

The FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
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We Are Family



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FCCBC Men's ministry sponsored youth/young adult activity at Dave & Busters. Story on page 11.

Service Times

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(Note: Bible Study resumes January 6, 2026)

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 (Teams) Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

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For Teams access to Thursday Youth and Young Adult Bible Study, please contact Trustee Dorsey to be added to the invite list.

Church Directory

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Message From Our Pastor



“Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him.” (Acts 12: 5)

We serve a God who takes care of His own. Our God is merciful and kind. He's a God who also answers prayers. It is without question that the reason we are alive and have made it thus far is because God hears and answers prayers. If you are reading this message, then you like so many, are embarking on a brand new year. This year 2025 has had it's challenges and setbacks like any other year. This year many of us had to say goodbye to loved ones, and dealt with health issues and other problems as well. However, as we look back over the year 2025, our final analysis is still that God has been good to us and He is a prayer answering God.

As the body of Christ called Church, we should never doubt that God hears us when we pray. The Bible says in the epistle of James, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." This scripture serves as evidence that our prayers are important and God hears us when we pray.

In the 12th chapter of the book of Acts, we find Peter in prison. Peter was in prison because he dared to stand up for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter's arrest was unprovoked and unlawful, but the Lord was with him. Also, while Peter was in prison, awaiting Herod's sentence of execution, the Church began to pray on Peter's behalf. The Scripture tells us that the Church prayed for him to God "without ceasing." As a result of the prayers of the Church; God sent an angel to the prison and led Peter to his freedom. Peter was delivered from the prison cell because of the prayers of the Saints of God.

Never underestimate the power of prayer. The Church of Peter's day prayed and his chains fell off and the prison doors were opened. This is the same results we will experience when we pray one for another. It is the prayers of the Saints of God that break chains and open prison doors. As we say goodbye to 2025 and hello to 2026, let us continue with our mission and agenda, "Strengthening Relationships" by praying one for another. Remember we are, "A Joyful Church, A Thankful Church, and A Prayerful Church."

Happy New Year To You All!

Lovingly Submitted,
Pastor Alphonso Tucker, Servant

The Sixteenth Pastoral Anniversary

**“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and He delights in his way.”
Psalm 37:23**

We honored our pastor, the Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker, on his sixteenth year of leadership and service to our church, First Christian Community Baptist Church (FCCBC) on October 5, 2025. While here, he has been at the forefront of a spiritual renewal, preaching and teaching the unadulterated Word of God, in addition to his many other duties. He always stresses the importance of staying in the Word and living the Word lest we ‘drift away.’ A strong and dedicated leader, he always listens to the concerns and voices of his congregants. He not only talks the talk, but walks the talk. Beside him is his wife, Lady Bridgett, who exemplifies that phenomenal and virtuous wife woman found in Proverbs chapter 31. We have been truly blessed to have them at the helm of our ship, braving the waves and the storms of life, always with Jesus Christ as the guiding star. Who can find two such dedicated and faithful leaders? We can and we have. To God be the glory!

As a prelude to our pastor’s 16th anniversary, we were honored and privileged to have the Rev. Dr. Terry Thornton from Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church as our guest preacher on September 17, 2025. His topic was “Just a Reminder. “He reminded us what Paul said to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:1-5. That reminder to the pastor was to simply ‘preach the Word,’ meaning preach sound doctrine, the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Calling upon his experience as a pastor, Dr. Thornton said he has been called upon to wear many hats: doctor, lawyer, psychologist, janitor, counselor, among many others. He cautioned the pastor and the congregation at large from “becoming all things for all people”. A consequence of this busyness, he said, can keep us from doing what God called us to do and we don’t have time to nourish our relationship with Him.

Finally, he said that the pastor needed self-care. Selfcare, he said, is extremely important, in that if he does not care for himself (take time off for a little rest and relaxation), he can’t properly care for his congregation.

When the big day finally arrived, the pastor and the congregation were decked out in many hues of blue and pink. The choir was fired up, singing stirring songs of Zion. Excitement was in the air as we all waited for the message from the preacher and the presentation of our pastor and first lady.

The anniversary message was brought to us by The Rev. Dr. Linwood Robinson from the Greater New Hope Baptist Church. If his message sounded familiar to you, it is because his message was also taken from 2 Timothy 4:1-4, as was Dr. Thornton’s. This is an affirmation of how extremely important it is for ministers to preach the gospel, the unadulterated Word of God at all times, especially in times like these. His topic was: Keep on Preaching.

He said in his message that because of the prevailing climate of ungodliness in our nation and the world today, our only hope is in the Almighty God. He repeatedly emphasized the necessity of preaching the Word. The Word should be preached, he said, because: (1) It is a creative Word (2) It is a healing Word. (3) It is a saving Word. His final exhortation was for all of us to be beacons to the world because all have a responsibility to share the Word, to be that shining light in a dark world.

Messages of love and appreciation from the congregation were presented to the honorees by Trustee Shirley Carter and Deacon Lawrence Waller. Final remarks were made by Reverend Tucker, followed by a delicious meal prepared by the Culinary ministry under the guidance of our co-honoree, Lady Bridgett Tucker.

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The Sixteenth Pastoral Anniversary (continued)

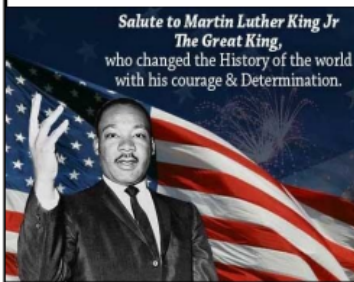
“To God be the glory forever and ever! Amen,” (Gal. 1:5) for He has done great things in our lives and at FCCBC for sending us such an esteemed and anointed man of God and a phenomenal first lady in the personage of the Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker and his partner in the ministry, Lady Bridgett Tucker.

Lovingly submitted by Deaconess M. H. Murphy



Photos courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



It took 15 years of perseverance, tenacity, and resolve by activists for this holiday to be recognized and signed into federal law by President Ronald Reagan in 1983.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the only federal holiday classified as a National Day of Service.

May Dr. King's message of hope, his fight for justice *and* equality, and his life of service and sacrifice continue to resonate and inspire us all into the future.

Sunday School Ministry

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

Are you passive in your faith? Are you content to just ‘being saved?’ If you want to grow spiritually, then you must desire to be filled daily with the Holy Spirit, submit to Him, and be diligent in refining and maintaining discipline in your life. Listed are some essential components of the Christian life and related Bible verses to aid you in your Christian journey. I urge you to find other additional Scriptures if you need to be strengthened in that particular area. So, rather than sing about the “Twelve Days of Christmas” during the holiday season, let us focus on “Twelve Duties of Christians,” not just for a season, but for a lifetime. I do hope these will be helpful to you and motivate you to delve deeper in these areas, and most importantly, put them into practice.

