

The FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
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We Are Family



Photos courtesy of Sister Sofie Tucker, Trustee Sharon Johnson, and Trustee Henry Smith

The Sunday School sponsored their annual Vacation Bible School

Service Times

Sunday School Sun. 9:30 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.

* Suspended until September

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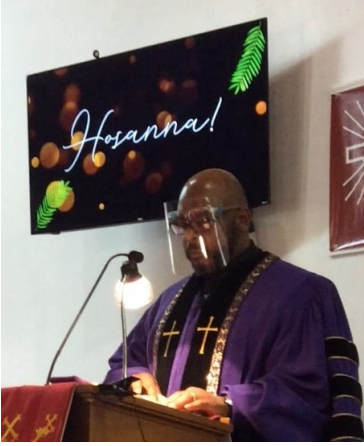
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Message From Our Pastor

“ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

(Romans 12:1)



Sacrifice in the Bible means that we give to God the best we have. Sacrifice to God is one of the greatest forms of worship.

Many people consider sacrifice as giving up something, but sacrifice is not just giving up some things as it's more about giving to God with joy the best we have.

When we gave our lives to Christ, we made a commitment that as followers of Christ, we now surrender all to Him. To surrender all to Christ means to exchange your way of thinking, talking, and living for His Way. This too calls for a sacrificial lifestyle. We must surrender thinking wrong thoughts about ourselves like “I’m useless,” or “worthless,” “too old,” “not educated enough,” etc....

These types of erroneous thinking can cause major hindrances to the work of God. Instead of clinging to this type of thinking, we must think like Christ. The scriptures teaches us to “let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil.2:5a). For the record, Jesus thinks you are wonderful and marvelously made. He considers us to be more than conquerors!

We must ask ourselves, am I willingly to surrender being carnally minded to being spiritually minded? If the answer is yes, then you must be willing to sacrifice.

The Apostle Paul teaches us in Romans 12:1, that on the basis of the mercies of God and all that He has done for us, that the least we should do is “to present our bodies to the Lord as a living sacrifice. “We must not allow ourselves to be conformed to this world. We must not hold too tightly the things of this world, but release them and let them go. Instead, we must be “transformed by the renewing of your mind, “of which Paul says “is our reasonable service.”

Listen Family, if we are going to take on Christ, and be more like Christ and less like us, it’s going to take some sacrifice. God wants us to renew our minds so we can walk in His will, and that will take surrendering to Him and denying our flesh.

I understand that it’s not easy to do because our flesh likes to be pampered. Our flesh likes to relax and take it easy and do what it feels like, when it feels like doing it. However, that will lead to unfruitfulness.

When you surrender all to God and sacrifice unto the Lord, the reward is far greater than anything you had to relinquish. The scripture tells us that then we will be found “holy and acceptable to God.” This should be the highest goal for every child of God and that is to please our Lord.

In His Service,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

Church Directory

Pastor	Rev. Alphonso Tucker	410-466-5776 (home) 410-664-7443 (study)
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13th Pastoral Anniversary

First Christian will be honoring Pastor and Lady Tucker's thirteen years of service, leadership, care, and love. Anniversary celebration activities are in the planning stage. We ask you, our "members," to stay tuned and be ready to participate in the upcoming activities that are being formulated. Look out for announcements and Robocalls. We are planning to show our LOVE!

Ordination Service

Hallelujah! Minister Harvey Moore was ordained on June 5, 2022 at FCCBC. The FCCBC family, invited ministers, and guests participated in the Ordination examination and service.

The ordination examination took place on Friday, June 3, 2022. There were a total of eleven preachers as part of the council. Rev. Marvin McFadden, Pastor of Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church, presided over the examination and ordination services. Minister Moore passed the examination with flying colors and the panel voted to move forward with the Ordination service. Rev. Dr. John Lunn and his Asst. Rev. Renee Hamock served as catechist.

The Ordination service opened with devotions. The congregation joined together and sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Minister Ervin read scripture from Romans 8:31-39 followed by prayer by Minister McKeever. Rev. Frank Hines, pastor of Community Baptist Church of Jessup was the keynote preacher. Pastor Hines preached on the theme, "Mind Your Own Business," drawn from Luke 2:42-49. He spoke about the business of the church and the role of ministers.

Rev. Moore's ordination preparation extended over seven months via Zoom meetings with Rev. Lunn and his Asst. Rev. Renee Hammock. He was truly blessed to have two God-sent individuals as his catechist to guide him through the process. There were over eighty questions for study plus a twenty-three page report which included: My Conversion Experience; My Call To Ministry; The 6 Divisions of the Old Testament; 5 Divisions of the New Testament; and 17 Definitions of Christian Language. Rev. Moore expressed that 'his experience through the entire process has been a blessing to him.' He thanks his wife and family for all their support through nineteen years of preaching, the First Christian family for 'just being themselves - so loving.' He feels blessed to be a part of a great family. He gives great honor and thanks to Pastor Tucker who gives of himself daily and extends his love to those in need. TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!



Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III, Sis. Angie Ray, the Moore family, and Trustee Robert White

Member Submissions

Historical Events Repeating in 2022

**Who would have ever thought that we would live to see?
A repeat of war and dictatorship taking place in today's history.
We read about and studied these types of events that took place in our history books.
What is happening with Russia and Ukraine has made the whole world stop and look.
The war is affecting people all over the world in many different ways.
So many countries are somewhat fearful and afraid that they may have a part to play.
Our country is an ally for Ukraine and we don't want to participate in any war.
All countries are hoping to get Vladimir Putin to concede and be on one accord.
As believers, we shouldn't worry about what is to be.
For the future's not ours to see. The future is only for God to see!
We must keep in mind that He created the Heavens and the Earth.
It is God and God alone who is Master of the Universe.
He knows what the end is going to be, and we should fear not.
This crisis just like so many of the others, our God has got!
Just remember, what he did way back when Pharaoh had his army on Moses' track.
God can, and He will fix this turn of events just like that!
It is so unfortunate that we have these one man leaders thinking that they are bigger than life.
With a blast of His nostril, God can and Will remove that mindset and strife.
So the timeline of the events taking place today, as it happened years ago.
Will be handled by the same God, just as it was before.**

Submitted by Mae Williams

2 King (Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible)

We need to keep up with current events; but don't let bad news get you down. Focus on the news of Jesus Christ. Kings may fall and nations may falter, but God is still on his throne and his rule will have no end.

As I read in *FCCBC Connection*, I thought my story was too late to tell but I was told it was never too late. I got a chance to work at the warehouse off Monroe Street on the assembly line. To my surprise, it was so much fun because it was filling kid's lunch boxes. We all had certain food to put in the boxes like a sandwich, fruit, etc... We stood on the line. It started slow and when it sped up, I felt like the "I Love Lucy" show. I had to laugh at myself, but as time went on, I got better. Not only did we eat free, but they also played music all over the warehouse. We all helped each other young and old. The best thing about working was the kids got fed and on the board they had a picture of the lunch box. Under it said "every box had a story."



