



INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS' ASSOCIATION
OF WASHINGTON, D.C. & VICINITY, INC.



*April,
May, June*

*Colors: blush, sage
green and lilac*

IN THE KNOW

Church and Community News

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Jesus Is Calling Sarah Young

I AM CALLING YOU to a life of constant communion with Me. Basic training includes learning to live above your circumstances, even while interacting on that cluttered plane of life. You yearn for a simplified lifestyle so that your communication with ME can be interrupted.

But I challenge you to relinquish the fantasy of an uncluttered world. Accept each day just as it comes and find Me in the midst of it all.

Talk with Me about every aspect of your day, including your feelings, Remember that your goal is not to control or fix everything around you; it is to keep communing with Me. A successful day is one in which you have stayed in touch with Me, even if many things remain undone at the end of the day. Do not let your to-do list (written or mental) become an idol directing your life. Instead, as My spirit to guide you moment by moment. He will keep you close to Me.

1Thessalonians 5:17; Proverbs 3:6; Galatians 5:25



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Working Units are 1) Bulletin; 2) Doorkeeper; 3) Historical; 4) Our Organization At A Glance; 5) Public Relations; 6) The Glove; 7) Secretarial Services; 8) Alberta T. Leonard Golden Age Ushers Recognition; 9) Workbook.

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 - **Elijah A. Hamilton and William H. Davis National Day**
 - **Young Adult Tag Day**
 - **Re-Dedication Service**
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The Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association {ICUA} of Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc. is affiliated with the National United Church Ushers Association of America (NUCUAA). NUCUAA consists of State Usher Organizations within the United States. Our local Association has a membership of over 100 Churches comprising over 1,000 members and with Junior & Young People's and Young Adult Departments. Provisions are made for persons interested in membership who are non-members of a Church Usher Board through Associate Membership. ICUA headquarters is at 1923 - 16th Street, NW, within the District of Columbia. You are always cordially invited to visit. For additional information about being affiliated with this great Christian organization, please visit our website, email or call us using the information on the front of the pamphlet.

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."
Ephesians 6:7 (NIV)*

2023 ICUA OFFICERS

**Sister Brenda Gilliam
President**

**Brother Ronald L.
Jones Vice President**

**Sister Sylvia McGill Jones
Chairman, Board of Trustees**



**OUR ORGANIZATION
AT A GLANCE**

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL
CHURCH USHERS'**



**ASSOCIATION {ICUA} OF
WASHINGTON, DC
& VICINITY, INC.**

"Committed To Serve"

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January 2023



PURPOSE & MISSION

The Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association {ICUA} of Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc. was organized in 1912 to foster a closer fellowship and to promote a unified method of ushering. The Organization is completely void of any denominational barriers and is dedicated to promoting service in Christian, social, and moral activities as Ushers. In essence, to promote "Church ushering" as a "ministry."

We believe that the mission of the Church is to lead all mankind to Christ and that the Church Usher has a very definite part to play in the accomplishment of the church's mission as God's representatives on earth. So much can be accomplished through organized efforts; thus, we can't see any just reason why all Church Ushers should not be joined together in one great organization working for the betterment of a common cause.

"For a day in thy court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Psalm 84:10 {KJV}

ICUA ORGANIZATION

The ICUA is a religious, tax-exempt Association that depends solely on its annual dues and various fundraising events throughout the year to support itself. The annual dues are appropriated, not necessarily in this order, for the cost of (1) Maintenance, insurance and recurring monthly expenses of the headquarters located at 1923 - 16th Street, NW; (2) Space rentals for Business Meetings and Special Events; (3) Local and National scholarships; (4) Eastern Region (ER) and the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. (NUCUAA) Membership Assessments; (5) Skill Training Workshops;

(6) supplement annual charitable donations.

MEMBERSHIP

Any Church Usher Organization may become a member of the ICUA by (a) making a written application for membership in the Association; (b) agreeing to comply with, and be bound by, the Charter, By-Laws, and other rules and regulations of the Association; (c) paying the membership entrance fee; and (d) approval of the application by the Board of Trustees of the Association and, ultimately, by the Parent Body itself.