1. Put God first. (Exodus 20:3-5; Matt. 22:37)
2. Persistent prayer (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1)
3. Bible Study (2 Timothy 2:15)
4. Love one another (1 Cor. 13:4-7; John 13:34)
5. Serve others (Gal.6:9)
6. Listen to worship music (Colossians 3:16)
7. Confess and forsake sin (1 John 1:9)
8. Cultivate an attitude of gratitude (1 Thess. 5:18)
9. Attend worship service with other believers (Hebrews 10:24-25)
10. Fasting (Matt. 6:16-18)
11. Spreading the gospel (Matt. 28:19-20)
12. Tithing/offering (Malachi 3:7-9; Luke 6:38)

Submitted by Deaconess Mary Murphy



Christmas Program Announcement

The FCCBC Drama ministry and Sunday School ministry take great pride in presenting our Annual Christmas program, “The Night That Christ Was Born.” A majestic celebration merging dance, heartfelt recitation, and soul-stirring singing.



All are encouraged to join us as we celebrate the “Birth of Christ.” Please join us for this un- forgettable day of uplifting praise on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Deacon Lawrence Waller, Superintendent
Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assistant Superintendent

Sunday School Ministry (continued)

Christmas and Resurrection Sunday

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 NKJV



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3 NKJV

In lieu of Sunday School classes on Christmas and Resurrection Sunday, we will have special programs commemorating these monumental and momentous events and we invite everyone to attend.

The Sunday School

Holy Week 2026

Holy week 2026 begins on Sunday, March 29th (Palm Sunday) and concludes on Sunday, April 5th (Easter/Resurrection Day). Holy week is the annual Christian Observance commemorating Jesus’ last week on earth and the events leading up to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Activities at FCCBC

Palm Sunday	Sermon/Pastor
Holy Wednesday	Prayer and Praise/Deacons
Holy Thursday	Maundy Thursday/Deaconesses
Holy (Good) Friday	Seven Last Words/Ministers
Holy Saturday	Church-wide Fast
Easter (Resurrection Sunday)	Easter Program & Easter Sermon

The Diaconate Ministry

Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

Grace be to you and peace from God the father and for our Lord Jesus the Christ. As believers created by God, we can trust that if God calls us to a particular task. He knows our limitations and promises to equip us and be present with us. If we say we love God and trust God, we need to come out of our comfort zone and allow God to grow us. Keeping in mind our church motto which is "Strengthen relationships with whom?" This is a question we need to ask ourselves. What area in your life do you need God to help you improve, knowing that we can do all things through Christ who strengthen us, (Philippians 4:13). Sometimes the word that God gives us to speak may not be well received, but we must still speak faithfully remembering that God is merciful, forgiving, and compassionate. Believers should always want to grow spiritually by allowing God to lead and guide all their ways.

We are on the winter semester break from our Bible Classes with Deaconess Murphy, Tuesdays at 1pm. We are studying the book of Job, where much was learned about his comforters, the patience and the defense of Job. When people are going through sickness and other trials and situations, how would you approach them? Would it be in a matter of sympathy or would you be judgmental? For all that Job was going through, he declared that "For I know that my redeemer lives and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth (Job 19:25). We also discussed Job's comforters. Job's unnamed wife, Eliphaz the Temanite was a descendant of Esau (Genesis 36 9:1). Bildad the Shuhite was a descendant of Abraham (Genesis 25:2). Zophar the Naamathite was of unknown origin. He was the youngest of the three and the most dogmatic. We learned a lot about God's servant Job.

Pastor Tucker teaches our Wednesday night class where we are studying the book of Hebrews. We discussed in Chapter 1 the ways that God revealed Himself to man. We also discussed the warnings that we should be aware of. In Chapter 3, the ways the Chaplain is linked to with his follower and that Jesus is superior. Many discussions concerning the high priest and Jesus Christ was priest after the order of Melchizedek and Jesus Christ is present forever. I encourage and invite all that haven't joined our studies to consider a life changing opportunity to strengthen your relationships with the bible and God so that we can continue to grow together. As God's chosen people, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12).

It's another ecclesiastical time and season. I pray that you all had wonderful time this summer traveling, visiting family and friends, vacationing and whatever God has allowed you to do that you had fun, enjoyed yourselves and others. I hope you have put away your summer attire and broken out the winter gear, i.e. sweaters, hats, coats, snow blowers, etc. It's time to get out your warm blankets and catch up on some good movies. Pop popcorn and enjoy the beautiful lights.

The Baptist Deacons Conference of Baltimore wishes to thank Pastor Tucker and the Diaconate Ministry of FCCBC for the continued support of the Conference where I serve as the first Vice President. We held our 87th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet at Martins West on Friday, October 17th, 2025. The preacher was Pastor Overseer Domanic A. Smith of Ezekiel Church and Ministries. We had a high time in the Lord.

Please continue to pray for our church as well as the sick and shut-in. Adding to our list is Bro. Webb, Bro. Walter Jones, Bro. Lawrence McCloud, Bro. James Tucker (Pastor Tucker's brother), Sis. Leslie Hyman, Sis. Nancy Pope, Sis. Alma Baker, Sis. Shirl Farrar, Sis. Mae Williams, Dea. Carter, Sis. Doris Little (sister of Sis. Shirl Farrare), and Yvonne Cobb (Bro. Kevin Boyd's sister) were called from labor to reward.

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The Diaconate Ministry (continued)

Continue to pray for the diaconate ministry and all of the church ministries. Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Humbly Submitted,
Chairman Deacon Lawrence Waller

The Deaconess Ministry

Veterans Day

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” (Romans 12:10)

On Sunday, November 9, 2025, we celebrated Veterans Day. This special day was set aside to celebrate and honor the men and women of FCCBC who served our country unselfishly. This was an opportunity for us to commend them for their bravery, sacrifice, patriotism, and commitment made for our nation.

If it were not for you who have served, we would not enjoy the freedom we have today. We are truly grateful for the many things you have done. We thank God for you and your families for their sacrifices they made.

These are the Veterans of First Christian Community Baptist Church: Deacon Keith Owens, Sr., Deacon Lawrence Waller, Trustee Everett Cash, Sis. Nikki Waller Hamilton, Bro. Kevin Boyd, Bro. James Clark, Bro. Earl Edwards, Bro. James Johnson, Bro. Walter Jones, Bro. Tyrone Moore, Bro. Karl Paige, and Bro. Michael Seay.



