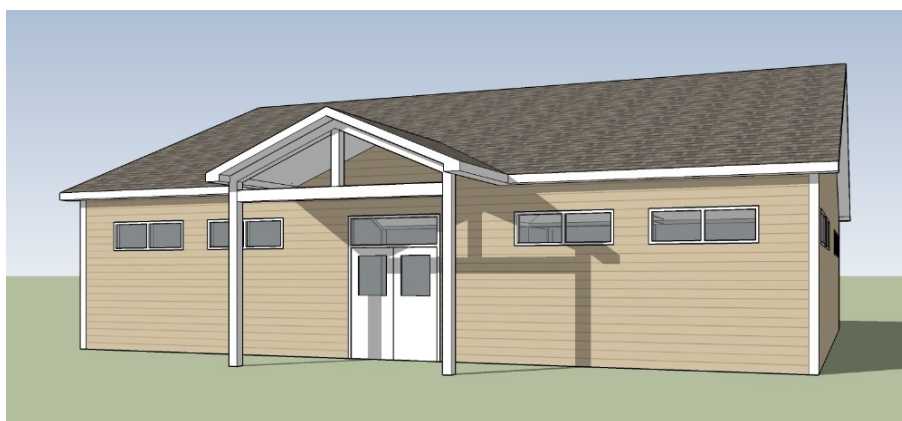
After several meetings both on-site and conference calls, the Planning Committee Ministry decided to use the new outreach building at 4201 Groveland for office and meeting space and to make moderate renovations to the church's current fellowship hall to create an additional food pantry and hall space. The 4201 Groveland Avenue lot is 24,000 sq. ft. and will include a 2,400 square foot building for office and church ministry meeting space/activities, off street parking, a garden, and green space for other outdoor church activities.

The pandemic has over the past three months closed or reduced staff at Baltimore City agencies slowing their progress. FCCBC project consultants have continued their work and are preparing to submit the final construction documents for review by Baltimore City Department of Permits.

As FCCBC moves forward with the development project, the current COVID-19 pandemic will impact the development schedule and with GOD leading this house of Zion in the right direction on a timeframe that will enable FCCBC to be of service to GOD's people.

Below is an updated floor plan of the proposed outreach building at 4201 Groveland Avenue. The Planning Committee Ministry would like to thank FCCBC members and friends of the church for their continued faithfulness and support in honoring Building Fund pledges.

Submitted by: FCCBC Planning Committee Ministry



Rendering and floorplan courtesy of Skorpa Design Studio

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

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and long for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved

Philippians 4:1

I greet you in the name of the Lord, Jesus our Christ, since the last editions of the (FCCBC) newsletter we are in the stay at home mode due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This situation came upon us suddenly and with a lot of uncertainty. There are so many Do's and Don'ts during this time, we must remember who is still in charge. There is nothing too hard for God. "Hear my cry oh God attend unto my prayer" (Psalm 61:1) Family, it's time for prayer and God knows what we stand in the need of. God will answer prayers in His time.

We were able to help Trustee Emeritus Roland Gardner celebrate his 86th birthday. He was surprised and happy when the FCCBC family presented him with balloons and a card. You know we sang the "Happy Birthday" song to him and he was overjoyed! We had prayer with him before he went on to be with the Lord after a long suffering illness. The FCCBC family is also mourning the loss of our dear Sis. Annie Smith and Sis. Sheila Fenwick-Shelton. Pastor Tucker and myself were able to visit with the both of them and shared words of prayer.

Continue to pray for all of our bereaved/sick and shut-in families. A phone call, text, or social distance strategy that would let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers can go a long way.

On March 26th, Dea. Owens was admitted to the Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie for a medical procedure. We prayed with him and the real doctor took good care of him. He is home and feeling much better. Prayer works!!

On Sunday, March 29th, Pastor Tucker delivered a message from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 that spoke about encouraging one another and being joyous even at a time when we are facing this horrific pandemic. Lives are being lost and families broken due to COVID-19. Pray without ceasing ALWAYS!!

Our dear Sis. Delores Hines was admitted on March 31st after being exposed to COVID-19. The church as a family had prayer with her. She was released on April 8th and quarantined at home the following fourteen days. Today she is feeling much better. Count it JOY!! The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

On Sunday, April 5th, after a short message, Pastor Tucker, Sis Sophie, Trustee White, and myself distributed palms, communion kits, and newsletters to our members, friends, and passers-by from the church parking lot of the church while practicing social distancing. What a mighty God we serve.

During these times, I encourage each one of you to stand fast on your faith. Know that He will never leave nor forsake us. God has a plan and we are to be obedient to His word. I have learned a lot about technology as I am sure a lot of you have lately—using Skype and Zoom to conduct meetings with my FCCBC family as well as my immediate family. Using social media as a platform to stay in touch with family and friends more than normal has become the norm. It's a process, but I welcome the learning curve. If you need help along the way, please reach out to me or one of the diaconate ministry and we will try to get some assistance for you. Continue to reach out to one another using technology. Cyber Hug to each and every one of you!!

Deacon's Corner (continued)

I continue to encourage you to attend Sunday School, Prayer Meetings , and Bible Study to show thyself approved unto God and continue practicing the new Social Distancing rules.

Continue to pray for the diaconate ministry that we may remain strong while doing the Lord's work.

Humbly Submitted,
Deacon Lawrence Waller



Sermons preached by Pastor Tucker during Pandemic

Pastor Tucker preached several sermons during the pandemic which were posted to our website for member viewing:

[Sunday, April 12, 2020](#) – SUBJECT: “From Tragedy To Triumph” TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

[Sunday, April 26, 2020](#) – SUBJECT: “A Different Season” TEXT: Ecclesiastes 3:1

Sunday, May 17, 2020 – SUBJECT: “Make Ready” TEXT: Luke 22:10-13

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – SUBJECT: “Some Things Change, And Some Things Don't”

TEXT: John 10:10

If you missed them, several remain on our website under the 'SPECIAL EVENTS AT FCCBC' tab.