ICUA DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

I. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mission: To ensure the continued financial health and stability of the ICUA through the application of sound financial management practices.

Working Units are 1) Audit; 2) Budget and Finance.

II. EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP

Mission: To provide productive and effective training to produce an ever-expanding corps of Church Ushers endowed with skills of the highest quality to serve whenever and wherever called upon.

Working Units are
1) Alfred E. Smith Scholarship; 2) Allan A. C. Griffith Alumni; 3) Martha P. Alston Arts & Crafts; 4) Esther W. Johnson Community Concerns; 5) Nettie V. Martin Education; 6) Eliza Kilgore Health; 7) Catherine E. Mills

School of Ushering; 8) Training and Development.

III. EVENTS

Mission: To develop, implement, and perpetuate programs and events for the advancement of Church ushering.

Working Units are 1) Anniversary; 2) Elijah Hamilton/William H. Davis' National Day; 3) Mabel C. Cooper Chorus; 4) Annie B. Bailey Memorial Service; 5) Alberta T. Beale Rating; 6) Re-Dedication; 7) Social; 8) Time & Place 9) William H. Davis Honor Club.

IV. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND OUTREACH

Mission: To promote the growth of the ICUA membership, and to develop programs to aid the membership.

Working Units are 1) Condolence; 2) Ritualistic Services (Jennifer E. Parker-Bailey Memorial Box); 3) Sick-Expressions; 5) Special Projects (Arlene L. Robinson Coats & Shoe Drive; Family & Friends Day).

V. THELMA D. GOODWIN POLICY AND RULES

Mission: To develop, through research and study, policies that address the needs of the Organization; to propose programs, resolutions, and rules to address those needs; and to develop systems to monitor implementation and evaluate effectiveness.

Working Units are 1) Past Officers' Council; 2) Presidents' and Officers' Council; 3) Rules.



Some Things To Think About.....Don't Miss It!!

A rattlesnake bit one of my sheep in the face about a week ago. The deadliest snake that lives around. The sheep's face was swollen and hurt like crazy, but the old rattle did not know the type of blood that runs in the sheep.

The antidote is usually made from sheep's blood. The sheep was swollen for about 2 days but the blood of the lamb destroyed the serpent's venom. I was worried, but the sheep didn't care. He kept eating, he kept drinking, and he kept walking because he knew he was fine.

**Don't worry about the serpent or his bite,
just be sure that the Lamb's Blood flows through your veins.**

Author Unknown

THE 3 TYPES OF PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE!

1. The Leaf People
2. The Branch People
3. The Root People

LEAF PEOPLE: These are people who come into your life just for a season. You can't depend on them because they are weak. They only come to take what they want, but if the wind comes, they will leave.

You need to be careful of these people because they love you when things are okay, but when the wind comes, they will leave you.

BRANCH PEOPLE: They are strong, but you need to be careful with them too. They break away when life becomes tough and they can't handle too much weight. They may stay with you in some seasons, but they will go when it becomes harder.

ROOT PEOPLE: These people are very important because they don't do things to be seen. They are supportive even if you go through a difficult time, they will water you and they are not moved by your position they just love you like that.

It's not all the people you meet or all of your friends that will stay with you. Only the root type of people will stay no matter the season!

(unknown author)





"Committed to Serve"

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."

Ephesians 6:7



Greetings Doorkeepers,

As we come to the close of the first quarter of the year, I am reminded of the importance of setting and meeting goals. The only way to truly achieve them is by focusing on the Lord. We cannot do anything without prayer and supplication. Trust God to bring them to fruition.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6.

The Membership Services and Outreach Department held two training sessions for the Ritualistic Service for deceased Ushers. Additional training sessions are being planned. There are only two important requirements to become a member of the team. One, you must be a member of the ICUA. Two, you must be a committed member of the team. The goal is to have several teams trained so that we can alternate assignments. If you would like to be a member of the team or want to learn more about the ritual for deceased Ushers, please contact Director Shirley Moore Mickle.

