

# The FCCBC CONNECTION

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



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**Halloween alternative "Trunk or Treat" held on October 29, 2022. Story/photos on page 4.**

## 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 January 2023

To call in to Sunday School or Bible Study by teleconference, please dial (412) 924-7173. At the prompt, enter Access Code: 872722# (NOTE: Long distance charges apply. Please check with your carrier).

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## Message From Our Pastor

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“ I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” ( Psalm 122: 1 KJV)



One of the most important things that we can do in our Christian lives is go to Church. The Church is where the people who “belong to the Lord “ and who have been “called out” by God gather regularly to Worship God, study the Bible, encourage, and fellowship with one another. There really is nothing that can replace the power and love of Christian fellowship and we have been “called out “ for this purpose.

Psalm 122:1 speaks of the joy that coming together to Worship God gives every believer. This Psalm of David declares that “ he was glad” about entering the “House of God” for Worship. We too should have this same kind of enthusiasm when we have the opportunity to Worship God together as “one body in Christ.” As Children of the Most High God , we are to, ”Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4 KJV)

I’m sure we all remember during the COVID-19 pandemic that our Churches were forced to close, but thanks be to God, we have been now not only open but thriving. It has been over two years that the FCCBC has been open for Worship since the pandemic, and in spite of the fact that COVID-19 is no longer a pandemic, many of our members have yet to return to the “House of God” for Worship. It is my prayer that you put your faith to work and your trust in God and come back to Church.

Another key point is that the psalmist says is “Let us go.” That teaches us that the people of God are to “GO” to Church. There are many who would suggest that they can have Church in their private houses, but the Bible instructs us to go to Church. The scriptures also teaches us “ not to forsake the assembly of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” ( Hebrews 10:25 KJV)

Our success at walking in the Christian life will depend upon a continuing and deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. We must stay connected with Him. Jesus explained this relationship to His disciples this way: “ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in me and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5 NIV)

Happy New Year!!! May God Bless and Keep you all is my prayer. It’s time to come back to Church.

Lovingly Submitted,  
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

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Conference Call Dial-In Number (as directed)		412-924-7173, Enter Access Code: 872722#

# Thirteenth Pastoral Anniversary

## Pastor Tucker and Lady Bridgett 13<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Thank God for sending us such a Just and Spiritual couple to be the under shepherd for our leadership at the First Christian Community Baptist Church. These past thirteen years have been a rewarding and growing experience for our entire congregation. Thank God again for the planting of such a seed.



Multiple services were held leading up to the anniversary day celebration service. The celebration began with our Minister Deborah Seay bringing the message on September 11th "I Must See Jesus" (Luke 19:1-10). The guest minister on September 18th was Pastor Marvin McFadden of Mount Zion Hill Baptist church. On September 25th, our own Evangelist Dr. Gwen McKeever taught on "Don't Forget Who is Walking with You" (Mark 4:35-40).

On Saturday, October 1st, we met at Pappas Restaurant of Cockeysville and enjoyed a delicious lunch with family, members, and friends. (Our Pastor appreciates the simple things in life and this celebration was right down his alley.) His mother, Betty Tucker-Sabb and his siblings were in attendance as well as his children. Buffalo wings were served as the appetizers. Guests chose from Pappas famous crab cake, broiled salmon, New York strip steak, or chicken marsala served with a garden salad, mashed potatoes, and a vegetable medley. Cake and various pies were available for dessert.

After we dined, each guest was given an opportunity to publicly express their thoughts and feelings toward the Pastor and his family. As it was revealed, all were appreciative of the work and influence that Pastor and Lady Bridgett have presented and shown to each and every one.



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Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

## Thirteenth Pastoral Anniversary (continued)

The anniversary day celebration service took place on October 2, 2022. We were blessed to have Pastor Patrick Hipkins bring the morning message to the congregation. He delivered an inspiring message, "The Fire That Won't Go Out" (Exodus 3:1-6). The Spirit was ever present.

After the message, Pastor and Lady Bridgett were showered with moments of love and affection!  
Submitted by: Trustee Marilyn Dorsey



Photos courtesy of Trustees Sharon Johnson and Henry Smith

### 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....). We want to feature YOUR good news!

Our goal is to distribute newsletters in April, August, and December. **The NEW DEADLINES to submit articles, photos, and announcements will be 3/12/23, 7/9/23, and 11/12/23.**

Each ministry is asked to designate a newsletter representative. If your representative has changed, please alert Trustee Sharon Johnson.

NOTE: It is the ministry's responsibility to arrange for photography. Please reach out to Trustee Henry Smith at least two weeks before the event date.

Ministry representatives and members are asked to email photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to [newsletter@myfccbc.org](mailto:newsletter@myfccbc.org) or submit to Trustee Sharon Johnson or Sis. Sofie Tucker.

Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!



Trustee Sharon Johnson, Editor

## 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

- ✓ Face mask **OPTIONAL**
- ✓ Strongly encourage non vaccinated continue to wear mask for Self - Protection ...
- ✓ Choir members wear shield when singing
- ✓ Continue to respect personal space ...
- ✓ Temperature must be taken ...  
CDC guidelines (100.4° / 38° c) or above  
**NO ENTRY**
- ✓ Wash or sanitize hands frequently  
Front Entrance to be used only ...



Effective 05/01/20

Our 11:00 Sunday morning worship service has been restored to full indoor in-person worship. **Face coverings are now OPTIONAL, however,** we do recommend that all continue to keep a safe distance.

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 One Call Now 'robocall' messaging service. Please complete an Adult Member Information Sheet to be added to the robocall roster.

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 January 2023. The mode(s) of delivery will be announced. Audio conference call access instructions are as follows:

**To call in to Sunday School or Bible Study by tele-conference, please dial (412) 924-7173. At the prompt, enter Access Code: 872722# (NOTE: Long distance charges apply. Please check with your carrier).**

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 are optional at the present time. 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.

There will be no Watch Night Service this year. Currently, we are considering resuming afternoon/evening services and fellowships. We look forward to resuming those fellowships. Thank you!

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## Education Ministry News

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The Education Ministry hosted its annual “Back To School Supply Giveaway” on Sunday, August 28, 2022, following morning worship service. Pre-K through undergraduate student members, extended family members, and friends of church members signed up and received backpacks with supplies or a gift card. Thank you to all of the ministry members who assisted with obtaining and distributing supplies.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

The Ministry, in conjunction with the Youth Ministry, hosted the second annual “Trunk or Treat” event on Saturday, October 29, 2022. **Congratulations** to our **Winners** of the various costume and car decoration categories!

