

The FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
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410-664-7443



We Are Family



FCCBC's Annual Vacation School was held from June 24th-28th. Story/photos on pages 6-7

Service Times

(Note: Bible Study reconvenes September 3-5, 2024)

Sunday School (in-person and teleconference) Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Mid-Day Bible Study (teleconference) Tues. 1:00 p.m.
Prayer & Praise Service Wed. 6:00 p.m.
(first Wednesday of each month)

Bible Study (teleconference) Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Youth/Young Adult Bible Study (Skype) Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

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For Skype access, please contact Trustee Dorsey to be added to invite list.

Church Directory

Pastor	Rev. Dr. 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)
Church Clerk	Trus. Marilyn Dorsey	410-298-4892 (home) 443-676-6261 (cell)
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#
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Message From Our Pastor

**“ For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”
(Hebrews 6:10)**



One of the enemies greatest weapons is one of discouragement. The enemy knows that if he can convince you and I that our service to the Lord is meaningless and a waste of time, he's won half of the battle. This is the very reason that many have given up serving the Lord.

It's easy to get discouraged in this world. We are often faced with hardships, disappointments, and trials which can lead us to the brink of giving up and just throwing in the towel. However, we must never allow the enemy nor our circumstances to mislead us into believing that we can't make it through.

The Bible teaches us in Hebrews 6:10 that God is not one who has forgotten us; nor will He ever overlook the hard work and labor of love that we render unto Him and His people in His Name.

There may be times that you may feel like, “what's the use?” I'm sure all of us have had moments when we are just fed up with it all. Well, I just want to remind anyone who happens to read this message... that God Cares. God cares about you. He cares about how you feel and He cares about what you are doing. Regardless of whether or not anyone says anything about your good works, and even if you are never really recognized for your efforts and labor of love, you must always remember, “ your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Cor.15:58)

I am so grateful to God that He has allowed my wife and I to celebrate fifteen years of Pastoral Ministry. It hasn't always been a bed of roses, but God has been with us through it all. Furthermore, there is absolutely no way we would still be serving had it not been for the church leaders, officers, and members of the First Christian Community Baptist Church. You are the pillars that hold this Ministry up.

Presently you may not be receiving the rewards and acclaim that this life has to offer, but God knows your every effort of love and ministry.

Lovingly Submitted,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

Message From Our Pastor (continued)

Never forget that your reward is not in man's hands, but in the Hands of the Master. Keep serving, keep ministering to the saints, for God promises that He will remember and reward you.

Lovingly Submitted,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

Celebrating Fifteenth Pastoral Anniversary

First Christian has a joyous occasion to mark - the fifteenth pastoral anniversary of Rev. Dr. Alphonso and Lady Bridgett Tucker. We thank God for blessing us with this dedicated couple.

Several activities have been planned to express our appreciation - services leading up to their anniversary celebration, a celebratory service, and a buffet dinner. We extend a warm invitation to all FCCBC members, family, friends, and the community to participate in these celebratory events. This celebration offers us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude and show our appreciation. Thank you in advance for your love and support.

Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist will worship with us on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. The anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, October 6th during morning worship service. Pastor Meldon Dickens, Isaiah Baptist Church, will be our guest speaker. A buffet dinner will be held from 3:00 -7:00 p.m. at Martin's West (6817 Dogwood Road Baltimore, MD 21244). The ticket cost will be \$68 per person over the age of 12 and \$35 per person for children aged 8 to 12. Children under age 8 are free. Please contact Trustee Shirley Carter (410-241-0954), Trustee Yolanda Cash (443-850-5466), or Trustee Marilyn Dorsey (443-676-6261). Attire will be 'dressy casual.'



HAPPY PASTORAL
ANNIVERSARY

Associate Minister's Month

“ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.”
(Romans 10:14-15 KJV)

The call to spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ is both-rewarding and challenging. It's rewarding in that the charge and mandate to spread the gospel have been met, and many persons will come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. However, it is also challenging to present oneself available and obedient to speak “ thus what saith the Lord.”

The First Christian Community Baptist Church are blessed and thankful to God for sending us a great company of gospel preachers who have accepted this rewarding and challenging task. We appreciate and love our Associate Ministers. God has gifted our Church with nine powerful and anointed Ministers of the gospel who are, as the Apostle Paul said, “ready to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

The month of May has been marked as “Associate Ministers Month” at the FCCBC. We set aside this entire month to give our Associate Ministers an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ. However, they all serve in various capacities as it relates to the Ministry and they all bring their unique and distinctive gifts to the table. We will continue to pray for and support our Associate Minister because they are about a good work , and we praise God because they “preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

Lovingly Submitted by Pastor Tucker



Not pictured—
Rev. Manigault

The Diaconate Ministry

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (Acts 2 KJV)

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Saints of God, it is the God of my salvation which allowed this process of remembrance to me as I share with you the blessings of God. Since the last edition of the newsletter, my prayer for you is that you and your families are well. We have had a break from our classes but not from God. Aren't you glad that God is not like us? He never takes a break. *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee* (Hebrews 13:5 KJV).

I pray that you have had a wonderful, vacation, family activities, and whatever time you were able to spend with your individual family/friends as well as quality time with yourself. *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV). I praise God for the wonderful and blessed gift of sending this man of God (Pastor Tucker) to be the Shepherd leader of the church. I pray daily and continually for his health and strength as he stands behind that sacred podium Sunday after Sunday preaching and teaching the word of God. *And He gave some apostles and some prophets and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers for the prophesying of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ* (Ephesians 4:11 KJV). We are (Diaconate) grateful to God as he allows us and continues to make ways for visitations of the sick and shut-in to bring the word of God to them that cannot make it to the church house. Our FCCBC family is growing once again! Over the last past three months, we have had six or more members attend our New Members class which is held the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month. Please continue praying for our ministry, God gets the Glory. Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47 KJV).

On July 22nd - July 26th, the National Baptist Deacons Convention was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, MA, which I attended. It was a sprit-filled week meeting with the fellow Deacons and Deaconesses. Our theme was "*Moving Forward with God*" Isaiah 41:10. Our days started at 5 a.m. with an early morning prayer service which was led by Bro. Robert Wiggs. Afterwards, breakfast was served. We then attended workshops. The topic of discussion was sticking with the theme, "*Moving forward with God is not a choice but a necessity. Trust and faith is our foundation.*" Tuesday was our communion service with Pastor Anthony Bennett of Mount Arey Baptist church. His message was "*Our future is depending on our trust in God and the power in God.*" Wednesday morning prayer service was led by the youth and what a wonderful high time in the Lord it was. So many young people came out at 5 a.m. testifying and singing and praising God. I was truly filled with the Spirit, and they were on time with the theme "*Moving forward with God.*" Thursday and Friday continued with more workshops and breakout sessions to end the week.

I thank God for He has allowed me to be a part of this great ministry He blesses my going out and returning of the same. Please continue to pray for the church, Pastor, Lady Bridgett, the Diaconate ministry, members, the sick and shut-in and all that you come in contact with. *Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God* (Philippians 4:6 KJV).

