

The FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
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We Are Family



Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III, Trustee Sharon Johnson, Bro. Keith Owens, Jr., and Lady Bridgett S. Tucker

"A Night Of Love On The Red Carpet" held on February 25, 2023. Story/photos on pp 14-16

Service Times

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Sun. 9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday Service</i>	<i>Sun. 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Mid-Day Bible Study</i>	<i>Tues. 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Prayer & Praise Service</i> <i>(first Wednesday of each month)</i>	<i>Wed. 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Wed. 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth/Young Adult Bible Study</i>	<i>Thurs., 7:00 p.m.</i>

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Message From Our Pastor



“ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you :and ye shall be witnesses unto me.” (Acts :1:8aKJV)

One of the most important things that The Lord Jesus Christ has instructed us to do as believers, is to always take advantage of the opportunity to share our faith.

We should always be ready to tell others what we know and believe about Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. However, it can be very difficult to be His witnesses if we don't know much about Him. Every child of God should know about their Heavenly Father; and this knowledge comes from knowing the Word of God.

I am so thankful to God that the First Christian Community Baptist Church is a Bible believing, Bible teaching Ministry. There have been many changes and modifications that had to take place due to the pandemic, but we have not allowed it to hinder our call to study God's Word. We have continued our studies, and even though some are via conference call, our Bible study classes have increased. These classes along with our extremely competent and qualified instructors have given us the tools that we need to “ be witnesses unto the Lord.”

God has not only Blessed us with the opportunities to share our faith, but we should also be willing and able to share our testimonies. Sharing our faith deals more with telling the Good News about Jesus Christ as recorded in the Scriptures; while sharing our testimonies deals with telling more about what Jesus has done for us personally.

The reality that we soon will be entering into our Community Outreach Center, for further growth in Bible Study, community resources, and other special events, is just another testimony of how good God has been to us as a Church and people. How can we keep to ourselves what the Lord has done for us?

I commend each of you for taking the time to attend Worship services regularly, for being faithful in Sunday School, for dialing In faithfully to our three Bible Study opportunities. Your participation in these spiritual blessings are evident that you are more than equipped to share your faith, and I already know that because of what the Lord has done for you in your life, that you too are equally ready and able to share your testimonies.

My prayer for you is that God will continually do great things in your life , and in major ways that it will always ignite you to tell someone about the goodness of the Lord!
Remember..... we are His witnesses.

Lovingly Submitted,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

Pastor	Rev. Alphonso Tucker	410-466-5776 (home) 410-664-7443 (study)
Chairman of Deacon's Ministry	Deacon Lawrence Waller	410-281-9185 (home) 410-984-5268 (cell)
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Asst. Church Clerk	Sis. Kitty Owens	410-255-7713
Bus Driver	Trus. Everett Cash	443-850-5494
NOTE: The Courtesy Phone in the Lower Auditorium (410-367-9776) has been discontinued. Please call (410) 664-7443 to reach the church (Pastor's study).		
Conference Call Dial-In Number (as directed)		412-924-7173, Enter Access Code: 872722#

Installation Services for Officeholders

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.”
(John 13:14-15 NKJV)

On January 15, 2023, a brief service for the installation of officeholders was held immediately following morning service. The service was preceded by a sermon by our pastor, Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, directed to officeholders as well as the congregation. The subject was *“Leading by Example”* (John 13:12-15). The officeholders were exhorted to serve with humility, to lay aside bad attitudes, arrogance, proud hearts, and egos. They were called to lead by example, not only in the church but in their homes, on their jobs, and in their communities. We were further reminded that any leadership position carries with it a great responsibility and being an officer or leader in the church is no exception and especially should not be taken lightly. Godly church leaders are responsible to lead, to walk, and to work by godly examples. They are to *“Serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not people”* (Ephesians 6:7 NIV).

Scripture was read by Rev. Harvey Moore (Romans 12:1-13). This was followed by a charge by the pastor exhorting the officeholders to remain steadfast and to diligently execute the duties of the ministry in which they served. The ceremony ended with the anointing of officeholders and prayer by the pastor.

Remember our church officeholders and each other in your prayers.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary Murphy

Officials Day

Once again, I greet you with Jesus’ joy. On March 19th, we held our "Officials Day" program where all of our devoted and loyal servants were recognized under the umbrella of Philippians 1:6 - “being confident of this very thing, that who hath began a good work in you will bring it to you completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Pastor Tucker introduced the Preacher for the occasion, who was none other than Pastor James Butler of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church located at 1108 E. Preston St. The sermon was taken from Psalms 27:13-14 “I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say, on the Lord.” He talked about leaders accepting the responsibility and leadership must have faith. Your faith must be in the Lord.

Special thanks to Pastor Butler for the encouragement. Work “...while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.” (John 9:4)

Immediately following morning worship, we went downstairs to enjoy a Official Day Dinner Fellowship. This wonderful meal was prepared by the Culinary Ministry, under the leadership of our very own Lady Bridgett Tucker. What better way to end a glorious day than to break bread together?

Humbly Submitted,
Chairman Dea. Waller



Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson

Creative Expression by Sis. Mae Williams

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

Support Our Newsletter

The *FCCBC Connection* continues as a triannual publication. The newsletter purpose is 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....). Help us share YOUR good news!

Newsletters will be distributed each April, August, and December. **Upcoming deadlines to submit articles, photos, and announcements will be 7/9/23, 11/12/23, and 3/10/24 .**

All ministries are asked to designate a newsletter representative and to alert the Newsletter ministry of contact changes. Ministry representatives and members are asked to email photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to newsletter@myfccbc.org or submit to Trustee Sharon Johnson or Sis. Sofie Tucker by the deadline.

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

Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!



Trustee. Sharon Johnson, Editor and President, Newsletter Ministry

Service Updates

Thank you to all members for adhering to public health guidelines and doing your 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 ...



Our 11:00 Sunday morning worship service remains as full indoor in-person worship. We continue to take temperatures, record names for contract tracing, provide masks (upon request), and provide hand sanitizer to each person. **Face coverings are now OPTIONAL, however,** we recommend that all continue to keep a safe distance. Selected afternoon/evening services and fellowships have resumed. 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 (see page 25) 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). **NEW!** A Youth and Young Adult Bible Study is being conducted by Rev. Houser on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. via SKYPE. Modes of delivery will be announced. Audio conference call access instructions are as follows:

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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. Prospective rider's temperatures are taken before they board the bus. Hand sanitizer, masks, and shields are 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.

