

Message From Our Pastor

“ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)



I believe that we all would agree that 2020 has turned out to be a year that we will always remember. This pandemic, the COVID-19 virus, has affected the entire world. We have seen blatant racism and violence on a global scale. However, we have also witnessed a people coming together as one, to express disagreements with such policies by peaceful protests, and also by coming out as one voice as we made our way to polls during one of the most disappointing years in the office of the President. Needless to say this year will be one for the history books.

Nevertheless, I have discovered that sometimes it is through our crises that we find strength. Many times it is in the midst of the storm that we actually begin to walk in faith. If this year has taught us anything, it is that God has been there to comfort and keep us in the midst of it all. Not only that but we can overcome anything that the enemy and this world throws at us as long as we stay connected to “the vine.”

In the fifteenth chapter of the gospel according to John, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ explains to his disciples and to us the importance of staying connected to Him. As a congregation of baptized believers we are connected on many levels. We are the body of Christ....His Church. We are brothers

and sisters in Christ. “We are laborers together with Christ”, and “ We Are Family.” One of the reasons the enemy attacks the people of God is because of our relationship with Christ and with each other. The devil hates it when people, families, and Churches get along with one another. His aim has always been to “divide and conquer.” So let’s keep the devil mad by getting along with one another, which can only be accomplished if we stay connected. I understand that we may not be able to come together physically, but we can still come together socially. We can still stay connected in prayer, and stay connected by studying God’s Word. Never forget, “without Christ we can do nothing.”

I am so blessed that for eleven years we have been connected as Pastor and People. I am so thankful that Lady Bridgett and I have been connected for twenty years as husband and wife, and I truly believe it’s because we stayed connected to the vine. What a MIGHTY GOD we serve!!!

I truly miss my FCCBC church family and I can’t wait for when the entire Church can come back together again for the purpose of corporate worship. Until that happens let’s stay connected by any means necessary; “ For I am persuaded to let nothing separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

May God’s Blessings be upon you all, and may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lovingly Submitted,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

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Eleventh Pastoral Anniversary

“We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Thessalonians 1:2-3)”



This Scripture captures the essence of our beloved pastor, the Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker. Knowing him is knowing how much he cares for his calling and for his people. We are truly thankful for his ministry, guidance, care and devoted service to our congregation. We thank God for his anointing, his servant’s heart of love, for the faithfulness with which he leads us, and his prayers for us. He loves us as the good shepherd loves his sheep and we love him.

The year 2020 was infamous in its notoriety because of COVID-19, but this did not deter us from celebrating our pastor’s eleventh year as pastor of First Christian Community Baptist Church. We also celebrate his wife and family for their support and service to him and to the kingdom. Although the celebration was low key due to the constraints of the prohibitive mandates related to COVID-19, it was no less meaningful, joyful, and uplifting. This year we had to forego the usual festivities and guest preachers. Breaking with tradition, our pastor preached his own anniversary sermon. Sisters Kaitlyn Sanders and Sofie Tucker provided the joyous and inspirational music. It was a wonderful and uplifting celebration in spite of the imposed limitations.

During the weeks prior to Pastor Tucker’s anniversary, these ministers preached the following powerful sermons:

Date	Minister	Scripture	Topic
9/6/20	Evan. Dr. Juliette Samuels	Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-4	The Crown of Glory, Pastor’s Reward
9/13/20	Rev. Dr. Freddie Samuels	Psalm 27	A Pastor that Waits on the Lord
9/20/20	Rev. Debbie Ervin	Acts 27:20-25	When You Can’t, God Will
9/27/20	Minister Harvey Moore	2 Corinthians 5:6-10,17	Making a Change for the Better
10/4/20	Dr. Alphonso Tucker	2 Corinthians 4:1-7	Pastor’s Anniversary: Preaching Jesus!

Please continue to keep our pastor and his family in prayer as he continues to do the work for which he was called.

Submitted by Deaconess Mary H. Murphy

We honor your service!!!

Deacon's Corner

To God Be The Glory. For they that have used the office of a Deacon well purchased to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 1-Timothy 3:13

I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

I greet you once again in the precious glorious name of Jesus the Christ. I thank God for another opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Even though and through this pandemic God is still on the throne. As believers in Christ, we cannot and will not allow this pandemic to curve our faith in the Lord. COVID-19 has changed/alterd our lives and we cannot ignore the fact that it is real. For God has not given the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

Since we have been back in the sanctuary, we are following the CDC guidelines including hand washing/sanitizing, temperature checks, and social distancing. The family is slowly returning and without complaint of how things are being handled. Decency and in order is always necessary. Virtual learning, Zoom, and conference calls are a nice addition, however, there is nothing like being in the Sanctuary with my family at FCCBC!! What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Yet another season change is upon us (Fall). The world in it's shutdown hopefully will bring you that much closer to your family. I pray that the Thanksgiving season brought you GREAT JOY with your loved ones. I hope you didn't eat too much turkey because gym time is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The diaconate ministry is asking for your continued prayer for the members who are not able to return to regular services and for the members that are going through situations. Pray that they will always know that there is nothing too hard for God, He's in the blessing business.

Most recently, Deacon & Deaconess Bostick were called home from labor to reward (Deaconess Oct 23rd/Deacon Oct 28th). Our hearts remain heavy but we know the God that we serve doesn't make mistakes. Now husband and wife are no longer in pain and their reward is unlimited. They will truly be missed by their FCCBC family. Deacon Bostick was an ambassador and soldier for the Lord.

And the Lord added to the church daily such as to be saved Acts 2:47

We are still reaching out to our sick and shut-in members by way of phone calls and the new ways of technology. However when we are able to reach a member, we are always greeted with a SMILE! Continue to pray for all of our bereaved families. Pray without ceasing for the Bostick, Samuels, Howell, and Chapman families on their recent losses. I apologize if there is anyone that I may have missed. You are certainly in our prayers.

I thank my Pastor for his vision and support. He is about his Father's business. I continue to encourage you to attend Sunday School, Prayer Meetings, Bible Study, conference calls & Zoom meetings 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 Lords work. I leave you with this question: Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7) (think on that).

*****CYBER HUGS*****

Humbly Submitted
Chairman Deacon Lawrence Waller



Deaconess Corner

A Season of Giving

2020 has been a difficult and challenging year. People have lost their jobs and homes during the pandemic. If God has blessed you and your family, think about giving back to those who are less fortunate. Any donation or act of kindness will be appreciated.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, I was able to send four dinners to seniors who live alone and they were very grateful. There are many organizations that you can give a donation, such as the Maryland Food Bank, the Salvation Army, men and women's shelters, or the Bea Gaddy food pantry. You can adopt a family with children who are having a hard time and make the holiday a memorable occasion. If you have seniors in your neighborhood, share the holiday with them if you can.

As you encounter the poor, homeless, and seniors remember to love and help them. Remember the words of Proverbs 19:4 "Those who are gracious to the poor lend to the Lord and the Lord will fully repay them." This is the season of giving, may God bless you all.