Humbly Submitted

Deacon Lawrence Waller, Chairman

The Sunday School Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (continued)

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about His power and His mighty wonders.”

Psalm 78:4 NLT

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an outreach meant primarily to bring children who don't normally attend church and teach them the gospel. It began in 1890 as a way to keep children off the streets. However, it has evolved and we find more adults attending VBS than children attending here at FCCBC. Although it is good that the adults' thirst for knowledge, strength, and encouragement bring them out and reaffirm their commitment to God, our prayer is that we can attract more young children in the future; they are the future.

We had a week of VBS which culminated in each class expounding on some of the things they had learned during the week under the tutelage of well-prepared and dedicated teachers. This culminating activity was led by Sis. Tamika Anderson, who did a wonderful job as Mistress of Ceremony.

For four days, we had individualized take-out bag lunches which were taken to the classes in the Community Center by the Culinary and Safety staff. On Friday, we had a communal dinner in the dining room where there was lots of fellowship and good food. As usual, when we were having a good time and unmindful of the time, Trustee Robert White always has a not-so-subtle way of letting us know – it's time to go home!

We most certainly thank everyone for participating in our VBS sessions: the Planning Committee, the Publicity Committee, the Educational Staff (teachers and aides), the Financial Ministry, the Culinary Ministry, the Safety Committee, our roving photographers, and of course our pastor, our ubiquitous overseer.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Submitted by Deaconess Mary H. Murphy



Sunday School Ministry (continued)



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith
and Trustee Sharon Johnson

Deaconess Ministry

Deaconess Day 2024

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good for everyone, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 13:16 ESV

We were honored to have Rev. Eva Sapp as our guest preacher on Deaconess Day on May 19th during the morning service. She preached a powerful sermon on the topic, *“Faithful Women Serving Christ”* drawn from Scripture: *Philippians 4:1-4*. Although it was primarily directed to women, it was extrapolated to men as well because we all, as children of God, need to be faithful, loyal and committed. She outlined the attributes of a faithful servant. They included having consistent church attendance, serving wholeheartedly, serving continually, and serving in agreement and unity.

We, the deaconesses, wholeheartedly agree that we need to exemplify these principles. We are a work in progress and seek to be better servants. For we know that we are serving God when we humbly serve others.



Submitted by Deaconess Mary H. Murphy

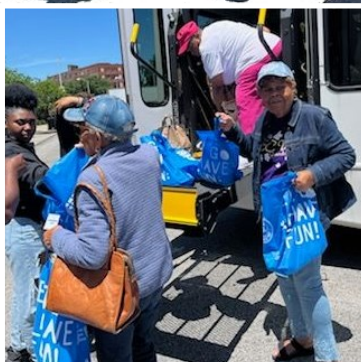
Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

Deaconess Outreach

He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor. Proverbs 22:9 NKJV



On June 8, 2024, an eclectic group of members from First Christian Community Baptist Church traveled downtown to distribute goods to men and women who were in need of a hand up. In addition to the deaconesses, this group included deacons, an usher, trustees, choir members, and one young adult. However the makeup, we were on one accord with our mission. We invite anyone to come with us, but the seating is limited. You can reserve a seat with Deaconess Murphy. In addition to providing goods, we also seek to offer words of encouragement with Deacon Waller leading the charge.



Photos courtesy of Sis. Audrey Highsmith

Deaconess Ministry (continued)



We are thankful for all of them who thought it not robbery to give of their time and resources. We thank our bus driver, Trustee Everett Cash, for ferrying us safely to and from our destination. We also thank Sis. Audrey Highsmith and Trustee Everett Cash for being our photographers. We ask you to continue to contribute to our cause. You can bring goods at any time and we can store them for the next upcoming outreach. See below for a listing of the kinds of items that are needed. A listing is also available in the foyer.

Our next outreach date is **September 21, 2024**. Our departure time will be 12 noon. Feel free to use your own transportation, if desired, as some do and meet us there. You can see Trustee Cash or any deaconess/deacon for the locale.

Submitted by: Deaconess Mary Murphy

Photo courtesy of Trustee Everett Cash

Please consider picking up an item or two from this list the next time you make a trip to the store. The homeless in need are extremely appreciative of your generosity.



Deaconess Outreach Shopping List



Open Lids/Easily Opened Items/Non-cooking items

Fruit Items: Fruit cups, applesauce, plastic fruit cup—any flavor, plastic mini-jars of fruit, Fruit Squeeze products

Meats: Tuna fish/chicken, sausage (All Ready to Eat): Tuna Fish -Tear notch pull open pouches, cans, or ready lunch boxes with crackers/spoon, Kipper (fish), Sardines (several flavors)

Underwood Products: Chicken spreads, Ham spreads

Libby's Products: Vienna Sausage, Chicken Vienna, Corned Beef, Potted meat, Spam, Beef Jerky

Boxed Products/Bagged Products: Raisins (4 or 6 packs), Cookies (all kinds), Pop Tarts, Cereal Bars, General Mills (8 pouches of breakfast cereals), General cereal breakfast cups, Mixed peanuts, peanuts, Sunflower seeds

Crackers/Chips: chips (individual packs), pretzels, Ritz (fresh snacks individually wrapped), Easy Cheese spreads (needs no refrigeration), graham crackers, peanut butter and jelly (small plastic bottles), donuts/muffins

Hydration: bottled water, to-go single drink packages (Crystal Light), green tea drink

Hygiene Products

Wet Wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, First Aid kit to go (12 items), alcohol wipes, soap, hand lotion, Ziplock sandwich bags with four plastic forks/spoons/knives, powder (travel size)

Clothes

Shoe insoles, socks, gloves/caps/scarves, coats/jackets

Don't Throw it Away...
USED CLOTHING DRIVE

Juneteenth 2024

“The 4th of July was never about Black people. Juneteenth is just for us. As Black people, we are told we don’t deserve our own holidays rooted in our history. Everything is whitewashed. Juneteenth symbolizes the hope that my children and grandchildren will be free. It’s Black joy and Black tenacity to survive.” Tanesha Grant



Led by Deaconess Eileen McCloud on June 16th, we celebrated a day that has had a profound impact on the history of Black America – Juneteenth. It was a day when some Blacks learned that they were free two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. There was a sea of Juneteenth T-shirts in the congregation that called to remembrance the long and hard-fought battle for freedom and to make it a federal holiday.

It was through the tenacity and perseverance of one lady, Opal Lee, that really brought this event to the forefront of America’s consciousness. It was finally instituted as a federal holiday under the administration of President Joe Biden.

The history of Juneteenth was given by Deaconess Hallie Allen followed by ‘A Christian Affirmation of Juneteenth’ led by Deaconess Mary Murphy. Many thanks to Deaconess Eileen McCloud for donating and preparing Juneteenth gift bags, with an African motif, for everyone.

Submitted by Deaconess Mary Murphy



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

Service Updates

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. Bible Study Summer Break is ending and Bible Studies will reconvene September 3rd (Mid-Day), September 4th (Evening), and September 5th (Youth and Young Adult).