The Eastern Region will hold its 67th Eastern Region Conference at the Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on April 19-20, 2024. The Johnnie Knighton Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The three honorees are Brother Louis Parker, ICUA of Maryland, Sister Annette Forehand, ICUA of Delaware and Sister Brenda Gilliam, ICUA of the District of Columbia. Congratulations to all Honorees for their dedicated participation to the Ushers' Ministry and the Eastern Region.

The June D. May Building Fund will hold the Christine E. Ford Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Faith Temple No. 2 OFWB Church, Capitol Heights, Maryland. Please attend to support this project. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a sacrificial offering. A flyer is included in this edition of "In The Know."

The Junior and Young People's Department will host their annual Mother's Day program in May. Additional information is available through the Constant Contact email. Please support the Juniors two fundraising projects - The Joe Corbi Pizza and the Fund-Drive (donate your used items).

The 105th NUCUAA Convention will be held July 21-25, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Sheraton New Orleans on Canal Street. We hope you are making plans to attend. Please remember to email your itemized registration receipt to Sister Corinne Mungo at cmungo1@hotmail.com.

From the Desk of the President Continued

As you know, the ICUA Headquarters needs repair. The Board of Trustees (BOT) is requesting pledges to help with the cost. We are asking for your support to help maintain and repair our aging building. The pledge form is included in this edition of "In The Know" or you may contact BOT Chairman, Sylvia McGill Jones.

The Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering will hold its 75th Commencement Exercise Program on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church, 5200 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills, MD 20747. You are invited to attend and support the graduates.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Business meetings on Zoom and our in-person Business meetings during the months of April, May, June, and September. Thank you to the churches who have volunteered to host the meetings:

- April 8, 2024 - Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
- May 13, 2024 - Tabernacle Baptist Assembly
- June 10, 2024 - First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church



CARMODY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

6505 Seat Pleasant Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
www.carmodyhills.org



Reporter:
Bernadette M. Allen

**Rev. Oscar L. Broadie Jr.,
Senior Pastor**

*"Rebuilding, Transforming and
Implementing through Christ"*

Vision: "Inspired by the Holy Spirit, to build and foster community and family relationships to experience the love and power of God."

Mission: "On the road to recovery, we must stabilize, mobilize and evangelize to make disciples."

*Virtual platform at <https://www.gotomeet.me/CHBCconnect> or dial 1-866-899-4679, access code 496-585-205#

Bible Enrichment (BE), Sunday 9:00 a.m. in-person (mask optional)

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. in-person (mask optional), also on YouTube

***Bible Institute (BI)** – virtual only on Wednesday at 7:00pm

***Young at Heart (YAH) Fellowship** – virtual Wednesday at 11:30am, occasional in-person fellowship events (mask optional)

"This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24 (NKJV)

Greetings Brother and Sister Ushers,

Christian Education invitation: We welcome your attendance on Sunday **BE** with study led by Deacon Andre Oates in the "Bible Studies for Life" guide at Unit #3 ("Mentoring: Investing in Others").

April - Deacon Carolyn Joyner leads study of Unit #4 ("Set Apart: A Life Lived for God")

May - Associate Pastor Ron Talbert leads study of Unit #5 ("Christ's Return: Living with the End in Mind").

We also invite you to join us virtually at Wednesday **BI** with Associate Pastor Ray Hulett leading study of Kyle Idleman's book, "Don't Give Up." Thereafter, Associate Pastor Jimmie Hulett will lead study of Charles Stanley's book, "Winning the War Within."

April

21 10:00 a.m. CHBC Usher Ministry 53rd Anniversary recognized at Sunday Service

May

25-26 9:30 a.m. Mental Health Awareness Conference

June

15 9:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

23 10:00 a.m. Achievement and Excellence and College Sunday Service

FAITH SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH

3233 E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019



Reporter:
Frances S. Penn, Reporter

Pastor: Dr. Alton Haynes, Jr.