Deaconess Hallie Allen

Passing the Torch

After more than four decades of dedicated service, Deaconess Allen has decided to relinquish her position as president of the Deaconess Ministry. She will continue to serve as advisor and share her years of experience and vast knowledge of the ministry in her new position as Deaconess Emeritus. Effective January 2021, Dr. Mary Murphy will assume the role of president. We look forward to the continued guidance and service that the Deaconess Ministry provides.

Summer 2020 Missionary Ministry

This season when we are usually preparing to go to give gifts at Future Care nursing facility, we can't go to the facility due to COVID restrictions, however, we did provide crayons, coloring books, and word find books as we were asked to do by the activities director. We included 100 biblical tracks on how to be saved and the meaning of Christmas. The Missionary Ministry also made a donation of \$205.00 to the Helping Up Mission. This amount is supposed to provide 100 meals for the residents recovering from drug addiction, alcoholism, and homelessness. Do whatever you can to help others.

We are extremely blessed and we all can do something to help our fellow man. I am wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. Keep the faith and trust in the Lord to bring us through.

Wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands.

Carolyn Laster, President

Usher's Ministry Update

The FCCBC Junior and Senior Ushers celebrated their anniversary on Sunday November 8, 2020. This year's anniversary was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic which prevented inviting ushers from other churches. FCCBC Ushers were unable to show their spiritually filled march which is often displayed by our Junior Ushers.

Brother Tyrone Moore, Senior Ushers ministry president, commented how he appreciated the support of the ushers during this year's pandemic.

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Message from the Sunday School

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Although we suffered a great loss with the transition of our beloved superintendent, Deacon James Bostick, we must continue to do the work that has been set before us. At this time, we plan to have our Christmas program, with a few modifications, on Sunday, December 20th at 9:30 a.m. However, all activities are contingent upon the mandates issued by our state and local governments related to the COVID surge. Consequently, as of November 22nd, the church will be closed again. Therefore, we will have Sunday School class via teleconference beginning November 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. until further notice.

The two lone students of the Youth Class, Miss Sofie Tucker and Miss Kaitlyn Sanders, did not let COVID-19 deter them from attending class. They are to be commended for their faithfulness in their attendance and independent teaching skills. This is a testament to their families and their teachers who nurture and encourage them to study the Word. In addition to their teacher, Sis. Angela Ray, Sis. Jackie Ward is there virtually every Sunday. The Young Adult class, under the direction of Deacon Garry Carter, is doing Zoom classes. The direction, frequency, and mode of teaching are all subject to change related to interest and attendance. Please keep our classes in prayer that they will remain diligent in their studies and that they will persevere in spite of challenging circumstances.

Much gratitude to our three rams in the bush: Deacon Lawrence Waller, Sis. Leslie Hyman, and Trustee John Sanders as Acting Superintendent, Acting Secretary and Acting Treasurer, respectively. They have been a tremendous help in filling the void left by the Sunday School staff. Chairman Lawrence Waller will begin serving as Superintendent in January 2021.

Please continue to pray for our secretary, Sis. Evette Parker; assistant secretary, Sis. Rosetta Quarles; and Treasurer, Sis. Brenda Sanders as they continue their road to recovery.

Submitted by Deaconess Mary H. Murphy


JESUS
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CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Service Updates

We continued to follow **CDC guidelines** with the wearing of face masks/coverings at all times, taking of temperatures prior to entering along with the use of hand sanitizer, asking of health screening questions, and practicing social distancing throughout the church. The church is cleaned between each use. Those in attendance are noted for contact tracing purposes. We thank the Senior Ushers for their continued commitment in ensuring safety precautions are upheld.

New Phase I restrictions went into effect in Baltimore City on Friday, December 11th, requiring that religious facilities be limited to 25% of maximum occupancy. The difficult decision was made to temporarily discontinue our one hour in-person morning worship services. Please stay tuned for changes as conditions warrant. Adult Sunday School is now being held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. via audio conference call (see below for dial-in instructions).

Ministries are encouraged to regularly stay in touch with their members via conference call. Presidents must contact Trustee Dorsey to check availability and schedule use. Once scheduled, you may join the call by calling **1-712-451-0737**. At the prompt, enter **access code 872722#** (no host code need be entered). It is strongly recommended that everyone call in at least ten minutes before the start time. To limit background noise, please make sure your mute button is on in between speaking. To avoid an echo, participants in the same room are asked to either use one phone or move away from one another.

FCCBC Planning Committee Ministry Pre-Development Update

FCCBC has continued to grow in church membership and spiritual outreach to spread the Word of God! To fulfill the calling of service to the church members, the neighborhood of West Arlington and the Baltimore Metropolitan area in general. FCCBC's Planning Committee has been working to raise funds and planning to build a facility to successfully meet the needs of FCCBC and be an asset to the community.

The FCCBC Planning Committee, along with the project consultants, has completed the building design and permits phase of the project. Construction contractors that will be a part of the project development team have been selected. The project development team includes key FCCBC leaders, KCW Engineering, Skorpa Design Studio Architects, Sigma Development, J & J Concrete, and Malill, LLC.

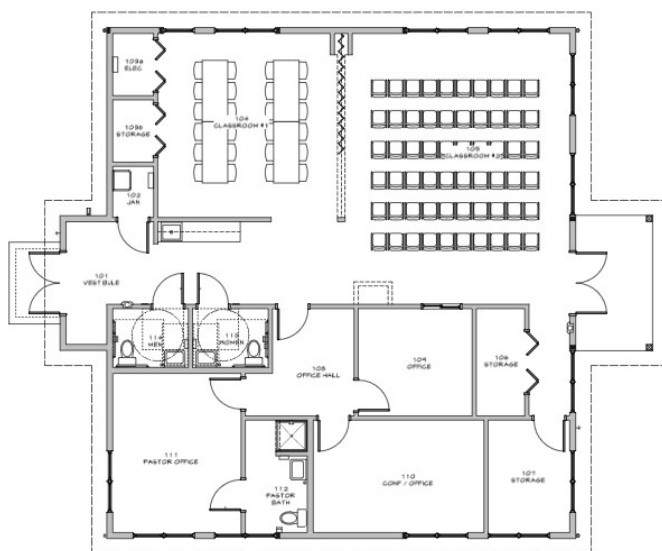
The Community Outreach Center facilities located at 4201 Groveland Avenue will enable the congregation to continue expansion of theological education components like Bible Study, Sunday School activities and summer Vacation Bible School. The additional space will also provide needed office space for administrative staff of the church including our Pastor, Associate Ministers, Deacons, Trustees, and Administrative Assistants. The FCCBC expansion will also provide community green space and a church garden that will be used to educate youth about food production and healthy eating habits.

The expansion will include renovation of the main church building Fellowship Hall that will provide the Culinary Ministry additional space for a larger food pantry that will directly impact outreach to community residents, the homeless with meals, and other personal items.