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

Church Announcements

All requested church announcements must be submitted to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey by e-mail, text, or hand delivery the Wednesday of the week before publication is requested. Thank you.

Contact/Information Updates

If you have not completed a paper or electronic Member Information Sheet or if your contact information has changed, please complete a sheet so that we can validate that we have everyone's correct contact, birthday, and anniversary information for notifications, mailings, sick/shut-in visits, One Call Now robocalls, and newsletter items. The form has been updated to collect everyone's emergency contact information in the event we need to reach them due to an emergency.

Youth information is being collected to help church ministries plan for scholarships, activities, and events.

Thank you in advance for updating your information.

First Christian Community Baptist Church Member Information Sheet

Please complete the Member Information Sheet to help us make sure we have accurate contact and personal information for you (please print) and turn in to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or mail to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215. One form per person please. Members with Google logins can submit their information electronically at <https://forms.gle/4NtXiQTrkJgn8MMn7>.

Please contact Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or Sis. Kitty Owens with any changes.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ Gender: _____
Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Nickname

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

Address: _____ Apartment _____

City State Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____
Please check to indicate preferred number for your family to receive robocalls (One Call Now)

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

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Number: _____

Ministries I currently serve: _____

Ministries in which I am interested: _____

Retired What is your current or former occupation or vocation (trade, profession, business)?

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

Current Education Level: Preschool Elementary Middle School High School Trade School College

Grade/year: _____ Major/Program: _____

Expected Degree _____ Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____

Plans following graduation _____

Comments _____

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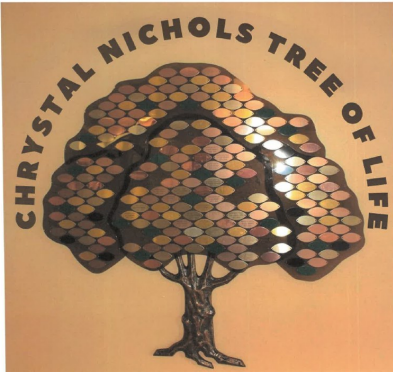
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April 2024

Project Planning Committee

DONOR RECOGNITION TREE

When The Planning Committee was searching for ideas for raising funds to help build our new Fellowship Hall, our cherished church member, Chrystal Nichols, came to us with the idea of a “Donor Recognition Tree.”

To honor her memory and to raise most needed funds, we will be installing a donor recognition tree in the Fellowship Hall and dedicating it as the “Chrystal Nichols Tree of Life.”



This will be a major ongoing fundraiser. The Planning Committee would really appreciate your support. The tree will represent several levels of giving. You can purchase a leaf or a rock in memory of a deceased loved one, to honor a loved one or friend, or to commemorate a special event.



With your generous help, we will be able to build the tree and raise additional funds for the Fellowship Hall.

Please see Trustee Yolanda Cash or Trustee Marilyn Dorsey for a flyer with additional information regarding the levels of giving and available payment plans.

Submitted by: Trustee Yolanda Cash

Missionary Ministry

The Missionary’s Anniversary was celebrated on July 28th during morning worship service. The theme was **”Let All You Do Be Done in Love”** drawn from 1 Corinthians 16:14. The worship leader for the service was Sister Marilyn Brunt. Sister Jackie Ward led the responsive reading and Evangelist Gwen McKeever did the prayer. The morning hymn was **”Love Lifted Me.”** Sister Cheryl Farrare delivered the welcome address. Sister May Williams read a beautiful poem that she composed (see page 13) that was all about ‘Love.’

Evangelist Joy Kelly delivered a powerful word from the theme, **”Walking by Faith,”** taken from 2 Corinthians 5:1-7. She gave us three things that had to exist to effect change: 1) Heart 2) Life and 3) Faith. Sister Mary Jones presented our Pastor Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Lady Bridgett Tucker, Sister Mae Williams, and the Missionary President Sister Carolyn Laster Clark with gifts of appreciation. Closing remarks were made by Sister Carolyn and Rev. Tucker.

Submitted by: Sister Carolyn Laster Clark



Missionary Ministry (continued)



Love Is.....

How can we define love? There are so many different ways. Is it a strong affection, a fondness, a joy, an enlightening, or a feeling that always stays?

What perspective are you looking for to find the true meaning of love? To get that real true meaning, we must look to God up above.

Our God is a God of Love, Loving His way is how we should all love. God is Love. He Loves each one of us unconditionally.

His love marks all of our lives everyday in every way.

God gives us enduring love, not the kind that comes and goes away.

It is a lasting love that touches our lives each and every day.

His love is kind, patient, guards us from envy, and allows us to rejoice in truth.

He puts the Holy Spirit inside of us to love others in all of His ways.

God, himself is Love. It is perfect, unchanging, pure, unending, and always available to all.

He offers us unwavering, steadfast love, and when accepted, it can be overwhelming.

It is the most rewarding, relentless, humbling, special love, and extremely fulfilling.

God showed His love among us when he sent His one and only Son to the world that we might live through Him,

Jesus modeled humility when he laid His life down so that we could know the love of God.

Now, That's Love, real true Love.

We stay united by showing love to each other, we think of others first, not holding bitterness;

But always be willing to give, share, and constantly do our best.

In John 15:12-13, God's commandment is that you love one another as I have loved you.

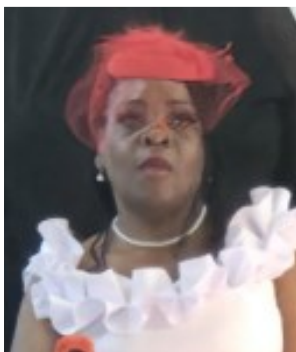
Following this commandment is what He wants all of us to do.

When we allow ourselves to fully experience and accept The Unconditional love of God,

We then will know that our love is personable and true.

It can and will change our lives forever, and we will be loving and doing just what God wants us to.

Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith and Trustee Sharon Johnson

The Education Ministry

Recognition of December 2023/Spring 2024 Graduates and Award Recipients

On Sunday, June 9th, 2024, Youth and Young Adult Day, FCCBC recognized the academic achievements and accomplishments of the FCCBC extended family.

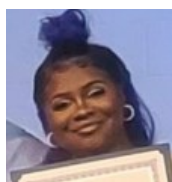
Elementary School to Middle School



Desmond Watson
Grandson of Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin

Honor roll all year. Received Perfect Attendance award and award for being kind twice this year

Middle School to High School



Ma'Lae Jones
Niece of Sis. Marilyn Brunt

New Song Academy to City College High School. Named Scholar of the Year and Class Valedictorian

Certificates



Jonathan Gregory Powell
Son of Minister Darlene Taylor

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Completion – Baltimore County Fire Department.
To work for Baltimore Fire Department

To insert photo

Jamar Willoughby
Grandson of Sis. Nancy Pope

Auto Mechanic Training Completion – NCIA's Herbert J. Hoelter Vocational Training Center.
Professional employment in the automotive field.