*“Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land
which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” Exodus 20:12 (KJV)*

We are approaching spring with excitement and activities that will bring love and togetherness for everyone. We must never forget that God is LOVE. We continue to spread LOVE among all mankind.

We are proud to share with others that Faith Shepherd Church will be traveling to Sight and Sound Theatres, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on April 27, 2024, with family church members, and friends to see the play ‘DANIEL’. We are excited to see this play and witness the struggles Daniel endured. We can never forget that God was with Daniel every step of the way.

The Men of Faith Shepherd Baptist Church are planning a delicious and heartwarming breakfast for the Mothers of the church on Saturday, May 11, 2024. We will make sure we are hungry so that we can enjoy this meal. We want to make a tribute to all Mothers Near and Afar:

*“When my pain gets me down and I just don’t know what to do, I just think of you,
and it helps me get through.” Alton L. Smith*

On June 16, 2024, we will honor the Fathers of our church with a great message and a wonderful dinner after church. We are proud of the Fathers and Men for their continued spiritual leadership and guidance, We would like to not only honor the Fathers of Faith Shepherd but all over the world.

*“God couldn’t be everywhere, so he invented Dads to handle leaky pipes and
weird noises.” – Dan Taylor*

We will honor all graduates on June 23, 2024. We are so proud of our youth and their accomplishments. They are our future.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH- RANDOLPH

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Reporter:
Brenda J. Sellers

Rev. Donald D. Robinson, Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Frank D. Tucker, Pastor Emeritus:

"God First in These Affairs"

Church Theme: "Fearless Faith" ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Greetings Fellow Doorkeepers,

Sunday Worship Services are in-person, virtual Zoom Live, Facebook and YouTube.

First Baptist Church invite you to worship with us on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in-person and virtual zoom:

Live - <https://www.fbcwdc.org/>;

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKybMa2WN8h1MQV9AQBRX5Q>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fbc712/>.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Teleconference Call

- Monday Nights 6:55 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (857) 232-0158 Access code: 183141#

Prayer Meeting Teleconference Call

- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (351) 999-4483: **no access code**

COMING EVENTS

April

28 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
FBC Ushers' Ministry Annual Day

May

12 "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"
19 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Women's Day Services
26 Memorial Service Observance
27 MEMORIAL DAY



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – RANDOLPH CONTINUED

June

9 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Recognition of 2024 Graduates
18 "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY"



To everyone born in the months of April, May, and June
Have a Blessed Birthday!

Please continue to pray for all bereaved families, sick and shut-in and caregivers everywhere. God bless you, stay safe and healthy.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KEN-GAR

3922 Hampden Street
Kensington, MD 20895

Pastor: Rev. Norman O. Hall



Reporter:
Frances L. Outland

*Create in me a clean heart,
O God; and renew a right spirit
within me.*
Psalms 51:10 (KJV)

Love your neighbor as yourself.

The second commandment is this, *"Thou shall love thy neighbour as thyself."* -Mark 12:31

As we study the Bible, we need to put in to practice the written word. As said in 1 John 4:20, If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. Let's pray for ourselves:

Lord, Lead me to look for the positive in all people and in all situations. May I help bring light to those in darkness and encouragement to those who feel unhappy. May I show as much care for others as I would like them to show for me. Amen!

As ushers, we greet our disciples at the door in love. In our daily contacts, let's make a commitment to show love to someone we may not have reached out to previously.

First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar is fully open and relaxing it's COVID protocols, making wearing a mask optional, however, still enforcing social distancing and using air purifiers.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KEN-GAR

Upcoming Activities:

- The Food Distribution with Nourish Now is the second Wednesday of each month starting at 1:00 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study each 4th Saturday 10:00 a.m. in-person at the church.
- Women's Day, May 19, 2024
- Youth Day, June 9, 2024

In-person services at church and live stream at 11:00 a.m. (and for view afterward) – <https://www.facebook.com/Firstbaptistchurchofkengar>

Happy Spring to All! Enjoy the beauty of the flowers that God has given us.