Submitted by: Sis. Betty Jackson

Education Ministry Updates

The Education Ministry has been on the move in Jesus' name. On Youth and Young Adult day - June 12, 2022, Winter 2021- Spring 2022 graduates of all ages and Black History Month speakers were recognized. Please see pages 6-7 for graduation and award recipient information.

The ministry awarded its first academic scholarship to Miss Samara Jones. Samara will be attending Rider University in New Jersey. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Information for all graduates were collected and displayed during the service. The ministry also recognized and congratulated **Joseph Foote, Sanaa Stanley, and KaVon Owens** on their high school graduations. We (the Education Ministry) are so proud of our young members on their graduation achievement and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. May God continue to bless and keep them.

The ministry also recognized our **Black History Month** participants – **Sofie Tucker (Don Cornelius), Devaughn Banks (Sidney Poitier), Samara Jones (Floyd Norman) and Kennedee Pelzer (Cicely Tyson).**

Looking ahead – the ministry will host a “**Back To School School Supply Giveaway**” on Sunday, August 28, 2022 after morning worship. This giveaway is for pre-kindergarten through undergraduate student members, extended family members, and friends of church members. Each student will receive a backpack and gift card. Advance sign-up online (<https://forms.gle/RYK4qYoD9rTDXhbX7>) or on the sign-up sheet is REQUIRED. The sign-up sheet is located in the church foyer. A limited number of backpacks will be available.

Youth And Young Adult Day

FCCBC's Youth and Young Adult Day was celebrated on June 12th, 2022. Rev. Alan Michael Carter, the Assistant Pastor of Shiloh Christian Community Church, was our guest preacher.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

Congratulations to Graduates and Award Recipients

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, 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!

Kindergarten Promotion To First Grade

Autumn Banks

Daughter of Bro. Duran & Sis. Alexis Banks. Granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alphonso Tucker

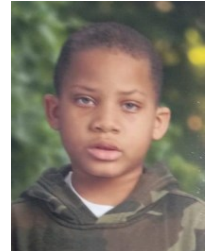
Woodmoor Elementary School



Jalen Montoute

Son of Bro. Michael Montoute. Grandson of Sis. Delores Hines.

Woodmoor Elementary School



Elementary School to Middle School

Shiloh Bryant

Daughter of Sis. Stephanie Randall. Granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alphonso Tucker

Arlington Elementary School to Cross Country Middle School



Lahla Faust

Daughter of Bro. Michael Montoute. Granddaughter of Sis. Delores Hines.

Woodmoor Elementary School



Middle School to High School

Devaughn Banks

Son of Bro. Duran & Sis. Alexis Banks. Grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Alphonso Tucker

Honor Roll GT Classes 6th-8th Grade. Played on Edreco Lakers basketball team. Team won championship.

Woodlawn Middle School to Milford Mill Academy.



Karlyece R. Owens

Daughter of Bro. Karl and Sis. LaNecia Owens. Granddaughter of Deacon Keith Owens, Sr. and Sis. Kitty Owens

Mace Lane Middle School (Honors) to Cambridge South Dorchester High school

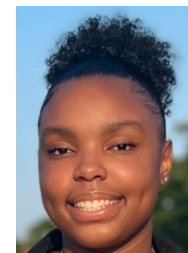


Braniya Watson

Granddaughter of Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin.

Northwest Academy of Health Sciences to Western School of Technology

Honor Roll recipient/recognized at Honor Roll receptions. Captain of school basketball team. Played on AAU Gladiators basketball team. Team won championship.

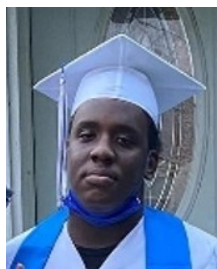


High School

Ahmad Bishop

Grandson of Sis. Diane Habeebullah

City Neighbors High School/Apprenticeship Program to Employment



Joseph (Joey) Foote

Grandson of Bro. Bruce Flanigan. Great-grandson of Deaconess Eileen McCloud

Owings Mills Senior High School to Community College of Baltimore County - Catonsville



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Congratulations to Graduates and Award Recipients

High School (continued)

Samara Jones

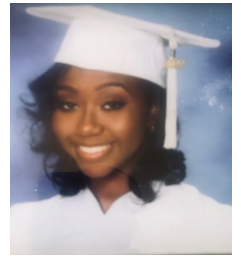
Daughter of Trustee Steven Jones, Granddaughter of Sis. Mary Jones

Western School Of Technology and Environmental Science. To attend Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ



Lauren N. McClure

Granddaughter of Deaconess Eileen McCloud
Western School Of Technology and Environmental Science (Honors). To attend Spelman College, Atlanta GA. Majoring in Biology.



KaVon B. Owens

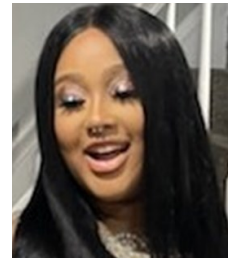
Son of Bro. Karl and Sis. LaNecia Owens. Grandson of Deacon Keith Owens, Sr. and Sis. Kitty Owens

Cambridge South Dorchester High School (Honors). To attend Morgan State University



Sanaa Stanley

Daughter of Sis. Stephanie Randall. Granddaughter of Rev. Alphonso and Mrs. Bridgett Tucker
Mergenthaler High School to Morgan State University



College and Beyond

Tiara Edwards

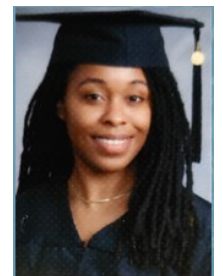
Daughter of Bro. Earl & Sis. Gwendolyn Edwards. Granddaughter of Deaconess Eileen McCloud

Masters degree in Nursing and Public Health from Grand Canyon University



Adanna Johnson

Daughter of Bro. Roscoe and Trus. Sharon Johnson
B.S. degree Fine Arts (Art + Design) Towson State University. To pursue Masters of Design in Product Design at University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Deans List. Graduate Assistantship. Scholarships



Kirsten Palmisano

Granddaughter of Sis. Beverly (Jackie) Ward

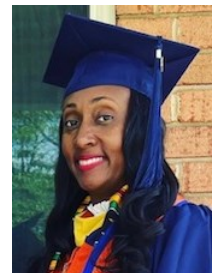
Bachelors Degree in Psychology, Towson State University



Tenier Sims

Daughter of Bro. Earl & Sis. Gwendolyn Edwards. Granddaughter of Deaconess Eileen McCloud.

Masters degree in Social Work from Morgan State University. Student of the Year with 3.7 GPA



Marcellus Ward, III

Son of Sis. Beverly (Jackie) Ward

Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, University of Baltimore



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you... Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Photos courtesy of families

Giving Your Tithes and Offerings

Please continue to support the “**Plate Offerings**” for the Ministries below. If you are using a church envelope, please annotate the ministry name and the amount you are giving that ministry. If you are using the “Givelify” on-line service, use the column that says other and annotate the Ministry name, purpose, and amount you are giving that ministry.