Pastor Tucker closed the celebration preaching from Ephesians 6:5-8 with the topic “Serving God from the Heart” – A Ministry of Service and Love.

Let us continue to pray for one another as we serve God.

The Deaconess Ministry



Photos courtesy of Trustees Sharon Johnson & Henry Smith

The Deaconess Ministry (continued)

Hospitable Generosity

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Even though there was a light rain, we journeyed to our destination to try to alleviate some of the needs of the destitute and homeless. Many people were there, waiting for a handout. It was evident that in addition to food and clothing, there was a dire need for housing, mental health, and spiritual services. Keep these people and us in your prayers so that they may receive the help that they need, and that we will continue to be diligent in our efforts to minimize human suffering.

We thank all who contributed food, clothing, and money for this cause. We even had a nonmember give generously to our cause, and not for the first time. And for that, we are truly grateful. We also thank all who journeyed with us to set up and distribute food, clothing, and water. We thank Sis. Audrey Highsmith for chronicling our journey in pictures. Last but not least, we thank our bus driver, Trustee Everett Cash, who has been faithfully providing transportation throughout the year. We also thank our deacons who always accompany us. Our next outreach is December 13. Because of the cold weather, we will be giving out hats, gloves, socks, and scarves in addition to other clothing items, food, and Christmas treats. We welcome gently used coats, tennis shoes, and monetary donations.

When we're hospitable, we celebrate our generous God, who “loves a cheerful giver.”



Please consider picking up an item or two from the list on page 11 the next time you make a trip to the store. The homeless in need are extremely appreciative of your generosity. Thank you!

The Deaconess Ministry

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Hospitable Generosity (continued)

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

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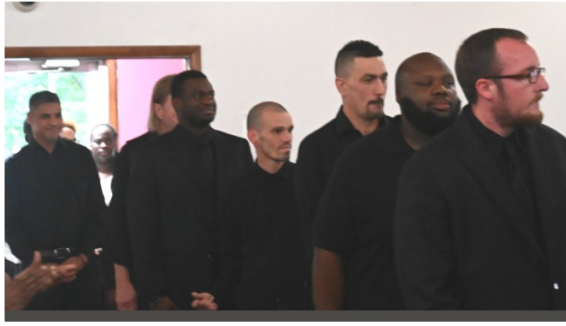
Men's Day Theme: "Men Striving to be Fit and Equipped for the Kingdom of God"
Luke 9: 62 (KJV)

I greet you in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Men's ministry continues to meet monthly for Christian Fellowship and the advancement of God's work. To that end, the ministry has sponsored the following events:

On August 1, 2025, we had the **28th Annual Men In Black Concert**. The rhythmic praises to God began with a selection by FCCBC's Male Chorus, followed by The Z Boys, the Helping Up Mission Men's Choir, The Travis Spence Singers, and the Guthrie Family. A high time in the Lord was had by all. A heartfelt thanks is due to Deacon Garry Carter for his continued acquisition of talent for the event. Also, thanks to the Culinary ministry for the "to-go" bags.

Men's Ministry (continued)



WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL "CHRISTIAN MEN IN BLACK" FELLOWSHIP REV. ALPHONSO TUCKER, PASTOR



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On August 3, 2025, the Men's ministry sponsored an outing at **Dave & Buster's** for sixteen FCCBC youths/young adults. The youth and young adults had a great time playing games and dining. The gamers were accompanied by Lady Tucker, Trustee Robert, Trustee Steve, Sister Nina, Sister Brunt, Rev. Houser, and Sister Erica. Thanks to all who participated, donated, and chaperoned our young folk.

On August 23, 2025, the Men's Ministry sponsored a **Crab Feast** at Diamondz Events Hall. All proceeds benefited the FCCBC Fellowship Hall. Rev. Harvey Moore entertained as emcee and a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.



Men's Ministry (continued)



On October 19, 2025, we had our **Second Church Clean-Up** of 2025. We extend thanks to those who participated. Additionally, thanks to the AKA's for showing up en masse.



On November 2, 2025, the Men's ministry closed out its 2025 calendar with its 78th **Annual Men's Day**. Pastor Haywood Bradley, Jr. brought the Word. Additionally, Bro. Michael Seay accepted a plaque of appreciation acknowledging the FCCBC Security Ministry.

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Photos courtesy of Trustees Sharon Johnson and Henry Smith

Join the Men's Ministry in lifting our Pastor Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker for his continued support and guidance. Much of the preparation for Men's ministry events is done behind the scenes, that's where you can find the Men's ministry Advisor, Rev. Harvey Moore, toiling.

Finally, the officers for 2026 are:

Brother Earl Edwards, Chair
Brother Kevin Boyd, Co-Chair



As FCCBC Men's Ministry, Chairman for 2025, I extend a thank you for your support.

Prayerfully, Leroy W. Smith, Servant

The Women's Day Ministry

2025-2026 FCCBC Women's Day Ministry

We are excited about the upcoming Women's Ministry season.

2025 -2026 FCCBC Women's Day Ministry

At a Glance:

MEETINGS (Agenda Items & Sharing):

{12 Noon until 1:15 p.m.}
o LAST MEETING: Saturday, October 11, 2025

UPCOMING MEETINGS :

- o Saturday, January 10, 2026
- o Saturday, March 14, 2026
- o Saturday, April 11, 2026

ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIPS:

Proposed Date: Saturday, March 28 th	"Day of Prayer & Respite" (Fellowship)
Proposed Date: 2026 {TBD}	Fundraiser
Proposed Date: Saturday, June 6 th	"Chat & Chew" (Fellowship & Social)
Proposed Date: Sunday, June 28 th	Annual "Women's Day" 2025-2026

Focusing Theme:

"Blessed Is She Who Believes"

Supporting Scripture:

"... Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" ... Luke 1:45 NIV

Women's Day Attire Color:

Shades - Blue with {White Corsages}

Individual Assessment Goal:

\$185

Officers:

Min. Deborah Seay, Chair davisdeborah2859@gmail.com
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Sis. Tequilla Haynes, Recording Secretary,
Advisors: Sis. Annette Moore & Sis. Bridgett S. Tucker

Ministry Purpose:

Collectively strengthening the FCCBC Women's Ministry as a whole by 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.

Missionary Ministry

We celebrated our service anniversary during morning worship service on July 27th.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson

On December 6th, we had our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Blue Lagoon Restaurant in Reisterstown, Md. A good time was had by all as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ which is the reason for the season.