Thank you to everyone for participating by decorating their vehicles and passing out the yummy candy. A big kudos to the Culinary Ministry for the delicious food and treats. The “Hot Chocolate” with whipped cream was especially tasty and the candy apples were an added treat. A special shout out to Brother Robert White and family for the interactive station. This station consisted of face painting, games, and treats.

The event was enjoyed by all with creative and festive costumes, numerous activities, food, and great fellowship.

Submitted by: Sis. Cheryl McCottry



Photos courtesy of Sis. Alexis Banks

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## Church Announcements

All church announcements must be submitted to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey by e-mail, text, or hand delivery one week prior to the desired announcement date. Thank you.

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## Deacon's Corner

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

**"** (1-Timothy 3:13 KJV)

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I greet you with Jesus' joy and a reminder that only what we do for Christ will last. Since our last communication, we are continuing our studies with our Tuesday Mid-day and Wednesday night Bible Studies. Our instructor for our Tuesday 1pm class is Dr. Mary Murphy. We were studying and learning from the book of Ecclesiastes where there was a lot of discussion concerning Solomon's views concerning things under the sun and meaningless ways of living, and life lived according to worldly attitudes versus life lived according to Jesus' ways (wisdom). The classes were very fruitful. *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction"* Proverbs 1:7 *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)

Our Wednesday night class is taught by our Pastor, Dr. Alphonso Tucker. We are currently studying the book of 1 Timothy. Very, very, interesting and enlightening. I am very excited about both classes. The book of 1 Timothy is a very impactful book. We learn about false teachers, warning against false teachers. Paul's charge to Timothy (1 Timothy 18:20) conduct in the church, instruction concerning prayer, and instruction concerning men and women. I thank God for our instructors for allowing God to use them in that capacity.

The diaconate ministry is on the battlefield for the Lord by way of visitations. We recently had the opportunity to visit Sis. Perlizer Davis (Home), Bro. & Sis. John Arthur (Home), Sis. Nancy Pope (Home) & Sis. Pam Chapman (Nursing Home). Unfortunately, Sis. Chapman was called to Glory along with Sis Annie Norris. The home visitations are always very uplifting for those we get to see. We are asking for your continued prayers for the bereaved/sick and shut-in families. Continue your prayers for the diaconate ministry; that we may stay strong and bold in the faith that we walk worthy unto the vocation which we are called. Our Bible classes are currently under a Holiday break until January 2023. Continue studying the word. Our Sunday School and Church ministry is growing. *"Praising God and have favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."* (Acts 2:47 KJV)

We normally have a Christmas play during the month of December. Unfortunately, we will not have one this year. We want everyone to enjoy your shopping and spending quality time with family and friends. Continue to be vigilant within your surroundings. Stay off of your cell phone while walking to/from your cars and into your homes. Keep your eyes and ears open at all times. Do not leave your hard-earned dollars (gifts/presents) in plain view of sight in your vehicles. Check in with your elderly neighbors and family members who might need a 'lil' extra help this holiday season.

Presently the National Deacons Baptist Conference is preparing for our Annual Christmas gathering at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church on December 9th at 6 p.m. *2 Timothy 3:14: But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

I pray that you have a joyful, prosperous and safe Holiday season.

Humbly submitted,

Chairman Deacon Lawrence Waller

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## Deaconess Corner

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### VETERANS DAY

**“We don’t know them all, but we owe them all.” Unknown**



Veterans Day is a special day to celebrate and honor the men and women for their leadership, commitment, courage and outstanding service to our country. Veterans Day is a legal holiday that is observed annually on November 11. The day is set aside to honor our brave military veterans who have served in the United States armed forces. Each year, we acknowledge the sacrifices that these brave men and women made to preserve our freedom.

On Sunday, November 6th, we honored our veterans at FCCBC: *Deacon Lawrence Waller, Deacon Keith Owens, Sr., Trustee Everett Cash, Sis. Nikki Waller, Bro. James Johnson, Bro. Walter Jones, Bro. Tyrone Moore, Bro. Earl Edwards, Bro. James Clark* and veterans from all wars. Our special honoree was the Retired Enlisted Association and Auxiliary Chapter Nine, who offer its support each year and was represented by Rev. Debbie Ervin. We also thank Rev. Debbie Ervin for her moving tribute to the veterans. A small token of our heartfelt appreciation was given to each veteran and a moment of silence for our deceased ones. Thank you veterans.

Gratefully submitted by the Deaconesses



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### Our Fall Outreach

**“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for such sacrifices God is pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16 KJV)**

Our mission is to make the lives of the needy just a little easier to bear, especially during the Christmas season. We cannot be indifferent toward those in need because God expects us to take care of the poor. Also, it blesses those who give. *“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor (Proverbs 22:9 NIV).”* A quote by Mark Batterson, pastor of the National Community Church in Washington, D.C. says, *“When God blesses you financially, don’t raise your standard of living, raise your standard of giving.”* So, let’s bear one another’s burdens by being generous givers; this fulfills the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2 KJV).

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## *Deaconess Corner (continued)*

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The Deaconesses would like to thank all who journeyed with them on Saturday, October 22, 2022, and to those who were not able to go but brought their goods to us. We were able to distribute individualized bags with ready -to-eat food, clothes, and personal care items to about sixty people. We plan to go out again on December 10th, so we are asking you to assist us in our endeavor to help the needy. In addition to the aforementioned items, we are accepting monetary donations. An itemized list of needed items will be posted for your convenience. There will be receptacles in the vestibule during the month of December where you can place your items. Blankets and warm clothing are essential to those who are homeless. In addition to your generous donations and time we ask you to keep us, our ministry, and the needy in your prayers.

Humbly submitted by the Deaconesses

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## *The Sunday School*

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**“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”** Psalm 119:105 KJV

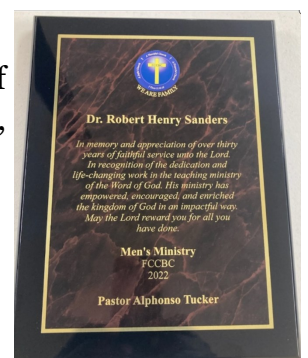
Regardless of how strong we think we are, there is no occasion when we should feel free to rest on our laurels and assume the we “have it made” or cease to remain steadfast in our walk as Christians (*Galatians 3:10*). That is why we strive always to be in fellowship with others in the household of faith, study the word, and live out the tenets of our faith. We live in perilous times and there is trouble on every hand. Jesus warned us that we **will** have troubles in this world (*John 16:33; Hebrews 8:9*). Nothing equips us better than His Word. Bible study helps to strengthen our faith, grow closer to Jesus and follow His commands. Study the Bible before trouble hits. Why? Because it is the promises of God that strengthen us. So, we as Christians do not throw up our hands in defeat or succumb to depression and despair. We persevere. We hold fast. We keep the faith. How? We have to be fed the Word to remain strong. The Word of God is food for the soul. We don’t eat once a week and expect to remain strong; we eat daily. Thus, we should also study the Word daily to keep our spiritual life strong. It’s the hope of something better one day that helps us stand firm. Therefore, we entreat you to study the word daily, attend Sunday School, and Bible Study.