1st Sunday = Missionary Ministry/Building Fund/Men’s Day pledges

2nd Sunday = Floral Ministry/Women’s Day pledges

3rd Sunday = Educational Fund Ministry

4th Sunday = Pastor’s Aide Ministry

5th Sunday = If there’s a fifth Sunday, please give to either the Missionary or Educational Fund Ministries

Sunday School offering is collected every Sunday



FCCBC’s Outreach Center Financial Pledges

Glory to God in the highest for the thirty-two (32) FCCBC members and Christian friends who have committed to giving a financial pledge in support of the newly ongoing construction of the FCCBC Outreach Center.

Your pledges will significantly support the daily operations and monthly financial obligations as we move forward in doing the great work that God has assigned to us in helping His people.

Your committed pledges represent the embodiment of righteous, caring, kindness, and most importantly, your love for God.

Our goal is to have at least forty (40) members and/or Christian friends to commit to a pledge, so it’s not too late to sign-up. You may obtain a Pledge Sheet on page 9 or please see any of the Finance Ministry trustees.

The bible says, **“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped His people and continued to help them.” Hebrews 6:10 NIV**

Submitted by: The Trustee Ministry

FCCBC's Outreach Center Financial Pledges

Please consider supporting the FCCBC Outreach Center by completing a Financial Pledge form and returning it to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO APPROPRIATE TRUSTEE

Print Last Name of Pledger _____ **First Name** _____

Email Address OR Mailing Address _____ **Best Contact Number** _____

Pledge Amount

\$100 \$200 \$300 Other: _____

Period of Pledge

One Time Pledge Three Months Six Months

Nine Months 1 Year Monthly
(Duration of Ten-Year Loan)

Other _____

Specified Period of time: _____

Start Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

End Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Total Amount of Pledge: _____

Form of Payment:

Check: Make payable to FCCBC (Note) Pledge Fund

Cash: Place in designated envelope



Electronic: <http://www.givelify.com>
(Note) Pledge Fund

Please **DON'T** acknowledge me publicly

Date Received: _____
Trustee Initials: _____

First Christian Community Baptist Church
Outreach Center

Financial Pledge

You're Making a Difference

By pledging to become a financial supporter for the "FCCBC Outreach Center", your generosity will significantly support the daily operations and monthly financial obligations that will help sustain this great work God has called us to do in spreading the Gospel.

Future Use of Center:

- ♦ Administrative Offices
- ♦ Community Resources
- ♦ Vacation Bible School

*Pledge Campaign Approved by Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor &
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"We Are Family"

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 KJV)

I do greet you in the name of the Lord which is the head of our lives. I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me for He counted me faithful putting me into the ministry. Beloved, we are so thankful and grateful to God for all the benefits He has bestowed upon us as we still are battling with and getting through this pandemic. God has blessed our church and its members to allow them to return to the church building. New members have joined our church. Praising God and having favour with all the people. “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:47).

Since our last communication, we were in Bible class via conference call Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. We are currently on our Summer Break. We will resume Bible Class in September. We pray that you will keep your zeal for learning and apply 2 Timothy 2:15 to your life. “Blessed be the Lord and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3) . We are on the battlefield for the Lord. The Diaconate ministry is reaching out to the members who are not physically able to attend church services by way of telephone and or home visits and going out the nursing homes. Still following the pandemic protocols and remaining safe while outside in the world. We were able to visit Mother Lillie Mae Campbell, Sister Perlizer Davis, and Dea. (Emeritus) Walter Adams at their homes. We stopped by Future Care on Northern Parkway West to fellowship with Sis. Pamela Chapman. Sis. Winifred Berry is also at Future Care, however she is not accepting visitors at this time. All are doing well and asking for continued prayer. We ask that you all continue praying for our sick and shut-in as well as the Diaconate ministry. Sis Valerie Scott was admitted to Sinai Hospital on June 24th for complications with her heart. Pastor Tucker and myself visited with her along with Dea. & Sis. Owens and Sis. Farrare as they were preparing her for open heart surgery which was held on June 27th. The surgery went well and she is recovering. Verily verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it to you (John 16:23).

I praise God for our church leaders that they continue in the ministry that God has placed them in because we know that the harvest is plenty and the labors are few. We completed another year of Vacation Bible School June 27th - July 1st. Our theme was "Claiming your Crown" based upon 2 Timothy 1:5-9. The teachers taught about leadership, the role of leaders, leadership characteristics, and praise and worship through adversity. I will admit I had so much fun and I learned a lot. So thankful for Sofie operating in her gift. She was instrumental in creating our games/Family Feud game show and slide shows. The Culinary ministry under the leadership of Lady Bridgett fed us a small feast each night, complete with a drink and desert. The attention to detail within each prepared meal was nothing short of a great act of love to all who attended. “A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great. “ (Proverbs 18:16)

Lastly, I want to make mention of the National Baptist Deacons Conference Convention being held in Cherry Hill New Jersey, July 18th - 22nd at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel Crown Plaza. I will be attending all week for this historic time since 2019. “Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most high thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee neither shall any plague come nigh dwelling. For He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways” (Psalms 91:9-11).

Continue to pray for the diaconate ministry and let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Humbly Submitted,

Chairman/Dea. Lawrence Waller

Deaconess Corner

DEACONESS OUTREACH

“Never be so busy as not to think of others.” – Mother Teresa

The deaconesses, along with the deacons and Sister Kitty Owens, continue in their efforts to provide support to the needy. On our last trip to downtown Baltimore, we distributed food, clothing, personal care items, blankets, and spiritual literature. Because of these continuing needs, we welcome any monetary contributions in addition to the aforementioned items. If you don't like to shop or have the time to shop, we will do it for you.

Although summer has just begun, winter will be here before you know it. There remains an urgent need for warm clothing: coats, gloves, scarves, hats, socks and blankets also. Remember that if you are donating food, we only take food that is ready to eat and easily opened as many of these people are homeless. Proverbs 19:17 says that 'the one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deeds.' So, therefore, let us not close our eyes to poverty because if we close our eyes to poverty, we will be cursed (Proverbs 28:7).

In addition to thanking our deacons, Sis. Owens, and those that made contributions, we truly thank our bus driver, Trustee Everett Cash, for taking time from his busy schedule to transport us safely to and from our distribution site. Please continue to support our ministry with your prayers and generosity.

Submitted by Deaconess Mary Murphy

Missionary Ministry

The Missionary Ministry continues to pray for and send out greeting cards for those who are sick and shut-in. We also send cards to those who have a life event like death in the family, birthdays and graduations. We have not been allowed to continue our normal services at the Future Care facility. We are anxious to return but the circumstances demand that we find 'another way' to reach out to God's people. We are looking for ideas on methods to engage people who don't know of the goodness of the Lord and how it could help them have a fuller, more complete life serving God. If you have ideas on how we can better serve God's people, please contact one of the missionaries.