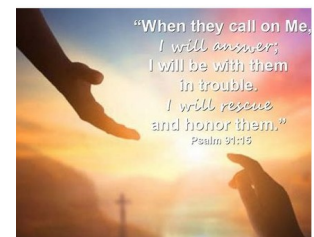
Submitted by: Sis. Sofie Tucker

Deaconess Corner

First I want to say I miss being with my church family. Although we are going through the Coronavirus. God is always available and he hears our prayers. When we're going through, he will according to his word, come and rescue and deliver us. When going through our trials of life, we can take comfort in the word found in Psalm 91:15 “ When they call me, I will answer them, I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.”

We were unable to go downtown to give to the homeless because we didn't want to put anyone's health in danger. We ask that you continue giving because we will be making an announcement soon about how we will continue to give to those in need. Pray for each other, stay safe, and be sure to wash your hands. May God bless you.

Submitted by: Deaconess Hallie Allen



Pandemic News and Updates from the Sunday School

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Beginning Sunday, March 15, 2020, all indoor church activities took a backseat to COVID-19. Indoor church attendance was suspended by order of Governor Larry Hogan in an attempt, with other prophylactic measures, to slow, and hopefully, stop the spread of the highly contagious virus. The mandate led to the cancellation of all indoor congregating which included, but not limited to: Sunday School, Holy Week Prayer Service, The Seven Last Words, The Annual Easter Program, and Bible Study.

Nevertheless, we celebrated Palm Sunday outside, while practicing social distancing. Garbed in masks and gloves, Reverend Alphonso Tucker, Deacons Lawrence Waller and James Bostick, Sis. Sofie Tucker and Deaconess Mary Murphy distributed palms, communion cups, newsletters, and Sunday School books curbside. We were all directed to take our communion at the same time at the 1:00 o'clock hour. On Easter Sunday, we feasted on the Word by Rev. Alphonso Tucker via video. The topic of the sermon was *“From Tragedy to Triumph,”* which contrasted the two events on Good Friday and Easter morning. The text was taken from 1 Corinthians 15:3,4.

As of this article, the city is still on lockdown, although there are partial openings in many counties around the state. Vacation Bible School, which was scheduled for the week of June 29th, has been cancelled for the year 2020. We did, however, have five weeks of the Mid-Day Bible Class via teleconferencing. Thanks to all who called in for the class; some participated even though they were not regular students.

We would like to thank all who have participated in the aforementioned activities in years past. We look forward to working with you as Sunday School resumes on Sunday, June 14th at 9:30 a.m.

Even though we are sequestered in our homes, let us not neglect to study God's Word, pray, meditate, reflect on the meaning of this crisis, be thankful, and continue to give God the praise and all the glory.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School

Return to Service

After months under a 'stay-at-home' order that restricted face-to-face services, the State of Maryland permitted churches to conduct "drive-in" services "where worshippers gather in their vehicles near the religious facility and participate in the service together by remote means."

FCCBC held a curbside communion service on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Members assembled in their cars in the parking lot and around the perimeter of the church. Congregants were able to safely participate from their cars. Pastor Tucker preached from Luke 22:10-13, 1 Peter 4:17, and Revelations 19:6-7 on the subject of "Making Ready to the Lord's Death/The First Holy Communion." Prepackaged communion was served to members in their vehicles. (Continued on page 7)

Submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward

Return to Service (continued)



Sunday, May 24th and May 31st services were held outdoors in the parking lot. In accordance with guidelines, those in attendance were distanced and all wore masks or face coverings.



Photos courtesy of Sis. Sofie Tucker and Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III

Youth Spotlight - Sis. Kaitlyn Sanders

This young lady has been a faithful member at FCCBC, and brings joy to everyone she meets. She has a great relationship with her father, Trustee John Sanders, and their bond is forever unbreakable.

She consistently attends church and participates in various activities within our church community. She served as Women's Day co-chair for the 2018-2019 year and currently serves as FCCBC's youngest Women's Day Ministry chairlady. She is a faithful member of the Youth Usher Board, Youth Sunday School, Youth and Young Adult Choir (Voices of Praise), and dance ministry (Anointed Vessels of Praise). Like many of her family members, she has been blessed with a beautiful voice. She is also a 2020 high school graduate from Woodlawn High School.

This month's Youth Spotlight is eighteen year old Sis. Kaitlyn Sanders.

Submitted by: Sis. Sofie Tucker

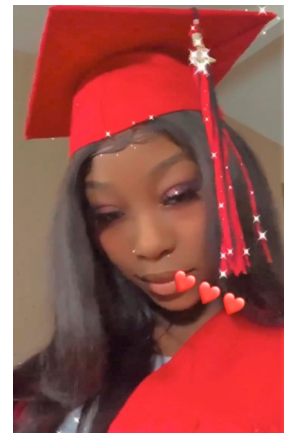


Photo courtesy of Sis. Kaitlyn Sanders

Recognition of Graduates and Award Recipients

On Sunday, June 9, 2019, FCCBC recognized academic achievements of the FCCBC extended family. We applaud each person's perseverance and commitment to excellence. May God give you the strength, confidence, and determination to reach your goals and pursue your dreams!