FIRST RISING MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

"86TH Years of Walking by Faith"

602 N St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20001

Church Office Hours:

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Pastor: Rev. Oran W. Young



Reporter:
Mary Jackson

2024 Church Theme: DISCIPLES DOING MORE THROUGH UNITY

Ephesians 4:1-6

Greeting Fellow Ushers,

I would like to share my 2024 Church Theme: *God's word for God's people.*

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it^[a] says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."^[b]

FIRST RISING MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

⁹(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions^[c]? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, (NLT)

Welcome our new Usher Christine Cannon.

“SUPPORT YOUR QUEEN MARY SAMUEL” Usher Mary Samuel is our candidate for the Annual Convention, July 22 – July 26, 2024, New Orleans, Louisiana. The District of Columbia reigning champions for over 4 years. *Let’s make it 5 years. A monetary donation, no amount is too small. Please make payment payable to “Mary Samuel.”*

First Rising ushers serve with joy and are committed doorkeepers. I am pleased to mention a few ushers whose dedication is outstanding Usher Ann Gilliard, Usher Odessa White, and Usher Bobby Moss. He is our greeter/security and President of the Senior Ushers.

“**Happy Birthday**” to all ushers who will celebrate a birthday this quarter. ***May God bless you!!***

Sunday Services

I invite you to join us in Worship and Fellowship

8:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults (In-Person and Virtual)

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Zoom: Meeting ID 891 7064 3298

By Phone: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 891 7064 3298

Live – YouTube [wwwfirstrising.org](http://www.firstrising.org)

12:00 p.m. *Sunday School-Youth, Teen, College Age, Young Adult

(*Call the church office for the Zoom information)

Upcoming Events

April

Come, Let Us Worship the Lord!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:2

20 11:00 a.m. Missionary Society Ministry Prayer Brunch

28 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union (BTU)

2:00 p.m. Choir Day

May

God’s Overflow of Blessings.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.” Psalm: 23:5

4 12:00 p.m. Yellow Rose Tea

5 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Women’s Day Service

12:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union

2:00 p.m. Women’s Day Service

FIRST RISING MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

11	11:00 a.m.	Deaconess Activity
12	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Mother’s Day Free red or white carnation for all
17	7:00 p.m.	Church Pre-Anniversary Service
18	TBA	Church Parada & Fellowship Day
19	9:30 p.m.	Worship Service – Church 88 Anniversary
	12:00 p.m.	Baptist Training Union (BTU)
	2:00 p.m.	Church 88 th Anniversary/Banquet
21	12:00 p.m.	Senior Luncheon
25	10:00 a.m.	Career Development Ministry Workshop

Be a blessing and pray for those who need help and encouragement on this life journey, those who are Sick and Shut-in, the bereaved and the ones who are missing.

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1519 U Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Reverend Carlos A. Younger, Pastor, MDiv



Reporter:
Rosie C. White

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,

Dear Fellow Ushers and Friends,

We invite you to worship with us at any of our services. Freedom enjoys in-person worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. You can also join us at that time on Facebook Live or by Teleconference Line. Our call-in number is 978-990-5000 Access Number 195282#. Noon day Prayer is each Wednesday. on the Teleconference Line only and Bible Study is each Wednesday on the Teleconference Line and Facebook Live, at 6:30 p.m.

We begin this quarter, thanking God for his goodness, mercy, and grace. We thank him for keeping us through another three months. We thank him for protecting us as we continue, still having the dreaded Covid around. We are so thankful that in spite of, we have been able to have in-person service at Freedom as well as with the ICUA. It is always a blessing just to be able to see others in person. Thank you, God, for all your many blessings.

We closed out our last quarter with the celebration of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday, which followed our Lenten period. We begin this quarter with Spring celebrating things anew. The beautiful flowers coming forth and the cherry tree blossoms remind us as if they have been sleeping and are awakening to new life.