Insurance coverage for No-Cost At-Home COVID-19 Tests for most insurance plans ends 5/11/23. Stock up while they are available!
Visit covid.gov/tests for more information.

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)

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. I pray that all has been well since our last communication. I praise God for His amazing grace and His keeping power that has allowed us to remain unmovable abounding in the work and word of the Lord. Jesus Christ is the model of the New Testament Deacon, his mission in life was not to take from others but to give. It was not to be served but to serve. *"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many"* KJV Mark 10:45. Since our last connection, the Tuesday 1 p.m. class with Dr. Mary Murphy, we have completed our studies from the book of Ecclesiastes. Now we are moving forward in the book of Solomon, the key verse *"I am my beloved's , and my beloved is mine, He feeds his flock among the lilies"* (Solomon 6:3 NKJV). The book of Solomon is a book of Love stories. In our Wednesday night 7 p.m. class taught by Pastor Tucker. We are studying from 2 Timothy, where the apostle Paul is giving Timothy instructions for his leadership and pastorship. Not only to Timothy but believers as well - that we ought to be and stay strong in the Lord. Share our testimony, stir up the gospel. *"For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind"* (2 Timothy 1:7 KJV). My question to you is, if we believe in the aforementioned scripture, why aren't we as a church doing the will of our Father?

The Diaconate ministry is continuing our visitations: We visited Sis. Perlizer Davis at her home. We had prayer via the telephone with Sis. Rosetta Quarles, Sis. Nancy Pope, Bro. Willie Webb, Sis. Mary Webb, and Sis. Brenda Sanders. We also visited Patricia Rhinehart in Hospice. All were in good spirits and asked for our continued prayers.

The Baptist Deacons Conference held elections for officers on November 10th, 2022. Yours truly, Deacon Lawrence Waller, was nominated and elected to the position of First Vice President. Dea. Joseph Miller was nominated and elected as President. I thank God for the increase "that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called (Ephesians 4:1. KJV). The newly elected officers were installed on December 8, 2022, at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church. I thank my pastor, church family, and friends for coming out to support and encourage me to continue to do this great work. "And He gave some, apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers for the protecting of the Saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV). The next convention for The National Baptist Deacons Conference will be held in Columbia, SC July 17th - July 21st and I will be in attendance. Please pray my strength in the Lord and traveling mercies for a safe return back to my FCCBC Family.

The Diaconate ministry encourages you to stay in the word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).

Humbly submitted,

Chairman Deacon Lawrence Waller

Deaconess Corner –December 2022 Outreach

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16 ESV)

There is and always will be people who need help. On Saturday, December 10, 2022, along with the help of members and others in the community, we were able to provide many essential provisions to the needy. We distributed food, clothing, and personal care items. We encourage you to continue bringing new and gently worn clothing and food for our next outing which will be ongoing. A list of the needed items is located on the bulletin board in the lower auditorium. We also accept monetary donations. You may give your donations to any deaconess or deacon. The deacons have been extremely supportive each time that we go out and we are most appreciative. We most assuredly thank our bus driver, Trustee Everett Cash, who is most accommodating each time we approach him for his assistance. We also thank Trustee Robert White and Deacon Lawrence Waller who ‘pinch-hit’ when Trustee Cash is not available. Other members have also shown their support by journeying with us to our destination.

The recipients of our largess appeared to be quite thankful; one woman was brought to tears of gratitude. They were blessed and so were everyone who gave. In addition, we always have fun on the bus with all the comradery and fellowship.

We urge you not think of this endeavor as belonging to the deaconesses alone; it is a church ministry. We are just honored and privileged to spearhead the effort. We are counting on your support. We thank you one and all for your giving and your prayers.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary Murphy

Missionary Ministry

The Missionaries have been busy spreading the Word of God by letting our light shine, sending cards, making telephone calls to friends, church members, and giving testimonies to anyone who needs a Word from the Lord.

We ended the year by making contributions to the [American Heart Association](#) and the [Helping Up Mission](#).

We celebrated the holiday with a fellowship luncheon at the Clark's home. We invited a few friends and we had good food and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Carolyn Clark



Photo courtesy of Sis. Carolyn Clark



The Educational Corner (Education Ministry)

The Educational Ministry continues to be on the move in Jesus' name. The ministry is looking forward to awarding scholarships to deserving student members. Scholarship packets were available on the church website and in the church foyer and were due on April 18, 2023. Recipients will be named in June.



Our third Double Good Popcorn fundraiser was held March 19-23, 2023. Sales totaled \$929.00 reaching three states and ten cities. The ministry would like to thank our church family and friends for supporting us. We raised \$464.50 from sales and received several individual member and friend donations. All proceeds benefit the General and Deotha Humphrey Book scholarships.



Looking Ahead

Recognition of Graduates and Award Recipients

The ministry will recognize members/extended family member graduates of all ages and educational award recipients on the second Sunday in June during morning service and in the next newsletter.

Please submit promotion/graduate information, award recipient, and headshot photos on or before May 21, 2023. Please include student/award recipient name on reverse of all photos. Photos will be scanned and returned.

You may submit information and photos in person, by mail, online, or by email:

- 1) Complete the form (page 9 or obtain a copy in the foyer in May 2023) and turn in your form and headshot photo to Trustee Sharon Johnson or mail to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215
- 2) Members with Google logins can use our [Google Form](#) to submit their responses and upload their photo online at <https://forms.gle/vhwgxCUcB2Lkx2G96>.
- 3) Email your form and photo to newsletter@myfccbc.org (Subject: GRADUATE/AWARD)

Back To School Giveaway

The annual “**Back To School Giveaway**” will be held on **Sunday, August 20, 2023**, after morning worship. This giveaway is for student members, extended family members, and friends of church members. Each student will receive a backpack and gift card. Advance sign-up online is **REQUIRED**. The sign-up sheet can be located in the church foyer in July 2023. A limited number of backpacks will be available.

Submitted by: Sis. Cheryl McCottry

The Educational Corner (continued)

First Christian Community Baptist Church Recognition of Graduates and Award Recipients (Please turn in by 5/21/23)

First Christian will be recognizing December 2022 and Spring 2023 graduates and award recipients of all ages in June. Please share your information with us so that we can recognize your accomplishments! We are also requesting a graduation headshot photo for *The FCCBC Connection*. Please place the graduate's name on the back of the photo. It will be scanned and returned to you.