In our study of Ecclesiastes in our Mid-day Bible class, we learn that apart from God everything is vanity, i.e., useless, futile, fruitless, empty, meaningless. Our Wednesday night class at this time is found in 1 Timothy. One of the many things we learned about is the problem of false doctrine and false teachers. So, again we urge you to “*Study your Bible for the truth so you can spot errors.*” Be like the Bereans who listened to the apostle Paul’s teaching but also searched the Scriptures for themselves (*Acts 17:11*). There is no growth apart from the Word of God.

Thank you, men, for honoring Dr. Bob Sanders posthumously for his decades of exemplary teaching of the word in our Sunday School. As he would often say, “*Let’s pack the pews!*” We can all further honor him by carrying out his request.

Deacon Lawrence Waller, Superintendent/Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assistant Superintendent

Sis. Leslie Hyman, Secretary/ Sis. Mary Jones, Assistant Secretary



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## *Music Ministry Changes*

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### **Psalm 96- “Sing unto the Lord a new song.”**

The Pastor met with all in the music ministry on November 18, 2022 to help renew our commitment to this ministry. God loves doing a new thing and renewing our body, soul, and spirit. When we sing Him a new song, we are worshiping and praising Him but at the same time we are renewing our minds and souls by remembering the great things He has done.

Effective December 1, 2022, a new format has been rolled out. The Male Chorus will remain on first Sundays. The youth are dedicated to the second Sunday with re-engagement of the younger youth. The third and fourth Sunday will be a combined effort to ensure a good mix of voices and attendance. We pray patience for all as we continue to move forward in this ministry.

Minister of Music Darlene Taylor



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

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## *Creative Expression by Sis. Mae Williams*

### **ENDURANCE**

#### **The Bible says that endurance means:**

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." "As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good." "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised." "But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

**E - Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving**

**N -Needs will be provided by God**

**D - Dwell into the House of the Lord**

**U - Understanding of God's Word**

**R - Run with perseverance**

**A - Always have faith**

**N - New Mercies**

**C - Cast out all fears**

**E - Endure to the end**

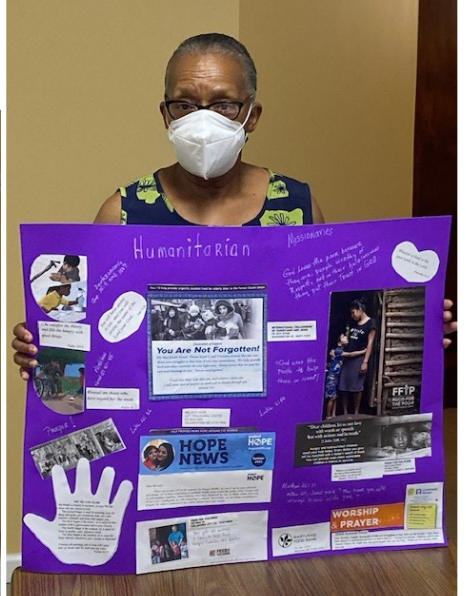
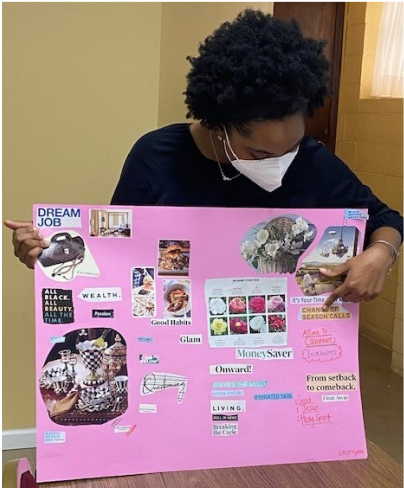
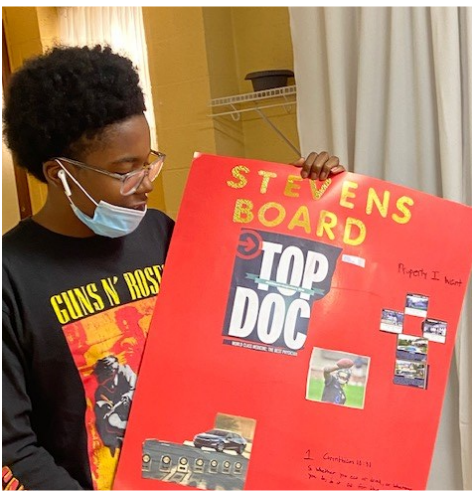
**NEVER EVER GIVE UP!!!!!!**

# Youth Sunday School

Our Sunday school students have been busy this summer. Our lessons started with Genesis, we were reminded of the promise that God made to Abram and his family, and from this promise the whole world was/is blessed. John's Gospel, taught us that the WORD of God became flesh in Christ Jesus. In Revelation, we learned that we will have a new home with God one day, if we believe in His son Jesus.

Before the pandemic, we made plans to make vision boards, but we didn't get the chance to complete that project. So in July, we finally were able to get our vision boards done. The vision board is a visual reminder of what a person's goals are in different areas of their life and the actions they need to take in order to accomplish them. A "high five" to our youth for their hard work and faithfulness! We are very proud of each and every one of them for their accomplishments, some are still in school, others are in college and/or are employed. Please continue to push our students with your prayers, as they are on the path to making their dreams come true and to dedicating their lives to serving God.

Lovingly Submitted,  
Sister Angela Ray



Photos courtesy of Sis. Angela Ray

**PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**

The Men's Ministry experienced a thrill of a lifetime on August 19th - 20th as we journeyed to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. The Hall of Fame originally opened in 1963. There are over 362 players, coaches and influential people who have contributed to professional football. We were blessed to have non-FCCBC members comprise nearly half of the travelers. All who traveled with us enjoyed themselves to the highest as we relaxed in our motor coach bus and stopped for a delicious dinner at Cracker Barrel. The tour of the Hall took about 2 hours to observe some of the most important facts and history of the National Football League as well as seeing the bronze bust of all the players inducted into the Hall of Fame. Afterwards, we settled in for a peaceful night of sleep at the Comfort Inn. God blessed us to rise the next morning to journey back home. Thank you to everyone that supported or helped in any way to make this event successful.