We had a successful anniversary on July 17, 2022. The Missionaries were dressed in white with black corsages. Sister Shirl Farrare was worship Leader and she did a fantastic job. She also led the responsive reading and Sister Jackie Ward did the prayer. Sister Phyllis Stokes welcomed everyone. Sister Mary Jones gave the presentation to the Pastor. She said he was the "best pastor in the whole world!" Evangelist Samuels preached a powerful sermon as usual. Her sermon theme was "A Song and a Prayer Will Bring You Out." This sermon was drawn from Acts 16:5-31. The choir sang spirit-filled songs and a good time was had by all. Praise the Lord!

Carolyn Clark- President

Shirl Fararre- Vice President

Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith



Sunday School

THE LENTEN SEASON

He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone. 1 Peter 3:18

The Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Ash Wednesday begins a 40-day period until Easter. The ashes remind us of the need to repent. It is a period of reflection and renewal. The ultimate goal is to be like Jesus, to be more in tune with God.



Sunday, April 10th was Palm Sunday. The onset of Palm Sunday signifies the beginning of the end for Jesus' earthly ministry. We were privy to a powerful sermon by our pastor about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where for the first time He declared Himself as King. The topic of the sermon was "*Excitement in the City.*" Corresponding Scriptures were Matthew 21:6-11. We received palms that had been blessed by the pastor at the end of the service.

We began a 40-day corporate fast on Ash Wednesday. During this fast we were encouraged to make a sacrifice by foregoing something we love or is of value to us to emulate, in a miniscule way, the suffering of Christ. This sacrifice could be food, drink, activity, etc. Fasting glorifies God in our bodies and make us more sensitive to God and the Holy Spirit. Also, we were encouraged to remember that prayer is an essential part of fasting.

On Holy Wednesday, we had prayer service from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., which was led by the deacons. It was an hour of prayer and powerful testimonies about the goodness of the Lord and thanksgiving. Maundy Thursday was by teleconference from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. which was led by the deaconesses. Emphasis was placed on the institution and remembrance of the Lord's Supper that night and the concomitant command to remember all that it entails. He also washed his disciples' feet to teach them about humility and the love that they would need as they went about making disciples of men.

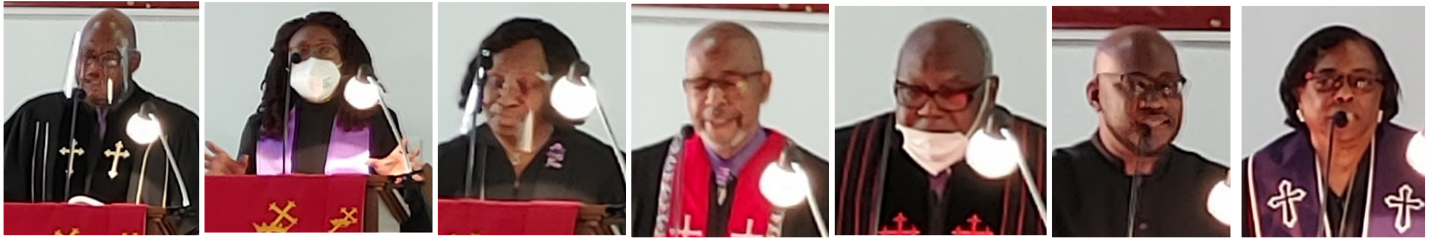
Each year on Good Friday, Christians take time to meditate on the depths of Jesus' sacrifice for us in suffering a humiliating, bloody, and excruciating death by crucifixion. On Good Friday at First Christian Community Baptist Church (FCCBC), the following ministers gave a vivid and moving account of Jesus' dying words from the cross, popularly known as the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

		Scripture	Preacher
Word #1	THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."	Luke 23:34	Pastor Alphonso Tucker
Word #2	THE WORD OF SALVATION "Verily I say unto the, today shalt thy be with me in paradise."	Luke 23:43	Evangelist Gwendolyn McKeever
Word #3	THE WORD OF LOVE "Woman, behold thy son...Behold thy mother."	John 19:25-27	Evangelist Juliette Samuels
Word #4	THE WORD OF ATONEMENT "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"	Matthew 27:46	Rev. Freddie Samuels
Word #5	THE WORD OF PHYSICAL SUFFERING "I Thirst."	John 19:28	Minister Harvey Moore
Saying #6	THE WORD OF TRIUMPH "It is finished."	John 19:30	Rev. Delvon Houser
Saying #7	THE WORD OF REUNION "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."	Luke 23:46	Rev. Debbie Ervin

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Sunday School (continued)



On Easter Sunday during the Sunday School hour, there was a reenactment of the Last Supper, the betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. The reenactment, called *The Crucifixion*, was directed and produced by Sis. Marilyn Brunt and narrated by Sis. Mae Williams. We thank all of our “actors” and singers who donned period costumes to add authenticity to the play and to all who attended.



Our Easter message was preached by our pastor at FCCBC and lived streamed on Facebook. What a wonderful, inspiring, and uplifting Resurrection Day message that he preached! Pastor Tucker preached from the topic, “*The Day That Death Died,*” with supporting Scriptures from Luke 24:5-8. And we know from Scripture that He conquered death, the grave and hell. For those of us that believe on Him, we too will be conquerors. Because HE LIVES, we too shall live forevermore!

Submitted by Deaconess Mary H. Murphy

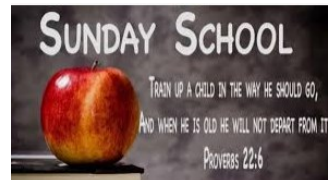


Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

Youth Sunday School

Sister Ray and I are excited about Sunday School! The youth are starting to return in person. We are also happy to have welcomed Shia Billups and Mali Gibson, our newest Sunday school students. We continue to encourage the children to study their Sunday School lessons in order to be prepared for when they come on Sunday morning. Sister Ray continues to send out reminders during the week. We are truly proud of the youth for their faithfulness and diligence in attending Sunday School.

Submitted by: Sister Beverly (Jackie) Ward



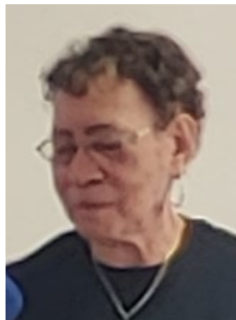
Juneteenth Celebration

“Juneteenth has never been a celebration or an acceptance of the way things are. It’s a celebration of progress. It’s an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible – and there is still so much work to do.” - Barack Obama

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, we celebrated Juneteenth, Father’s Day, and Communion. It began with a celebration of Juneteenth initiated by the deaconesses. It was a service of solemnity and jubilation based on an event of travesty and triumph. Juneteenth, once an obscure event, was catapulted into national prominence when it became a federal holiday. Although slaves were free upon the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, many slaves did not realize they were free until 1865. Even today, some of us were not aware of this fact.