Please complete the form at <https://myfccbc.org>, turn in to Trustee Sharon Johnson or Sis. Sofie Tucker, email to newsletter@myfccbc.org Subject: GRADUATE/AWARD, or mail to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215. Members with Google logins can use our **Google Form** at <https://forms.gle/vhwgxCUcB2Lkx2G96> to submit their responses and upload their photo online.

Name: _____

Member: Yes No

Adult Daughter Son Granddaughter Grandson of _____ of

Graduating from: Pre-School Kindergarten Elementary Middle School High School/GED
 College Other _____

School Name: _____ City/State: _____

Degree: Diploma/GED Bachelors Masters Doctorate Other: _____

Major: _____

Plans after graduation: _____

Awards/Scholarships/Fellowships Received:

Honors Cum Laude Magna Cum Laude Summa Cum Laude Other:

May God give you the strength, confidence, and determination to reach your goals and pursue your dreams.

Best Wishes as You Graduate!

*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*

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.

Project Planning Committee

The Project Planning Committee continues to meet every month to work towards getting the Community Outreach Center ready for use. Currently, there are just a few minor tasks that need to be completed before we will be ready to use the building daily.

Community Outreach Center Occupancy Permit

The Occupancy Permit is one of the documents required for use of the building. It was received in mid-April moving us closer to beginning building operations.

Parking Lot Rear Gate

The original contractor selected to install the rear gate was unable to complete the installation of the rear gate to our standards. The Planning Committee was able to secure a second contractor to complete the gate installation. The gate will be installed on rollers to allow easy opening and closing. It is expected that the gate installation will be completed by the end of April 2023.

Furniture Donation

The Project Planning Committee secured donated furniture for the Pastor and Administrative Assistant's offices and reception area. Additionally, we have obtained tables and chairs for the conference room and general seating areas. These donations were made from the Federal Government through their Federal Supply Property Release Program.

Building Usage

The Project Planning Committee is working on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Document. This document will define the parameters for building use for both FCCBC members and external users. More information will be provided regarding the release of this document during the morning announcements.

Audio Visual Equipment

The project planning committee has contracted a local vendor to install an audio-visual system that will allow transmission of services from the church sanctuary to the Outreach Center. The contractor will also install capabilities for this system to interface with the internet to support our Facebook Live presentations. Additionally, the system will provide Wi-fi signal distribution to all corners of the Center.

Storm Water System

The water drainage from the building gutters and ground run-off are fed to the stormwater area surrounded by the rocks. The work related to this area must be certified for the Baltimore City Public Works department by KCW Civil Engineering Consultants to seek their release of the deposit held related to the work completed.

File Storage System

In an effort to continue improving FCCBC's historical recordkeeping, FCCBC is developing a secure, cloud based content management, collaboration, and file sharing tool to store and manage church-wide historical records and files.

A subcommittee has been tasked with the development and implementation of the system. We are in the early stages of this effort. Upon the initial release and use of this system, we will upload non-sensitive documents. Once we have reached a confidence level of the system, other documents will be added incrementally. There will be a training session for all organizations and committees to ensure that we adhere to the requirements of the site. Look for further announcements for this release during our morning service.

The Sunday School—

**“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die.
Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”**

(Proverbs 31:8-9 NKJV)

Vacation Bible School 2023



We are looking forward to an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year as always, but this year we plan to be in our new building. We sincerely hope that you will choose to be a part of a great learning experience, fun, and fellowship. Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, June 26th and ends on Friday, June 30th with a trip to the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center in Cambridge, MD (see below). This year's theme, *Leading Out Loud: Leading Others Through Biblical Examples*, is inspired by Proverbs 31:8-9. Leadership traits will be emphasized in each lesson and serve as reference points for what it takes to 'lead out loud' on behalf of others.

We thank all the VBS staff for their diligence and commitment to excellence in the performance of their duties in the past. We are thankful for your faithful work and efforts to shape the minds of our students in accordance with the Word of God. You were essential to our success. We look forward to working with you again.

The first VBS committee meeting will be held April 27th at 7:00 PM.

Bus Trip to Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center



Tickets are \$110 per person which includes transportation, a tour of the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center, and lunch (Family Style dining) following the tour. A monthly payment plan is available for your convenience. The final payment will be due by June 18, 2023. Please submit payments to Sis. Angela Ray. All checks must be made payable to FCCBC.

The trip itinerary and further information will be forthcoming. For more information, please contact Deacon Lawrence Waller, Deaconess Mary Murphy, or Sis. Angela Ray.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary Murphy

Moments in Black History/Black History Month

The first Negro History week was initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in February 1926. Its origin was in 1915 when Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Negro History Week evolved into a monthly celebration in February. Dr. Woodson chose the month of February because it was the month in which Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were both born. He credited them with bringing slavery to an end in America. The Federal Government officially recognized and began observing Black History Month in 1976 in conjunction with the Bicentennial celebration.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan issued Presidential Proclamation 5443, which proclaimed that “the foremost purpose for Black History Month, was to make sure, that all Americans, are aware of the African Americans struggles for freedom and equality. “ This proclamation was a time to celebrate and commemorate the many achievements made by African Americans in the sciences, the arts, education, lawmakers, builders, authors, politics, military, medicine, inventors, and those who fought, suffered, and died for us to have a better life.

Our youth presented the following HISTORY MAKERS for “Moments in Black History”:

Date	Presenter	History Maker
2/5/23	Sofie Tucker	Charles Harrison , who was the first African American Industrial Designer, speaker, and educator. Mr. Harrison invented the plastic garbage can. He also headed the production designs for the Sears Stores. Mr. Harrison designed over 750 consumer products.
2/12/23	Kaitlyn Sanders	Kaitlyn Sanders was unable to present Miss Annie Lee , an artist and painter, known for her animated figurines of African American life, best known for her painting “ BLUE MONDAY. ” Sis. Sofie Tucker provided visual information on Annie Lee’s life and accomplishments.
2/20/23	Steven Jones	Dr. Charles Richard Drew - Dr. Drew was an African American surgeon and medical researcher. His research was in the field of blood transfusions and developing techniques for blood storage and large-scale blood banks during World War II. Steven was unable to be in service for his presentation. He provided Sofie with his report in order for her to supply the visual information.
2/26/23	Alvin Flanigan	Wes Moore – African American Politician, investment banker, author, television producer and non-profit executive, now serving as governor for the State of Maryland. Mr. Moore made history by becoming the first African American governor for the state of Maryland in 63 years.