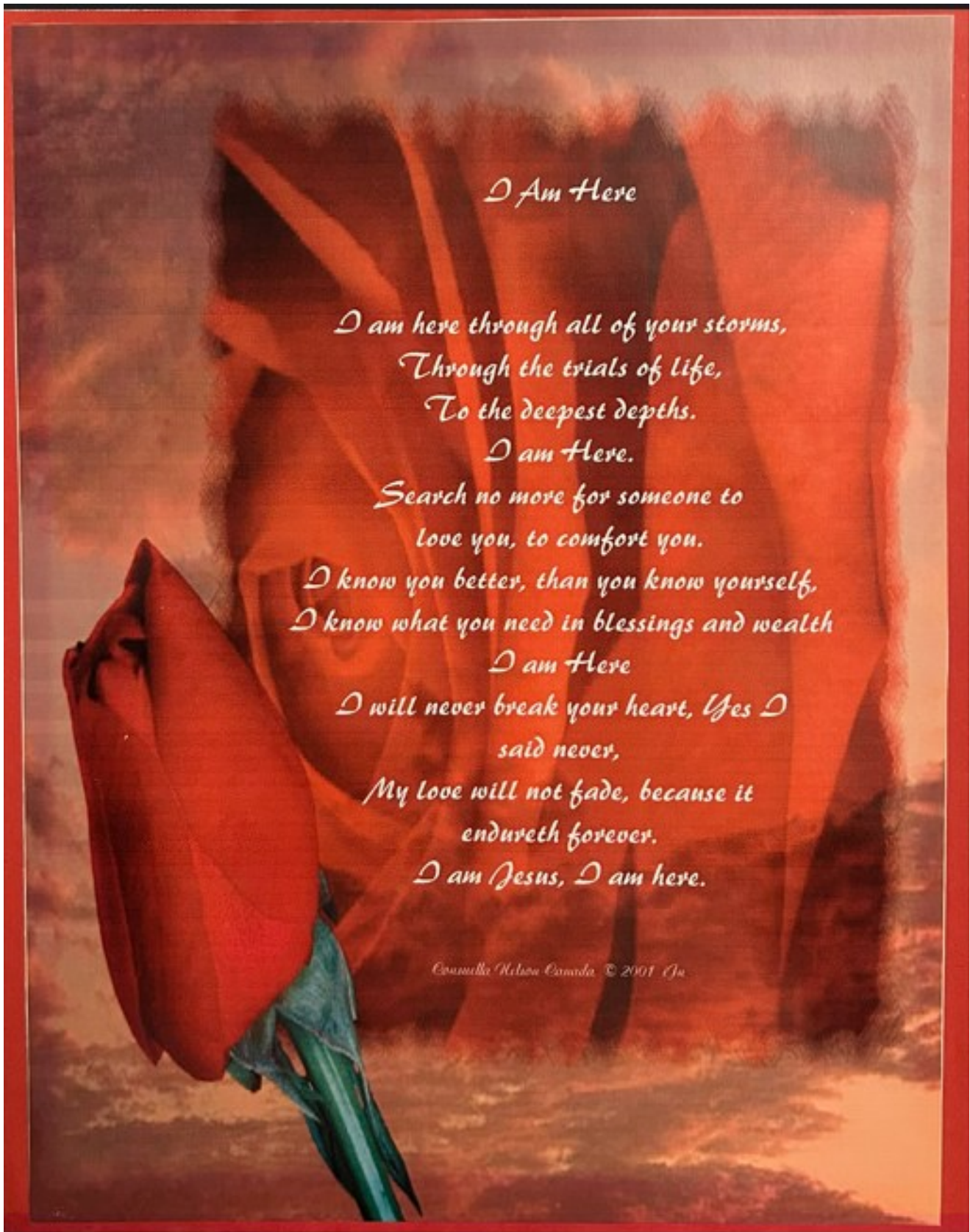
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The Missionary Ministry is about a good work serving friends, our community, and the church. We serve by making visits, telephone calls, prayers, and sending out cards. We do this to uplift their spirits, and show them that someone cares for them and they should trust in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We are looking forward to another year of service.

Lovingly submitted, Sis. Carolyn Laster

Member Submission/Creative Expressions



Submitted by Trustee Gwen Franklin

Youth Sunday School

Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Youth Sunday School!

We want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. We just want everyone to know what has been going on in our class this quarter. This quarter emphasized the role of the prophets, whom God appointed to be His mouthpiece to His people, to deliver the message of judgment and deliverance. We learned that God's goal was always to have His people turn from their sin and return back to Him. Biblical history teaches us that God loves us unconditionally and wants to have a relationship with us.

Kudos to our students for their participation and their faithfulness. Sister Jackie and I have been stressing to our students about their commitment to serving God, staying active in church, and being mindful of others' efforts and time. We have been firm with them about being tardy and being on time for Sunday school and they have delivered! Our attendance has significantly improved and they have been more mindful about being on time for Sunday School and studying their lessons.

To celebrate our students, we had a Fellowship Sunday gathering on Sunday, Nov 30th. Our students showed up and they showed out! We had Bible Trivia, games, refreshments, and giveaways. We just loved being together on that day, loving, encouraging and celebrating our students for their wonderful achievements and their accomplishments. Stay tuned for greater things from our young people and please push them with encouragement and prayers.

Lovingly Submitted,
Sister Angela Ray

Youth and Young Adult Bible Study

Join us for First Christian Community Baptist's Youth & Young Adult Bible Study and empower your faith. Bible Study is held every Thursday night at 7:00pm virtually via Microsoft Teams. ALL are welcome!!!!

Under the inspiring leadership of Reverend Delvon Houser, we delve into the word of God, exploring its meanings and relevance. With Reverend Houser's gift for making scripture accessible, we're empowered to deepen our understanding and connection. We will be closing out with the class studying the 107th Psalm of the Book of Psalms. "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." (NKJV)

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we're reminded of the powerful promise that God's love and mercy endures. This theme of unwavering devotion highlights the transformative journey of people calling out in times of struggle, and God's steadfast response of rescue and deliverance.

What a powerful reminder this Psalm offers, encouraging us all to express gratitude to the Lord, whose goodness and enduring mercy inspire hope and joy, especially during the Holiday season,

Warmest wishes to ALL!

Submitted: Ministry attendee



Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry of First Christian Community Baptist would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation to the Men's Ministry of First Christian for hosting an extraordinary evening of food, fun, and fellowship on Sunday, August 3, 2025 immediately following our morning worship. The event, held at Dave & Buster's in Owings Mills, was a testament to the power of community, marked by a tremendous turnout and an energizing atmosphere that lifted our spirits.

We were honored to have Trustee Robert White, Trustee Steven Jones, Deacon Leroy Smith and Lady Bridgett Tucker join us, making the evening truly special and one to cherish. Together, we savored a variety of menu items, engaging games, warm camaraderie, and basking in the joy of family bonding and relaxed connection. We thank the Men's Ministry for their kindness and generosity, which has inspired us to continue spreading love, positivity, and inspiration throughout our community, empowering us to create a brighter future for all.