We were given a succinct and informative historical perspective by Deaconess Hallie Allen, followed by an interview of “Ms. Opal Lee” by an award winning “reporter,” played by Sis. Jackie Ward and Deacon Garry Carter, respectively. The probing questions by our reporter took us on a journey to the past through the eyes and experiences of Ms. Lee. Known as the “grandmother of Juneteenth,” she was a determined and resolute civil rights leader who was instrumental in getting this event nationally recognized. Sis. Ward concluded the interview by exhorting us to remember our heritage by saying that those *who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it*. Therefore, we encourage you to remain vigilant and proactive by supporting causes and organizations that seek to guard our freedom.

We thank all who bought t-shirts commemorating this event. In addition to showing unity and displaying your recognition of this day, it also serves to raise money for the building fund. We especially thank Sis. Audrey Highsmith for recommending and negotiating with a local vendor for the production of the t-shirts. Members were asked to wear their Juneteenth t-shirts on the first and last days of Vacation Bible School.



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Juneteenth (continued)

The leader and congregation repeated the following Christian Affirmation of Juneteenth:

Leader: As we commemorate freedom as African Americans, let us not forget the trials and tribulations faced by our ancestors, forced into slavery for hundreds of years.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Let us continue to emphasize the importance of education and the advancement of the African American race.

People: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: God has granted us freedom, let us use it wisely, guard it carefully, and embrace it totally.

People: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Allow this Juneteenth celebration to serve as a reminder of our tenacity, our ability to hold on to hope and to our God.

People: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Let all people of all religions come together and acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to negatively influence American Society.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us.

Leader: Allow other ethnic groups to be sensitive to the conditions our ancestors endured and help them understand why racism and bigotry cannot have the last word.

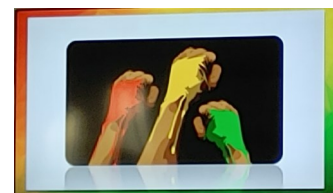
People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us so.

Leader: Let all African Americans continue to hope for a better tomorrow while remembering and re-joicing over our triumphant heritage.

People: We will not forget the “Middle Passage.” We will continue to tell our ancestral story of bondage that gave way to freedom both physically and spiritually. We shall forever strive to advance the Kingdom of God through liberation and excellence.

All: Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary Murphy



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson, Rev. Alphonso Tucker and Sis. Angela Ray

Sunday School (continued)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:8

“*Claim your Crown*” was our Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme. It was inspired by 2 Timothy 1:5-9. There were five points of emphasis to go along with the theme: zeal, courage, resistance to evil, faithful worship, and service with humility, loving and caring. Each of these was developed in its lesson as a reference point for excellence in leadership.

There were three aims (or objectives) of VBS, which are undergirded by three central biblical imperatives. The *first* objective is to teach the Bible. This objective is based on a teaching imperative found in Deuteronomy 6:6-7. The *second* objective of VBS is to nurture and train people who are already in the faith and have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This objective centers on a nurturing imperative, which is found in Ephesians 4:1-16. The *third* objective of VBS is to evangelize and witness to those who are lost and have not accepted God’s grace through Jesus Christ. This evangelistic imperative is based on Romans 10:13-17.

In addition to these imperatives, we decided to purposefully add an element of fun, where laughter was plentiful. “*A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones* (Proverbs 17:22 Amplified Bible).” On two separate days, we had loads of fun playing the games of *PASSWORD* and *FAMILY FEUD* with Deacon Garry Carter as “*Steve Harvey*.” These games were set up and orchestrated by Sis. Sofie Tucker and Deacon Waller. Prizes were awarded the winners. Also, this year several members participated in a neighborhood walk, knocking on doors to introduce themselves as members of FCCBC and handing out tracts and treats. Those who did not avail themselves of this activity had a challenging class with Rev. Harvey Moore.

In our closing activity on Friday, led by Minister Deborah D. Seay, each class was given the opportunity to demonstrate what they had learned. Two classes adorned themselves with crowns. The young children wore crowns they had made in Arts and Crafts. The adults had jewels embedded in their crowns that indicated the number of activities in which they participated as they heartily sang “*I Shall Wear a Crown*.” Three young students modeled beautiful dresses that were fashioned by Sis. Carolyn Booker.

Kudos to all the teachers and aides for their hard work: Sis. Diane Habebullah, Trustee Shirley Carter and Sis. Gwendolyn Taylor for the Preschool and Primary Class; Bro. Keith Owens, Jr. and Rev. Delvon Houser for the Junior/Intermediate class; Rev. Harvey Moore and Evangelist Gwendolyn McKeever for the Adult class.

We thank Lady Bridgett Tucker and the Culinary members (Sis. Annette Moore, Sis. Leslie Hyman, Trustee Marilyn Dorsey) for their labor and the wonderful, individualized meals to go on Monday through Thursday and the in-house meal on Friday. The meals were not only delicious but nutritious as well. We thank our security detail (Bro. Tyrone Moore and Trustee Robert White) for their vigilance in providing protection. We thank our roving photographer, Trustee Henry Smith, for capturing the events of VBS for future posterity. Many thanks to Sis. Sofie Tucker, who was intricately involved in VBS since our initial meeting. In addition to helping to organize our walk and setting up our games, she kept us on track via teleprompter every day during devotion and kept us informed about upcoming activities. We also thank all the students who came to class; we couldn’t have done it without you. Finally, we thank our pastor, Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, for being “the wind beneath our wings.”

We hope each of you reflect on our VBS theme during your daily meditation. For we know that it is important to build within ourselves the characteristics that God wants us to have so that we may rightly *claim our crown* of leadership.

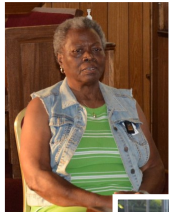
Deacon Lawrence Waller, Director and daily Cheerleader

Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assistant Director

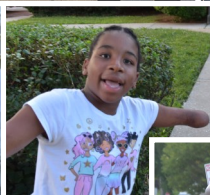
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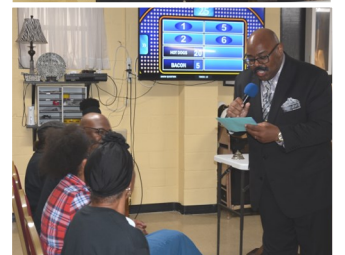
Sunday School VBS (continued)



NEIGHBORHOOD WALK



Family Feud



We were able to reach over 66% of our goal financially. It was a tremendous effort by the Men's Ministry. **THANK YOU!**

PRE-MOTHER'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA: Our Pre-Mother's Day Extravaganza was held on Friday, May 6, 2022. It was very exciting as we were treated with gospel music from The Mighty Christianairs that was rich in some of the old time gospel songs. We were also blessed by the talents of our guest comedian, Sister Robin "Whooda" Weembe, as she filled the sanctuary with laughter. It was a great time for all. A very special thank you to the Culinary Ministry for an outstanding light fare that was prepared.