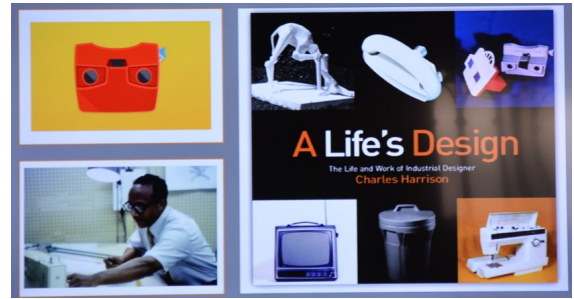
I wish to thank all of our youth for providing “Moments in Black History.” Each of you did an outstanding job.

A special thank you to Sofie Tucker, our media coordinator, for providing us with the visual information for each of our History Makers for Black History Month 2023.

Submitted by: Sis. Beverly Ward

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Black History/Black History Month (continued)



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

Remember Whose Hands

When we think of our hands, we think of the human aspect of them. They can represent strength, generosity, hospitality, greetings, and friendship.

Our hands consist of the wrists, palm areas, thumbs, fingers, and tips. We sometimes use our hands to get a hold on and a firm grip.

Do we ever think about things in the hands of others and the effect? We have to recall some that we will always remember and never forget. A rod in your hands can help you keep animals away or just fish.

A rod in Moses' hands parted the mighty Red Sea. God used him to stop and drown Pharaoh's Egyptian Army.

Boys see slingshots in their hands as a playful toy. In the hands of David, it was a mighty weapon to slay the giant. In David's hands God made it a real triumph.

Fish and bread in our hands can make us a good sandwich. Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands, fed a multitude of people. Nails in the hands of a builder can build a church with a steeple.

But nails in the hands of Jesus provided salvation for the entire world. The price He paid for every man, woman, boy, and girl.

So as Believers, we must put our concerns, worries, fears, hopes, dreams, family, and relationships in God's hands, simply because it really depends on whose hands we are in.

From the very beginning to the end, it is all in His Hands!!!!

Remember, God has got the whole wide world in His Hands!!!!

Submitted by Mae Williams

The Men's Ministry sponsored an outstanding prayer breakfast on March 18, 2023. Attendance was standing room only.

We opened with our Male Chorus feeding us with melodious songs. We were then fed by the spirit of prayer as persons from select tables led in prayer from the topics of forgiveness, joy, trust and love. Our Culinary Ministry fed us a delicious meal that put us all in a joyous mood. Pastor Ronald Covington fed us with the preached word that stirred up the spirit within us as he proclaimed from the topic: "Keep Working."

We were truly blessed by God and all His Glory! Thank you to all who supported us for this event and a special thank you to the men who assisted with the Culinary ministry and as always we thank the Culinary Ministry for their excellent service. TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

Submitted by: Rev. Harvey Moore, Chairman and Bro. Ronald McKeever, Co-Chairman



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

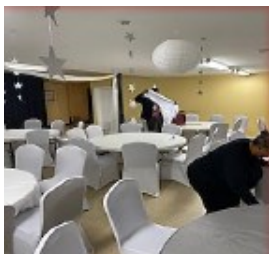
FCCBC Women's Day Ministry Corner

“Choosing to be Our Sister’s Keeper” ... “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

“A Night of Love on the Red Carpet” Fundraiser



“A Night of Love on The Red Carpet” was a ticketed affair held in the lower-level dining area on Saturday, February 25, 2023. From each ticket that was sold, the first \$25 was earmarked for our goal. This was a “SOLD OUT” event! The fundraiser was in benefit of our newly constructed FCCBC Community Outreach Center that God has blessed us with to continue being a blessing to others!

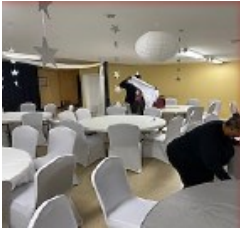


This event was hosted by the “FCCBC 2022 -2023 Women’s Day Ministry,” under the leadership of Sis. Annette Moore, Chair and Sis. Bridgett S. Tucker, Co-Chair. The fundraising planning members were Trustee Yolanda Cash, Chair, Sis. Mae Williams, Co-Chair, Sis. Marilyn Brunt, Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, Sis. Diane Habeebullah, Sis. Carolyn Phillips, Sis. Elvira Smith, and Sis. Florence Thompson. Each shared their gifts, talents, and their time that made it an awesome affair.

Photos courtesy of Lady Bridgett Tucker

FCCBC Women’s Day Ministry Corner

“A Night of Love on the Red Carpet” Fundraiser (continued)



The lower level of the church was transformed into just that ... “A Night of Love on the Red Carpet.” This event was truly a “team effort.” We could not have pulled this great feat off without our “unsung heroes” Trustee Robert White, Rev. Harvey Moore, Bro. Tyrone Moore, and Deacon Lawrence Waller.



Coupled with our fantastic youth members volunteering their time and operating in various capacities for this event: Shiloh Bryant, Dining Assist., Alvin Flanigan, Coat Check Attendant, Julius Flanigan, Coat Check Attendant, Kaitlyn Sanders, Dining Assistant/ Server, Sanaa Stanley, Dining Assistant/Server, “Sofie” Tucker, Beverage & Dining Assist., Katelyn Watson, Dining Assistant/Server and Jamar Willoughby, Coat Check Attendant.

Not to mention the tireless commitment and orchestration of our Culinary Ministry Members. Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, Sis. Annette Moore, and Stephanie Randall produced a quality plated meal for our guests.

The night consisted of food, laughter, and music! Our very own Sierra Gaither, entrepreneur and owner of “Yoshi Productions by Sierra G,” rendered her D.J. skills throughout the event. “Kudos” for a job well done! Each guest was afforded the opportunity to capture their “All Black” event attire by way of photos that were all inclusive in the entry ticket price. The photography services were rendered by Derrick White of WhiteHouse Entertainment.

We thank God for allowing us to come together and make wonderful memories that we will be able to draw from for years to come! “We Are Family!”

Article Submitted by: Bridgett S. Tucker



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Women's Day Ministry Corner (continued)

"A Night of Love on the Red Carpet" Fundraiser (continued)



Photos courtesy of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III, Trustee Sharon Johnson, Bro. Keith Owens, Jr., and Lady Bridgett S. Tucker

Women's Day Ministry Corner



Planned activities at a glance... We look forward to your support and participation!

Annual Health & Wellness
2023 Session

OPEN TO EVERYONE
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TOPIC
Dealing with Stress

Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies
"Unplug & Recharge" ...

Presenter:
Min. Deborah Seay,
Licensed Clinician
FCCBC Assoc. Min.