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

In May, we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a day set aside to recognize our mothers. We also celebrate all those who have acted in a mother's place. Happy Mother's Day. In May we also celebrate Memorial Day. We take a special time to recognize and remember all those in the military field who have given up their lives in an effort to protect us and make things better for our country.

June is here. It is summertime. We are making arrangements for vacations or going on vacation. In July, the ushers are gearing up for their convention, which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana this year. We will celebrate Father's Day this month. Flag Day is also celebrated in June.

We say Happy Birthday and Anniversary for all celebrating during April, May, and June. We also ask that you continue to pray for the sick, shut-in and the bereaved families. Visit if you can or send a card to let them know you care.

COMING EVENTS:

May

14 Mother's Day
27 Memorial Day

June

14 Flag Day
16 Father's Day
19 Juneteenth
23 Usher Ministry Anniversary



GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Paulette Ellison

*"2023: God's Preordained Year
for You and for Me"*

Greetings!

The GNHBC family wishes all continued blessings as we move into the year 2024! We are walking in our Christian faith and know you are, too!

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Psalm 1:1 (KJV)

Happy Birthday to people celebrating birthdays in April, May, or June!

Have safe holiday celebrations during April, May, and June.

Enjoy the weather, family, and friends.

Continue to include the sick, shut-ins and bereaved families in your prayers.

On Memorial Day, it is tradition to honor those who have died in military service and fly the US flag at half-staff from dawn until noon. On this occasion of remembrance, many will consider this as the beginning of summer.

Our church family extends a welcoming invitation to everyone to attend our ongoing and upcoming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

22-30

Passover

May

2

National Day of Prayer

5

11:00 a.m.

Women's Day Program

12

Mother's Day

19

11:00 a.m.

Paradise Chorus Anniversary Program

26

11:00 a.m.

Officer's Day Program

27

Memorial Day

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

June

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Father's Day

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Juneteenth

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South Carolina Ministry's GNHBC Summertime Fellowship

Ongoing Events:

Sundays: 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Sunday Church School
Morning Service

Holy Communion * Second Sunday following morning. service*

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Believer's Prayer and Christ Disciples Bible
Study. Come study the Book of Saint Luke taught by
Pastor Brown.

God's Masterpiece

*God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a gentle sea.*

*The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight.*

*Then God fashioned from these things,
A creation like no other,
And when this masterpiece was
through,
He called it simply- Mother.*

Herbert Farnham -Author

My Father...My Hero

*Dad, you're my hero, in so many ways,
And I am so grateful to you.
I have respect for the man that you are,
And the kind-hearted things that you do.*

*You have a heart as big as an ocean,
A "soft side" you don't often show,
All of your life you worked for your family,
You taught me, and helped me to grow.*

*You were the man I knew I could lean on,
Who fostered a strong sense of pride,
The father who gave me his love and affection,
And always remained by my side.*

*All of my life, Dad, I will be thankful,
That I had a father...so true.
I never had to search for a hero,
The hero in my life was you.*

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LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Evelyn Clark
Clarice T. Allen

Rev. Eric Abraham Pastor Elect

Greetings Fellow Ushers and Friends,

Sunday, March 3, 2024 was Appreciation Day honoring Reverend James T. Williams. Rev. Williams was called by God to preach the Gospel when an unprecedented event took place at Liberty Baptist Church on Saturday, October 4, 1981. Four Sons of the church were ordained, and Rev. James T Williams was one of the four. This event began his journey to preach the Gospel of His Lord and Savior.

Rev. Williams currently serves as Assistant to the Pastor of Liberty Baptist Church. He has served as Interim Pastor for 7 of the last 12 years when Liberty was without a pastor during two transitions. Rev. Williams is a devoted leader at Liberty and has been for over 43 years.

After graduating from the Bible Seminary College of Washington DC, and receiving a degree in Biblical Studies he continued to pursue his journey in the ministry. Rev. Williams has served and continues to serve in various capacities including Sunday School Teacher, Instructor at Bible Workshops, Evangelistic Speaker, and Advisor of the Ministerial Staff. He also visits the sick and shut-in, encourager of the youth and is a reliable participant in all of Liberty's church events.