Photos courtesy of Sis. Annette Moore and Sis. Sofie Tucker

**CAR WASH**

The men came together for our second car wash of the year on August 27th. As always, it was a great time of fellowship. The Culinary ministry blessed us as usual with grilled food, snacks, and drinks. Thank you to all who participated!



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith and Rev. Harvey Moore

**SEVENTY-FIFTH MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

The men concluded our year of events with our 75th Men's Day Celebration on November 6th. Our guest preacher was Rev. Romero Nicks, Associate Minister at Community Baptist Church of Jessup, MD. We presented a special plaque to honor the late Dr. Bob (Robert) Sanders for his steadfast spirit in teaching Sunday School. We rejoiced in a mighty way during our Men's Day celebration as several men participated for the first time be it reading scripture, doing the welcome address or ministering in song. The spirit was high as we all were blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The sermon topic given by Rev. Nicks was "Are you ready for Towel Duty" drawn from the scripture text Matthew 25:40.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! to all the men for every effort you made throughout the year to lift up the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.



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Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

**2022-2023 OFFICERS**

Rev. Harvey Moore will continue as Men's Day Chair. Brother Ronald McKeever has been appointed Co-Chair. Deacon Lawrence Waller and Brother Keith Owens, Jr. will continue in the roles of Recording Treasurer and Recording Secretary, respectively.

The men met on Monday, November 28th and will meet again on January 23, 2023.

Rev. Harvey Moore, Chair

Brother Ronald McKeever, Co-Chair

**FCCBC Women's Day Ministry 2022 – 2023**

**Ministry Purpose:** Collectively strengthening the FCCBC Women's Ministry as a whole by way of continuing to study the word of God, prayer, fellowship, encouragement, fostering relationships with-in the sisterhood; supporting the church as a whole in its endeavors in fundraising.

**Focusing Theme :** "Choosing to be Our Sister's Keeper"

**Supporting Scripture:** 1 John 3:18 (NKJV)

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

**Background Scripture:** 1 John 4:16 (NKJV)

"And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."

**Women's Day Attire Color:** Basic White accented with color of choice corsages

**Individual Assessment Goal:** \$175

**Officers:**

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Trustee Sharon Johnson	Recording Treasurer	<a href="mailto:newsletter@myfccbc.org">newsletter@myfccbc.org</a>
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# Women's Day Ministry Corner



## Planned activities at a glance ...

**Saturday, February 25, 2023:** Fundraiser /Social  
"A Night of Love on the Red Carpet" (flyer below)

**Saturday, April 29, 2023:** Instructional /  
Fellowship Health & Wellness Pt. 2 Dealing with  
Stress (Clinically)

**Saturday, May 20, 2023:** Fellowship /Social  
"Create, Chat & Chew"

**Sunday, June 25, 2023:** Worship & Praise  
"Women's Day 2022-2023"

**Thurs., July 20, 2023** Social /Fellowship Bus Trip  
& Meal - Sight & Sound "Moses" (flyer below)

"2022 -2023 Women's Day Ministry"

**ALL FCCBC Women!  
MEETING & SHARING ...**

Please mark your calendar,  
invite a fellow sister  
& Join us!

**Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023  
Time: 12 noon - 1:15 p.m.**

We need your continued participation & support ...

Sis. Annette Moore, Chair  
Sis. Bridgett Tucker, Co - Chair

We look forward to your support and participation!

Submitted by: Lady Bridgett Tucker

**"A Night of Love on the Red Carpet"**

**All Black Attire Event**

Saturday, February 25, 2023  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Fundraiser**

(In support of the "FCCBC Community Outreach Center")

Ticket Price: \$55 per guest  
Includes: Donation towards Fundraising Goal  
A night of fun, food, games & music...

**Bring your bestie, your sibling, your sweetie ...**

Each ticket sold: \$25 will go towards the newly developed

For ticket purchase contact:  
Trust. Yolande Cash (443) 830-5466  
Women's Fundraiser Planning Committee Chair

"FCCBC Community Outreach Center"

Sis. Mae Williams (410) 913-9589  
Women's Fundraiser Planning Committee Co-Chair

No ticket sales at the door  
Limited Seating - First Come First Serve Basis

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Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

First Christian Community Baptist Church  
& Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor  
Along With Curran Travel, Inc.  
Group Tours & Cruises  
Present:

**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER**

**"MOSES"**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023**

Trip Itinerary:

Depart First Christian Community Baptist Church at 8:15 AM	<b>\$170.00</b>
	<b>PER PERSON</b>
Admission to Sight and Sound's "MOSES" Show at the Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA at 11:00 AM	<b>\$25.00 Deposit Due by 12/18/22</b>
Luncheon Smorgasbord at Shady Maple at 12:30 PM	<b>Final Due By 6/11/23</b>
Depart for Home Approximately 4:00 PM	<b>Payment Plan:</b>
	February - \$29.00
	March - \$29.00
	April - \$29.00
	May - \$29.00
	June - \$29.00

For More Information Please Contact:  
Sis Leslie Hyman  
at 410-370-4772

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCCBC

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# Planning Committee Update

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## CENTER CONSTRUCTION

Our Community Outreach Center is almost ready for occupancy! The fencing, electrical transformer, and line have been installed. Once the connection to the line is complete, the remaining flooring and doors will be completed. We thank God for His faithfulness! “The prayers of the righteous availeth much.” (James 5:16 )

## FUNDRAISERS

Several Building Fund fundraisers are underway in support of the daily operations and monthly financial obligations of the Outreach Center.

### Financial Pledges

Thirty members and Christian friends committed to and are fulfilling financial pledges in support of the Center. Our goal is to have forty members and/or Christian friends commit to a pledge. It is not too late to sign up. Please consider supporting the Center on a one-time or recurring basis. You may obtain a Pledge Sheet on page 17 or see any of the Finance Ministry trustees. Please return completed forms to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

### The Kings Chorale Ensemble Concert

FCCBC members and friends gathered on the evening of September 16, 2022 for a gospel concert rendered by The Kings Chorale Ensemble. The evening was filled with uplifting and inspirational music that brought the audience to its feet. They performed several of their well-known songs. The night was a real blessing. A free-will offering was taken up to benefit the Building Fund.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

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# Planning Committee Update (continued)

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## FUNDRAISERS (continued)

### “A Night of Love on the Red Carpet”



The Women's Day Ministry is sponsoring this fundraising event in support of the Center. Please see page 14 for more information. A limited number of tickets will be available.