Saturday, April 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hosted by the
"2022-2023 Women's Day Ministry"

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

Planning Committee Members:
Sis. Marilyn Brunt
Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, Committee Chair
Evangelist Gwendolyn McKeever, FCCBC Assoc. Min.
Deaconess Mary Murphy, PhD.
Min. Deborah Seay, FCCBC Assoc. Min.

Contact Person: Trustee Marylyn Dorsey (443) 676-6261

NOTE: Filled to capacity

"Women's Day 2022-2023"
"Create, Chat & Chew"

FELLOWSHIP

Join your sisters in sharing quality time &
enjoy planned hands-on activities.
A day of fun and making new memories

Sis. Carolyn Clark - Jewelry Making Instructor
Sis. Sofie Tucker - Corsage Making Instructor

Saturday, May 20, 2023

12 Noon until 2:00 p.m.

Entry Ticket Cost: \$5

Includes materials for the
hands-on activity & snacks!

Contact Person for Tickets:
Sis. Annette Moore, Chair (443) 695-0283
First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Ave. - 21215
FCCBC Community Outreach Center - 4201 Groveland Ave.
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor
www.myfccbcfamily.org



Please mark your calendars...

First Christian Community Baptist Church

"Women's Day 2022-2023"

**A Day of Worship &
Celebration!**

Invited Guest Clergy:
Pastor Helen Grier

The "Women of FCCBC" invite you to come & join in our
11:00 a.m. worship services unto God!

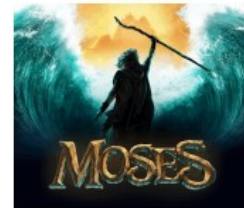
Sunday, June 25, 2023

"Family Meal"
immediately after morning worship in lower dining area;
reservation required

Contact Person:
Sis. Annette Moore, Chair (443) 695-0283 or
Sis. Bridgett S. Tucker, Co-Chair (410) 428-1111

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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 **\$170.00 PER PERSON**
Admission to Sight and Sound's "MOSES" Show at the Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA at 11:00 AM **\$25.00 Deposit Due by 12/18/22 Final Due By 6/11/23**
Luncheon Smorgasbord at Shady Maple at 2:30 PM **Payment Plan:**
February - \$29.00
March - \$29.00
April - \$29.00
May - \$29.00
June - \$29.00
Depart for Home Approximately 4:00 PM

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCCBC

Finance Ministry Update

Let Us Worship the Lord Through Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

“And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. “ (Genesis 28:22 KJV)

50 BIBLE VERSES
ON
TITHING

1 Corinthians 13:3	Hebrews 7:4
1 Corinthians 16:2	Hebrews 7:5
1 Timothy 5:8	James 1:27
1 Timothy 6:10	Job 41:11
2 Corinthians 8:12	John 3:16
2 Corinthians 8:9	Leviticus 27:30
2 Corinthians 9:11	Leviticus 27:32
2 Corinthians 9:7	Luke 11:42
Acts 20:35	Luke 12:33
Amos 4:4	Luke 12:48
Colossians 2:14	Luke 18:12
Deuteronomy 14:2	Luke 6:38
Deuteronomy 14:22	Malachi 3:10
Deuteronomy 16:17	Malachi 3:8
Deuteronomy 26:12	Matthew 19:21
Deuteronomy 8:18	Matthew 23:23
Exodus 19:5	Matthew 6:21
Exodus 25:2	Nehemiah 10:38
Galatians 2:10	Numbers 18:21
Galatians 3:10	Numbers 18:26
Galatians 5:18	Proverbs 28:27
Genesis 14:20	Proverbs 3:9
Genesis 28:22	Psalms 24:1
Haggai 2:8	Romans 12:1
Hebrews 6:10	Romans 13:7



Our Community Outreach Center construction is completed and we have the certificate of occupancy! **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!**

However, there is still much work to do to utilize the Center for its full potential. Therefore, we are still seeking members and dedicated Christian friends to support the Community Outreach Center by signing up for either a one-time pledge or a committed recurring pledge. Please see any Finance Ministry Trustee for a sign-up pledge sheet or complete and return the pledge form on page 19 to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

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**“... and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.”**

**(Acts 20:35 KJV)**

Please continue to support **“Plate Offerings”** for the ministries listed below. If you are using a church envelope, make certain that you annotate your name, the ministry’s name, and the amount you are giving that ministry from the row that says **“OTHER.”** If you are using the on-line service tool, **“Givelify,”** use the column that says other and annotate the ministry name and amount you are giving that ministry.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday = Missionary Ministry
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday = Floral Ministry
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday = Education Ministry
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday = Pastor’s Aide Ministry
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday = To be announced during offering by the trustee. Plate offerings will be for the **Missionary** or the **Education** ministry
- Every Sunday = Sunday School



The Amazon Foundation launched AmazonSmile in 2013 to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. AmazonSmile discontinued the AmazonSmile fundraiser effective February 20, 2023 to focus on other philanthropic initiatives. FCCBC received 0.5% of the purchase price from your purchases through AmazonSmile. We thank the FCCBC community for supporting this Building Fund fundraiser.

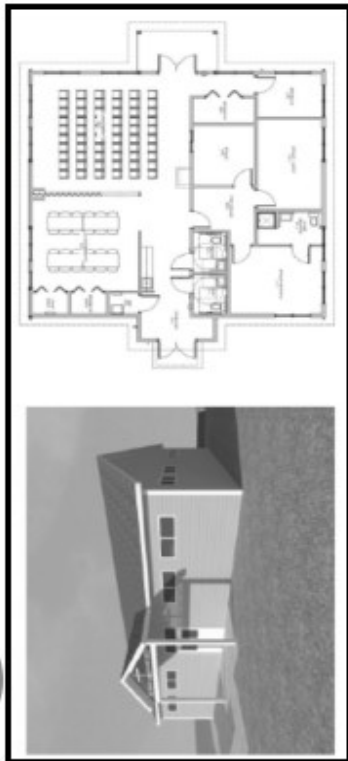
Submitted by: Finance Ministry

# FCCBC's Outreach Center Financial Pledges

Please complete and return the pledge form 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)

Specified Period of time:  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: <https://www.givelify.com>  
 (Note) Pledge Fund  Please DONT acknowledge me publicly  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trustee Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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# *Creative Expressions by Sis. Mae Williams*

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## **Prayer Will Always Win**