The Planning Committee will begin to submit the required loan documents for project lender to complete the underwriting of the project construction loan. We expect to close the construction loan in February 2021 and construction will begin shortly thereafter. 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 the continued faithfulness and support in honoring their **Building Fund** pledges.

Submitted by: FCCBC Planning Committee Ministry



Getting To Know You—Evangelist Gwen McKeever

Family, this quarter I asked Evangelist Gwen McKeever, our fairly new member of the pulpit to share a few words about herself with us. Evangelist McKeever has given us a testimony. Please read the words from her heart to our hearts. Welcome again to this servant of God.



When asked to talk or write about myself, I always feel somewhat nervous. This is a hard subject to talk about. I am not a very complicated person. I lead a very simple life. The center of who I am is wrapped tightly around God. He has been my source from when I was big enough to know who He was. I learned of God through my grandmother, Bertha Lott Harrison. She raised me to know that God was to be revered and that in everything we do He was to be respected. I learned at a young age that Jesus loved me and that He thought the world of me. No matter if no one else loved me; he did. Through childhood challenges of being bullied He raised me up to love the underdog to have compassion for the less fortunate.

It was the loss of my grandmother that I really had to learn about how God will rescue you in times of trouble. Through the ridicule and loss God taught me to believe in myself, leaning on Him. So as person who felt like they were nothing much, was able to go to college and graduate with her Bachelors. In the end I was able to attain my Doctorate, but the degrees that I have acquired are not what's the most important thing to me, with God I was able to do what I never believed that I could.

My greatest influences beside my grandmother in life were Pastor Lucille Calloway, the late Evangelist Norma Calloway, and my aunt, Dr. Mary Murphy. Pastor Calloway is my mother in the gospel. She taught me that this journey in God is not all talk it's a lifestyle. She always says "God's gonna see who's living holy after while. She never settled for mediocre where God was concerned. She helped me to build a strong sure foundation based on the Word, prayer, fasting and service. She lives by faith and walks at the feet of Jesus. Evangelist Norma passed just as we went into quarantine. She was present when I received the Holy Ghost and once I confirmed the presence of God she became a serious but loving mentor to me. She believed that you had to press through the hard things of God with God. Those hard things like forgiveness and holding my peace even from good. Both of these women of God believed in praising God whether you felt like it or not. They would always say "God is worthy all the time." So I learned to praise God no matter the circumstances. Then there is my wonderful "Auntie" who has been there for me in good and rough times. She always is my voice of reason. I always hear her saying "love is patient Love is Kind." She has shown me that that is more than words on a page. She gave love to me in times when she could have thrown her hands up and walked away, but she didn't, instead she rolled up her sleeves and said let's push through. She always made opportunities for me especially after my grandmother died because I couldn't breathe. She gave me the confidence I didn't have and eventually, I stood with my own confidence. My heart will always love them because God used them to give added strength and confidence to me. I serve God better because of each of them.

I am a mother of 5 wonderful children. I consider being a mother one of the greatest honors that God has bestowed upon me. It is not an easy job especially after they grow up but an honor nonetheless. I birthed 2 boys of whom I am honored to be their mother. And I am a "bonus" mom to 3 lovely young ladies through marriage. But please don't make the mistake of thinking they are not my 3 new heartbeats because you will soon understand the depth of my love for them. I thought being a mother was never going to happen for me, but look at God. I learned how to wait because all things within His time. And a twist to all this; although I was grateful for my sons, I would have loved a daughter. Well who says that prayers way down the road cannot be fulfilled? My husband brought with him my girls. The funny thing is my younger son will gang up with Ron against me and the girls and I go after Ron. How blessed I am and thankful for my husband and family. My husband and I met separate from our children and were married on September 14, 2019 and his jewels and my jewels joined as a blended loving family.

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Evangelist Gwen McKeever (continued)

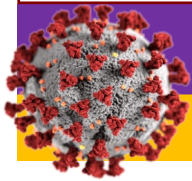
I am a Registered Nurse specialized in wound care. I believed that the Lord called me to serve those who are very vulnerable. Throughout my career there have been many times the Lord has had me to minister to a family beyond my nursing skills. Families going through hard times dealing with the sickness of their loved ones or spiritual sickness. God would direct me. I remember a family and the wife was dying. There was heaviness in the room. The Lord revealed the husband had guilt of infidelity. He confessed it and sought forgiveness and he and his wife parted at peace. This was all God because He loves us and wants the best for us. I would never regret my work through the years but I know that the good that I do God is the facilitator.

In conclusion, I love to laugh and enjoy the good simple things that God gives. I love my sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated because through them I truly learned about teamwork. I love the color pink and my favorite character is Mickey Mouse because he is happy and carefree. But at the end of it all I am here to serve God and to make my life a blessing in the name of Jesus. I am honored to be a part of the First Christian Community and ministry. I pray that I will be able to be an asset. Please continue to pray for me as I will always pray for you.

Thank You !! Compiled by Sis. Leslie Hyman

Getting to Know You

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



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Hamilton City Village is our (myself & Officer Lolando Hamilton of the Baltimore City Police Department) non-profit specifically designed for Homeless Outreach.

Officer Hamilton has built up a rapport with the homeless and often comes home asking "Do we have this or that?" - his heart is in the right place for those less fortunate 🏠

We sent out hundreds of emails/text messages & social media posts asking for gently used coats/blankets. These were the items Officer Hamilton has been asked for from the homeless on his beat. We received multiple donations of coats and blankets and a few monetary donations from those who didn't have coats or blankets to donate. Dea. Waller donated whole chickens. We purchased the ingredients to make string beans, stuffing, potato salad, cranberry dressing and some packaged cakes. Dea. Waller deep fried the chickens for us and I cooked the sides. Friends helped us package up the meals.

Coats, blankets, and a few toiletries were passed out along with the meals on our first "outreach mission" on Sunday, November 29th.



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Reflections

It has been 265 days since COVID-19 has been at the helm of keeping some of us isolated from our families, friends, our jobs, our church, places we enjoyed visiting like our favorite restaurants, the movies, shopping, and social gathering like birthday celebrations and baby showers. It has kept our children and grandchildren from being able to attend school, they are now being taught at home via social media with no interaction with their peers.

As summer fades into fall, and the leaves begin to change into beautiful reds, yellows, oranges and copper colors, it gives me a sense of peace and joy; as the sunrises and the sky reveals a beautiful sunny day, filled with beautiful hues of blue and cotton like clouds, I said to myself. I wonder how many people ever stopped and taken the time to really look at what God has created. The earth is in turmoil, and it is during this critical time of COVID-19 and unrest, that I have founded a great source of joy in what GOD has created. I am looking forward to winter, to experience the silence of a cold brisk day and anticipating the first snow fall, trying not to dwell on the crisis of COVID-19.