### AmazonSmile Donations



AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the Outreach Center every time you shop on Amazon, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

A few minutes is all it takes to set up on your computer or mobile device browser or mobile phone. From your computer or mobile browser, log on to "<http://smile.amazon.com/>" or "<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1049675>" using your existing Amazon phone number/email address and password. You will be brought to the same Amazon site, but on the fundraising side. **(NOTE: It must say 'smile.amazon.com' every time.)** From your iOS or Android phone, activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app (found under Settings or the Programs & Features menu on your app).

The first time you go to the 'Smile' side, you will be asked to choose the organization that you want to support. Search for '**First Christian Community Baptist Church**' and you will be able to select "**The First Christian Community Baptist Church Inc, Baltimore, MD.**"

Then just use Amazon like you always have. You'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that the Amazon Foundation will donate a portion of the purchase price to FCCBC. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, Amazon Prime member benefits, and other account settings are also the same.

We suggest that you add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com or <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1049675> to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Do you have family and friends that wouldn't mind taking a minute and choosing FCCBC? It costs the purchaser nothing but benefits FCCBC's Community Outreach Center.

An abbreviated instruction card is available in the foyer or in the lower auditorium.

For more information, please visit <https://smile.amazon.com/about> or contact Trustee Sharon Johnson.

# FCCBC's Outreach Center Financial Pledges

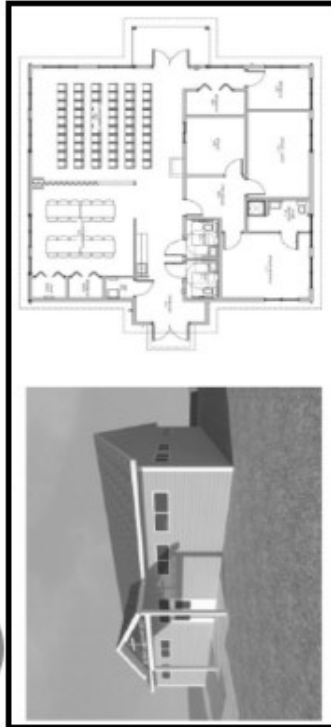
Please consider supporting the FCCBC Outreach Center by completing a Financial Pledge form and returning it to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO APPROPRIATE TRUSTEE

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 &  
Project Planning Committee - 4116 Groveland Ave.,  
Baltimore, MD 21215—www.myfccbc.org (410) 664-7443*

*"We Are Family"*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *FCCBC Ushers Celebrate Anniversary*

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On November 13, 2022, FCCBC's Youth and Senior Usher Ministry celebrated their joint anniversary. We honor those called to serve as "doorkeepers" for serving the Lord in unity .



Photos courtesy of Sis. Lorraine Hale , Trustee Sharon Johnson, and Deacon Lawrence Waller

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## *Missionary Ministry*

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The Missionaries did not distribute any holiday gifts to the residents of Future Care this holiday season as we usually do. Because of the COVID situation, we have not been allowed to have services at the facility for the past two years. We have distributed fifty gifts to the staff and patients of two local hospitals. This year, we will give financial donations to the American Heart Association and the Helping Up Mission.

We are planning a meeting/holiday luncheon on December 17th. We plan to discuss our plans for 2023. Some of the suggestions are to invite the community for a program on caregiving and dementia and a health fair. Any suggestions on other things we might present should be given to any member of the Missionary Ministry.

Carolyn Clark, President

Shirl Farrare, Vice President

## Considering becoming a "FCCBC Culinary Ministry Member"?

### Frequently asked questions:

\*Isn't "Culinary" only for females?

"No, the FCCBC Culinary Ministry is open to both male & female".

\*Is experience required?

"Experience is not required, However, culinary requires tasks to be completed. We ask that you are physically able, dependable and a team player."

\*How often will I be needed?

"For every scheduled event, we ask each Culinary Member's availability and plan accordingly. The only schedule expectation is that each member is an active member; not just a member on paper."

\*Do I need to know how to cook?

"No you don't need to know how to cook. There are many other tasks that have to be performed, i.e., {Packaging, setting tables, portioning food, greeting guest, washing dishes, etc.}"

\*What do the Culinary Ministry do?

"The Culinary Ministry supports every ministry within the church as it relates to food involvement. We purchase, prep, cook, and serve food to the congregation and the community through different initiatives while maintaining & operating our commercial licensed kitchen".

\*Will I be trained?

"Yes, this is an ongoing endeavor, i.e., proper cleaning of dishes & food surfaces, food cooking & holding temperatures, food handling & storage, etc. "

\*Is it only cooking?

"No, it isn't just cooking, though the majority the tasks are based on food handling and food distribution.

\*Do I have to attend meetings?

"The Culinary Ministry meets face-to-face on a quarterly basis and connect via conference call in preparation for each event.

For more information contact: Bridgett S. Tucker, Kitchen Manager (410) 428-1111

### Ministry Mission:

... "Let on one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor" ...

1 Corinthians 10:24

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## ***FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace***

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### **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 Flanigan, McCloud, and Quinn families on the passing of Muriel Johnson***

***The Kelly and Goodwin families on the passing of Sis. Flo Mincey***

***The Hyman family on the transition of Cecilia Goodwin***

***The Owens family on the passing of Deborah Mullen and Sandra Martin***

***The Hall family on the loss of Ricky Alexander***

***The Adams family on the homegoing of Deacon Walter Adams***

***The Hale family on the passing of Robert Perkins***

***The McLaughlin family on the passing of Zenobia McLaughlin***

***The Waller family on the transition of Tamicha Brown***

***The Smith family on the homegoing of John Elliott***

***The Chapman family on the transition of Sis. Pamela Chapman and Antwone D. Griffin***

**Death leaves a heartache difficult to heal;  
Love leaves sweet memories no one can steal.**

Author unknown

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## *Creative Expression by Sis. Mae Williams*

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### **Spiritual Food for Thought**