**In the earlier days the reading of Bible passages was done in school every morning.**

**This was an activity that many students looked forward to performing.**

**Doing this in school was one of the best ways to learn verses of the Bible.**

**It allowed students to be exposed daily and quote scriptures, too.**

**Starting the day in school with Bible reading was the right thing to do.**

**The most treasured passages of scripture were learned from home, school, and Sunday School.**

**Then one day a woman saw the reading of the Bible in school as a misuse.**

**Madalyn Murray O'Hair, an atheist, filed several lawsuits that dealt with the First Amendment separation of church and state issues.**

**In 1960 she was a plaintiff in a lawsuit that sought to prohibit Bible reading in the Baltimore public schools as an unconstitutional activity.**

**She was determined that the reading of the Bible in school was no longer to be.**

**What was going to happen down through the years was unforeseen.**

**The very thought that someone could be so ungodly and so mean.**

**Since 1962, the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that school-mandated prayers in public schools are unconstitutional.**

**Ever since students stopped with the Bible reading on a daily basis, things were no longer the same.**

**Starting off the morning did not allow students to call on God's name.**

**Many of our children only learned the scriptures in school or at home.**

**So many students did not have a religious background outside of school.**

**Losing the opportunity to gain biblical knowledge was no longer a rule.**

**All of God's promises to us and for us are found in His Word.**

**Even if not in public schools, His Word will forever be heard.**

**Submitted By: Mae Williams**

## Creative Expressions (continued)

### FAITHFUL

**F**-Facing our fears without any doubt

**A**- Asking God to please bring you out

**I** - Instant gratification from God's Love from above

**T** - Thankfulness for being a Faithful child of God

**H** - Help that comes from the Lord

**F** - Follow God's guide by studying the Word

**U** - Understanding the importance of your Faithfulness

**L** - Live your life with God in it because He gave you Life

Submitted by Mae Williams

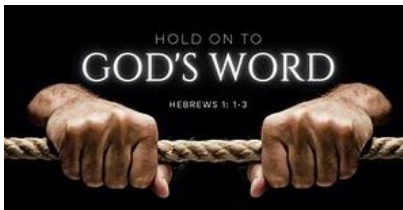


Faithfulness

### We Must Hold On.....

We are living in some times of serious uncertainty.  
Things are happening everyday that are shocking and beyond our belief.  
The daily news always seems devastating and depressing on a regular basis.  
It depicts the enemy in many different faces and spaces.  
We must hold on firmly to our hope, while trusting God to allow us to cope.  
We have experienced so many difficult days of worldly despair.  
God won't allow us to take on more than we can bear.  
We can never give up because difficult trials and tribulations come:  
God has the last say when all is said and done.  
Our faith will sustain us and give us comfort when we need it most.  
We have to look to God, Who is our Heavenly Host.  
All of us must continue to have Faith in God with all of our might.  
God will get the Glory and our battles, He will fight.  
We must hold on and cling to our Faith, It will keep us in God's amazing grace.  
There is nothing too big for our God to do;  
We must hold on to His Word, for it is always TRUE!!!!

Submitted by Mae Williams



## Media Ministry Updates

Our FCCBC Media Ministry has recruited two new faithful members. Bro. Leroy Smith and Bro. Michael Seay have joined our current members Sis. Sofie Tucker, Trustee Robert White, Bro. Keith Owens Jr., Bro. Devaughn Banks, and Sis. Sierra Gaither. Our new members have been an amazing help and we're excited to see what the Lord has in store for them. We are still accepting volunteers. All ages are welcome.

Our first Media Ministry Meeting was held on January 14, 2023 at noon. The meeting was excellent! Various topics were covered and discussed such as the reason for our Ministry, how to operate the monitors, control the soundboard systems/Facebook Live, and the overall ins and outs of our ministry.

Submitted by Sis. Sofie Tucker



# FCCBC Culinary Ministry

Free Fresh Popcorn!

TODAY AFTER SERVICE  
Culinary Ministry...



Fresh popcorn was served from our Culinary Ministry with the help of our Youth, Bro. Alvin Flanigan and Bro. Julius Flanigan.

Lady Bridgett Tucker prepared the delicious popcorn for the members and visitors.

Photos courtesy of Sis. Sofie Tucker



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 Hale family on the passing of Eric Harris***

***The Samuels and Fowlkes families on the transition of Carl Gale***

***The Moore family on the transition of Sis. Patricia Rhinehart***

***The Waller family on the transition of Margaret Waller***

***The Owens, Carter, Cole, and Sanders families on the passing of Katrina and Desmond Bell***

***The Owens family on the passing of Cedric Moye***

***The Lane family on the transition of Sis. Michelle Lane***

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

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

Author unknown

## Thank You

### Thank You All So Much

**A thank you note dictated by Mother Campbell and penned by Mae Williams**

Hello to all of my dear darlings, Praise the Lord!

I want to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards, concerns, visits, gifts, flowers, and phone calls. I was really down sick, but I feel somewhat better now.

God is able. I am so thankful for everything and the personal supplies you all have freely given to me. They all were right on time and very much needed. I truly am glad that you even thought about me in that way. I thank God for each and every one of you.

You don't know what it means to be thought of by so many. I just want to thank God for my church family, and want you all to continue praying for my strength in the Lord.

Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

Love and Prayers,

Mother Lillie Mae Campbell



## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Johnson family on their new addition:

### Indira Johnson-Jones



Indira was born in March 2023 and is the daughter of Adanna Johnson and Andre Jones. Granddaughter of Bro. Roscoe Johnson, III and Trustee Sharon Johnson.

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord...” (Psalm 127:3 NKJV)

## Helpful Hints

### Trouble Afoot

If you have diabetes, you probably check your blood sugar every day, but do you check your feet?

Nerve damage to your feet is known as neuropathy. It is common with diabetics, a condition that also causes a decrease in blood flow to your feet. The combination can turn tiny injuries into big problems like severe infections or wounds. Regular foot care can go a long way in protecting your health. If a wound or infection goes unattended, it could cost you the loss of toes, a foot, or a leg.

### Care for Your Feet

**You can protect your feet by remembering to:**

1. Always wear shoes
2. Check your shoes for pebbles before putting them on.
3. Cut your toenails straight across.
4. Wash your feet daily and dry them well, especially between your toes.

When you shop for shoes, find shoes that are not too tight, and make sure you are able to wiggle your toes.

Inspect the bottoms, sides and tops of your feet daily. Watch for blisters, calluses, cuts, or skin tears, and redness or other discoloration. Be sure to tell your Primary Care provider if you notice any changes so you can be treated before they get any worse.