Submitted by: Sis. Marilyn Brunt

Youth and Senior Ushers Ministry

FCCBC's Combined Usher Board celebrated their service anniversary on November 9, 2025.



Photos courtesy of Sis. Shirl Ferrare and Trustee Sharon Johnson

Education Ministry



Our Back To School Supply Giveaway distribution for members, family, and friends took place following morning worship service on September 7, 2025, in the lower auditorium. Sixty bookbags were distributed, for which thirty-nine signed up in advance and twenty-one were “day of” recipients.



We are firming up plans for 2026 scholarship fundraisers. We are considering group tickets to the UniverSoul circus. It appears that the closest location will be National Harbor, MD. **Please let us know if you would be interested in attending the circus at National Harbor by reaching out to Sister Alexis Banks or Sis. Cheryl McCottry or by emailing newsletter@myfccbc.org.** Thank you.

Congratulations

Bro. Reggie White, Jr. and Sis. Destiny Singh were united in holy matrimony on October 17, 2025.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. White!

May each day of your marriage be a celebration of your love for each other and your love for God.



The Project Planning Committee

Chrystal Nichols Tree of Life

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YOLANDA CASH
FOR DETAILS**



We invite you to contribute to the Chrystal Nichols Tree of Life. All donations will be dedicated to supporting our Fellowship Hall.

Members can donate a leaf or rock to mark special occasions or honor loved ones. Payment plans are available for donors.

The Chrystal Nichols Tree of Life is displayed in the Fellowship Hall and adds to its visual appearance. Individuals are welcome to visit it in person.

For inquiries regarding donations, please reach out to Trustee Yolanda Cash or any member of the Planning Committee.

Submitted by: Trustee Yolanda Cash



Community Partners Outreach Ministry



Community Partnership
Outreach ...

Holiday Basket Distribution



The FCCBC family, along with our community partner, the Las Amigas Baltimore Chapter, Incorporated, were able to bless thirty-four (34) families with food baskets containing an array of pantry items along with all the trimmings for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. The distribution took place on Saturday, November 22, 2025.



We thank our ENTIRE FCCBC Family and the Las Amigas Baltimore Chapter, Incorporated for their continued blessings (monetary, food items & time) to families and individuals that have experienced food insecurities on many levels.



To God be all glory!

² ... Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward ...

Matthew 6:2 - NKJV



Submitted by: Mrs. B. Tucker
2025



HOLIDAY Dinner Basket Give Away For Needy Families

Brightening someone's holiday ...

A Community Collaboration

Sponsored by the
First Christian Community Baptist Church "Family"

Distribution Date:

Saturday, December 20, 2025 (11:00 a.m.)

Please Contact Church for Recipient Registration

First Come First Serve Basis

Community Outreach

AUTUMN BREEZE 2025!

Our annual community event is held on the last Saturday in October. It's free to all to come and enjoy the goodness of God and the beauty of FAMILY! ... There was music by our very own "Yoshi Productions" {Sierra Gaither}, face painting {Kimberly Bailey}, balloon characters {"Mr. Dots"}, food, games and wholesome fellowship ... Thank you all that donated non-perishable food items for the less fortunate. **Special thanks** to the planning committee for your continued commitment to the ministry:

*Sis. Babara Alexander,
Sis. Danielle Booker
Sis. Erica Cooper
Sis. Donita Cummings
Trustee Marilyn Dorsey
Sis. Lorraine Hale
Sis. La'Kia Kommeren
Bro. Jimmie Lewis
Sis. Annette Moore
Rev. Harvey Moore
Sis. Kimberly Randall
Deaconess Elvira Smith*

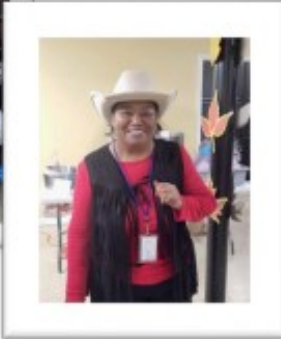
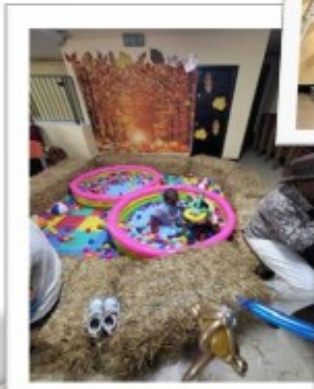


Submitted by Mrs. B. Tucker
2025



Photos courtesy of Deacon Leroy Smith

Community Outreach ...



A Community Outreach Sponsored Event
First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Crowland Ave. 21216
Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

"Annual Autumn Breeze Festival" & Food Drive

BRING Non-Perishable Food Item
for the less fortunate ...

A day of fun for the entire family!
Games, music, fantasy & lots of goodies!

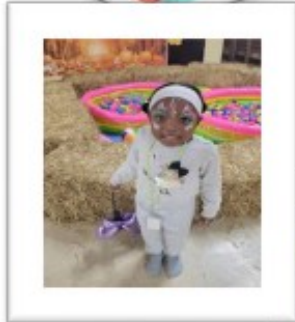
A celebration of God's goodness and the beauty of family ...

Saturday, October 25, 2025
Lower-Level Dining Hall
Fun Starts 4:00 p.m. - Ends 6:30 p.m.

Theme: Western Rodeo

Contact Person:
Bridgett S. Tucker
(410) 426-1111

NOTE: costumes relating to horror/death **ARE NOT** permitted



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 continues to be held in-person and via FaceTime.

Audio conference call access instructions are as follows:

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

Thursday Youth and Young Adult Bible study is held via Microsoft Teams video-conference. For Teams access, please contact Trustee Dorsey to be added to invite list.

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.

Photography Services

It is each ministry's responsibility to arrange for photography services. Please reach out to Trustee Henry Smith in person or by phone at least two weeks before the event date.



Church Transportation Services

Members interested in transportation to/from church will be picked up for Sunday School and dropped off after morning worship service.

Please reach out to Trustee Everett Cash before 9:00 p.m. on Saturday if you desire a ride to church.

Announcement Slides

Church announcement slides are shown during offering and pastoral announcements. Should you need to review slides, please see the member of the Media Ministry broadcasting the slides following morning worship service.