Pre-School



Kyle Samuel Fowlkes

Son of Sis. Yvette Fowlkes and grandson of Rev. and Evangelist Samuels
From Loftin Love Christian Daycare & Learning Center preschool to kindergarten



Elementary School

Dillan Gaither

Grandson of Sis. Lorraine Hale
From Lansdowne Elementary



Amiyah E. Kelly

Granddaughter of Sis. Lorraine Hale
From Lansdowne Elementary



High School through College



Maliyah Baldwinbey

Niece of Sis. Marilyn Brunt
From Baltimore City College to Cosmetology School. Aspires to open a hair salon



Kamar Missouri

Grandson of Bro. Walter Jones, Jr.
From Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School to attend Rutgers University
Awarded full ride scholarship in football



Jayme Bryce Troy

Son of Kimberly Brice. Grandson of Sis. Mae Williams. Great-grandson of Mother Lillie Mae Campbell.
From Parkville High School to College/Baseball. To attend Baseball Academy in Florida



Kaitlyn Sanders

Daughter of Trustee John and Sis. Karen Sanders
Graduating from Woodlawn High School. Taking a gap year. To attend college beginning Fall 2021

College and Beyond

Alea Elaine Powell

Daughter of Sis. Darlene Taylor
Awarded Bachelors Degree in Vocal Performance from The Julliard School. To pursue Masters degree at The University of Maryland College Park beginning Fall 2020
Tatiana Troyanos Scholarship, Cecille Weber Memorial Scholarship, Briarcliff Congregational Church Scholarship and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation Inc. Scholarship



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you...

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The Coronavirus Miracle



Just as I was making big plans for the missionaries, this virus hit and everything shut down. I had plans for the whole year. I knew who would be in charge, what songs we would sing, who would pray in the services at the Future Care nursing home where we conducted our monthly services and a whole lot of other plans because, I was the new President of the Missionaries and I was going to do a good job. But, as the old saying goes, "If you want to make God laugh, just tell him your plans." Soon I heard on television that the nursing home where we were conducting the services had the highest number of virus cases in the state. We discontinued going to the home just in time. Not one of our missionaries was infected. Praise the Lord!

The Coronavirus pandemic has made me realize what a major role that FCCBC has made in my life. It is something that I look forward to each week. Getting the word each week gives me strength to go on, it awakens a longing in me that speaks to my soul and causes me to examine myself and make changes to my lifestyle and to show more love and to be less judgmental.

Rev. Tucker has a way of delivering the Word that I can relate to. I laugh, I cry and I try to become a better person. I have hope that I can change and be more like God wants me to be, more loving, more forgiving and more humble.

Sis. Carolyn Laster



In the midst of this pandemic, I have been declared an essential employee. All I can do is hold to God's unchanging hand. Please pray for my strength in the Lord. Ephesians 5:20

Min. Harvey Moore

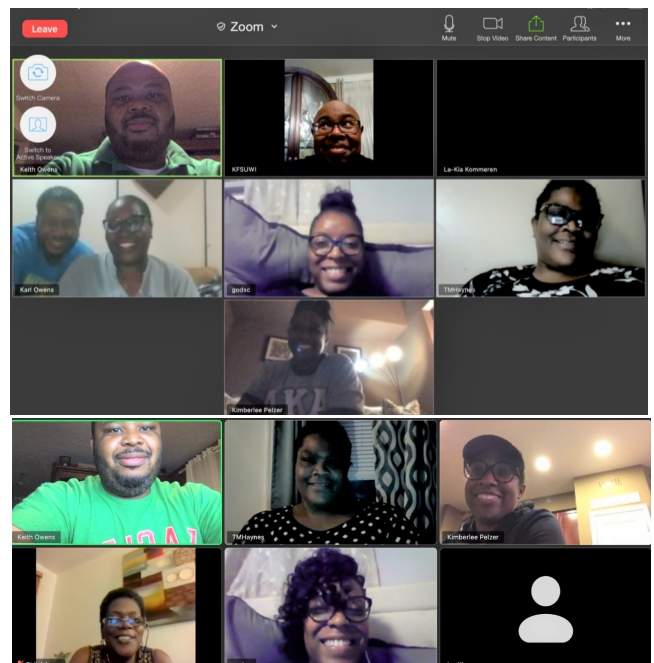


COVID-19 TESTIMONY

I wanted to thank Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker for thinking outside the box to allow Zoom Bible study, Givelify (tithes/offerings), group text prayers, online sermons, and words of encouragement, Trustee Carter for facilitating Bible study during this pandemic and fellow church members who join in Bible study to take time with the Father.

You all have no idea how much (you) my church family have gotten me through this pandemic! My take back, get our houses in order to ensure we are not straying from God - being too far from Him. There are consequences for our actions. There will be glory after this! Our God is still awesome, on time and all that we need to make it through and he's speaking to us as we learn of Him.

Sis. Alexis Banks



Youth and Young Adult News

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

The Youth Sunday School has been conducting Sunday School lessons by way of ZOOM during this COVID-19 pandemic. Sister Jackie Ward, Sister Angie Ray, and Sister Sofie Tucker have been working together to make it possible for the youth to still learn God's Word during this horrific time in our history. The lessons come from our Sunday school books and we gather together via ZOOM on Sundays from 12-2 p.m. Although gathering together is not allowed at this time, the youth are using technology and are using new ways to study and learn God's word.

Lovingly Submitted,
Sister Angela Ray



Photos courtesy of Sis. Angela Ray and Sis. Sofie Tucker

Point of View (POV) From the Youth Sunday School



During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Youth Sunday School came up with an idea to do virtual Sunday School sessions by using the app, "ZOOM." The members attending the classes were teachers Sis. Jackie Ward and Sis. Angela Ray, Sis. Sofie Tucker (Coordinator), Sis. Sanaa Stanley, Sis. Maya Jones, Bro. Devaughn Banks, Sis. Samara Jones, and Bro. Steven Jones Jr.

Sis. Sofie Tucker interviewed those members, getting their point of view on not only the virtual Sunday School sessions but events that are occurring in today's society. Some answered those three questions, which were:

How do you feel about our virtual Sunday School so far?

Maya Jones: "I like our virtual Sunday School. It's a way for us to still communicate and have fun just as we could in person."

Devaughn Banks: "I feel like it's great because you get to talk to all of your Sunday School friends and learn more while you're in quarantine."

Sis. Angela Ray: "I love it! I'm really impressed on how we are pushing through this pandemic and not stopping with what we were doing but instead arranging and scheduling Sunday School online so that we can attend."