I am still in shock at the passing of Deacon and Deaconess Bostick (in October), just one week apart in death; in life they were together for 53 years, now together in death. Second Corinthians 5:8 “To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord”. May Deacon and Deaconess Bostick rest in peace, from labor to victory.

I am extremely grateful to Sofie Tucker, Kaitlyn Sanders, and Sister Angela Ray for their faithfulness and commitment to the Sunday School. I am so proud of these three young ladies for doing such a wonderful job during the pandemic, They made it possible for me to be a part of the Sunday School lessons every week via Facetime. (Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me”.

I will close my reflections with Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen” and Psalms 91.

Lord, you have blessed me with great faith, you take away my doubts and ensure me, to believe the best is yet to come; that the world will be delivered from COVID-19. Please continue to wear your mask, maintain six feet of social distancing, and wash your hands. Please stay safe.

Prayerfully submitted: Sister Jackie Ward

The Word

Friendly reminder—if you are in need of a Word, visit our web page at www.myfccbc.org. Pastor has an array of services from which to choose.



'Everyone Deserves Warm Feet' Sock Drive

Socks are the least-donated clothing items and yet the most in-demand. As you may recall, the Humphrey Choral Ensemble sponsored a Sock Drive collecting socks for the homeless and those less fortunate. Humphrey Chorale Ensemble member Deacon Garry Carter spearheaded a collection from among fellow letter carriers at the Catonsville Post Office. They donated 170 pairs of socks! Through the generosity of church members, friends, and letter carriers at the Catonsville Post Office, over 300 pairs of socks were collected. We are thankful for everyone's generosity.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, distribution through the Deaconess ministry's outreach was delayed. Socks are being distributed to the [Helping Up Mission](#) (100 pairs), [Sarah's House](#), [Future Care Nursing Home](#) (30 pairs), and to Hamilton City Village (50 pairs). The remaining socks will remain on-site for emergency distribution. We thank Sis. Alexis Banks, Deacon Carter, Sis. Sharon Johnson, Sis. Carolyn Laster, Deacon Lawrence Waller, and Sis. Nikki Waller for their assistance in collecting, sorting, and/or distributing the socks.

Submitted by: Sis. Sharon Johnson



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Corona Humor or Not?

**Twenty, twenty
Is the year of Covid
And it made me realize
Just how small this house is**

**The first couple of months
Everything was ok
Then came July, Aug, and Sept
We had no Vacay**

**So we started cooking and eating
Everything in sight
Gaining Four to five pounds
Seems like overnight**

**So now it's December and
2020 is almost done
A new President and a vaccine
I can't wait for 2021**

**I can't wait to get back to Church
For Sunday service
I love my family but
THEY ARE GETTING ON MY NERVES**

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Missing My Church Life

I have a lot to say but the words don't seem to flow. I knew that my church life was a big part of my life but I didn't realize how big. Most of my friends are members of our church and when I see them in church it answers lots of questions for me. I can tell that they are well, they will tell you in a few words what is going on and we can make arrangements to meet at a later time. Now we can't meet because of the COVID-19 crisis and the CDC guidelines.

When I don't see them for a while, I say that I am going to call but something else always seems to occupy my time and everything is different. I promise to do better this year.

I look forward to the sermons from our Pastor that renew my strength and remind me of how blessed I am to be saved and be in a position to help and encourage others. I listen to pastors on YouTube, but it is not the same.

Sis. Carolyn Laster

I miss my church family



Don't Let Your Guard Down

Here we are almost at the end of the year,
The Coronavirus is still running rampant everywhere.
Some people act as though it is not as dangerous as it was before,
If anything, the virus is affecting people even more.
The rules for staying safe are really not hard to follow,
Being caught with your guard down is an even harder pill to swallow.
We must continue doing prevention strategies everyday,
Fully committing ourselves to safety is the only way.
It is so easy to forget sometimes you don't have your mask.
To ensure your safety, wearing it must be your daily task.
It is important for the safety of yourself and others, too.
Staying your distance and washing your hands are the other precautions, too.
We must stay on task and always keep our guards up.
These are some of the ways we can curbe the virus from continuing to blow up.
It doesn't matter if it is an order or a mandate, protect yourself before it is too late.
The virus is all over and none of us know where.
Following the safety rules shows that you want to be safe and that you care.
The bottom line is, we must stay alert and not let our guards down.
This is a virus that attacks without making a sound.
Let's stay safe and keep all of our guards up!

Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams



Usher's Ministry Update (continued)

For a day in thy courts
is better than a
thousand. I *had rather*
be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God, *than*
to dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

Psalms 84:10 KJV

He noted how the Senior Ushers attended each Sunday service to assist in making sure that FCCBC members and visitors followed the CDC's guidelines for social distancing, hand sanitizing, body temperatures, and wearing face masks properly.

Pastor Tucker stated that FCCBC Senior Ushers have served our church with compassion and dedication during COVID-19, giving special recognition to Brother Tyrone Moore and Sis. Shirl Ferrare for their consistent service each Sunday morning. He also noted how the Senior Ushers have made themselves available when needed for homegoing services for members that passed during 2020.

FCCBC Senior Ushers will continue to be ready to provide whatever services are needed at FCCBC. The Junior and Senior Ushers look forward to their annual anniversary on November 14, 2021.

Submitted by: Brother Tyrone Moore

Veteran Recognition

On the second Sunday in December, our pastor and the members honored and saluted our veterans past and present for their bravery, patriotism, service rendered, and sacrifices made.

Rev. Tucker acknowledged our veterans by asking them to stand, after which, Deaconess Vurely Johnson read a moving tribute to the veterans.

To our veterans who have served faithfully and to the families of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and/or are missing on foreign soil, we say to you all, you are always in our hearts and prayers.

We here at First Christian Community Baptist Church hope our veterans will continue to keep the torch of liberty burning bright in our united nation as we seek peace, justice and liberty for all.

Deaconess Hallie Allen

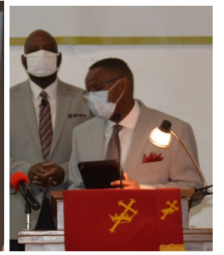


Enhancing Communications

A committee has been formed to identify and implement new ways for the FCCBC family to stay in touch and keep abreast of changes and updates. They are working on changes to our website as well as social media. We will keep you informed of the committee's progress.

Pastor Tucker has asked each ministry to reach out to their members with highlights from the church meeting and to meet using FreeConference.com. See instructions on page 6.





The year 2020 has presented special challenges to the FCCBC Men's Ministry program activities. Regardless of the impact of the COVID-19, on November 1, 2020, the FCCBC Men's Ministry celebrated the 73rd annual Men's Day.

A modified program was organized for the worship service incorporating the CDC's best practices for social distancing to keep all attendees safe.



This year's theme "FCCBC MEN WITH FAITH IN JESUS" was developed from 1 Corinthians 16:13 - "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

In keeping the tradition of the Annual Men's Day, the men of FCCBC conducted the morning service with Brother Roscoe Johnson, chairman of the Men's Ministry, serving as Worship Leader. During Brother Johnson's opening remarks, he acknowledged the passing of a great Christian man and faithful servant at FCCBC - Deacon James Bostick. Brother Johnson noted that Deacon Bostick served as a great example for the men of FCCBC as well as all members of the church's faith community.