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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OFFICE USE ONLY

Member Status: _____ Method of Joining: _____ Membership Date: _____
April 2024

Finance Ministry

Trustee/Finance Ministry Standard Operating Procedures

**“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.”
Proverbs 4:10 KJV**

In an effort to be more efficient and keep accurate financial records, we are currently in the process of transitioning our manual financial reporting to the non-profit version of QuickBooks software. This electronic system will make the handling our finances much easier for us and you, the member, as well. We may in the near future, release additional operations instructions for ministries to follow. Therefore, the following “Standard Operating Procedures (SOP’s)” are in effect and must be followed:



1. Please remember to use Tithes & Offerings and Building Fund envelopes. Legibly write your name, date and the amount of your tithe and/or offering.

Additionally, you have other options to pay your tithes & offerings: you can mail your tithes and offerings to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215 or use the electronic on-line service tool “Givelify.” Visit <https://www.givelify.com/donors/> and enter FCCBC or download the mobile giving app from your “app store”. If you are using the online platform “Givelify”, please remember to use the note section to ensure that your tithe and/or offering are going to the designated ministry fund.

2. All purchases and/or reimbursement requests for payouts for the church must be accompanied by an invoice and/or a receipt.

3. When making renovations/improvements to the church facilities that require funding of \$200 or more, advance planning and discussions for financial authorization and approval is required. Additionally, we should always try to have at least two written quotes from reputable contractors.

4. When making purchases for the Church, please be mindful and use the church’s Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate card tax-exempt number. (See any Finance Ministry member for the tax-exempt card number).

5. Each ministry that handles fundraisers or ministry dues must designate a Financial Secretary responsible for tracking ministry finances, maintaining ministry records, submitting documentation and reports, picking up receipts from the Finance Room and serving as the liaison for the Finance Ministry Trustees.

6. All fundraisers and fellowships funding events must be approved in advance by the ministry president and Pastor Tucker. Requests must be submitted to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey and should describe the following: fellowship/event, the proposed date, time, location, vendor name, address and point of contact information, breakdown of charges, ticket/donation price, expected revenue, payment dues dates, name of the event planner and provide copies of any contracts, invoices, flyers, etc. with the request.

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Finance Ministry Updates

Trustee/Finance Ministry Standard Operating Procedures (continued)

7. When working on a fellowship/event that requires a payment or a payment plan, please use the Church's Ministry Deposit Form for tracking purposes. This is essential for keeping accurate records. (Please see any Finance Ministry member for the form). Please do not deposit or place money for fellowships/events in the offering basket or trays during offering time. You must submit all payments directly to a Finance member using the Ministry Deposit Form and make certain that you receive a receipt once the funds are collected and counted.

8. The Finance Ministry must have an electronic or (paper copy) of any contract associated with fellowships or events. Additionally, if revisions or changes are made to the contract, the Finance Ministry must have an updated copy of the contract.

9. If you are requesting funds for a deposit for an approved fellowship/event please submit a copy of all pertinent paperwork to the Finance Ministry for recordkeeping.

He taught me also, and said unto me, let thine heart retain my words..... (Proverbs 4:4 KJV)



Plate Offerings

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

Sunday	Ministry	Remarks
First	Missionary Ministry	
Second	Floral Ministry	
Third	Education Ministry	
Forth	Pastor's Aide Ministry	
Fifth	Missionary or Education ministry	To be announced during offering by the trustee
Each Sunday	Sunday School ministry	

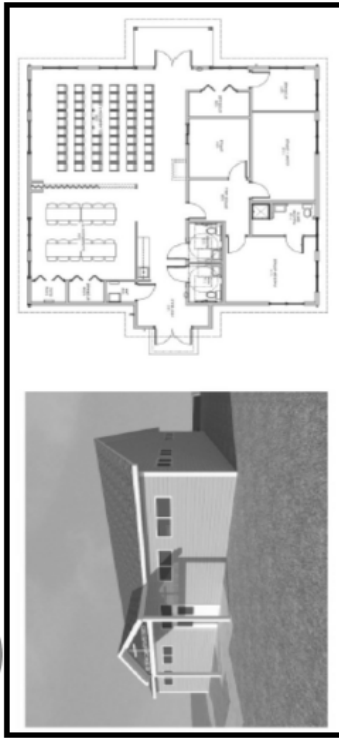
Submitted by: Trustee/Finance Ministry

FCCBC's Outreach Center Financial Pledges

Please complete and return the pledge form to a Finance Ministry Trustee for your 2025 pledge.

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) 664-3443*

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

Please **DON'T** acknowledge me publicly
 Date received: _____
 Trustee Initials: _____

Newsletter Ministry

Support Our Newsletter

The *FCCBC Connection* continues as a triannual publication. The newsletter's 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:**

Photos and Articles for outreach, services, fellowships, programs scheduled/taking place/postponed for period	Announcements for period	Tentative deadlines to submit articles, photos, and announcements	Distribution Goal
November –March	April - mid- July	3/15/26	April 2026
April - Mid-July	Mid-July–October	7/20/26	August 2026
Mid- July - October	November– early	11/15/26	December 2026

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.

NOTE: It is each ministry's responsibility to arrange for photography services and to furnish photos for inclusion in the newsletter. Please reach out to Trustee Henry Smith to request photography services at least two weeks before the event date. Photos may be emailed to newsletter@myfccbc.org.

Volunteers are needed to assist in gathering newsletter content, cropping photos, researching scriptures, and laying out the publication using Publisher software.

Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry!

Trustee Sharon Johnson

Editor and President, Newsletter Ministry



Mourning Doves Bereavement Ministry

FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

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."

The Moore family on the transition of Ernest Moore

The Waller family on the passing of Aubrey Dodson, Jr.

The Ferrare family on the transition of Sis. Doris M. Taylor-Little

The Flanigan family on the passing of Larry Sims

The Boyd family on the passing of Yvonne Sandra Cobb

The Hale family on the transition of Precious Sydney Hale, IV



Submitted by: Sis. Marilyn Brunt

This Is Not Goodbye

*I didn't want to leave you.
It was my time to go. I
know your heart is breaking so, I need to let you know
although you can no longer see me
I'll be forever by your side.
I promise time will numb the pain and help dry the tears you've cried
You can reach me in your memories. Just think of me. I will be there in your dreams.
We can visit yesterday year where we didn't have a Care
Please carry on and live your life. I beg of you to try
Just know we'll meet again one day as this is not goodbye*

Author Unknown

Helping To Navigate

During life's most challenging moments, a timely word of encouragement can be the beacon that guides us through the darkness, especially when loss and grief weigh heavily on our hearts.

This holiday season, let's spread love and kindness by checking in on family, friends and neighbors who may be struggling to find joy amidst their sorrow; a heartfelt phone call, a thoughtful visit, or small gestures can be the spark that brightens their day and reminds them they're not alone.