Photos courtesy of Bro. Keith Owens, Jr. and Trustee Henry Smith

MEN'S CAR WASHES: Our July 9th carwash was postponed due to inclement weather. However, our **August 27th CAR WASH** will be a communitywide effort. The car wash will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Keep your cars dirty till then!

Grilled food with all your favorite condiments, snacks, desserts, sodas, and bottled water will be available for purchase.

MEN IN BLACK CONCERT: Our Men In Black Fellowship concert was held on August 5th as planned. FCCBC's dynamic Male Chorus opened with a few selections followed by the Vessels of God. Eric Jones of the Mighty Christianaires rendered a few selections. The concert was closed out by the Helping Up Mission choir. It was a blessed time by all in attendance. The Culinary ministry completed the night with a 'grab and go' light fare. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special thank you to Deacon Garry Carter as the master of ceremony and organizer.

Photo courtesy of Bro. Keith Owens, Jr.

FCCBC Men's Ministry (continued)

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TRIP - AUG. 19TH & 20TH: We have over 25 confirmed reservations for the overnight trip to Canton, Ohio. I am sure it will be an experience of a lifetime for all football fans. I've heard people say it's a trip you can check off on your 'bucket list' of things to do. The bus is scheduled to depart from FCCBC at 7 a.m. We will enjoy a motorcoach ride to Ohio. Upon arriving, we will stop at the nationally known Cracker Barrel restaurant to take in a meal. We will then proceed to the Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum for a tour of some of the greatest football players of all times. Our flyer is below. You may visit <https://www.profootballhof.com/> for more information.

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BALTIMORE, MD 21215
REV. DR. ALPHONSO TUCKER, PASTOR
MEN'S MINISTRY IS SPONSORING A FELLOWSHIP EVENT

THE NFL HALL OF FAME IN CANTON, OHIO
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH
BUS WILL DEPART PROMPTLY FRIDAY @ 7 AM← RETURN APPROX. 6 PM SATURDAY
COST PER PERSON: SINGLE - \$335 / DOUBLE - \$280 / TRIPLE - \$265

TRIP INCLUDES:
1 NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
ADMISSION TO THE HALL OF FAME
1 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & 1 DINNER VOUCHER @ CRACKER BARREL RESTAURANT
ROUND TRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED BY CURRAN TRAVEL, INC. GROUP TOURS & CRUISES

\$50.00 DEPOSIT DUE: APRIL 24TH
1ST Payment \$125.00 due: May 24TH
Final Payment Due: June 19TH

For Further Details and Payment Information Please Contact:
Min. Harvey Moore (443-695-0281) or
Deacon Lawrence Waller (410-984-5268)

MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION: Our Annual Men's Day will be held on **November 6, 2022**. Our theme will be " Rejoice In The Lord Always; And Again I Say Rejoice." Our scripture is drawn from Phil 4:4. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this blessed celebration.

Submitted by: Min. Harvey Moore, Chairman & Bro. James Clark, Co-Chairman

Women's Day Ministry Corner



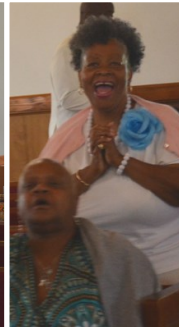
FCCBC women participated in fasting and prayer leading up to our big day. On June 9th, Rev. Ervin gave a refresher course on Fasting and Praying prior to our planned two weeks of fasting and prayer.

We hosted the "Health and Wellness 2022" session on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The session topic was "Dealing with Stress from a Spiritual Aspect." FCCBC's own Associate Minister, Evangelist Gwendolyn McKeever, was the presenter.



Photos courtesy of Sister Annette Moore

Women's Day was celebrated in grand fashion on June 26, 2022. The women were decked out in white outfits and beautiful light blue corsages. Evangelist Samuels gave a powerful prayer. The special Women's Day Choir really brought the spirit down and then we were blessed by our visiting minister Rev. Dr. Eva Sapp from New Psalmist Baptist Church. She brought the house down! We celebrated and all went well because God was with us in the house. Praise Him from all blessings flow.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson & Trustee Henry Smith

Women's Day Ministry (continued)



Photos courtesy of Sister Sharon Johnson and Trustee Henry Smith

On July 14th, the Women's Ministry sponsored a trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see "DAVID" live on stage at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre. Travelers witnessed one of the most legendary Bible stories depicted with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals.

We enjoyed delicious authentic PA Dutch cooking at Shady Maples Smorgasbord restaurant in East Earl, PA. Sister Leslie Hyman was our trip guide. She did a wonderful job organizing our trip.

If you were not able to travel with us, you can join viewers from around the world for a broadcast of DAVID. It will be broadcasted live from the Lancaster stage via Sight and Sound TV (<https://www.sight-sound.tv/>) on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time. Sight and Sound TV can be accessed through computers, smart televisions, and mobile devices. For more information and to purchase access, please visit <https://www.sight-sound.tv/david>.



We have decided to cancel the Fall Bazaar due to low enrollment. Those who paid to rent a table or participate as a food vendor are asked to contact the Finance Ministry to secure refunds.

Carolyn Clark - Chairperson

Annette Moore- Co-chair

Photos courtesy of Sis. Sofie Tucker

Thanks And Appreciation

I wish to thank my church family for the love and the monetary gifts made to me during the passing of my sister, Elizabeth R. Miller. The monetary gifts I received were donated to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

The American Cancer Society thanks you for your lifesaving gift. Your donation to the American Cancer Society is more than a financial gift, it is a lifeline for the entire cancer community and one more step toward a future without cancer.

Thank you again for your love and support.

Sister Beverly (Jackie) Ward



Thank God for Another History Making Moment by Sis. Mae Williams

As it says in Matthew 19:26 “With God, ALL things are possible.”

The outcome of the confirmation for Ketanji Brown Jackson was inevitable.

The Lord stood with her as she went through the grueling questioning of so many unkind Republicans,

They so rudely tried to break her spirits for many hours again and again.

The Democrats questioned her, and raved about her accolades and many successes’.

Out of all candidates who could have been nominated, she was still the BEST!

Judge Jackson was exceptionally well-qualified and deemed the one for the job.

She had to stay on her guard and hold firm to her faith, for God wouldn’t allow her to be robbed;

Of the opportunity of a lifetime to make history after 233 years to the Highest Court of the Land.

This position was ordained by God, and all a part of His Master Plan.

God knew way back when, that this confirmation was one day going to be.

Ketanji Brown Jackson formally confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a reality.

The first Black woman to be elevated as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Let it be known that April 7, 2022 was the real confirming date.

What a profound moment it was to watch the votes in the Senate with 53 Yea and 46Nay.

They were waiting as Paul Rand held up the voting and came in saying No, making it 47Nay.

But along with the 53 Yea, three of which were Republicans, our God said YEA, YEA!!!

It is so clear that the Lord Will Fight our battles, all we need to do is stand still.

Whatever God has for you will eventually be revealed.

Oh, how monumental this history making moment is for all the world to see.