**When we look back over this year, many things happened that seemed hard to bear. People were doing things and committing acts of evil everywhere. We were faced with unbelievable events of an insurrection on world tv. It was one of the most tragic incidents for the whole nation to see. All throughout the year, we have witnessed events that were so unreal. Allowing so many to forget that God is the Provider of our sword and shield. So many people are overly dependent on human leaders to make decisions for them. Forgetting that we have a Savior who is Trustworthy and more dependable than any of them. We live daily in the midst of really intense spiritual warfare. God's Peace is a part of our armor and He is always there. We can't worry about people who are doing evil and their wickedness. Only God can fix it and judge the world in righteousness. Just keep on feeding your soul spiritually and stay ever close to God. With God's Presence in our lives, nothing is too hard. It is so important to keep our armor on and feed on God's Word. Never be afraid to feed others spiritually and let the Word be heard!**

**Submitted by Mae Williams**



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## *Creative Expression by Sis. Mae Williams*

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### **Mental Health Issues Are Real**

**We are living in some times where life can be very trying.**

**Things are happening everywhere and many people are dying.**

**The world has been exposed to two years of devastation and unexpected turns.**

**No one knew what and where the pandemic was taking the world or how long it would last.**

**The Center of Disease Control knew that before them was quite a task.**

**People were steadily becoming ill and many losing their lives.**

**As people continued getting sick, many of them were unable to survive.**

**What we experienced was more than many people could bear.**

**It left so many people feeling stressed and full of despair.**

**When we take on burdens of the world, it can make us feel strengthless and weak.**

**This can cause the mind to lose focus and not think straight;**

**Many lose control of their minds and some even their fates.**

**Not knowing what thoughts to let go or which to keep.**

**When we are faced with those kinds of situations, It is God we should seek.**

**People tend to panic and forget who and Whose they are.**

**It is God who can provide us with the necessary protection.**

**All we need to do is make the needed connection.**

**Staying focused on God's Word can keep us mentally aware.**

**That no matter what, He Will always be there!**

**We must be tuned in to the mental as well as the physical health.**

**Both are important for us to be our very best healthy self.**

**Know that mental health issues are real and should be addressed;**

**Stay focused on God and you will have less stress and He Will order your steps.**

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# Potpourri

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

### Rashard Herring

Congratulations to Rashard Herring for winning the Football 2A Maryland State Championship. He is a Senior at Milford Mill Academy where he is coached by Reggie White (son of Trustee Marilyn Dorsey). Rashard is a four-year starter with a 3.8 GPA. Rashard is the son of Tiara Edwards, grandson of Earl and Gwendolyn Edwards, and great-grandson of Deaconess Eileen McCloud.



Photo courtesy of Deaconess Eileen McCloud

### Rev. & Mrs. Houser

Reverend Delvon and Mrs. Michelle Houser married on October 8, 2022.

May the One who brought you together bless your marriage, enrich your lives, and deepen your love throughout the years.



Photo courtesy of Rev. Delvon Houser

### Helpful Hints

Winter is approaching. Below are some hints on staying safe when ice and snow has covered the surface.

1. Place your ice melt container outside next to your door for easy access. Place ice melt on your walkway, steps and driveway before the storm starts, and do it again after the snow has fallen. This will help make it easier for you to shovel the snow.
2. Before stepping outside, be sure to layer your clothing, using wool and silk. These fabrics hold the warmth better than cotton. Cover your head with a hat, wear gloves, thick socks, and warm boots.
3. Waddle when you walk to prevent you from slipping and falling. Take short steps or shuffle with your feet flat and slightly pointed out.
4. Always have a charged cell phone with you, in case you take a fall and need to call for help.

**STAY SAFE AND WARM!**

Submitted by: Beverly A. Ward



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# *Creative Expression by Sis. Mae Williams*

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## **Sharing Their Technological Gifts**

**How fortunate as a church are we? To have such wonderful technology.  
It provides sermons, updates, announcements, and other info for all to see.  
We are living in times where technology is so important in our daily lives.  
It harnesses the tools we need for our daily living, knowledge, and drives.**

**It has become essential and in many instances, cannot be avoided.**

**It is unimaginable if some things were not visible, saved, or recorded.**

**We are so blessed to have such tech savvy operators providing and managing the tools at our house of worship.**

**They know just how and when to provide the appropriate slides and correct clips.**

**Having such technology allows valuable information to be shared with all.**

**No matter the event size, big or small.**

**It provides the best forms of communication for all of our Church family to be in the know.**

**Through the use of technology, we can get all updates and any other needed info.**

**There are many members behind the scenes to help make the tools available and ready for use.**

**Kudos to the Front line technology teamers who are sharing their  
technological knowledge and gifts with us.**

**Having our own tech wizards is indeed a blessing and a plus.**

**We just want to give shout outs for jobs very well done!**

**Thank you Sofie Tucker, Keith Owens, Jr., and DeVaughn Banks, too!**

**We appreciate you sharing your gifts and all you do. Thank you!**

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## **Contact /Information Updates**

We will be asking that each member complete a new paper or electronic Member Information Sheet in January 2023 so that we can validate that we have everyone's correct contact, birthday, and anniversary information for mailings, sick/shut-in visits, One Call Now robocalls, and newsletter items.

Youth information will be collected to help church ministries plan for scholarships, activities, and events.

Thank you in advance for updating your information.

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## Member Spotlight

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### Leroy and Elvira (Vera) Smith's Story



*Genesis 2:18 "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him". KJV*

**Bro. Leroy:** On November 6, 2022, I have been married to my wonderful, beautiful Christian wife for 28 years. I underline Christian wife, because Christ has been the center of our lives from the beginning. We met at First Baptist Church of Backriver in Essex, MD in March 1993. The Pastor asked families to sit together and Elvira asked me to sit with her.

**Sis. Vera:** Our first date was breakfast at the Yellow Bowl. I didn't want to take my 9 year old son, but Jermaine wanted to go anyway. Leroy won my heart when I was going to reschedule and he said "I thought Jermaine was coming with us from the start." Together with my son and under the oversight/guidance of Christ, we formed a family.

**Bro. Leroy:** My wife is smart, kind, funny and beautiful. I am so blessed to have her in my life. My wife is my best friend, the adhesive that holds our family together and our chief prayer warrior.

**Sis. Vera:** Leroy is such a kind, intelligent and funny man. He loves the Lord and is a man of his word. I love that we decided to fellowship with our new church family at FCCBC in April of this year. We enjoy Bible Study and worshipping together.

We often go shopping for food, clothing, tools, etc. We enjoy events with family and friends. We have shared a journey which has consisted of both good and some trying times. The good times have been many and the trying times call for more prayer.