High School



Enjoli Nevinski

Daughter of Trustee Robert White, granddaughter of Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, niece of Sis. Evette Townes
Graduated from Western School of Technology and Environmental Science. Will attend
New Jersey Institute of Technology



Blake Quinn
Grandson of Sis. Mary Quinn

Graduated from George School in Newtown, Pa . He will be attending Morehouse University this fall
majoring in Business Management

Undergraduate College Degree



Payten M. Flanigan
Granddaughter of Deaconess Eileen McCloud

Bachelors' degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland College Park.
Employment/Aerospace position at NASA

The Education Ministry (continued)

Recognition of Graduates and Award Recipients (continued)

Graduate College Degrees



Adanna Johnson
 Daughter of Bro. Roscoe & Trustee Sharon Johnson
 Master of Design (Mdes) in Product Design from the University of the Arts. Employment.



Taylor L. McCottry
 Daughter of Sis. Cheryl McCottry
 Masters' degree in Health Administration & IT Systems from University of Maryland - Global Campus. Currently working as Risk Management Coordinator for PG County

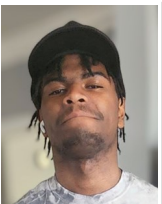


Amira Michelle Powell
 Daughter of Minister Darlene Taylor
 Master of Business Administration from University of Maryland - Global Campus. Employment.



Nicholas R. White
 Grandson of Trustee Dorsey, nephew of Trustee Robert White and Sister Evette Townes, and cousin of Sister Keyera White
 Masters Degree in Humanities & Social Science Communication from Monmouth University. Currently employed at the University of Central Oklahoma as Assistant Defensive Line Coach

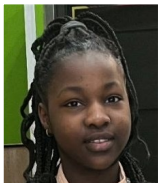
Awards and Recognition



Devaughn A. Banks
 Son of Bro. Duran & Sis. Alexis Banks & grandson of Pastor Alphonso & Lady Bridgett Tucker
 Honor Roll all year - Milford Mill Academy. Played on four basketball teams: Milford Mill Academy Junior Varsity team, the Edmondson Westview Recreation Council, Amateur Athletic Union, and Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League



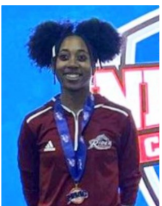
Tylea Booker
 Daughter of Danielle Booker and granddaughter of Sis. Carolyn Booker
 Honor Roll three times throughout the school year



Shea-Ann Hibbert
 Niece of Bro. Jimmie Lewis
 certificates. Two Perfect Attendance awards. Two trophies. All A's. GPA: 3.75



Maya Jones
 Daughter of Trustee Steven Jones & granddaughter of Sis. Mary Jones
 Received State Senator Jill Carter Scholarship Spring 2024 semester



Samara Jones
 Daughter of Trustee Steven Jones & granddaughter of Sis. Mary Jones
 Awarded bronze medal for Triple Jump, 2024 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Women's Indoor Track & Field. Dean's List 3.8 GPA 2023-2024 academic year

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Education Ministry (continued)

Awards and Recognition (continued)



Steven Jones

Son of Trustee Steven Jones & grandson of Sis. Mary Jones
Western School of Technology and Environmental Science Scholar award for having over a 3.5 GPA
2023-2024 academic year



Braniya Watson

Granddaughter of Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin
Honor Roll 2023-2024 academic year

Annual School Supply Giveaway



School Supply Drive sign-up for FCCBC members, family, and friends is underway through August 25th. Advance online (<https://forms.gle/VLpV9aNdF2SHwR5C9>) or in-person (lower auditorium) sign-up is required.

Bookbags and supplies may be picked up on Friday, August 30th in the Fellowship Hall for students attending FCCBC's Back To School Movie Night or on Sunday, September 1st in the lower auditorium immediately following morning worship service.

Please contact Sis. Alexis Banks at (443) 310-7710 or Sis. Cheryl McCottry at (301) 908-3487 for more information.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Museum of the Bible Bus Trip

On Saturday, June 22, 2024, the FCCBC had an awesome trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. The museum showcases an unparalleled range of artifacts representing 4,000 years of history and provides guests with a high-tech, state-of-the-art, immersive, and personalized experience with the Bible. The museum guides visitors through the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible (<https://www.museumofthebible.org>).

The trip was completely sold out! Tickets included roundtrip motorcoach transportation, admission to the museum's interactive exhibits and artifacts, two premium attractions - (*Explore! A Virtual Reality Tour of the Lands of the Bible!* (a virtual tour of 19 biblical sites) and *Washington Revelations* (a multi-sensory tour "flying" past biblical references in and around Washington, DC), free time, as well as a late afternoon meal.

Everyone was able to experience the learning history of the Bible. Following our time in Washington, we enjoyed a fellowship dinner at the Cracker Barrel restaurant at Arundel Mills.

We thank the Men's ministry for sponsoring youth tickets and to all for their support.

Submitted by: Rev. Dr. Delvon Houser

Photos courtesy of Sis. Shirl Farrare



Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Annual Youth and Young Adult Day

Sunday, June 9, 2024, was our Annual Youth and Young Adult Day. Our theme was “Chosen For A Purpose” (John 15:6). One of our young people spoke on the theme. Our Liturgical Dance ministry performed two selections. The Voices of Praise rendered the musical selections.

Sis. Alexis Banks, President of the Education ministry, announced graduates and award recipient accomplishments to thunderous applause from the congregation. She also acknowledged all of the Black History month ‘Moments In Black History’ speakers.

Rev. Delvon Houser preached the morning sermon drawn from John 15:16 (NKJV), 1 Peter 2:9 and Ephesians 1:4.

Submitted by: Rev. Dr. Delvon Houser



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

Youth Sunday School

Greetings from the Youth Sunday School Ministry

Sister Jackie and I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. We want to give a big “shout out” to everyone who comes to Sunday School and participates either in person or via Facetime. We extend an invitation for all to come and be a part of the Sunday School ministry. Just a reminder, Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. We will distribute the lessons monthly so that everyone will have their lessons for the month and can study them before we attend class each Sunday. Also every second Sunday, the youth will be upstairs in the Adult Sunday School class. For our students who will not be coming in person on the second Sunday, but wish to participate in Sunday school for that day, please call in via conference call (412)924-7173. At the prompt, enter access code 872722#.

Sunday School is the foundation of learning God’s Word and it teaches the necessary tools to live a faithful life and to make heaven our home.

Lovingly Submitted,

Sis. Angela Ray



A Community Outreach Sponsored Event
 First Christian Community Baptist Church
 4116 Groveland Ave. 21215
 Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

"Annual Autumn Breeze Festival"

A day of fun, family, music, fantasy,
 games & lots of goodies!

Free to children of all ages ...

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Lower-Level Dining Hall
 Fun Starts 4:00 p.m. - Ends 6:30 p.m.

This Year's Theme

Super Heroes

Prince, Princesses,

Sparkles & Butterflies!

Costume Prizes for the most:

Creative (Age groups)

Best Group / Family Coordinated

A celebration of God's goodness
 and the beauty of family ...