Sis. Jackie Ward: "Honestly, it brings tears to my eyes...because we can't meet like we've normally been meeting, and even though that does something to my core, God has made a way for us to come together; I also thank God for the young people teaching this old person new things."

POV From the Youth Sunday School (continued)

What have you accomplished personally during the quarantine?

Sis. Angela Ray: Learning more about technology. “ZOOM’ was totally new to me and I didn’t hear about it until Sis. La-Kia mentioned how we could use it for weekly Bible Study—then I started to use it for work purposes at home when the pandemic hit. So, overall being tech-savvy.

Steven Jones Jr.: “I’ve accomplished passing school and I don’t have to get up.”

Devaughn Banks: “Drawing. I’m getting better at drawing.”

Sis. Jackie Ward: “During the quarantine, as a missionary it’s a blessing because I’ve reached out to our sick and shut-in, other surrounding churches, my neighbors to make sure if there’s anything that they might need me and my son can get it for them, and my prayer warriors like Evangelist Juliette Samuels. Also I watch church services on T.V. before I come to our outdoor services. I’m still reading and studying my Sunday School work, and of course reaching out to my babies” (Youth Sunday School).

Maya Jones: “So far during quarantine I have taken two AP exams, tried out for a dance company, and I have completed my workout consistently with no breaks.”

There have been many protests against police brutality and the great awareness of the Black Lives Matter Movement. What are your thoughts on those protests and the lives of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor that were taken away by police brutality?

Sis Jackie Ward: “I’ll be 72 years old this year and the same things that are happening now happened back in the fifties and sixties, but to the degree that I saw two men on T.V. get murdered...I just broke down and cried. We have been dealing with this for over four hundred years, and now my white brothers and sisters see what we’ve been going through; I remember the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. march in Washington, and I think that the protests that are taking place now and even overseas might surpass the Washington march. I am glad to see the protests.”

Devaughn Banks: “I feel like they should definitely peacefully protest and not riot; I think that with rioting, if someone gets angry they might start pulling triggers, so they should just continue to have peaceful protests.”

Sis. Angela Ray: “I think that the protests are necessary because, even though all lives matter, black people for hundreds of years have been persecuted and treated unfairly and our lives have just been cut down. So, I’m all for protests that aren’t negative and violent, but protests that are programmed in the right way so that our voices are heard.”

Steven Jones Jr.: “I don’t have any thoughts other than, why do these things happen to us and we’re arrested but they aren’t.”

Maya Jones: “I honestly think the protests will advocate for change. The entire United States and 18 countries have protested. The entire world is tired. Their lives should have never been taken away from them. They were innocent people with families and I think they’d be glad to know that their deaths were the start of a dramatic change in society.”

No Justice No Peace

Yvonne Smallwood

Micheal Noel

Corey Jones

Brian Keith Day

Randy Evans

George Floyd

Eric Garner

Betti Jones

Jamal Clark

Nathaniel Pickett

Sean Bell

Pamela Turner

Samuel Dubose

Terril Thomas

Natasha McKenna

Trayvon Martin

Manuel Ellis

Darren Rainey

Cornelius Brown

Oscar Grant

Emmett Till

Victor Larosa

Alexia Christian

Zamir Crawford

Jordan Davis

Michael Lee Marshall

Demarcus Semer

Quintonio Legrier

Yusef Hawkins

João Pedro

Antronie Scott

Terrence Crutcher

Michael Sabbie
Ahmaud Arbery
Wendell Celestine

Hector Morejon

Shante Davis

Freddie Blue

Sylville Smith

Korryn Gaines

Jordan Edwards

Billy Ray Davis

Matthew Aibade

Christopher Davis

Brendon Glenn

Amadou Diallo

India Kager

Freddie Gray

Philando Castile

Walter Scott

Aiyana Jones

Troy Robinson

Phillip White

Peter Gaines

Atatiana Jefferson

Laquan McDonald

Anthony Hill

Alteria Woods

Rodney King

Botham Sean

Ronell Foster

Anthony Ashford

Claude Reese

Randy Nelson

Alton Sterling

Keith Childress Jr.

John Crawford III

Aaron Bailey

Willie Tillman

Stephon Clark

Tony Robinson

Keith Harrison McLeod

Albert Joseph Davis

Tamir Rice

Renisha McBride

Antwon Rose II

Terrance Franklin

Xavier Rove

Sandra Bland

Miguel Espinal



BLACK LIVES MATTER

Breonna Taylor

Alonzo Smith

Keith Scott

Clifford Glover

Khil Coppin

Michael Brown

Asahms Pharoah Manley

Salvado Eliawood

Akai Gurley

Eric Reason

Romain Brisbon

Benni Lee Tignor

These are just a few of the names who were a victim to police brutality nationwide. They were human beings, their lives were snatched away from an unjust and discriminatory system. This is America. To sign petitions for the justices of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor, go to: @change.org - justiceforahmaudarbery & justiceforgeorgefloyd

@justiceforbreonna.org

@https://blacklivesmatters.carrrd.co/

Contributed by Sis. Sofie Tucker

Commentary

In the middle of COVID-19, many of us watched in horror as George Floyd, a black man, died right before us on television at the hands of the very people—the police department—who took an oath to protect us.

Why does it seem like it is hunting season on our race of people and especially our young black males? When will our white brothers and sisters look at us and not judge us by the color of our skin but judge us by the content of our minds (a quote from Dr. Martin Luther Kings' 'I Have A Dream' speech) and look at us as equals? God created each of us, in his image—"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14.

In closing, I wish to share two statements made by my granddaughter and my great-niece when they were both six years old. They are both bi-racial children. "Grandma, why do white people hate black people?" This question came as a result of her visit to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum. I looked at her and I said sadly "Baby, I don't know because God made all of us." My niece said to her father and grandfather that "she did not like white people." This statement came as a result of her visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture museum in Washington, DC. Her grandfather said to her, "Little girl, you have a problem because your mother is white."