Please stay healthy.

This information is provided from an article in the UMMC Midtown Campus, Maryland's Health Matter, Winter 2023

Submitted by: Sister Beverly A. Ward, a Diabetic





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## Member Spotlight

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### Trustee Marilyn Dorsey



To my FCCBC family, I would like to share with you how my membership has been a growing and rewarding experience. I have grown personally and spiritually since I became a part of this Bible believing house of God.

Since I joined this branch of Zion, I have been involved in the following ministries: Music, Usher, Administrative, Culinary, and a myriad of other activities. I have grown personally and spiritually through these ministries. I started by participating just to be a part of a ministry, now I am participating because it is a calling from God on my life. I feel a sense of sharing and spreading God's blessings in my life through volunteerism in the house of God.

Let me share several of my ministry experiences with you. As a member of the Culinary ministry at FCCBC, this has been one of the most rewarding endeavors in which I have been involved. We the members of this ministry shop, prepare and serve food for different events such as funerals, anniversary celebrations, and any other events that request food service. We transport items to and from different food establishments as deemed necessary. In the beginning, the preparation of food items was one of my primary duties (cleaning chicken, fish, vegetable, peeling, and chopping, etc.) which I did not like but through the grace of God and learning the importance of food preparation, I have learned to do these duties with less frustration and more appreciation because in most cases, we are serving individuals that are in need of our service and it makes their "going through" a little easier. "To God be the Glory."

Beyond my FCCBC experience, I volunteer at the Woodlawn Senior Center four hours a week. I assist with the registration desk where I register or re-register individuals for membership. I take pleasure in this service, especially registering new members because most are looking for an outlet to fill a void. This void sometimes is due a recent death in the family, recent retirement, just tired of sitting at home, or feeling the need for social interaction. I take pleasure in explaining all the various activities available and it seems to bring joy and fulfillment to the void they are experiencing.

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.  
(Matthew 20:28)

The Lord said "If thou lovest me thou should serve me" and we serve Him by serving others. (John 21:15-17)

*Getting to Know You*

Compiled by: Sis. Leslie Hyman

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# Youth and Young Adult News

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## Youth and Young Adult Day

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our annual Youth and Young Adult Day. It will be held on June 11, 2023.

## FCCBC Youth Spotlight

So often our youth are making strides and shining bright outside of FCCBC 🙌. Let's give a BIG KUDOS for their hard-earned accomplishments. I would like to show them off because they deserve it.



KUDOS this quarter to **Kennedee Pelzer** as she worked hard this quarter both at home and in her extracurricular activities. Ken loves playing soccer, the trumpet, and watching Impact Wrestling. She's in the fifth grade at the Friends School of Baltimore where her favorite subject is math. Her favorite colors are red, blue, and purple. Her favorite food is chicken tenders and fries. Kennedee has overcome so many obstacles at a very young age and never let it stop her. Her attitude has always been positive and in many cases, she encourages others. When I see Kennedee, I see a strong and courageous young lady. She represents perseverance and determination. Qualities that make her SHINE BRIGHT among her peers.

Congratulations **Kennedee** for being our FCCBC Youth Spotlight of the quarter.

Submitted by: Sis. Nikki Waller

Photo courtesy of Sis. Nikki Waller

## Youth Sunday School Teachers Appreciation



Sis. Jackie Ward and Sis. Angela Ray have been FCCBC's faithful Youth Sunday Teachers. Each morning, they are prepared to teach God's word with joy and excitement in their hearts. This dynamic duo has been a blessing to many of our youth; their humbleness, humility, BOLDNESS FOR CHRIST, and love for the youth has been a tremendous blessing to us all. So, we want to thank them for their dedication and encouragement that they give to us each Sunday. They are truly God's special pick.

We Love You guys!

~ Sincerely "Your babies" <3

Photo courtesy of Sis. Sofie Tucker

## Youth and Young Adult Bible Study

The Youth and Young Adult Bible Study began on March 9, 2023. We meet every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. via SKYPE. This Bible study is also open to adults.

We began teaching on how the bible is broken up far as the Old and New Testament, the Books of Law, History, Poetry, Major and Minor Prophets, the Gospels, New Testament History Book (Acts of the Apostles), Pauline Epistles, General Epistles, and the last book of the which is the book of Revelations. We also teach on various topics in the scriptures and give the class opportunity to ask questions related to scripture. Our class is eager about learning the Holy Scriptures.

We have fun and fellowship while learning.

Submitted by: Rev. Delvon Houser

# Wedding Anniversary Wishes

## April

2nd—Rev. Freddie & Evangelist Juliette Samuels (52 years)  
11th—Bro. Wesley & Sis. Cheryl McCottry (31 years)

## May

2nd—Bro. Willie & Sis. Mary Webb (55 years)  
9th—Bro. Anthony & Sis. Shirl Ferrare (17 years)  
11th—Deacon Garry and Sis. Kim Carter (32 years)

## June

23rd—Bro. Carl & Sis. Amy Arthur (39 years)  
25th—Bro. Valenti & Sis. Kimberlee Pelzer (14 years)

## July

30th—Deacon Keith & Sis. Icelon (Kitty) Cole (46 years)

## August

2nd—Reverend Harvey & Sis. Annette Moore (43 years)  
30th—Bro. Lawrence & Deaconess Eileen McCloud (43 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 Member Contact Information Form (see page 25) to Trustee Dorsey. Members with Google logins can submit their information electronically at an online Member Contact Information Form at <https://forms.gle/XtKJVzRZGgQVDneT9>.*

*Thank you!*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

### **Emerald Wedding Anniversary**

### **Willie and Mary Webb**

**Bro. Willie and Sis. Mary Webb were married on May 4, 1968.**

**We congratulate them on fifty-five years of marriage, love, and happiness.**

**May God continue to bless this union!**



# News You Can Use

**FEED PEOPLE | FIGHT DISEASE | FOSTER HOPE**

## Movable Feast Meals

Moveable Feast is a nonprofit charitable organization based in Baltimore whose mission is to improve the health of Marylanders experiencing food insecurity and chronic illness by preparing and delivering medically tailored meals and providing nutrition education, thereby achieving racial, social, and health equity.

Through their Home-Delivered Meals Program, they provide clients with a weekly delivery containing:

- 12 frozen, medically tailored entrees
- A bag with approximately 10 servings of fresh fruits and/or vegetables
- Additional meals and grocery items when there are dependents living in the home
- A friendly visit to let often-isolated individuals know that they matter and that Moveable Feast cares

They serve clients with serious illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, end stage renal disease, and cardiovascular disease in need of extra nutritional support to maintain improvements in health and weight or to recover from illness.