The worship service continued with scripture reading 1 Corinthians 16:13 presented by Bro. Tyrone Moore, Sr., followed with prayer by Bro. Bruce Flanagan.

The Men's Ministry made a special presentation to Bro. Keith Owens, Jr. and Bro. Tyrone Moore, Sr. for their service supporting the Men's Ministry activities during this year while dealing with COVID-19.

The men also took this opportunity to stand up around the church to acknowledge Pastor Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker for his pastoral counsel and leadership during the pandemic of 2020.

In compliance with CDC's social distancing guidelines, there were only a few members of the FCCBC Male Chorus that could celebrate Men's Day from the choir loft. Under normal conditions, the Male Chorus would be one of the highlights of the Men's Day activities. The pandemic did not stop the men from singing an array of spiritual selections from their location in the sanctuary. Bro. Keith Owens, Jr., directed. The Male Chorus' songs of worship were well received by the congregation.

Pastor Tucker preached the word. The theme for his message was "Doing What God Requires." Scripture used for the foundation of the theme came from Micah 6:6-8. Pastor Tucker's message encouraged the men and all in attendance to remain steadfast in faith and in doing the work that God has appointed each of us to perform, regardless of the circumstances that each of us will experience in this life.

Pastor Tucker closed out the Men's Day worship service with remarks and thanked all of the men for continuing to have monthly meetings and praying together during this difficult pandemic.

Co-chairman Tyrone Moore, Sr., and I thank all of the men for their support during the year. May God continue to bless each of you.

Submitted by: Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III

FCCBC Men's Ministry Officers 2021

The FCCBC Men's Ministry met on Monday, December 3, 2020 and appointed the following officers for calendar year 2021:

- Chairman: Bro. Keefe Flanigan
- Co-Chairman: Minister Harvey Moore
- Secretary: Bro. Keith Owens, Jr.
- Treasurer: Deacon Lawrence Waller

Congratulations to all! The men look forward to another year of service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The men of FCCBC meet each month for devotions, fellowship, and to make plans. All men are welcome to join us. The next Men's monthly meetings are scheduled for the following Mondays at 6:00 p.m.: January 25th, February 22nd, and March 22nd. During the pandemic, monthly meetings will be held by ZOOM and/or conference call.

Giving Your Tithes and Offerings



On behalf of the Trustee and Finance Ministries, we thank you for your continued support in giving your tithes and offerings. God's word said " **I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.**" Acts 20:35

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 . (NOTE: We recently experienced a problem with the church's P.O. box. As a result, some of you may have received your tithes and offerings back (return to sender). **The issue has been resolved.** Therefore, if you are using USPS for mailing your tithes and offerings you may continue to do so.) To give online via Givelify, 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). For more information, please visit <http://www.givelify.com>.

Please continue to support the "Plate Offerings" for the following Ministries listed below:

- 1st Sunday = Missionary Ministry
- 2nd Sunday = Floral Ministry
- 3rd Sunday = Educational Fund Ministry
- 4th Sunday = Pastor's Aide Ministry
- 5th Sunday = Missionary or Educational Fund Ministries
- Every Sunday = Sunday School**

If you are using a church envelope, please annotate the ministry name and the amount you are giving that ministry from the column that says "Other." If you are using Givelify on-line service, use the column that says "other " and annotate the Ministry Name and amount you are giving that ministry. God bless you!

Submitted by: Finance Ministry

Remembering Deacon and Deaconess Bostick

Our Church Family Circle - Broken Again

Once again, our hearts were heavy and we were feeling down.
Deaconess Ada and Deacon Bostick were no longer around.
They moved from their earthly home and were Heaven bound.
Deaconess Ada fought a good fight through sickness, to the end.
Her husband was right there and to her needs, he unselfishly did attend.
As Deacon Bostick shared the loss; he said, "She went Home to be with the Lord"
It was clear in his voice just how much she was adored.
She was so quiet, soft spoken, and pleasantly kind to all.
She quietly and willingly accepted, and answered God's call.
She did not hesitate to become a Deaconess and served faithfully,
Until she became unable, she worked on the board gracefully.
The church family was grieving with Deacon Bostick and helping him through.
When God called his name, and said, "You are coming with me, too!"
Deacon Bostick willingly answered the call and did what he had to do.
It was a shock to us all, but we were well aware that Deacon Bostick knew,
To lean not to his understanding, but to Trust in the Lord and He would direct his path without a
doubt.
He made known to everyone that the Lord's praise would always be in his mouth.
We will never forget his strong melodious voice that was so pleasing to the ear.
When he prayed, it was so touching and very sincere.
His voice commanded a presence of boldness and strength without any fear.
He was a humble man who magnified the Lord at all times and fully Trusted the Word.
We will certainly miss his presence and his voice will never again be heard.
Yes, our church family's circle has been broken once again,
This was a new beginning for the Bosticks, and clearly not the end.
They made Heaven their new Home, and their memories will never be gone.
We will smile and think of Deacon Bostick every time we hear the 34th Psalm.
May Deaconess Ada and Deacon James Bostick Rest in Peace!!

Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams

Deacon Bostick was such an instrumental part of our church family. Here is an acrostic which sheds some light on the Wonderful humble person he always presented himself as. What a Blessing it is for us to have been Blessed by his presence and highly respected stature in the church!

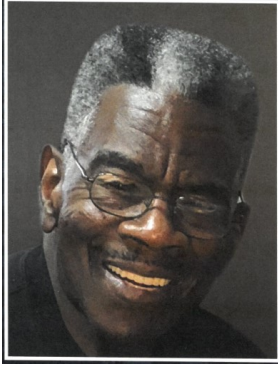
Deacon Bostick

- D**- Dynamic deacon for many years.
- E**- Eager to spread the Good News.
- A**- Always lending a helping hand.
- C**- Christian in every sense of the word.
- O**- Open to all church related activities.
- N**- Nice, Noble, and so mild mannered.

- B**- Boldly Boasted in the Lord through scriptures and prayer.
- O**- Outstanding worker in the church
- S**- Spectacular Sunday School Superintendent.
- T**- Trustworthy and Truthfully committed to do God's Work.
- I**- Iconic and Inspiring when sharing God's Word.
- C**- Committed and consistent to all positive causes of the church.
- K**- Kind-hearted and Knowledgeable in so many ways.

Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams

Remembering Deacon and Deaconess Bostick



“Due to the lateness of the hour...” If you were a member of the Sunday School, you knew that Deacon James Bostick, the late superintendent, would often open up the Sunday School class with this phrase. What you perhaps didn’t know was that he was never late and would be present at least an hour before Sunday

School began. As his assistant, I would be there one-half hour before class began to discuss any pending activities or concerns. Needless to say, punctuality was in his DNA.