Ketanji Brown Jackson is confirmed as our newest Supreme Court Justice and will be;

An incredible asset to our United States and Society!! Thank God for another Blessing.

She was sworn in to the Supreme Court on Thursday, June 30, 2022;

To show the world what a wonderful job as the newest Justice she will do!

Support Our Newsletter (please note changes)

The FCCBC Connection has changed to a triannual publication. The newsletter purpose remains unchanged—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 in April, August, and December. **The NEW DEADLINES to submit articles, photos, and announcements will be 11/13/22, 3/19/23, and 7/23/23.**

We are asking for a ministry representative from all ministries. Ministry representatives and members are asked to email photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to newsletter@myfccbc.org or give them to Trustee Sharon Johnson or Sis. Sofie Tucker. Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!

Sis. Sharon Johnson, Editor and President, Newsletter Ministry

Contact/Information Updates

Are you receiving our One Call Now robocall 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.

IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?



Please also help us to make sure we have accurate contact and personal information (birthday, anniversary, etc...) for each member of your family.

If you have not already done so or if your information has changed, please complete and turn in to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or 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/2kLFY56YYCScvvE99>. 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

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: _____

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

FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

Mourning Doves Bereavement Ministry of First Christian Community Baptist

Humbly, the Mourning Doves and the entire FCCBC family mourns the transition of your loved one. Words fail to express the deep sorrow we feel for your loss. We share

Isaiah 54:10 NIV

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you."

Please continue to pray for:

The Ward family on the loss of Elizabeth R. Miller

The McCloud and Flanigan families on the passing of Larry Flanigan

The Kittrell family on the transition of Charlene Green

The Moore family on the passing of Dora P. Lewis

The Allen, Highsmith, and Franklin families on the passing of Bessie J. Black

The Bright family on the transition of Valiant Contrell Black and Mercedes Contreras

The Bright family on the passing of Charles Davis

The Johnson family on the transition of Carolyn Scruggs

The Chapman family on the passing of Donald Chapman

No Tears In Heaven

There are no tears in Heaven

Nor grief of any kind

I leave this final teardrop

To those I've left behind

Though absent from the body,

I'm present with the Lord

The joy of my salvation is now my full reward.

And just as God has promised, He's wiped my tears away

And nothing can compare to the wonder of that day.

So keep me in your memory and know that up above

There are no tears in Heaven. There is only LOVE.

Author unknown

Potpourri

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sis. Samara Jones

Daughter of Trustee Steven Jones. Granddaughter of Sis. Mary Jones. Western School of Technology (Western Tech) Girls won the [Region 1A State Championship](#). Samara Jones had a big day, finishing second in the 200 and triple jump and third in the 100 while running on the second-place 4x100 relay. Western Tech also finished second in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.



Desmond Watson

Grandson of Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin. Played basketball for Lyons Mills Elementary School. Team won basketball championship.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Steven Jones and Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin

Helpful Hints

Is it Good or Bad to Drink Cold Water?

1. Drinking cold water can have a negative impact, it is believed that drinking cold beverages can cause your stomach to contract making it hard to digest your food. Chinese medicine warns against drinking cold beverages while eating hot foods, this is a habit that should be avoided.
2. Cold water makes the nasal mucous thick (drinking liquids especially warm ones can help with mucus flow).
3. People suffering from the flu or a common cold should avoid drinking cold water.
4. If you ever suffered from migraines in the past – you need to avoid drinking cold water.
5. Cold water is good right after you have exercise, it helps to calm and cool down the body, and to prevent heat exhaustion.

Warm Water is Better

1. Warm water or hot water (tea) helps to improve your digestion system.
2. It also improves blood circulation
3. Warm water helps to rid the body of toxicants
4. Warm water surplus your thirst
5. Drinking hot water can clean out your intestines and helps to prevent bloating.
6. Warm water relaxes the muscle, and boost the blood flow to the tissues.

Source of information: Foroveta.com

Always check with your caregiver.

Submitted by: Beverly A. Ward

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

Member Spotlights



What A Marvelous Thing He Has Done!

What we thought to be an impossible task;
 All we had to do was Trust God and just ask!
 He allowed it all to work out, in His Own way.
 We had an Amazing and Marvelous Mother's Day.
 It is so clear that we must lean not to our own understanding,
 But have Faith and Trust in Him and His Word.
 He will show us what eyes haven't seen and ears haven't heard!
 It is without question, that God is the Only One;
 Thank you God, for the Marvelous things You've Done!!

Lovingly Submitted,
 Mae Williams

93 Years of Age

Oh what a pleasure it was to be here and see,
 Our Mother as she turned the age of ninety-three!
 It is so true that when prayers go up and Blessings come down.
 It is indeed a Blessing for our Mother to still be around.
 Even in her sickness, God continued to carry her through.
 It is no secret what God Can and Will do.
 God's timing is always perfect and never late,
 All we need to do is continue to have Faith and just wait.
 Everything that God does is Marvelous and Great!!!
 Thank you Lord for making our Mother's path so bright.
 Celebrating her 93rd birthdate was quite a Glorious sight!!

Submitted by Mae Williams

FCCBC Birthday Recognition

Birthday Sundae Sundays have resumed. Member and visitor birthday honorees may now pick up a sweet treat following morning worship service in the lower auditorium.

Monthly Free
 Sweet Treats

(Last Sunday of each Month)

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 MINISTRIES



Service Updates

Thank you to all members for adhering to public health guidelines and doing their part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please check U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the Maryland Department of Health, and local sources for the most current COVID-19 and variant information. **For contact tracing, please notify the church if you test positive for COVID-19 or are quarantining due to close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. If you are experiencing symptoms, please isolate yourself from others and get tested for COVID-19.**

First Christian Community Baptist Church

Until Further Notice – Upon Entering

- ✓EVERYONE must wear Face mask (no exceptions)...
- ✓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 ...

Our 11:00 Sunday morning worship service has been restored to full indoor in-person worship. **Face coverings are now REQUIRED.**

We continue to take temperatures, record names for contract tracing, provide masks (upon request), and provide hand sanitizer to each person.

NOTE: Please stay tuned for changes and updates as conditions warrant. Trustee Dorsey will announce further updates via the 'robocall' messaging service.

Announcements and sermons continue to be streamed live beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. via Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianCommunityBaptistChurch/>). Services can be viewed at your leisure via Facebook Live or accessed via our website (<https://myfccbc.org/>).

Adult Sunday School devotions begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by Sunday School from 9:30–10:30 a.m. with continued access via audio conference call. Youth Sunday School is being held in-person and via FaceTime (please reach out to Sis. Sofie Tucker to join in via FaceTime). Mid-day and Wednesday bible studies will resume in September. The mode(s) of delivery will be announced. Audio conference call access instructions are as follows:

To call in by teleconference, please call (412) 924-7173 (Note: Long distance charges may apply. Please check with your carrier). At the prompt, enter access code 872722# (no host code is needed).

To check availability and schedule use of audio conference calls, ministry presidents must contact Trustee Dorsey.