Rev. Williams holds onto the word of God that is stated in Mark 16:15, *"And He said unto them, Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*

Rev. Williams has been employed at the Washington Hospital Center for over 63 years where he continues to spread the love of God to patients and co-workers.

Rev. Williams is a loving father to his two daughters, Lavayia and Keiba, and a loving grandfather to 7 grandchildren and great grandfather to 5 great grandkids, a son-in-law and father-in-law. Rev. Williams enjoys family, football, outings, quiet times, reading, and praising God. We thank God for Rev. Williams.

Liberty's Pastor, Rev. Eric T. Abraham, was installed several months ago and is making an impact. He firmly believes in the Power of a Praying Church and is preaching a series of sermons on this topic. Rev. Abraham is ensuring that our membership has a strong foundation in Biblical Principals and is addressing these principals during our Bible Study Classes weekly. He has also introduced corporate prayer during our Prayer Meetings and encourages those in attendance to pray for specific members each week during our meetings .

The Leadership Team is planning building renovations to provide easier access to the sanctuary and easier access to restroom facilities from the sanctuary.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH CONTINUED

Upcoming Events:

May

5	11:00 a.m.	Officer's Day
12	11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day

June

2	11:00 a.m.	Usher's Ministry Anniversary
9	11:00 a.m.	Children's Day
16	11:00 a.m.	Father's Day
30	11:00 a.m.	Missionary Day

MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Brenda Payne Durrington

What's Happening at MCBC

Interim Pastor Albert Gallmon, Jr. and his wife Wilma have been a blessing to the congregation. Their presence brought a lot of positive vibes and encouragement. Many members felt secure in pursuing the challenging task of searching for a new leader for our flock. All leaders, committees, and church members are working to move smoothly forward. We are well into our celebrating 2024 Theme as "The Year of Miracles". We are devoting this year to pray for belief in miracles, explore the qualities of a church member, and improve our Music Ministry.

We will pray for miracles as we read the scriptures on our Disciples Daily Reading Plan, during services, meetings, and prayer calls. The Diaconate presented a new schedule and arrangements for the devotion calls. Join us Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for scripture, meditation theme, and prayer led by a volunteer corps of Prayer Warriors. Also, join us for our church-wide fasting effort each Wednesday, for whatever portion of the day you can.

We celebrated Black History Month (BHM) by singing all stanzas of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" each Sunday and sharing Black History Moments in special responsive readings. Our young people wrote letters to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and read them to the congregation. Interim Pastor Gallmon acknowledged all members 90 years and older. This was truly an exceptional treat to see these nonagenarians receive awards and accolades. Another special feature of this service was Minister Nicole Davis praying and laying hands on cancer survivors. We enjoyed the BHM program "Christian Character Traits" to culminate our

MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH - Continued

observation of BHM. Serving People's Needs Now (SPINN) Ministry is alive and striving. The volunteers continue to pack boxes of food and distribute them to our neighbors.

Interim Pastor Gallmon is leading the discussion of the book, I Am a Church Member -Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference in Bible Study each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. These sessions are seen on Zoom. There are usually 25 to 30 people in attendance. Conversation and discussion are lively, meaningful, and well received by the membership.

The new MCBC Minister of Music acquired a Hammond organ for the church. The purchase of the organ was funded by donations from Jerome and Brenda Durrington, former member, Delores Shade of Atlanta, and Reverend Dr. Willie B. Allen, Minister of Music. The organ will enhance the quality of music presented by the music ministry. Interim Pastor Gallmon and the Minister of Music are excited about forming a new choir to sing on the third Sunday, our Communion Day. The invitation is extended to all singers from area churches to join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact Dr. Allen at the church. Rehearsals are the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday at 1:00 p.m. We would love to for you to come and sing with us.