Our children are looking for answers too. It is time for change.

Submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward



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As a member of the afternoon Bible Study class, I was very pleased that we could still have bible study via telephone conference. Deaconess Murphy provided, as usual, excellent bible references to help us in our understanding of Proverbs. Most of our class members were present also.

Sis. Leslie Hyman



Like all of us, COVID-19 has changed my daily way of living. I have been working from home, and this has been a time that I have had to adjust to working at home versus going out every day to the workplace. I am not as computer savvy as most and I have had to update my computer, learn new programs, as well as adjust to the demands of working from home. It's very different from having to go out to work. But even on my worst days, I am so grateful that I still have a job. This virus has affected people in so many ways, in one way or the other. And we have had to learn a new way of living our lives, and we don't know if things will ever be the same again. I thank God every day and I know that everything will be alright. We are connected to one another and we are connected to a power source, like none other, which is God. We Gonna Make It!



Sis. Angela Ray

Thank God for Yet Another Year



2020

The pandemic didn't stop us from celebrating another great day. We just had to do it in a different kind of way. It was a special occasion and we couldn't let it pass. We celebrated with social distance and we all wore our masks. We had a blast as our Mother and Grandmother turned 91. We had a family drive by and it was so much fun! We sang and Thanked God for another year. That He allowed our Mother to still be here.

Submitted by Mae F. Williams

God's Healing



On July 31, 2017, I had a stroke caused by a head-on car accident. Praise God I didn't have anything physically or mentally wrong. On May 14, 2020, I had another stroke - again no physical or mental problems. I praise God each and every day for saving my life. Many people look at me and never believe I had two strokes.

I feel God is elevating me and this is the reason why my life was spared. God has a plan for my life to be a servant to those that I come in contact with. I praise God because I had no deficit with the two strokes that I've had. No one can tell me that my God isn't a Healer and that he heard my prayers as well as my family and church family. My church family is awesome. I wouldn't go to another church and be treated the way my family treats me at this church. I am a testimony for someone else that might be going through the same thing - believe and have faith that God will heal you - your mind, your body, and your soul.

Spiritually submitted by Sis. Shirl Farrare

What are you grateful for today?

For our next newsletter, we want to document things our members were grateful for during Summer 2020. You may also share COVID-19 reflections (stories, testimonies, poems, drawings, etc...).

Please email your "Gratefulness" items to newsletter@myfccbc.org or share with Sis. Sharon Johnson or Sis. Sofie Tucker. "COVID reflection" instructions are on our website. We look forward to hearing from you!

To reduce anxiety, consider keeping a Gratitude Journal. Each day, write down three things you're grateful for that day. (Prevention)

I wish to thank Pastor Tucker, Lady Bridgett, the Deacons, Mother Campbell, the Ushers and Missionary ministries, and my entire FCCBC church family for their love, support, prayers, and well wishes during my illness. Since I was unable to have visitors, I especially appreciated the phone calls, cards, and prayers as I was going through. May God bless each of you and all of the caring doctors, nurses, and essential workers who took care of me during this time.
Sis. Delores Hines



To my Pastor Rev. Alphonso Tucker, my fellow Deacons, Lady Bridgett, Mother Campbell, and my entire church family, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the show of love and support during my illness. "We are family" is not a cliché for us. It is real. I've seen it demonstrated on others, now I am the beneficiary. Thank you Pastor for our conversations in and out of the hospital. Thank you my fellow Deacons for your love and support. Thanks to my church family for all the cards, monetary gifts, and phone calls which still continue. They lifted my spirits and helped me through my illness. I have a story to tell of God's grace and mercy and of love and kindness expressed by His people. Continue to pray for me and Kitty as she is a wonderful nurse and I will do the same for you.

Deacon Keith Owens, Sr.

Like most of FCCBC's planned worship services and special events for the Spring months of 2020, the men of FCCBC had to cancel monthly meetings and the annual Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast scheduled on March 12, 2020. Special events like Men In Black (a spiritually filled evening of praise of the Lord in song) and the August FCCBC Biennial Crab Feast will be cancelled as well. The Men's Ministry is planning to move forward by the grace of God organizing activities for the summer months with COVID-19 in mind.

The Men's Ministry monthly meetings will resume starting Monday, June 15th, at 6:00 p.m. for devotions, fellowship, and to make plans for summer activities. Other meeting dates for the summer months are Monday, July 27th, Monday, August 24th, and Monday, September 28th. All men are welcome to join us.

The following planned summer monthly activities are subject to change depending on the continuing health crisis:

Men's Car Wash – The FCCBC Men's Ministry will hold two car washes during the summer months to raise funds for FCCBC's outreach building project. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 18th and Saturday, August 15th from 9:00am – 3:00 p.m. each day.

Men's Prayer Fellowship - On September 12th at 9:00 a.m., the men will come together for a special prayer fellowship. Given the current coronavirus pandemic, participation is limited to members at this time. Should circumstances change, the men will be notified.

All men's activities will follow the use of proper COVID-19 social distancing requirements and all will be required to wear face masks or face coverings at all meetings and events.

Submitted by: Chairman Roscoe Johnson, III

The Women's Corner—Women's Day 2020

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV

Because of the worldwide pandemic, all the activities for Women's Day that were scheduled have either been cancelled or will be cancelled for the year 2020. These events are: The Prayer Breakfast (4/25/20), Women in White/Hat Day (5/10/20), Karaoke (5/30/20), and Youth Concert (6/6/20). Women's Day service will proceed as scheduled on June 28, 2020 with a few modifications. The service duration will be limited to one hour beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be no guest preacher; one of our Associate Ministers will deliver the message. Because this is a fluid situation, things are subject to change. So, stay tuned for any further changes.

Please pray for: the cessation of this pandemic, all the essential workers on the front lines, people everywhere who have been impacted (physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, financially) by the virus, and the safe resumption of all church activities in the near future. May God bless you and keep you safely in His care.