Contact Person:

Bridgett S. Tucker, Committee Chair
 (410) 426-1111

(horror / death costumes are not permitted)

The Women of First Christian Community Baptist Church continue to stand in the mighty, matchless name of Jesus Christ!

Yes, a stormy season for the entire "Family," it is nothing or no one but God that has allowed us to push through. We are at awe of how the Holy Spirit continuously guides us to render our services to His people.

This year's goal was to continue to uphold the Women's Day Ministry mission that was established in 2023: 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 within the sisterhood, supporting the church as a whole in its endeavors in fundraising.

The focusing years' theme was, "Rejoicing In Trying Times; Remaining Faithful." The supporting Scripture: Ephesians 6:14 ... "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."... NKJV

The "Chat & Chew" fellowship that was held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. was full and rich. The theme for this year was "Crazy Hats!" The fellowship afforded the sisterhood the opportunity to come together, chat, eat, enjoy others' company, and make wonderful new memories.

"FCCBC Women's Day 2023-2024"

"Chat & Chew"

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, June 1, 2024

12 Noon until 2:30 p.m.

Theme!



Join your sisters in sharing quality time: A day of fun & making new memories ...

Entry Ticket Cost: \$5
 (Light Fare will be served)

Contact Person for Reservation (s):

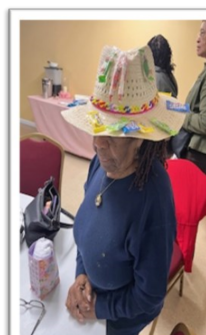
Sis. Jackie Ward

Invite a friend ...

First Christian Community Baptist Church
 4116 Groveland Ave. - 21215
 (Lower-Level Entrance)
 Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor
www.myfccbc.org

Min. Deborah Seay graciously served as the moderator for the "Chat" portion of the fellowship. There was an array of topics from fashion to friendships! We also had the opportunity to take part in celebrating Sis. Leslie's sister's (Vivian) birthday on that day! To God be all glory for such blessings ...

Planning Committee Members: Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, Sis. Leslie Hyman, Sis. Annette Moore, Sis. Bridgett S. Tucker & Sis. Beverly "Jackie" Ward



The 2023-2024 Women's Day Ministry (continued)



We culminated the year with our annual “Women’s Day” celebration during morning worship service, which was held on Sunday, June 23, 2024. The Women’s Day messenger was Evangelist Joy Kelly, Associate Minister. Sermon Title: “What’s In A Name,” Supporting Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7. We sincerely thank Evangelist Kelly for allowing God to use her in a mighty way!



The afternoon was concluded with a “family meal” held in the lower dining hall. We extend our gratitude of thanks and appreciation to the Men’s Ministry, under the leadership of Bro. Ronald McKeever, Chair, and Bro. Leroy Smith, Co-Chair, for coordinating staffing for this event. We truly would like to thank Bro. Roscoe Johnson, Bro. Jimmie Lewis, Rev. Harvey Moore, Bro. Tyrone Moore, and Trustee Robert White for their endless efforts and services rendered that

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The 2023-2024 Women's Day Ministry (continued)

Planning Committee Members: Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, Sis. Leslie Hyman, Sis. Annette Moore, Sis. Bridgett S. Tucker & Sis. Beverly "Jackie" Ward.

We applaud Trustee Sharon Johnson, who has served as Recording Secretary; tirelessly working efficiently and effectively in the background.

We are blessed and are equally excited that Sis. Elvira Smith and Min. Deborah Seay have accepted the awesome challenge of taking on the role of Chair and Co-Chair for the "2024-2025 Women's Day Ministry." We pray that each FCCBC woman will continue to support the ministry however God leads. Let us to continue to be the women that God expects us to be!

Lastly, we are so grateful for our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker; a true man of God. Your continued spiritual guidance and your life examples are great testaments to God.



To God be all glory,

2023-2024 Chairs, Sis. Bridgett S. Tucker and Sis. Annette Moore

MEN'S MINISTRY

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The Ministry sponsored its 2024 Pre-Mother's Day Extravaganza on May 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. It was a High Time in the Lord and a worshipful experience. We were blessed by the Mighty Christianiares and FCCBC's own Male Chorus in high spiritual song. In addition, we were provided "belly laughs" via the clean Christian comedic genius of Regina Scott (aka Miss Regina). Just shows comedy doesn't have to be "dirty" to be hilarious – 'Christian Clean' works.



UPCOMING EVENTS

On **August 2, 2024**, the Men's Ministry will have its 27th Annual Men in Black Fellowship concert. The following songbirds will lift praises to the Lord: The FCCBC Male Chorus, The Johnson Male Chorus, The Helping Up Mission Choir, The Z Boy, and Soloist Minister Earl Potts.

Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

Men's Ministry (continued)

The Men's Ministry car washes for July 13, 2024 and August 17, 2024 were cancelled due to weather predictions. But do not fret – there is another car wash scheduled for **August 31, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

September 1, 2024 Male Chorus Anniversary Celebration

September 2024 (exact date TBA) Men's Fellowship Outing/Activity.

November 3, 2024 Men's Day Celebration

Submitted by: Brother Leroy Smith, Co-chair

Usher Ministry News

Dutch Country Trip

The Usher Board and the Missionary ministries are jointly sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster, PA on October 19, 2024 —with shopping at the Tanger Outlets and Amish Market and a delicious meal at Miller's All-You-Can-Eat Pennsylvania Dutch-style smorgasbord.

Tickets are \$85 per adult and \$67 for children under age 13.

Get your tickets soon! They'll go quickly!

Please contact Sis. Carolyn Clark or Sis. Mary Jones for more information.

Welcome

It is with great pleasure, that we welcome to our Combined Usher Board, Sister Barbara Alexander and Sister Pamela Johnson. Psalms 84: 9-10

Submitted by: Brother Tyrone Moore, President/baw

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, plans, 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!

Our goal is to distribute newsletters each April, August, and December. **Tentative deadlines to submit articles, photos, and announcements will be 11/10/24, 3/16/25, and 7/13/25.**

Each ministry is requested 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 by the deadline.

Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!

Trustee Sharon Johnson

Editor and President, Newsletter Ministry

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

Finance Ministry Updates

Let Us Worship the Lord Through Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

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



Please continue to support “**Plate Offerings**” for the ministries listed below:

1st Sunday: Missionary Ministry

2nd Sunday : Floral Ministry

3rd Sunday : Education Ministry

4th Sunday : Pastor’s Aide Ministry

5th Sunday: Missionary or Education ministry—to be announced during offering by the trustee.

Every Sunday : Sunday School

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.**”

An on-line service tool, “**Givelify**, is available for electronic tithes and offering. Visit <https://www.givelify.com/donors/> and enter FCCBC or download the mobile giving app from your App store. If you are using the on-line service tool, “**Givelify**,” use the Givelify column that says other and annotate the ministry name and amount you are giving that ministry. **NOTE: Please do not include Givelify amounts on your offering envelope.**

You may also mail tithes and offerings to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye “
(Psalm 32:8)

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 21 to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

Ministry Deposit Form

In an effort to keep accurate financial records for payments for ministry sponsored ticketed events (trips, fellowships, activities, workshops, etc.), the Finance Ministry has implemented a new “Ministry Deposit” form. Copies may be obtained from the Finance Room. Designated members or representatives collecting money or donations are to issue receipts to each person making a payment, complete, and submit a completed Ministry Deposit form to the Finance trustees with each deposit. The trustees will issue receipts to the ministry Financial Secretary or designated ministry member/representative for their records.