Have a blessed holiday season.

Bereavement Ministry

Congratulations

Our Very Own Treasures of Ninety Years or More



BLESSED BY GOD for 90 YEARS and MORE

Here at First Christian Community Baptist Church, we are better than blessed;

We have several older members and friends here who are simply the best!

They have reached milestones of 90 years old and more so we have heard.

They bring with each of them many memories, love, happiness and knowledge of God's Word.

Living a long life is looked upon as a sign of God's favor, and He promises to be a constant presence and their source of strength. Scripture tells us that old age is one of God's gifts, but we can attest that everyday is a gift from God no matter how long or whatever the length.

So, let us do as the bible says and honor and respect our elderly because they are forces of wisdom and understanding.

Old age is God's reward for Godliness, many were chosen by God and experienced long lifespans.

So, let's celebrate all of our wonderful honorees and thank God for their wonderful gifts of life.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS TO OUR ELDERLY WHERE WE ARE FAMILY!!!



Brother James Johnson



Sister Nancy Pope



Sister Winifred Berry



Sister Arline Pledger



Mother Lillie Mae Campbell
and
Sister Mary Jones

Lovingly Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams

Photos courtesy of Sis. Mae Williams



Brother Walter Jones



Mother Kaponia Coleman
Grandmother of Rev. Houser



Sister Annette Morris
Mother of
Trustee Sharon Johnson

Congratulations (continued)

New Pastor-Elect

On September 28th, Rev. Lionel Snowden was installed as Pastor-Elect of New Life Inspirational Church located at 2621 Oswego Avenue. Our very own Pastor Tucker, gave him the charge. Pastor Snowden was formerly an Assistant Pastor at our sister church, Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church. Congratulations Pastor Snowden!



Photos courtesy of Deacon Lawrence Waller

Ravens' Honor Rows recognizes Kassidy Stanley's Green School Club's Community Work



FCCBC youth Kassidy Stanley was among the children at her elementary school recognized by the Baltimore Ravens for their efforts to clean up the community. Recipients receive tickets to a Ravens home game, Honor Rows t-shirts, in-game recognition on the RavensVision boards. In addition, the Ravens' broadcast partner, WBAL-TV, features each group during a televised segment prior to home games.

Kassidy was showcased in the WBAL televised segment that can be viewed at <https://www.wbal.com/article/green-school-club-community-work-baltimore-ravens-honor-rows/68989422>.

Congratulations Kassidy for providing outstanding volunteer service to your community! We salute you!

Photo courtesy of Trustee Marilyn Dorsey

Potpourri/News You Can Use

Helpful Hints

Fire Alarms Save Lives—Fire Prevention

Smoke alarms save lives. Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Fire spreads fast - a smoke alarm gives you more time to get out of the house.

- Alarms that run on just batteries can be installed by anyone.
- Smoke alarms and alert devices, called accessories, are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Go to www.nfpa.org/safetytips for more information.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Maintaining your alarms:
 - Test the alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
 - Smoke alarms with non-replaceable batteries are designed to work for 10 years. If the alarm "chirps," warning that the battery is low, replace the entire alarm.
 - Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not respond properly when tested. Look on the back of the smoke alarm for the date.
 - Baking soda puts out kitchen fires! Have a one pound container and fill it with baking soda - in order to put out a liquid-grease fire (do not use water - flash back).


Contact the National Fire Protection Association at nfpa.org/smokealarm for smoke alarm resources.


Information provided by the Burn Center at Johns Hopkins, Bayview Medical Center

Submitted by: Sis. Beverly A. Ward

Maryland is Launching a Statewide Paint Recycling Program!



 100+ Drop off sites across the state!

 Accessible to households and businesses

 Coming 2026

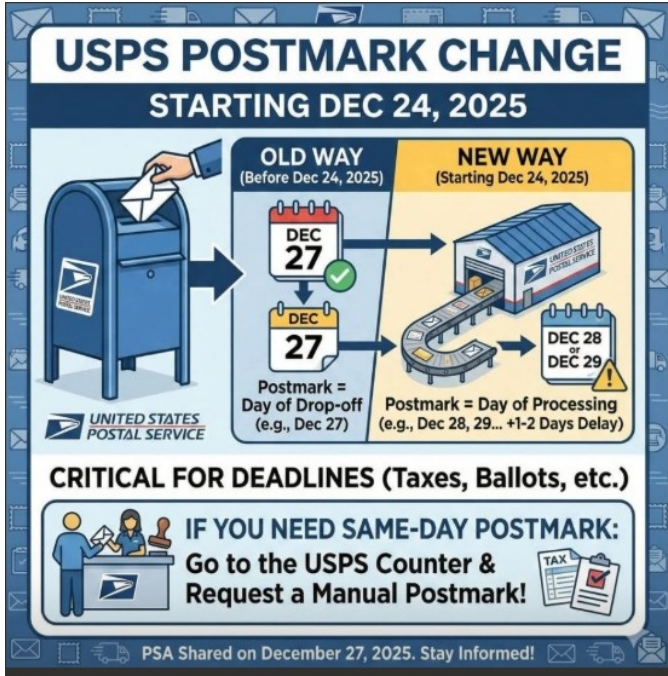
 Maryland
Department of
the Environment

Paint Recycling Program

It will soon be more convenient than ever to recycle paint in Maryland. Once the Maryland paint stewardship program officially starts, PaintCare will offer drop-off sites throughout the state where the public can take leftover paint for recycling and proper disposal. These sites will be available to households, businesses, government agencies, and others with unwanted paint in Maryland.

For more information, visit
<https://www.paintcare.org/states/maryland/>

Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)



Winter Road Trip Preparation

Taking a road trip? Pack a fully stocked emergency vehicle kit in case your car breaks down.



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

Source:

Maryland Department of Transportation

Budget-Friendly Tips To Keep Your Home Warm this Winter

Use a Space Heater

Space heaters are a simple, convenient and highly customizable way to keep a house warm.

Wrap Up in an Electric Blanket

They use very little energy and everyone in the house can adjust their blanket to their preferred temperature, no matter what the thermostat's setting.

Hang Heavy Drapes

Swap light and breezy fabrics for heavier drapes that can conserve warmth. Open your drapes, blinds, and shades on sunny days for the added benefit of free solar heat. Once the sun has gone down, lower your blinds and close your drapes to prevent heat loss. Just be sure that your window treatments don't block any radiators or floor registers.

Weatherstrip

Check around your windows and doors for drafty areas. A little bit of weatherstripping can help your windows and doors seal more tightly, preventing cold outside air from slowly leaking into your home.