**Bro. Leroy:** Because of the love for Christ and my angelic wife, I have few troublesome days – for I have the Grace of God. God has been so good to me collectively with my family, friends, and church members and individually by delivering me from my past, which is a testimony in itself – oh "How I Got Over" –Mahalia Jackson.

As God provided me with life, a wife, a son and many other gifts and graces, I truly believe Luke 9:3, "....Take nothing for your journey...". I know God will provide. We will continue to trust in the Lord! As Joshua 24:15 says," ....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Compiled by: Sis. Leslie Hyman

*Getting to Know You*

# Youth and Young Adult Spotlights

So often our youth are making strides and shining bright 🙌. Let's give a BIG KUDOS for their hard-earned accomplishments. I would like to show them off because they deserve it. Here are the first three FCCBC youth that worked hard this quarter both at home, in their extracurricular activities, and/or at school. Each recipient will receive a small token from me as a "KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK" incentive.

Congratulations **Kyle** and **Kinsley Fowlkes** for earning their "White Belt Yellow Stripe" in Martial Arts on November 3, 2022.



Congratulations to **C'ynai Moore** for her A-Honor Roll in Math, Social Studies, Health, Language Arts, and Music. She also ran against several of her peers and won the election for *Class President* of the fifth graders at Commodore Elementary/Middle School for the 2022/2023 School Year.



GREAT JOB Kyle, Kinsley and C'ynai. Your FCCBC Family is very proud of you 🙌🙌  
Humbly submitted,  
Sis. Nikki G. Waller  
Youth Ministry

Photos courtesy of Sis. Nikki Waller



**FCCBC member Samara Jones is a member of the 2022-2023 Women's Track and Field roster at Rider University.**

Photo courtesy of Trustee Steven Jones

# Birthday News

## SISTER DIANE'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Wishing Sis. Diane Habebullah a glorious and wonderful birthday and year!

Turning seventy was an extraordinary milestone which deserved an extraordinary celebration!



On September 25, 2022, Sis. Diane Habebullah's children, grandchildren, family, church family, co-workers, and friends gathered to celebrate the occasion. The celebration was held at the Diamond Event Hall located in Randallstown.



Photos courtesy of photographer Richard Smith

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 NIV)*

### Monthly Free Sweet Treats

(Last Sunday of each Month)

HOSTED BY THE  
BIRTHDAY & CULINARY  
MINISTRIES



Member and visitor birthday honorees may pick up a sweet treat following morning worship service in the lower auditorium.

Please get your photo taken !

First Christian Community Baptist Church  
4116 Groveland Ave. 21216  
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

### "Birthday Committee Photo"

Come get your photo taken  
to be used for  
"Sundae Sunday Birthday Honoree"

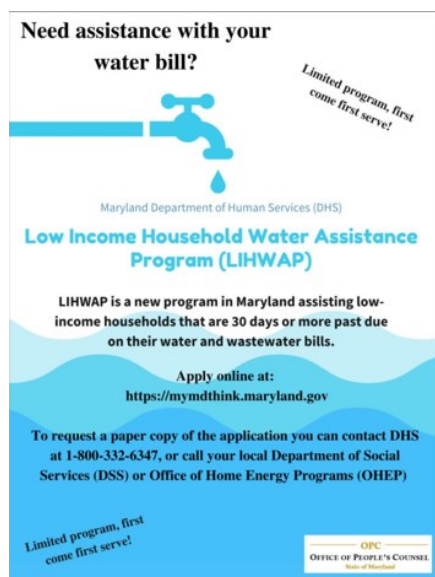
See Sofie or Keith Jr. after service!

Birthday Photo Board is located  
in the lower dining area ...



# News You Can Use

Need help with your water bill? If your water or wastewater bill is 30 days or more past due, APPLY NOW for assistance! For a limited time only, Marylanders can apply for help with their WATER bill through this new program. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/3pbmsJ0>



## BGE Assistance Finder

BGE offers many types of assistance. Let the Assistance Finder match you with the right option. Explore programs without having to contact customer service. The Assistance Finder can be accessed at <https://secure.bge.com/assistance/landing>. The Assistance Finder asks you questions about your circumstances and preferences to determine which programs are best fits for you as well as your likely program eligibility.



The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program that helps many low income households pay for broadband service and internet connected devices.

If your household is [eligible](#), you could receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Visit <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/> for details.

## Check your credit report for free:

There is no charge until December 31, 2022 to get your credit report. Go to [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://AnnualCreditReport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228 (NOTE: Avoid other sites offering free credit reports)

1. Click on the maroon "Request your free credit reports" tab and pick which company you want to get your report from — Experian, Equifax, or TransUnion. You'll be asked to verify your identity before taken to your credit report.
2. You'll see all your open accounts with your last few years' payment history. Check to see if anything looks wrong or if there is a negative item on your report that seems inaccurate. Things to look for range from name misspellings and wrong addresses, to someone's else's debt on your credit report.
3. Follow the instructions to dispute inaccurate information or to request a free fraud alert or credit freeze.

## Connect With Resources in Baltimore City



CHARMCare is a free online resource guide that you can use to search for free or reduced-cost programs and services in Baltimore City to help meet your needs. The directory has information for resources that can help with needs like food, housing, transportation, utilities, employment, education, mental healthcare, and substance use care.

On this directory, you can find resources closest to you and filter your search results by things like language needs, child-friendly facilities, and insurances accepted. Each resource will also list helpful information about their facility like what documents you'll need to bring with you or what the walk-in hours are. This resource guide is a service of the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) and its partners.

RTCT is a treatment locator search tool, not a clinical assessment tool. Individuals should always seek professional support first to find the type of behavioral health treatment that is best for them. If you think you may be suffering from substance use disorder or are considering seeking treatment, you can call the HCAM Crisis Information and Referral line to get help. When you call, a professional counselor can talk to you more about your concerns and connect you to treatment.

## Get free at-home COVID-19 tests this winter

Place your order at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or call 1-800-232-0233.

- Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests.
- Limit of one order per residential address
- Orders will ship free starting the week of December 19, 2022

# Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

## September 2022

Bro. Leroy Smith

## November 2022

Sis. Florence Thompson

Inadvertently omitted. We apologize  
for the oversight.