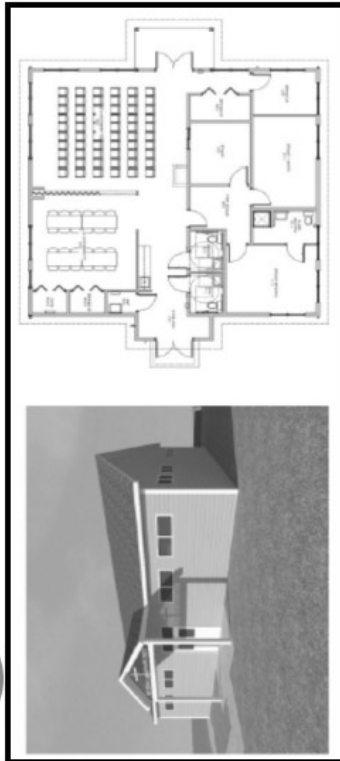
Submitted by: Finance Ministry

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.,
Balto., 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: _____

Earth Day Activity

On April 20, 2024, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Omega Chapter's Enhancing Our Environment Committee held their Earth Day celebration with First Christian Community Baptist Church. The committee, along with FCCBC leadership, worked for several weeks planning this event to beautify the grounds of FCCBC.

A total of 140 volunteers planted eight trees, fourteen shrubs, and flowers while enjoying music from FCCBC's own in-house DJ, DJ Yoshii. The volunteers also completed much needed mulching, weeding, and litter clean up in the surrounding area. The volunteers cleaned a total of 500 pounds of trash and debris. The trees and flowers are thriving and FCCBC appreciates the hard work of the volunteers.

Submitted by: Sis. Kimberlee Pelzer

Photos courtesy Trustee Henry Smith and Sis. Kimberlee Pelzer



FCCBC Culinary Ministry

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.

Ministry Mission:

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

1 Corinthians 10:24

FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

Mourning Doves Bereavement Ministry of First Christian Community Baptist

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

Isaiah 54:10 NIV

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

Please continue to pray for:

The Winters, Steptoe, and Grier families on the transition of Gregory Grier

The Foote and Moore families on the passing of Robert Williams

The Bright family on the transition of Sis. Donna A. Bright

The Allen family on the passing of Curtis D. Allen

The Owens family on the transition of Thelma V. Owens-Scott

The Johnson family on the transition of Elizabeth Ann Johnson

The Seay family on the passing of William Edward Proctor

The Arthur family on the transition of their niece Evergean Carter

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

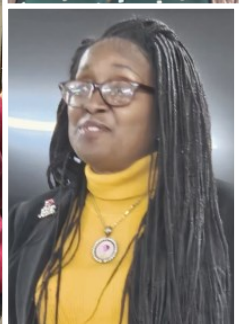
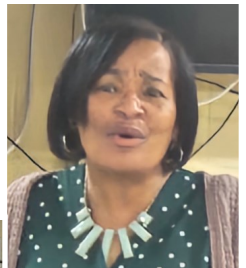


The Bereavement ministry continually prays that God's mighty hand hold, comfort, and strengthen each of us as we share in your loss. A family that prays together, stays together. We are Family.



Grief & Loss Workshop

The Mourning Doves Bereavement Ministry hosted a Grief and Loss Workshop on Saturday, April 20, 2024., from 10:00 a.m. to noon.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

Never To Be Forgotten



**Bridgete Sofia “Sofie”
Tucker**
Sept. 28, 2001 – Dec. 7, 2023



Submitted by: Trustee Gwen Franklin



U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

On December 3, 1984, Detective Marcellus Ward Jr., was shot and killed while working on an undercover assignment-while assigned to the DEA Task Force for Baltimore City District Office.

On April 25, 2024, the Basic Agent Graduating Class No. 247 (training period January 2, 2024 through April 2024) Honored Badge 24/7 in memory of Detective Marcellus (Marty) Ward Jr.

Before the graduation ceremony, the forty-nine Basic Agents presented tokens of love and appreciation, to Detective Ward’s Son, Marcellus Ward, III and his family for the sacrifice that was made on December 3, 1984.

It was an honor to witness the young women and men, receiving their DEA Badges (under the leadership of DEA Administrator Anne Milgram), willingly and ready to serve here at home in the United States and other countries.

2024 Memorial Service

This memorial service was held on May 15, 2024, at the DEA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

Theme: Honoring Our Heroes, One Mission, One Team, One DEA – and One Family

Once again Detective Marcellus Ward Jr. was set apart for his service and his sacrifice. Remarks were made by U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco, and DEA Administrator Anne Milgram.

A memorial roll call and tribute was made for each of the fallen DEA heroes. The “Wall of Honor” is a central, yet serene place of reflection that is located in the DEA Museum’s lobby (the museum is open to the public).

There is an interactive kiosk that shares the stories of each of the Fallen Heroes from 1921 through 2022, which includes a picture of each Fallen DEA Agent .

“THESE MEN AND WOMEN WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN”

Submitted by: Sis. Beverly Ward

Member Submissions

God's Beauty Tips

Doing these things on a daily basis will certainly make you a more beautiful person.

- ◆ For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
- ◆ For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others.
- ◆ To improve your ears, listen to the Word of God.
- ◆ For poise, walk with knowledge and self-esteem.
- ◆ To strengthen your heart, forgive yourself and others.
- ◆ To strengthen your arms, hug someone and touch them with your love.
- ◆ To lose weight, let go of stress, hatred, anger, discontentment, and the need to **CONTROL** others.
- ◆ For the ultimate in attire, put on the **ROBE of CHRIST**. It never goes out of style and is appropriate for any occasion.

– Author Unknown

Submitted by: Sister Beverly Ward



A Prayer For Peace

To our Almighty God
who gives us life we pray,
for an end to the senseless violence that has crippled our city.
We pray for harmony within families, for the spirit of love to
overrule the hopelessness of situations.
We pray for those who are weakened and bewildered by the
overwhelming pain of grief.
We pray for leaders to pick up their armor
and to walk the path of righteousness;
to demand an increase in peace and a decrease in wasted life.
We pray for each boy and girl who cannot go to school without threat
that they might reap the rewards of education and
fine upbringing, happiness and tranquility.
We pray for the wounded hearts lead astray and
for the desperate whose lives have been caught in this vicious cycle.
We pray for guidance, for knowledge, for strength to do your will.
We pray, dear Lord, for peace.