Church bus riders will be picked up for Sunday School and dropped off after morning worship service. To help prevent exposure to COVID-19, several measures continue to be taken. Sis. Angie will check all prospective rider's temperature before they board the bus. Hand sanitizer, masks, and shields will be made available to all riders. Each passenger must clean their hands with hand sanitizer prior to boarding the bus. Masks/face coverings must be worn at all times by the driver and all passengers. Physical distancing will be practiced as far away as possible. Please reach out to Trustee Everett Cash by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday if you desire a ride to church.

Currently, we are not participating in afternoon/evening services. We look forward to resuming those fellowships. Please complete the Adult Member Information Sheet on page 21 to be added to the robocall roster. Thank you!

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

August 2022

Bro. Troy Brooks
Sis. Jeliza Dickenson
Bro. Earl Edwards
Bro. Bruce Flanigan
Sis. Yvette Fowlkes
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 2022

Special Honorees:
Evangelist Juliette Samuels
Deaconess Hallie Allen

Sis. Darlene Bell
Sis. Winifred Berry
Miss Rickia Briggs
Sis. Michelle Bright
Sis. Paula Foote
Tyshawn Gaines
Sis. Sierra Gaither
Sis. Ashley Givens
Sis. Diane Habeebullah
Sis. Amanda Hall
Makiyah Hornes
Trus. Steven Jones

September 2022 (continued)

Bro. Walter Jones
Bro. Michael Montoute
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

October 2022

Sis. Alma Baker
Miss Brac'lyn Barnes
Shia Billups
Miss Rickia Briggs
Sis. Donna Bright
Rickyah Brooks
Miss Kirsten Cole
Miss Dontia Cummings
Trustee Gwen Franklin
Sis. Lorraine Hale
Sis. Audrey Highsmith
Sis. Leslie Hyman
Bro. James Johnson
Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin
Sis. LaNecia Owens
Sis. Alea Powell
Bro. Jonathan Powell
Sis. Esther Steptoe

October 2022 (continued)

Sis. Brenda Taylor
Sis. Jackie Ward

November 2022

Special Honorees:

Min. Debbie Ervin
Dea. Walter Adams

Sis. Alexis Banks
Trustee Rudolph Cole
Sis. Deborah Cooper
Sis. Shirl Farrare
Joseph Foote
Sis. Marquette Heaggins
Bro. Precious Hale, Jr.
Sis. Betty Jackson
Trustee Sharon Johnson
Trustee Steven Jones
Miss C'ynai Moore
Bro. Keith Owens, Jr.
Sis. Megan Roundtree
Bro. Quennell Sowers
Sis. Ella Smith
Master Javier Troy
Master Journi Troy

Birthday missing? Please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or e-mail newsletter@myfccbc.org so we can keep our records up-to-date. Thank you.

Wedding Anniversary Wishes

August

2nd - Minister Harvey and Sis. Annette Moore (42 years)
30th - Bro. Lawrence & Deaconess Eileen McCloud (42 years)

September

7th - Bro. Kermit & Sis. Yvette Fowlkes (9 years)
23rd - Bro. Karl & Sis. LaNecia Owens (17 years)

October

9th - Bro. Precious & Sis. Lorraine Hale
12th - Bro. Rudy & Sis. Joyce Jackson
21st - Rev. Alphonso & Mrs. Bridgett Tucker (22 years)

November

6th— Bro. Leroy & Sis. Elvira (Vera) Smith (27 years)



So that we might acknowledge your wedding anniversary, please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, email newsletter@myfccbc.org, or complete and submit a Member Contact Information Form (see page 21) online or give to Trustee Dorsey. Thank you!

Regularly Scheduled Ministries

	Time	Day
Sunday School	9:30 - 10:30a.m.	Sunday
New Members' Ministry	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	1 st & 2 nd Sunday
Baptismal Service	9:30 a.m.	Third Sunday
Mid-Day Bible Study	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Tuesday
Evening Prayer Service	{Currently Suspended}	First Wednesday of each month
Evening Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Wednesday
Choir Rehearsals	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule
Men's Fellowship & Meeting	6:00 - 7 p.m.	4 th Monday

Current Times & Days as January /2022 - {Subject to change}

Church Calendar

August 2022 (casual dress month)

5 Men In Black Fellowship Concert	7:00 p.m.
7 Unity Bapt. Church worships with us	3:30 p.m.
19-20 Men's Activity (Pro Football Hall of Fame trip)	
21 Baptismal Service (confirmed)	9:30 a.m.
28 School Supply Giveaway	Immediately following a.m. service
29 Men's Ministry meeting	6:00 p.m.

September 2022

1 Quarterly Official Board meeting	7:00 p.m.
4 Male Chorus Anniversary	
14 Service leading up to Pastor's anniversary	
18 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
21 Service leading up to Pastor's anniversary	
25 Humphrey Choral Ensemble anniversary	
26 Men's Ministry meeting	6:00 p.m.
28 Service leading up to Pastor's anniversary	

October 2022

2 Pastor's 13th anniversary celebration	
16 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
29 Trunk & Treat	
31 Men's Ministry meeting	

November 2022

6 Men's Day	
13 Usher's anniversary	
13 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
20 Unified Voices anniversary	
24 Thanksgiving Day service	11:00 a.m. - noon
28 Men's Ministry meeting	

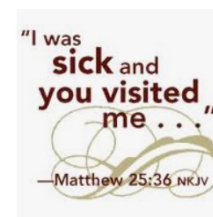
Due to the pandemic, dates, times, location, and mode of delivery are subject to change. Please check before leaving home. Trustee Dorsey will keep you abreast of any changes. Please make sure we have your information for One Call Now robocalls. Please complete the Member Contact Information Form (see page 21 for details).

Our Known Sick & Shut-In

Dea. Walter Adams (Home)
 Mother Lillie Mae Campbell (Home)
 Sis. Pam Chapman (Future Care -Northern Parkway)
 Sis. Nancy Pope (Home)
 Trus. John Spencer (Home)

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

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



Prayer List

Sis. Amy Arthur	Bro. John Arthur
Sis. Donna Bright	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	

Please alert the Officials of illness, changes to the Sick and Shut-In or Prayer lists, or death.

Thank you.

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members

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



Information of Interest

If you are in need of a Word, recent sermons can be viewed on our web page at <https://myfccbc.org/> (SPECIAL EVENTS tab) or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/FirstChristianCommunityBaptistChurch/videos/>.

Following are several recent sermons:

6/5/22: “Doing More With Less” Judges 7:2-7 Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

6/12/22 **Youth Day**

Guest Preacher—Rev. Alan Michael Carter, Assistant Pastor of Shiloh Christian Community Church

6/19/22: **Juneteenth** “A Call For A Great Celebration” Luke 15:22-24
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

6/26/22: **Women’s Day** “Women On The Move For Christ” Philippians 3:13-1
Rev. Dr. Eva Sapp, Associate Minister of New Psalmist Baptist Church



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