## December 2022

### **Special Honorees:**

**Rev. Delvon Houser**

**Rev. Harvey Moore**

**Deacon Keith Owens, Sr.**

**Pastor Alphonso Tucker**

Sis. Kim (Neicy) Carter

Sis. Barbara Cole

Bro. Lewis Ervin

Bro. Julius Flanigan

Delano Jordan

Bro. Tyrone Moore

Sis. Patricia Rhinehart

Sis. Elvira (Vera) Smith

## January 2023

Master DeVaughn Banks

Trus. Everett Cash

Sis. Lysa Davis

Miss Amaya Heaggans

Sis. Lauren Highsmith

Sis. Joyce Jackson

Bro. Rupert Jackson

Sis. Pamela Jennings

## January 2023 (continued)

Sis. Mary Jones

Bro. Richard Little

Sis. Gwendolyn Lloyd

Bro. Ronald McKeever

Sis. Gwendolyn McFadden

Miss Faith Nichols

Sis. Nancy Pope

Trus. John C. Sanders

Sis. Kaitlyn A. Sanders

Trustee Robert White

Bro. Anthony Walker

Bro. Kendrick Winters

Bro. Larry Womack

## February 2023

### **Special Honorees:**

**Deaconess Vurely Johnson**

**Minister Deborah Seay**

Sis. Sybil Adams

Sis. Dorothy Arthur

Trustee Shirley Carter

Trustee Marilyn Dorsey

Bro. Keefe Flanigan

Bro. Robert Gault

Miss Maya Jones

Sis. Shirley Kenol

Sis. Sadie Knight

Sis. Angela Ray

## March 2023

### **Special Honorees:**

**Evangelist Gwen McKeever**

Bro. Carlton Allen

Miss Autumn Banks

Bro. Michael Bright, Jr.

Sis. Asia Davis

Bro. Alvin Flanigan

Sis. Joyce Harris

Bro. Louis Highsmith

Sis. Cheryl McCottry

Sis. Rosetta Quarles

Trustee Brenda Sanders

Bro. James Spears

Sis. Mary Vaeth

Bro. Michael Tynee

Sis. Mae Williams

If you don't see your birthday, please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, e-mail [newsletter@myfccbc.org](mailto:newsletter@myfccbc.org), or complete and submit a hard copy or online Member Information Sheet so we can keep our records up-to-date. Thank you.

# Wedding Anniversary Wishes

## November (correction)

6th—Bro. Leroy & Sis. Elvira (Vera) Smith (28 years)

## December

18th—Bro. Theodore & Sis. Delores Hines (25 years)

31st—Trustee Everett & Trustee Yolanda Cash (34 years)

## January

25th—Bro. Michael & Minister Deborah Seay (4 years)

## February

16th - Bro. Roscoe & Trustee Sharon Johnson (32 years)

22nd - Trustee John and Sis. Karen Cole Sanders (31 years)

25th - Bro. James and Deaconess Vurely Johnson (28 years)

## March

1st— Bro. Devin & Sis. Ashley Givens (9 years)



So that we might acknowledge your wedding anniversary, please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, email [newsletter@myfccbc.org](mailto:newsletter@myfccbc.org), or complete and submit a hard copy or online Member Contact Information Form 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 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Monday

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

### Church Calendar

#### December 2022

- |    |                                   |                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Quarterly Official Board meeting  | 7:00 p.m.         |
| 10 | Annual Church meeting             | 10:00 a.m. - noon |
| 11 | Baptismal Service (if candidates) | 9:30 a.m.         |

#### January 2023

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|----|---|---------------------|
| 14 | Women's Day Ministry meeting            | noon                |
| 15 | Baptismal Service (if candidates)       | 9:30 a.m.           |
| 15 | Installation service for office holders | During a.m. service |
| 23 | Men's meeting                           |                     |

#### February 2023

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|----|--|-----------|
| 12 | Greater St. John worships with us                        | 3:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Baptismal Service (if candidates)                        | 9:30 a.m. |
| 25 | Women's Day activity "A Night of Love on the Red Carpet" | 5 p.m.    |
| 26 | Black History program                                    | 3:30 p.m. |

#### March 2023

- |    |                                   |           |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 2  | Quarterly Official Board meeting  | 7:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Worship with Greater St. John     | 3:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Baptismal Service (if candidates) | 9:30 a.m. |
| 19 | Official Day Service              | 3:30 p.m. |

#### April 2023 (partial)

- |    |                                   |           |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 6  | Worship with Canaan Missionary    | 7:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Baptismal Service (if candidates) | 9:30 a.m. |
| 12 | Worship with Greater New Hope     | 3:30 p.m. |

Due to the pandemic and possibility of inclement weather, 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 via robocall. Please make certain we have your preferred phone number.

### *In God's House...*

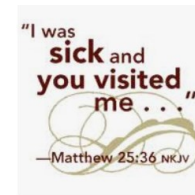
- The congregation shall stand when the choir enters the sanctuary
- The congregation shall stand during the reading of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- All pulpit ministers shall wear white or black robes on Communion Sunday (as appropriate)
- During Communion, no one shall exit or enter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

## Our Known Sick & Shut-In

- Mother Lillie Mae Campbell (Home)
- Sis. Perlizer Davis (Home)
- Sis. Michelle Lane (Home)
- Sis. Nancy Pope (Home)
- Sis. Rosetta Quarles (Home)
- Trus. John Spencer (Home)
- Bro. Willie Webb (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*

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| 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. 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*



## 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:

**November 13, 2022:** SUBJECT: “The Secret Of Contentment” TEXT: Hebrews 13:5-6

**November 20, 2022:** SUBJECT: “God Is Working In You” TEXT: Jeremiah 18:1-6

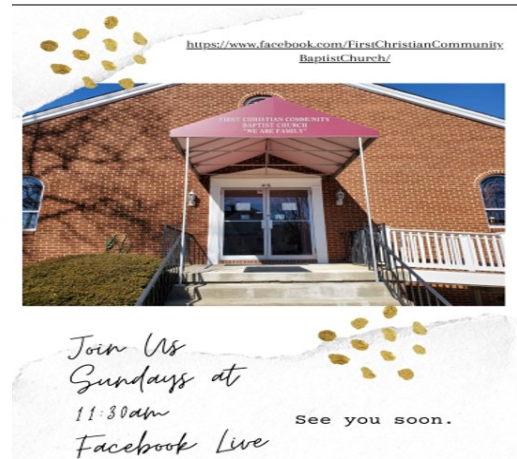
**November 27, 2022:** SUBJECT: “Keep Your Light On” TEXT: Matthew 5:13-16

**December 4, 2022:** SUBJECT: “The Prophecy Of John The Baptist” TEXT: Luke 1:11-17

**December 11, 2022:** SUBJECT: “Emmanuel” (God With Us) TEXT: Matthew 1:22-25

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