Written by Tina Arthur,
Daughter of Rev. Harvey and Annette Moore

Member Submissions

Mother Campbell's 95th Birthday Celebration



What a Mighty God we serve!! The Lord allowed us to celebrate the 95th birthday of Dear Darling Mother Campbell. So many showed up and showed out. Most of the Grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren were there. Some drove from Raleigh, N.C. and West Virginia; some flew from Florida and South Carolina. It was just a blessing to celebrate with so many relatives, FCCBC Family members, and friends. While being 95 is indeed a milestone, it was even more meaningful considering the last year Mother had been so sick. God is Real!!! The whole celebration was indeed a BLESSING!

Thank You!

It is with heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness to each and everyone for all the kindness and love shown to me all the time. From My Pastor all the way down to the babies. My church family is truly a Godly family and you show it in so many ways. Your calls, visits, prayers, supplies, and just loving ways mean so much. I thank God for all of My Dear Darlings and how you all make me feel. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

Love and Blessings, Mother Lillie Mae Campbell

Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams

Member Submissions

Stick With the Word

The Christian church has been in agreement for nearly 2,000 years that the Bible is the Word of God.

The Bible is essentially a story about God: God's world and God's Word to mankind.

That is what God wants all people to be able to seek and find.

It is so important and makes a big difference in the lives of all of us.

In His Word are the greatest promises from God that we must Trust.

In (Heb.13.5) He said that He will never leave you or forsake you.

(Acts 16:31) says Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved

Importantly, in (Phil.4:) 19) My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory.

If God said them, they are indeed the Word of God to us, and promises on which we can depend.

You can build on them in every circumstance of your life and never have to pretend.

We must believe that the Bible is God's word to us, the foundation of hope for God's promises to us.

The Bible says that God is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love.

The Bible is full of invitations from God where God is reaching out to us in love.

This lets us know that we can have a true and real relationship with God above.

Invitations from God's Word

Incline your ear and come to me. Hear that your soul may live; I will make with you an everlasting covenant (Isa. 55:3).

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you (Jas. 4:8).

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow (Isa. 1:18).

That means we can come to Him with confidence, and enjoy a relationship with God because He has invited us to come to Him.

God is true and faithful in His Word, it is up to us to Trust and Stick to His Word.

Thank God for the Word of Christ!

Submitted by Mae Williams

Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)

Helpful Hints

When the Power Goes Out

Have a 'Safe at Home' Kit. Your kit should include a flashlight, powered lanterns, and plenty of batteries.

Aim to have plenty of bottled water (1 or 2 cases) enough for several days.

There should also be non-perishable foods, that do not require being heated, such as canned meats, puddings, cold cereal, trail mix, and granola bars.

A portable charger, that you keep charged up for emergencies, especially as a back-up for your cell phone.

A weather band radio, with a hand crank to keep abreast of the weather situation.

A portable generator if you live in a remote area.

Know when to leave your home. Staying in a very hot or very cold house can be life threatening, you will need to find a safe shelter.

Make sure you have all medications and emergency phone numbers to family and friends.

Submitted by: Sister Beverly Ward

Finding Unclaimed Funds

If a business, financial institution, or government owes you money that you did not collect, it is considered 'unclaimed money or property.' You may be able to file for unclaimed money owed to you or that was owed to a deceased relative if you are their legal heir. Following are several websites you can check to see if there are unclaimed funds, insurance policies, retirement benefits, and other unclaimed funds: .

Comptroller of Maryland Unclaimed Funds: <https://interactive.marylandtaxes.gov/Individuals/Unclaim/default.aspx>

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC): <https://www.pbgc.gov/wr/find-unclaimed-retirement-benefits>

National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Life Policy Locator: <https://content.naic.org/article/naic-life-insurance-policy-locator-helps-consumers-find-lost-life-insurance-benefits>

Unclaimed Property website of the National Association of State Treasurers
<https://www.missingmoney.com/>

Submitted by: Trustee Sharon Johnson

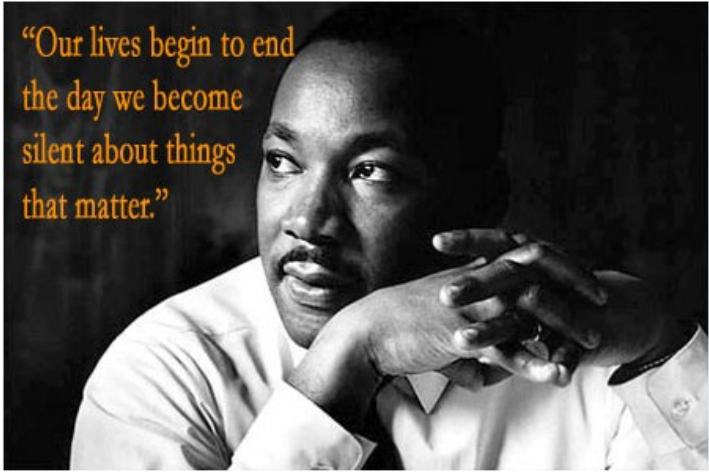
CarShield/American Auto Shield Vehicle Service Contract Refunds

The Federal Trade Commission is requiring CarShield to pay a \$10 million settlement to resolve charges of deceptive and misleading advertising. Defrauded purchasers will be able to request refunds. The refund process will be announced. Visit <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2024/07/ftc-says-carshield-didnt-cover-car-repairs-advertised> for details.

Submitted by: Trustee Henry Smith

Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)

“Our lives begin to end
the day we become
silent about things
that matter.”



LWV LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS

IMPORTANT DATES

ELECTION NOVEMBER 5

SEPT
24 | ABSENTEE
VOTING
STARTS
(EXCUSE REQUIRED)

OCT
9 | LAST DAY
TO
REGISTER
TO VOTE

OCT
23 | MAIL-IN
ABSENTEE
REQUEST
DEADLINE

OCT 22
Thru
NOV 4 | NO-EXCUSE
IN-PERSON
ABSENTEE
VOTING

FIND YOUR ELECTION INFORMATION AT [VOTE411.ORG](https://vote411.org)

Local voting resources are available at
<https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/index.html>.

Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)

Year-Round Drop Boxes

Clean out your medicine cabinets and help prevent drug misuse. You can drop off your old, unneeded, or unused medications at select pharmacies, hospitals, businesses, and police departments.



Find a location at <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?>

Car Emergency Kits

When going on a summer road trip, remember to pack a car emergency kit. This should include:

- ⚡ Jumper cables
- 🚩 Flares or reflective triangle
- 📱 Cell phone charger
- 🩹 First aid kit

Learn more: [ready.gov/car](https://www.ready.gov/car)



Wedding Anniversary Wishes

June (correction)

(Inadvertently omitted. We apologize for the oversight)

10th—Bro. Lolando, Sr. and Sis. Nikki Hamilton (1 year)

September

7th - Bro. Kermit and Sis. Yvette Fowlkes (11 years)

23rd - Bro. Karl and Sis. LaNecia Owens (19 years)

October

8th - Rev. Dr. Delvon and Sis. Michelle Houser (2 years)

9th - Bro. Precious and Sis. Lorraine Hale (13 years)

21st - Rev. Dr. Alphonso and Lady Bridgett Tucker (24 years)

November

6th - Bro. Leroy and Sis. Elvira (Vera) Smith (30 years)

December

11th - Bro. Matheus (Marty) and Sis. La-Kia Kommeren (11 years)

18th - Bro. Theodore (Teddy) and Sis. Delores Hines (27 years)

31st - Trustees Everett and Yolanda Cash (36 years)



So that we might acknowledge your wedding anniversary, please email newsletter@myfccbc.org, notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, or complete and submit a hard copy Member Information sheet (see page 7) to Trustee Dorsey. Members with Google log-ins can submit their information electronically at an online Member Information sheet at <https://forms.gle/4NtXiQTrkJgn8MMn7>.