Decorate Your Bare Walls

Mirrors, framed artwork and other wall hangings provide extra insulation for your home - especially for walls located around the perimeter of your house.

Reverse Your Ceiling Fans

Switch your ceiling fan to winter mode—blades rotating in a clockwise direction. This pushes hot air down from the ceiling to the open spaces in your rooms.

Insulate Your Water Heater

Insulating your hot water tank is an inexpensive, easy way to improve energy efficiency and save money on energy bills. If your water tank is new, it's probably already insulated. If it's an older model, check to see if it has insulation with an R-value of at least 24. If not, consider insulating your water tank with a fiberglass blanket. According to the U.S.

Department of Energy, doing so can [reduce your unit's heat losses](#) by 25 to 45 percent and save you about 7 to 16 percent on your winter energy bills.

Source: American Home Shield

Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)

Keep Children Safe – Put Medicines Up and Away

During cold and flu season, over the counter medicines are in great demand. At home or away, keep medicines, vitamins, and supplements up and away and out of reach of young kids.

Each year, approximately 35,000 young children are brought to the emergency room because they got into medicines or supplements left within their reach. As you are preparing for those unexpected colds or a visit from loved ones, make sure that you are putting all medicines and supplements, especially those in gummy form, up and away and out of reach and sight of young children.

Find more helpful tips and resources at UpAndAway.org.

Call the national, toll-free Poison Help line at 800-222-1222 right away if you think your child might have gotten into a medicine, vitamin, or supplement, even if you are not completely sure. Calling is free and confidential. They are available 24/7, even on holidays. They will connect you to your local poison center.

Wedding Anniversary Wishes



January

25th - Bro. Michael & Minister Deborah Seay (7 years)

February

12th - Bro. John & Sis. Dorothy Arthur (67 years)

16th - Bro. Roscoe & Trustee Sharon Johnson (35 years)

22nd - Trustee John and Sis. Karen Sanders (35 years)

25th—Bro. James & Deaconess Vurely Johnson (31 years)

March

1st - Bro. Devin & Sis. Ashley Givens (12 years)

April

2nd - Rev. Freddie & Evangelist Juliette Samuels (55 years)

11th - Bro. Wesley & Sis. Cheryl McCottry (34 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 25) 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:

January 2026

DeVaughn Banks
 Danielle Booker
 Germaine Boyd
 Trustee Everett Cash
 Julian Flanigan
 Jay Harvey
 Lauren Highsmith
 Joyce Jackson
 Rupert (Rudy) Jackson
 Pamela Jennings
 Mary Jones
 Richard Little
 Gwendolyn Lloyd McFadden
 Ronald McKeever
 Miss Faith Nichols
 Nancy Pope
 Trustee John Sanders
 Kaitlyn A. Sanders
 Trustee Robert White
 Kendrick Winters

February 2026

Sybil Adams
 Dorothy Arthur
 Kevin Boyd
 Trustee Shirley Carter

February 2026 (continued)

Erica Cooper
 Trustee Marilyn Dorsey
 Keefe Flanigan
 Robert Gault
 Deaconess Vurely Johnson
 Maya Jones
 Kamisha Norman
 Angela Ray
 Minister Deborah Seay

March 2026

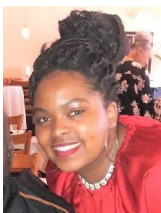
Barbara Alexander
 Carlton Allen
 Miss Autumn Banks
 Tylea Booker
 Michael Bright, Jr.
 Alvin Flanigan, IV
 Indira Johnson-Jones
 Rev. Robert Manigo
 Cheryl McCottry
 Evan. Gwen McKeever
 Beverly Parham
 Reggie White, Jr.
 Reggie White, Sr.
 Mae Williams

April 2026

Duran Banks
 Tylea Booker
 Marilyn Brunt
 Kim Farmer
 Nikki Hamilton
 Matheus (Martie) Kommeren
 Bernadette Moore
 Icelon (Kitty) Owens
 Kavon Owens
 Karl Paige
 Leona Robinson
 Michael (Mike) Seay
 Sanaa Stanley
 Phyllis Stokes

If you don't see your birthday listed or if the listed information is incorrect, please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, email 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. Thank you.

In Memory of Our Beloved Sofie on her Birthday



On your heavenly birthday, there are a lot of things to say for a granddaughter like you. But the most important was that you felt loved simply for who you were and appreciated for the big and small ways you made a difference to those of us who were blessed to know you. God brings people together with wisdom and love and I'm grateful I had that with you in my life.

Submitted by: Trustee Gwen Franklin (NOTE: Correction from August newsletter. We apologize for the error.)

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.

December 28, 2025

January 25, 2026

February 22, 2026

March 29, 2026

Regularly Scheduled Ministries

Our Known Sick & Shut-In

	Time	Day
Sunday School	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Sunday
New Members' Ministry	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	1* & 2* 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* Monday
Youth & Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	Thursday

Current Times & Days as January /2022 - (Subject to change)

Church Calendar

January 2026

10 Women's meeting	Noon
18 Installation Service for Officeholders	During morning worship
18 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	

February 2026

15 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
18 Ash Wednesday service	7:00 p.m.
22 Black History Month program	

March 2026

4 Ash Wednesday service	7:00 p.m.
5 Quarterly Official Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
14 Women's meeting	noon
15 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.
15 Official Day service	
28 Women's Day of Prayer & Respite Fellowship	
29 Palm Sunday	

April 2026 (partial)

1 Holy Week prayer service	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2 Maundy Thursday service	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
3 Seven Last Words	
4 Holy Saturday Fast	
5 Annual Easter Program	9:30 a.m.
5 Resurrection Sunday	During morning worship
11 Women's meeting	Noon
19 Baptismal Service (if candidates)	9:30 a.m.

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 26) 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
- Turn off cell phones/electronic devices

Sis. Dorothy Arthur

Sis. Alma Baker

Mother Lillie Mae Campbell

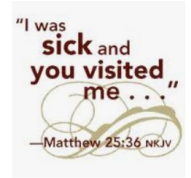
Bro. Walter Jones, Jr.

Bro. Keith Owens, Jr.

Sis. Nancy Pope

Sis. Phyllis Stokes

Bro. Walter Jones



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

Ken Ken Pelzer

Sis. La-Kia Kommeren

Sis. Karen Cole Sanders

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





Please join FCCBC for our Holy Week observances

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2025.

This special day is followed by Holy Week Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 7 p.m.—8 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026, we will have service from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 3, 2026, we will have the Seven Last Words by FCCBC's ministerial staff.

We will have a churchwide fast on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026.

The culminating services will be our Annual Easter Program on April 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., followed by our Resurrection Sunday service at 11:00 a.m.

December 2025

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