Deaconess Mary Murphy, Secretary

Member Spotlight - Sis. Mary Jones



Dear Church Family,

During this COVID19 pandemic, I had the pleasure of interviewing one of our cherished members via telephone, Sister Mary Jones. I would have preferred and enjoyed an in-person interview, but we have to practice social distancing during this time.

Sister Mary Jones does not hesitate in letting you know that she is grateful and blessed to be 86 years old and has never been hospitalized for illness. We talked about some highlights of her outgoing social life back in the day. Did you know that she belonged to a line dance group called 'The Golden Rockets?' Well, the group traveled and performed for the then Mayor Sheila Dixon, Governor O'Malley and for other social gatherings. Sister Mary belonged to a Glee Club and sang a solo at Elizabeth State Teachers College. She also attended a special education class at Coppin State University and sewing classes at Carver Vo-tech. She has been on five cruises and has attended several plays at Sight and Sound in PA.

Sister Mary has been a FCCBC member since 1982. She served as president of the Missionary Ministry for nine years, ushered over ten years, was a senior choir member for twenty-three years, and she is a member of our Sunday School and Bible Study classes.

When she is at church, you can see her writing in several programs. I asked her why? She shared with me that she was writing notes for a member who was not able to be at church and another member who was hard of hearing.

To fully appreciate Sister Mary is to know that she had a southern upbringing. She is outspoken, quick witted, and opinionated (I think she got that from her grandmother). She gives 'side looks' and 'up eyebrows' at the drop of a hat. Speaking of hats, she sports one almost every Sunday along with a church smart dress code, which was the appropriate attire while growing up and attending Weeping Mary Baptist Church in Hassell, NC. She met and married her late husband William Earl Jones of Oak City, NC. They have 3 sons, 1 daughter, 11 grands, and 14 great-grands.

In closing, my observation of Sister Mary Jones is that she is a joy to be around. She is truthful, honest, faithful, loyal, strong and above all, a true student of the Word.

Getting to Know You

Your Sister in Christ, Leslie Hyman

COVID-19 REFLECTIONS

House Arrest

It has been eighty-seven days and counting since the quarantine, which I have renamed "house arrest." I find it interesting how we have made to succumb to being in our homes to avoid the coronavirus. This virus has caused over 100,000 deaths. The highlight for me in the past three months was getting out of my house to go grocery shopping, pick up my medications, and food from the carryout.

I now have a great appreciation for the things we sometimes take for granted - not being able to see or spend time with our family and friends. I especially miss not being able to be in worship service on Sunday with my church family. I cannot imagine what it is like for people who live alone or those who are sick and shut-in. Being a missionary from home, I have more time to check in on the sick and shut-in and reach out to them via phone, text messages, Facetime, Zoom, sending cards and prayers through the mail. Reaching out to my fellow prayer partners for encouragement. Beyond FCCBC, I have reached out to some of our neighboring churches - North Star Baptist Church (Pastor Williams), Maranatha Memorial Baptist Church (Pastor Johnson), Bibleway Christian Fellowship Church (Pastor Parker), and Concord Baptist Church (Deacon Smith). Each of these churches are doing well and staying safe.

Sis. Jackie Ward

COVID-19

REFLECTIONS



Adjusting to Covid-19

When this situation hit the United States, it caused a shock.
It was the fastest moving disease hospitalizing people by the flocks.



We were thrown in a stay at home and sanitizing mode in a matter of days.
Everyone in the world found themselves changing their old ways.

People were stocking up on toilet paper and sanitizers, too.
The pandemic was affecting everyone world- wide thru.



Store shelves were empty and panic was taking over for many.
Things started being rationed that once was plentiful.

Lines started forming at stores and you had to wear masks to get in the door.

All of the essential workers were still working and others were not.
People were even saying that this situation was a government plot.



They closed down our entire city and state in just a few days.
What was going on everywhere put many people in a haze.



The elderly were unsure and not understanding all the changes.
They were the ones who were first and foremost in the most danger.

Politicians were putting blame on other countries and anyone they could.
Our so called leadership was on camera everyday and saying nothing that he should.

Maryland was fortunate enough to have a Governor who cared.
His focus was on the safety and health of the people plus lives being spared.

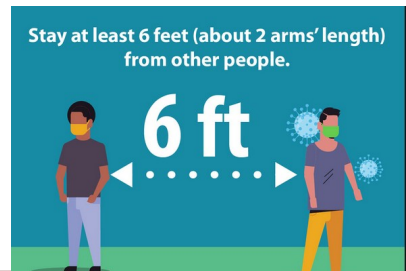
We had to adjust to several new norms this year.
Things we used to share, we can no longer share.

Social distancing is the right thing to do,
It helps protect health harms that could hurt me and you.



Oh yes, we had to adjust to Covid-19.
This was something that we never thought would be seen.

Submitted by Mae Williams



Confirmed Positive Cases in Maryland

Potpourri

Helpful Hints

Say goodbye to unwanted weeds. Most weeds can be killed with an inexpensive and eco-friendly spray, made from one gallon of white distilled vinegar mixed with one ounce of dish liquid. Spray and weeds will be gone.

You can also get rid of weeds by using the hot water left after cooking potatoes or pasta. Pour onto those pesky weeds..

For a greener lawn, try sprinkling Epsom salt over your lawn.

From AARP -GARDEN

Submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward

Congratulations!



Carlton Allen, the son of Deaconess Hallie Allen and brother of Sis. Audrey Highsmith, will celebrate thirty years of working for The Arc Baltimore. Carlton is a landscaper at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn. He has never been late and truly loves his job.

Carlton and other employees celebrating 25+ years of service will be recognized during The Arc's online virtual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 from 6:30—7:30 p.m. James Costello from WMAR Channel 2 news will serve as MC.

Please reach out to Sis. Audrey for the reception link and join the family in celebrating this milestone.

We are proud of you!

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

Summer newsletter photos, announcements, and articles will be due on 9/6/20.