Thank you!

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

August 2024

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

September 2024

Deaconess Hallie Allen
Tamika Anderson
Darlene Bell
Winifred Berry
Shiloh Randall-Bryant
Paula Foote
Sierra Gaither
Ashley Givens
Diane Habeebullah
Amanda Hall
Makiyah Hornes
Michele Houser
Walter Jones
Michael Montoute
Kennedee Pelzer
Carolyn Phillips
Alana Powell
Amira Powell

September 2024 (continued)

Mary Quinn
Evan. Juliette Samuels
Crystal Sedgwick
Sydney Smith
Leroy Smith
Minister Darlene Taylor

October 2024

Alma Baker
Trustee Gwendolyn Franklin
Lorraine Hale
Audrey Highsmith
Leslie Hyman
James Johnson
Phillip Johnson
Jimmie Lewis
Zenobia McLaughlin
LaNecia Owens
Aleea Powell
Jonathan Powell
Esther Steptoe
Beverly (Jackie) Ward
Keyera White

November 2024

Alexis Banks
Deborah Cooper
Rev. Debbie Ervin

November 2024

Shirlene (Shirl) Farrare
Jasmine Flanigan
Joey Foote
Precious Hale, Jr.
Betty Jackson
Trustee Sharon Johnson
Trustee Steven Jones
C'ynai Moore
Keith Owens, Jr.
Remira Robinson
Linda Savoy
Ella Smith
Esther Spencer
Florence Thompson
Georgianna Tolliver
Journi Troy
Javier Troy
Baby Reginald (Trey) White, III

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

Please have your birthday photo taken for birthday month announcements (see below for details). 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 have your photo taken!

First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Ave. 21215
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

"Birthday Committee Photos"

F.C.C.B.C. MEMBERS

Please get your photo taken
to be used for
"Sundae Sunday Birthday Honorees"

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

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

Church Calendar

August 2024 (partial)

- 18 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 31 Men's Car Wash 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

September 2024

- 1 Male Chorus Anniversary During a.m. worship service
 5 Quarterly Official Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
 15 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 18 Service leading up to Pastoral anniversary 7:00 p.m.
 22 Humphrey Choral Anniversary During a.m. worship service

October 2024

- 6 15th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration During a.m. worship service
 6 15th Pastoral Anniversary Buffet Dinner 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 20 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 22 Autumn Breeze 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

November 2024

- 3 Men's Day celebration
 10 Combined Usher's Anniversary Celebration Morning worship service
 17 Unified Voices Anniversary Celebration Morning worship service
 17 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 28 Thanksgiving Day service 11:00 a.m. - noon

December 2024 (partial)

- 5 Quarterly Official Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
 14 Annual Church meeting 10:00 a.m. - noon
 15 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 22 Annual Christmas program 9:30 a.m.
 31 Watch Night Service

Dates, times, location, and mode of delivery are subject to change. Please check before leaving home. Trustee Dorsey will keep you abreast of changes via robocall. Please make certain we have your preferred phone number by completing and submitting a Member Information Sheet (see page 7) to Trustee Dorsey.

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. Dené Cole (Home)

Sis. Perlizer Davis (Home)

Bro. Walter Jones, Jr. (Home)

Doris Taylor Little (Home)

Ken Ken Pelzer (Home)

Sis. Nancy Pope (Home)



Please 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
 Bro. Ronnie Cole Sis. Karen Cole Sanders
 Sis. La-Kia Kommeren

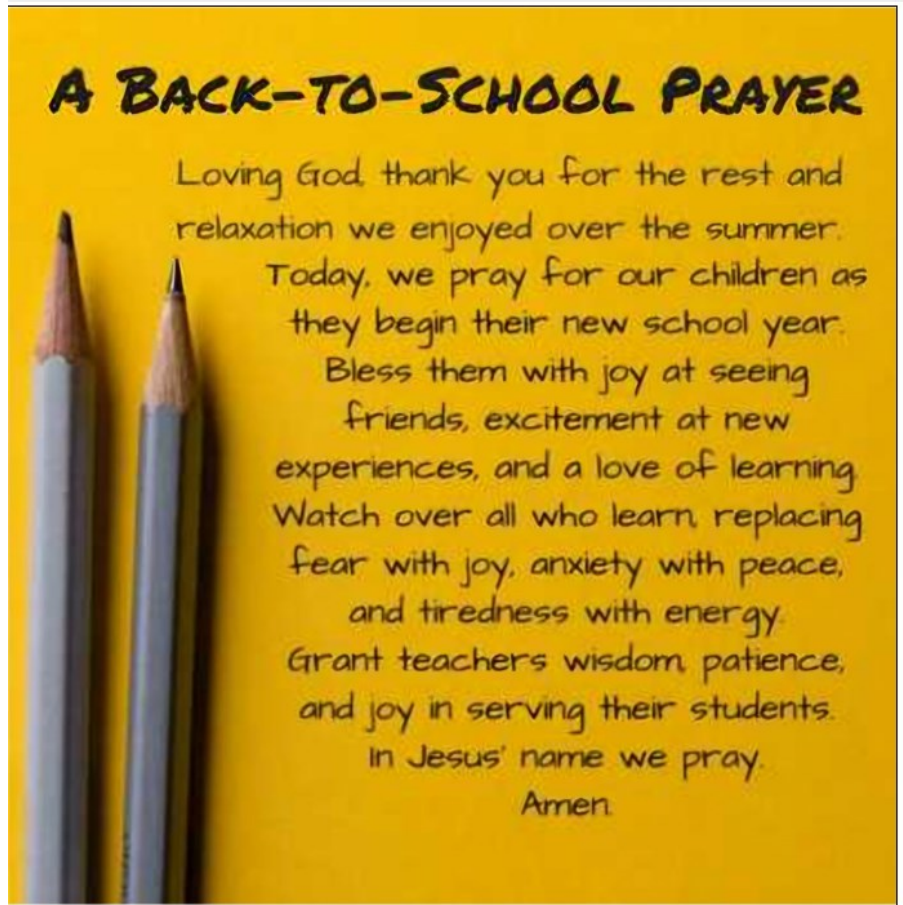
Please alert the Officials of illness, changes to the Sick and Shut-In or Prayer lists, or deaths. Thank you.

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members



**Recognition of Graduates
and Award Recipients**

**Back To School
Movie Night**



August 2024

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