He prepared for Sunday School by studying the Sunday School books from each class, the King James Life Application Study Bible, and The Book. We would often discuss certain passages related to the lesson over the phone and then he would break out in song. This would most likely be “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand, Love Lifted Me or Blessed Assurance. And he’d expect you to sing along with him!

Deacon Bostick loved Sunday School. He beamed whenever the young people would summarize the Sunday School lessons. He was always anticipating the next event before the present one had ended. He took delight in our preparations for Easter, Christmas, and Vacation Bible School.

He also loved to distribute gift bags to the Sunday School after the Christmas and Easter programs

As anyone who has been around Deacon Bostick would know, he loved studying the Bible. In addition to Sunday School, he attended the Mid-Day Bible class and the Wednesday night Bible class. As a way of staying immersed in the Word, he said he always took some biblical reading materials with him wherever he went. And extraordinarily, he could recite complete passages verbatim, two of his favorites being Psalms 34 and 91. When asked about it, he would say, “God gave it to me because I’m not smart enough to learn it on my own.”

Deacon Bostick, although not a missionary, would accompany the deaconesses when we went out to aid the homeless. He would give out copies of the Daily Bread to the needy and to members of this church also.

Although he didn’t have a green thumb, he would attend to the plants in the pulpit, pruning and faithfully replacing them when they were no longer to his liking.

He was a generous person, giving to anybody in need, never expecting anything in return. When visiting other churches, he would graciously allow other members to travel with him. When my husband became wheelchair bound, he would be waiting outside for us each Sunday so that he could wheel him up the ramp to Sunday School. In addition to these things, he was always faithful in visiting the sick in the hospital, nursing home, and private homes with the other deacons and the pastor.

He was instrumental in my attending Bible College with the ruse of surveying a class, knowing what he had in mind for me to do in the Sunday School. Also, he knew that I needed all the help I could get. Although he didn’t continue, he continued to encourage me in my studies. Eventually, I was called on to teach after becoming his assistant. After the transition of Dr. Bob, he was instrumental in procuring members of the ministerial staff to assist in this endeavor.

When greeting him, his reply would most likely be, “*I’m truly blessed.*” In spite of trying circumstances related to attending to his wife and his own health issues, he remained positive, asked for continued prayer, and continued to be an exemplary example of fortitude, undying faith, and optimism to all who knew him.

Articulating with conviction and enunciating each syllable with his booming voice, I can hear him saying, “*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths,*” placing emphasis on the word “paths” by spelling it out (Proverbs 3:5-6). Truly words to live by.

As a fellow laborer in the vineyard, he will be acutely missed. One of his favorite expressions was, “*Work while it is day because time is filled with swift transition.*” I thank God that I was privileged to know him. Please keep his family in prayer.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary H. Murphy

Assistant to the late superintendent of the Sunday School and the Vacation Bible School Ministries

Remembering Deacon and Deaconess Bostick



Deaconess Ada Bostick was a dedicated and faithful member of the Deaconess ministry and Flowers Circle for many years. Ada had a thirst for knowledge and God was an important part of her life. She was a competitive person, but had a humble spirit. Ada was outspoken and straightforward with her opinions, but had a kind heart. She participated in many activities of the Deaconess such as donating bags of food to give to the homeless and honoring our veterans on Veterans Day. Ada never shunned her duties as a deaconess or a Flowers Circle member. Ada was truly a woman of faith and courage as she struggled with illness.



Ada pursued a career in the criminal justice system. She retired as an administrative supervisor with the Maryland Department of Corrections in Baltimore in 1989.

Ada and her soulmate Deacon Bostick were married for over 50 years. They enjoyed bowling, fishing, and traveling. You could see the love between the two of them as Ada battled with her illness in the later years. Deacon Bostick was a constant companion at her side. They both loved the Lord and demonstrated it through their work in the church over the years.

They both will be missed and fondly remembered by their church family and those whose lives they touched.

Submitted by: Deaconess Hallie Allen

FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

The Bereavement Ministry humbly expresses our deepest condolences to our church families who have lost loved ones.

Your life was a blessing.

Your memory is a treasure

You are loved beyond words

And you are missed beyond measure

Please continue to pray for:

The Allen and Highsmith family on the loss of America Louise Thomas

The Bostick family on the transition of Deacon James and Deaconess Ada Bostick

Sis. Pamela Chapman on the loss of her brother Carroll Wayne Chapman and her nephew

Shawn Dupont The Cole/Owens family on the passing of Mamie Hawkins

Deacon Garry Carter on the transition of his cousin Delphine Franklin

Sis. Kimberly Pelzer on the passing of her grandfather Wallace Howell

Sis. Mary Webb, Sis. Shirley Carter, and Brother Willie Webb on the passing of their nephew Kevin Morton

Psalms 34:18 The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit

Submitted by: Sis. Marilyn Brunt and Sis. Kitty Owens

Contact/Information Updates

Are you receiving our One Call Now messages? FCCBC is using this method to reach out to members about services, weather and closing notices, reminders, schedule changes, bereavement announcements, and other important notifications. This is especially relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic as many are unable to venture out due to age or underlying medical conditions.

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 complete and mail an Adult Member Information Sheet (below) to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215. Adult members with Google logins can use our Adult [Contact Update Google Form](https://forms.gle/jvC4HetuYpksQoGp8) at <https://forms.gle/jvC4HetuYpksQoGp8> to submit their information electronically.

Youth information (pre-K through age 18) is being collected to help church youth ministries plan for scholarships, activities, and events. Youth information can be entered using our FCCBC Youth Contact Information form at <https://forms.gle/2kLFY56YYCScvvE9g>. Please contact Trustee Marilyn if you prefer to mail in a paper form. Thank you for helping us to keep in touch.

First Christian Community Baptist Church Adult Member Information Sheet 2020

Please complete the Member Information Sheet to help us make sure we have accurate contact and personal information for you (please print). Please contact Sis. [Marilyn Dorsey](#) or Sis. [Kitty Owens](#) with any changes.

Name: _____ Gender: Male/Female
Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Nickname

Spouse: _____ Wedding Date: _____
Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Nickname Month Date Year

Address: _____ Apartment _____

City State Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____ Birthday: _____ / _____
Month Day

Ministries I currently serve: _____

What are your hobbies?: _____

What is your occupation or vocation (trade, profession, business)?: _____

If student, name, city, state of school: _____

Grade/year: _____ Major: _____ Expected Degree _____ Graduation Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Member Status: _____ Method of Joining: _____ Membership Date: _____

Member Spotlights

Congratulations!

Promotion

Sister Cheryl Jones-McCottry has been promoted to the position of Human Resources Analyst IV. She will serve as the Human Resources Section Chief with the Prince George's County Department of Corrections. She is "feeling blessed, grateful, humbled and honored to have been chosen for this opportunity."