Contact Updates

IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?



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 important 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 and complete a Member Information Sheet. Thank you!

Taxpayers should be aware of myths about tax refunds

Now that many taxpayers have filed their federal tax returns electronically and the IRS is back to processing paper tax returns sent by mail, they're eager for details about their refund. When it comes to refunds, there are several common myths.

Getting a refund this year means there's no need to adjust withholding for 2020

To help avoid a surprise next year, taxpayers should make changes now to prepare for next year. One way to do this is to adjust their tax withholding with their employer. This is easy to do using the [Tax Withholding Estimator](#). This tool can help taxpayers determine if their employer is withholding the right amount. This is especially important for anyone who got an unexpected result from filing their tax return this year. This could have happened because the taxpayer's employer withheld too much or too little tax from the employee's paycheck in 2019.

Calling the IRS or a tax professional will provide a better refund date

Many people think talking to the IRS or their tax professional is the best way to find out when they will get their refund. The best way to check the status of a refund is online through the [Where's My Refund?](#) tool or the [IRS2Go mobile app](#).

Taxpayers can call the automated refund hotline at 800-829-1954. This hotline has the same information as Where's My Refund? and IRS telephone assistants. There is no need to call the IRS unless Where's My Refund? says to do so.

Ordering a tax transcript is a secret way to get a refund date

Doing so will not help taxpayers find out when they will get their refund. Where's My Refund? tells the taxpayer their tax return has been received and if the IRS has approved or sent the refund.

Where's My Refund? must be wrong because there's no deposit date yet

Updates to Where's My Refund? on both IRS.gov and the IRS2Go mobile app are made once a day. These updates are usually made overnight. Even though the IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days, it's possible a refund [may take longer](#). If the IRS needs more information to process a tax return, the agency will contact the taxpayer by mail. Taxpayers should also consider the time it takes for the banks to post the refund to the taxpayer's account. People waiting for a refund in the mail should plan for the time it takes a check to arrive.

Where's My Refund? must be wrong because a refund amount is less than expected

There are several factors that could cause a tax refund to be larger or smaller than expected. Situations that could decrease a refund include:

- The taxpayer made math errors or mistakes
- The taxpayer owes federal taxes for a prior year
- The taxpayer owes state taxes, child support, student loans or other delinquent federal non-tax obligations
- The IRS holds a portion of the refund while it reviews an item claimed on the return

The IRS will mail the taxpayer a letter of explanation if these adjustments are made. Some taxpayers may also receive a letter from the Department of Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service if their refund was reduced to offset certain financial obligations.

Submitted by: Trustee Henry Smith

Public Service/Church Notices

From the Centers for Disease Control

Protecting FCCBC

Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself and others. Continue to practice healthy habits to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and then disinfect frequently used surfaces
- Stay home if you're sick
- Avoid touching your face

Learn more about staying safe and healthy at cdc.gov/covid19

Your cloth face covering should:

- ✓ Reach above the nose, below the chin, and completely cover the mouth and nostrils
- ✓ Fit snugly against the sides of the face
- ✓ Be made of multiple layers of fabric that you can still breathe through
- ✓ Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damaging the material or shape

Do not buy surgical masks to use as a face covering. Those are intended for healthcare workers and first responders. Many items you may already have in your home can be used to create face coverings.

Try creating a cloth face covering using bandanas, ski masks, washable napkins, or dish towels.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2Ravt42> .

Emergency Resources

Home delivery of meals may be available for eligible older adults through the Maryland Access Point Home Delivered Meal Program. Baltimore City residents should call 410-396-2273. Baltimore County residents should call 410-887-2594. If you call before noon, the food will be delivered the next day. If you call after noon, the food will be delivered within 48 hours. Please pass this on to those in need and our senior citizens.

Submitted by Sis. Jackie Ward

First Christian Community Baptist Church

Until Further Notice - Upon Entering

- ✓ Face mask Must be worn throughout the church ...
- ✓ Temperature must be taken ...



CDC guidelines (100.4° / 38° c) or above **NO ENTRY**



- ✓ Adhere to social distancing (6 feet)
- ✓ Wash or sanitize hands frequently

Front Entrance to be used only ...

Giving

We are a member supported church. In an effort to maintain our weekly/monthly expenses and to keep our church operations in good standing, we need our members to stay faithful in giving. We have three easy ways you can give to support FCCBC's mission. You can drop your tithes and offerings in the designated receptacle at a worship gathering, give online (see below), or mail your check or money order (no cash please) to: FCCBC P.O. Box 67407 Baltimore, MD 21215

To give online, we are now using the GIVELIFY electronic platform. You may visit discover.givelify.com and enter FCCBC or download the mobile giving app from the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (Android devices) . You will get an immediate receipt in the app and via email. An ongoing history is also available. For more information, please visit <http://www.givelify.com>.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

Submitted by: The Finance Ministry

The Reality of COVID-19

People said it was a disease caused by a respiratory virus that was confirmed in March of 2020.

It went from affecting a small amount to a vast amount of plenty.

They called it a pandemic because it was wide-spread all over the world.

Television became a watching game to see which way the graphs were curved.

It caused the whole world to stop and stand still in their tracks.

Many were confused because we were constantly hearing different facts.

Political leaders everywhere were taking over and trying to be in charge.

Never stopping to realize that this situation, for them, was too large.

It seems that they couldn't see that a revelation was at hand.

God had a message for every boy, girl, woman, and man.

He needed the attention of the world, no matter what it took.

Too many people were not following the laws of The Good Lord's Book.

We must remember that God does what He wants, when He wants, to whom He wants, and however He wills.

It is through His divine powers that only He can make the entire world stand still.

God's Will is going to be done, no matter the cost.

Many were stricken with illnesses and many lives were lost.

It all goes back to being Obedient and Trusting in God's Word.

When He speaks to His people, He is going to be heard.

We must continue to Thank God for keeping us in the midst.