All clients must be referred by a case worker, primary care provider, or similar individual.

For more information, please visit [www.mfeast.org](http://www.mfeast.org) or call 410-327-3420.

### Seeking a Kidney Donor

A dear friend of mine and Brother in Christ, William (Butch) Rayfield, is suffering from renal failure and is urgently seeking a kidney donor for a kidney transplant.

For more information on his request, please visit <https://www.newkidneynewhope.com>. To learn more about kidney donation, please visit Johns Hopkins Hospital's Living Donor program at [https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/transplant/programs/kidney/living\\_donors/](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/transplant/programs/kidney/living_donors/).

Please lift him up in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Trustee Sharon Johnson



### New telephone area code in June 2023

The Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) announced the assignment of 227 as a new telephone area code which will eventually serve the same geographic area in Maryland currently served by the 240 and 301 area codes. Beginning June 14, 2023, customers in the 240/301 area code may be assigned a number in the new 227 area code when they request new service or an additional line.

Customers with a 240 or 301 area code will maintain their existing area codes and their phone numbers will not change. Under the implementation plan approved by the PSC, no new 227 numbers will be assigned in the area until the remaining 240/301 numbers are completely exhausted. When those remaining 240/301 numbers are exhausted, all future phone number assignments will be made in the new 227 area code.

Source: Maryland Office of People's Counsel

### Tax Relief

Applications for the [Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation](#) (SDAT) 2023 Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit programs are now available online. **The deadline to file for both tax credits is October 1, 2023.** Homeowners may also be eligible to receive a [Homestead Tax Credit](#) to limit taxable assessment increases on their principal residence.

# Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

## April 2023

Kiara Brown  
Marilyn Brunt  
Kim Farmer  
Xavier Holness  
Matheus (Marty) Kommeren  
Laura (Mae) Maxwell  
Bernadette Moore  
Kavon Owens  
Icelon (Kitty) Owens  
Michael Seay  
Phyllis Stokes  
Nikki Waller

## May 2023

**Special Honorees:**  
**Mother Lillie Mae Campbell**  
**Deaconess Mary Murphy**

Chymira Carter  
Trustee Yolanda Cash  
Thomas Davis  
Zierra Flanigan  
Jerrod Gault  
Annette Moore  
Karlyece Owens  
Kimberlee Pelzer  
Nina Roots  
Katelyn Watson  
Mary Webb

## June 2023

**Special Honorees:**  
**Deaconess Eileen McCloud**  
**Rev. Freddie Samuels**  
**Lady Bridgett Tucker**

Carolyn Booker  
Quinton Brown  
James Clark  
Perlizer Davis  
Ellen Johnson  
Trustee Steven Jones  
Bessie Kittrell  
La-Kia Kommeren  
Carolyn Clark  
Karl Owens  
Arline Pledger  
Sharon Robinson  
Karen Sanders  
Thelma Stewart  
Gwendolyn Taylor

## July 2023

**Special Honoree:**  
**Deacon Lawrence Waller**

Amy Arthur  
Gwen Edwards  
Angela Grier  
Delores Hines  
Samara Jones

## July 2023 (continued)

Trustee Henry Smith  
Evette Townes  
Jordan Troy

## August 2023

Jeliza Dickenson  
Earl Edwards  
Bruce Flanigan  
Yvette Fowlkes  
Tequilla Haynes  
Roscoe Johnson, III  
Doris Little  
Brenda Pledger  
Jayme Troy

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.

## 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  
4118 Grovesland 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 ...



## 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                   |
| Youth & Young Adult Bible Study | 7:00 p.m.             | Thursday                                 |

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

### Church Calendar

#### April 2023 (remainder)

- |    |                                      |                 |
|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 16 | Baptismal Service (if candidates)    | 9:30 a. m.      |
| 29 | Women's Dealing with Stress workshop | 10:00 a.m.-noon |

#### May 2023 (Associate Ministers month)

- |    |                                      |                 |
|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2  | Men's Day activity                   |                 |
| 14 | Baptismal Service (if candidates)    | 9:30 a.m.       |
| 20 | Women's Day "Create, Chat, and Chew" | noon -2:00 p.m. |
| 21 | Deaconess Day                        |                 |
| 23 | Bible Study Summer Break begins      |                 |

#### June 2023

- |       |                                                             |                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1     | Quarterly Official Board meeting                            | 7:00 p.m.       |
| 10    | Semi-Annual Church meeting                                  | 10:00 a.m.-noon |
| 11    | Youth and Young Adult Day                                   |                 |
| 18    | Juneteenth observation                                      |                 |
| 25    | Women's Day                                                 |                 |
| 26-30 | Sunday School Vacation Bible School                         |                 |
| 30    | Sunday School bus trip to Cambridge, MD/Harriet Tubman tour |                 |

#### July 2023 (Casual Dress month)

- |    |                                          |           |
|----|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 8  | Men's Day activity                       |           |
| 16 | Baptismal Service (if candidates)        | 9:30 a.m. |
| 20 | Women's activity "Sight and Sound Moses" |           |
| 30 | Missionary ministry anniversary          |           |

#### August 2023 (partial)

- |   |                                        |           |
|---|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 4 | Annual Men in Black Fellowship concert | 7:00 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...

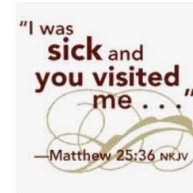
- The congregation shall stand when the choir enters the sanctuary
- The congregation shall stand during the reading of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- All pulpit ministers shall wear white or black robes on Communion Sunday (as appropriate)
- During Communion, no one shall exit or enter 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. Barbara Cole (Home)
- Sis. Perlizer Davis (Home)
- Sis. Nancy Pope (Home)
- Sis. Rosetta Quarles (Hospital)
- 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. Barbara Cole       |
| 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:

**3/26/23:** SUBJECT: "The Prayer In The Garden" TEXT: Luke 22:39-46

**3/19/23 :** Official's Day, Pastor James E. Butler, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church

**3/12/23:** SUBJECT: "The Expression of the Cross" TEXT: Matthew 16:24-27

**3/5/23:** SUBJECT: "The Power of the Spirit" TEXT: Luke 4:1-4

Submitted by: Sis. Sofie Tucker

April 2023

**The women of FCCBC invite you to join in our**

**Women's Day Worship and Celebration**

**June 25, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. worship service**

See page 17 for additional information



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