Retirement

Following twenty-five years of service to the United States Postal Service, Minister Harvey Moore has retired. His future plans for retirement are to enjoy the blessings God has provided through the years. Said Minister Moore, "He has truly been good and I thank Him for all He has done."



We want to feature your good news! Please email newsletter@myfccbc.org.

Potpourri

Support Our Newsletter

The FCCBC Connection is a quarterly newsletter designed to share news and to keep our members and friends informed of church services, fellowships, programs, and projects as well as information of interest (thank you notes/cards, prayer requests, testimonies, birthdays, awards, retirements, anniversaries, engagements, 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 will be 3/1/21, 6/6/21, 9/5/21, and 12/6/20.**

Ministry representatives and members are asked to email photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to newsletter@myfccbc.org or submit to Sis. Sharon Johnson or Sis. Sofie Tucker. Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!

Winter newsletter photos, announcements, and articles will be due on 3/1/21.

Helpful Hints

If you wear glasses and your mask continues to slide down, you can use surgical tape across the bridge of the mask to keep it from moving and to keep your glasses from fogging up.

Submitted by: Sis. Jackie Ward



Potpourri (continued)

There is a Bright Side Somewhere

What a wonderful sound and sight it was for the world to see.
That Vice-President Joe Biden was elected as our new President to be.
It was so impressive that Kamala Harris is the Vice President elect, too.
Together, they have an awful lot of work to do and undo.
This was such an enlightening beam for our past dark days.
We are now looking to a team with some intelligent things to say.
We definitely needed to hear words of encouragement and truth.
The world has had enough of so much dishonesty and untruth.
Isn't it just like the sitting president to show off and act out?
Refusing to move on or conceding without refusal or pouting.
But really, did we expect anything other than that from him?
We have seen these types of actions and behaviors on any given whim.
It sends a message to our society on how ruthless some people can be.
There are some things you don't want the world to hear or see.
It is unfortunate that things were shown from our country and others know.
That we have a sitting president who refuses to leave or go!
But what we do know is that there is a bright side of it all somewhere.
We are getting new elected officials who are for the people and do care.
It was AMAZING to see that so many people went out to vote
To fix our divided country, voting was the best Antidote.
We say CONGRATULATIONS, to our newly Elected Team.
Through their watch, we have hope to see a brighter beam.

Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams

Some ways to take care of your car during the pandemic

1. Take a Sunday drive. Drive your car at least once a week for 20 minutes or more to keep your battery charged.
2. Clean the inside of your vehicle. Remove any food, snacks, or used wipes that could make your car smell bad. Vacuum the carpet to reduce mildew and any unpleasant odors from developing.
3. Check your tires. Make sure they have not deflated. The tires can flat-spot from the weight of car sitting on one spot.
4. Don't use your parking brake. If you leave your parking brake engaged for a long period of time, it can cause the brake pads to bind to the rotors. This will only happen if you do not move your car for a month or longer.
5. Check under the hood of your vehicle to make sure animals haven't decided to chew on any of your belts. Also check your tires in your wheel wells for pests.

Submitted by Trustee Henry Smith

Public Service/Church Notices

From the Centers for Disease Control

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](https://www.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

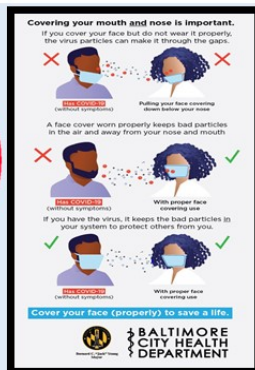
Do not buy surgical masks to use as a face covering. Those are intended for healthcare workers and first responders. Many items you may already have in your home can be used to create face coverings.

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

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



COVID-19



DO's & DON'Ts



Do's and Don'ts Submitted by Sis. Sofie Tucker

Stay current on the latest about COVID-19

- <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>
- <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/COVID19/>
- <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/>

Protecting FCCBC

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 ...

Please do your part to keep our FCCBC church family safe

COVID-19 vaccines have been approved. Learn more about vaccine development and the benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccination at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html

Baltimore County has published an updated Baltimore County COVID-19 Resource Guide and Food Pantries Listing. Please share these resources with anyone who could benefit from the programs highlighted in the Guide:



[BaltCoPartners Resource Guide 12-16-2020.docx](#)



[BH Student Resource Guide 111820.pdf](#)



[Food Pantries List 12-16-20.docx](#)



[Cold Weather Shelter Flyer 2020.pdf](#)

How You Can Help

Ways To Safely help your community during COVID-19

Americans are uniting to help each other during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Be sure to follow CDC guidelines for how to slow the spread of the disease, and consider these simple ways every American can help their neighbors, friends, and families.

- 1. Donate to Nonprofits** Cash donations are the best way to support the nonprofit of your choice. The [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(NVOAD\)](#) has a list of organizations supporting COVID-19 response efforts. [Guidestar](#) and [Great Nonprofits](#) also have search engines to locate organizations that need help.
- 2. Donate or Volunteer Safely with Food Banks and Pantries** Donate to food banks and pantries to help them stock up or volunteer at a food bank that needs help packing and sorting food using safe practices. Visit [Feeding America](#) or [Food Pantries](#) to find an organization near you.
- 3. Deliver Meals and Groceries to Vulnerable Seniors** Help out someone you know or contact your local [Meals on Wheels](#) to learn ways to volunteer.
- 4. Help a School** Check with your area school system to see if they need volunteers to distribute food (or other items) to children and families in need.
- 5. Give Blood** Blood donations have decreased dramatically. Help fill the need by contacting your local [Red Cross](#) or other blood donation sites.
- 6. Become a Medical Volunteer** Trained medical volunteers can offer their services by registering with a [National VOAD](#) member. Medical professionals and others can help locally by joining the [Medical Reserve Corps](#) or registering through the [Emergency System for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals](#).
- 7. Donate Medical Supplies and Equipment** If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please email FEMA's National Business Emergency Operations Center at nbeoc@fema.dhs.gov.
- 8. Stay in Touch** Check on your neighbors, friends, and family – especially those who are older or may be alone. A phone call, text, or a conversation through the door could brighten their day.
- 9. Serve in Your Community** Many states are identifying local volunteer opportunities; visit your [State Service Commission's](#) website for details.
- 10. Volunteer from Home** Prefer to volunteer while staying at home? Check out [AllForGood.org](#) for service ideas.

Source: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve>

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

January 2021

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

February 2021

Special Honorees: Deaconess Vurely Johnson

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

March 2021

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

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.

Member and visitor birthday honorees—

Birthday Sundaes have been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Stay In Touch

Check on your neighbors, friends, family, and church family— especially the sick, seniors, or those who may be alone.

A card, phone call, text, or a conversation through the door could brighten their day.

If you are able, safely lend a hand to the elderly, vulnerable, injured, or others who are unable to get to the store, shovel snow, etc...

We are family!