Most of all, we must never ever doubt the reality that, Our God does EXIST.

Submitted by Mae F. Williams

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 members:

Trustee Emeritus Roland Gardner

Sis. Annie Tift Smith

Sis. Sheila Fenwick Shelton

"The Bereavement Ministry humbly recognizes our loss of family and friends. We speak their names. Someone we love has gone away. And our lives are not the same."

"Life is a journey. Death is a continuation of the journey. Heaven is a temporary rest for the commencement and fulfillment of a New life, new hope, and a new promise."

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

July 2020

Special Honoree:
Deacon Lawrence Waller
Deacon Garry Carter

Bro. Darrell Aldridge
Sis. Amy Arthur
Sis. Kimberly Brice
Sis. Evelyn Bright
Sis. Gwendolyn Edwards
Sis. Audrey Gregg
Sis. Darlene Harrell
Master Arion Heaggans
Sis. Delores Hines
Deayva Johnson
Miss Samara Jones
Bro. Leroy McAllister
Sis. Evette Townes
Sis. Destinee Robinson
Trustee Henry Smith
Master Jordan Troy
Teyonna Wright

August 2020

Bro. Troy Brooks
Sis. Jeliza Dickenson
Bro. Earl Edwards
Bro. Bruce Flanigan
Sis. Yvette Fowlkes

August 2020 (continued)

Sis. Tequilla Haynes
Bro. Roscoe Johnson III
Sis. Flore Mincey
Sis. Brenda Pledger
Bro. Frank Speller
Bro. Calvin Taylor
Master Jayme 'Troy
Bro. Tyler White
Sis. Tamiah Williams

September 2020

Special Honoree:
Evangelist Juliette Samuels

Deaconess Hallie Allen
Sis. Darlene Bell
Sis. Winifred Berry
Sis. Theresa Boyd
Miss Rickia Briggs
Sis. Michelle Bright
Sis. Paula Foote
Tyshawn Gaines
Sis. Sierra Gaitner
Sis. Ashley Givens
Sis. Amanda Hall
Bro. Steven Jones
Bro. Walter Jones
Bro. Michael Montoute

September 2020 (continued)

Sis. Annie Norris
Miss Kennedee Pelzer
Sis. Alana Powell
Sis. Amira Powell
Sis. Carolyn Phillips
Miss Shilo Randall-Bryant
Miss Sydney Smith
Min. Darlene Taylor
Sis. Bridgete "Sofie" Tucker

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 Gardner family on the transition of Trustee Emeritus Roland Gardner

The Edwards/Flanigan/McCloud families on the passing of Sis. Darcella Flanigan

The Habeebullah family on the loss of Mahasin A. Leak

The Player /Shelton/ Thomas families on the transition of Sis. Sheila Fenwick Shelton

The White/Townes families on the passing of Daryl Anthony (Tony) Dabney

The Tift/Smith family on the passing of Sis. Annie Tift Smith

The Booker/Maxwell/Cole families on the passing of Robert (Bobby) McCloud

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

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

July

30th - Deacon Keith & Sis. Kitty Owens (43 years)

August

2nd - Rev. Harvey & Sis. Annette Moore (40 years)
30th - Bro. Lawrence & Deaconess Eileen McCloud (39 years)

September

1st - Bro. Karl & Sis. LaNecia Owens (15 years)
7th - Bro. Kermit & Sis. Yvette Fowlkes (7 years)

**Min. Harvey Moore wishes
Sis. Annette Moore
a Happy
Fortieth Anniversary!**



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

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 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

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

Church Calendar

July 2020

12 Baptism (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
14 Worship with North Star Baptist Church	7:30 p.m.
18 Men's Car Wash	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
19 Family and Friends Day	
28 Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

August 2020

2 Unity Baptist will worship with us	3:30 p.m.
15 Men's Car Wash	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
16 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
24 Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

September 2020

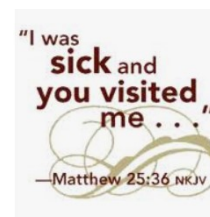
3 Quarterly Official Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
6 Male Chorus Anniversary	During a.m. service
12 Men's Prayer Fellowship	
16 Service leading up to Pastor's anniversary	7:00 p.m.
20 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
23 Service leading up to Pastor's anniversary	7:00 p.m.
27 Humphrey Choral Ensemble anniversary	During a.m. service
28 Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.
30 Service leading up to Pastor's anniversary	7:00 p.m.

Dates subject to change. Please check before leaving home.

**First Christian Community Baptist Church will be celebrating
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker and Lady Bridgett Tucker's Eleventh
Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**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	Deaconess 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...

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members

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



COVID-19 Resources (updated 6/26/20)

Many jurisdictions are seeing a resurgence of COVID-19 cases. Everyone is encouraged to take the proper precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 including wearing a mask or face covering, regular handwashing, and social distancing.

Free meals for children continue through the Summer months at Maryland summer meal sites. Visit mars.msde.maryland.gov/mars_sitesearch to find the meal site closest to you.

Baltimore City

Visit coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov, for testing, food resources, and other information for city residents. To find a meal distribution site near you, visit bit.ly/baltmeals or call 410-396-CARE (2273).

Baltimore County

Visit baltimorecountymd.gov/news/coronavirus.html for resources for Baltimore County residents. Residents may also call the Baltimore County Department of Health hotline at 410-887-3816.

Food access information can be found at <https://baltimorecountymd.gov/News/foodresources.html>.

Baltimore County Senior Centers remain closed. Seniors with food access needs can call the Maryland Access Point hotline at 410-887-2594.

Please support older adults 60 years of age or older and people at most risk by:

- Knowing what medications they are taking and helping them stock up
- Helping monitor food and supplies (oxygen, incontinence products, etc...)
- Helping stock up on non-perishable food items.
- Checking on persons who are home alone

Seniors home alone can request a daily call. Trained volunteers will reach out with a live weekly call and connect seniors with resources:



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