Wedding Anniversary Wishes

January

None

February

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

March

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



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

Regularly Scheduled Ministries

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Sundays
New Members Ministry	9:30 a.m.	1st & 2nd Sundays
Mid-Day Bible Study	1:00 p.m.	Tuesdays (resume Jan.)
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

Church Calendar

January 2021

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

February 2021

14	Greater St. John worships with us	3:30 p.m.
16	Baptismal Service (if candidates and reopening)	9:30 a.m.
21	Black History program	3:30 p.m.
22	Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

March 2021

4	Quarterly Official Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	We worship with Greater St. John	3:30 p.m.
21	Baptismal Service (if candidates and reopening)	9:30 a.m.
21	Official Day	Morning Worship Service
22	Men's Fellowship meeting	6:00 p.m.

Due to the pandemic, dates, times, location, and mode of delivery subject to change. Please check before leaving home.

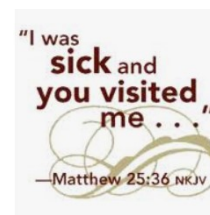
Trustee Dorsey will keep you abreast of any changes in the schedule. Please make sure we have your information for One Call Now calls.

Our Known Sick & Shut-In

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)

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

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



Prayer List

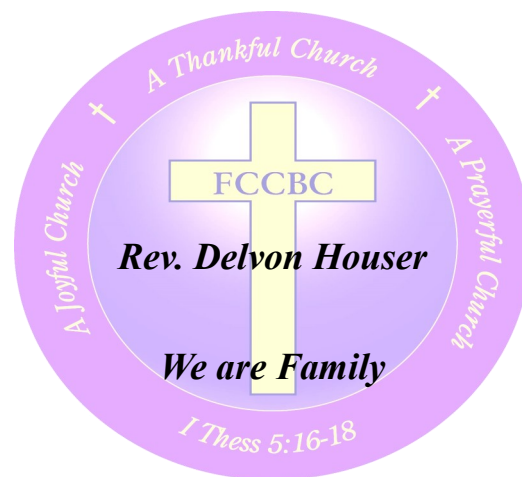
Bro. John Arthur	Sis. Donna Bright
Mother Lillie Mae Campbell	Sis. Dené Cole
Bro. Ronnie Cole	Trus. Rudolph Cole
Bro. Walter Jones, Jr.	Sis. La-Kia Kommeren
Sis. Flore Mincey	Sis. Annie Norris
Sis. Rosetta Quarles	Sis. Karen Cole Sanders
Sis. Mae Williams	

In God's House...

As we praise and worship God in this House, we are reminded to adhere to the following:

- The congregation shall stand when the choir enters the sanctuary
- The congregation shall stand during the reading of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- All pulpit ministers shall wear white or black robes on Communion Sunday (as appropriate)
- During Communion, no one shall exit or enter the sanctuary
- Blessings of infants are to take place on the first Sunday of the month
- Turn off cell phones/electronic devices

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members



Hamilton City Village Outreach (Continued from page 9)



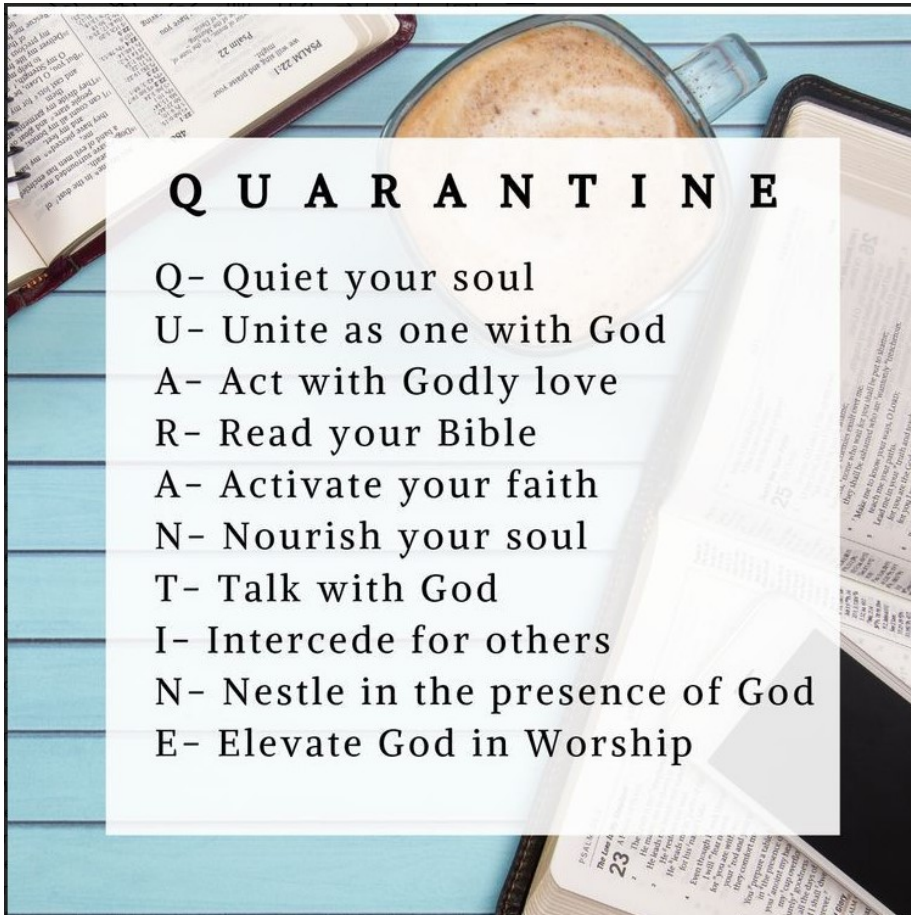
Our next outreach is planned for December 28th. We will be giving out prepared beef stew meals as well as socks, blankets, and coats. We plan on making this a monthly outreach.

Most recently some of the homeless also asked Officer Hamilton for books and boots. One mission at a time, we plan on a monthly outing to provide some, if not all, of the things the homeless request.

Anything we lack, we pay for out of our pockets. For more information, please contact me at (443) 562-5827.

Miss Nikki G. Waller & Officer Lolando Hamilton

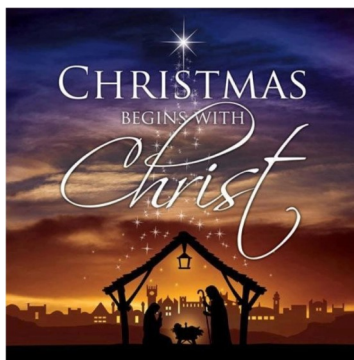




Submitted by: Sis. Mary Jones



Information of Interest



May peace and happiness reign in your home this Christmas and may the new year be loaded with blessings for your family.

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up represents the resurrection of Christ? Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles that represent eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors, red Jesus' blood, white purity. ©Kelly's Treehouse The gifts, represent the three gifts the wise men brought for baby Jesus. So when you are running around trying to find the "perfect gift", stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember, we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all our sins. Amen!

Merry Christmas

Submitted by Sis. Theresa Crusoe

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