COMING EVENTS FOR April, May, June

April

- 1 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- 2 ZOOM Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
- 7 Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, Communion on 3rd Sunday
- 28 Women's Day Service, 10:00 a.m.

May

- 1 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- 5 Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, Communion on 3rd Sunday
- 7 ZOOM Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
- 12 Mother's Day Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 26 Memorial Day - Church and office closed

June

- 2 Divine Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Communion on 3rd Sunday
- 3 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- 4 ZOOM Bible Study 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
- 16 Father's Day Service 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Juneteenth National Independence Day
- 23 Graduate Recognition Day, HALR Scholarships Awarded, 10:00 a.m.

MCBC MEMBER GUIDE Information on Accessing our Virtual Services Graduates

VIRTUAL DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/91640469292?pwd=RFpBT2ZhQkVyc0xycm44WmZOaUdwUT09> Meeting ID: 916 4046 9292
Passcode: 901 Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) Meeting ID: 916 4046 9292

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BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93751051042?pwd=c09DZHRXWGFaMFFSci9Na2lOUSS4QT09>

Meeting ID: 937 5105 1042 Passcode: Bible Dial in by telephone +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 937 5105 1042

DAILY DEVOTIONS via **FREE CONFERENCE CALL** – Monday, Wednesday, Friday at

7:45 a. m. 1-978-990-5332, access code 990 5332

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

1219 New Jersey Avenue, NW.
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Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds



Reporter:
Karen Braxton

Greetings Doorkeepers,

*"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)*

Greetings to all as we celebrate the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we continue our in-person service, we look forward to seeing you each Sunday. Mt Lebanon Baptist Church's (MLBC) Sunday services will also be available via Zoom and Facebook Live. Let us celebrate the keeping power of Christ Jesus today our LORD and Great Shepherd of His sheep.

PLEASE NOTE: 11:00 a.m. MLBC Facebook Live service is available. Please click the **NEW** link below to join MLBC's Webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82314639834>

Dial 1-301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 823 1463 9834 ##

MLBC is committed to continuing to share God's word and to ensuring that our members and others can join in praise, worship, and study throughout this crisis. To accomplish this, we will continue to have the following services via our established teleconference online sessions.

Tuesday – Church School Class at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Pastor Bible Study, Prayer service and Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Please Call: 1-774-220-4000 Passcode: 3519088 to join.

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH – CONTINUED

The month of March was “Women’s History Month.” We celebrated the contributions women made to the United States and recognized the specific achievements women made over the course of American History!

We had a revival on Wednesday, March 6th for *One Night Virtual Revival* featuring Rev. Nazell E. Alston as our guest speaker.

Zoom 82314639834
Dial 301-715-8592
Webinar ID 823 1463 9834 ##
Facebook [MtLebanonBaptistChurchWDC](https://www.facebook.com/MtLebanonBaptistChurchWDC)

Happy Birthday April Celebrants!
Happy Birthday May Celebrants!
Happy Mother’s Day!
Happy Memorial Day!

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Christine D. Stewart

Senior Pastor: Dr. Lucius M. Dalton

“Easter Every Day”

He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Matthew 28:6 (KJV)

“Christ died for our sins...He was buried, and ...He rose again the third day” (1Cor. 15:3-4). He has promised that He is preparing a place for us (John 14:1-4), and He will someday return. One day we will be with our risen Savior.

That’s why every year at Eastertime –in fact every day of the year—we have reason to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. “I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

“When God Made Mothers”

A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31:30-31 (KJV)

He made them as something special! Their hands are delicately formed; they can create an exquisite piece of art binding the imaginary wound of a child’s broken heart. A mother’s soothing touch to a feverish brow is like a “magic cure” to the inner soul. She was the very last of all God’s creative acts. When He had finished with His original “MASTERPIECE” called woman, it was as if God said: “Now that I have made mothers, I can rest.”

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH – CONTINUED

“FATHER” A Relational Term

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” Luke 2:52 (NIV)

God not only wanted to reproduce Himself and fill the earth with His likeness, He also longed for a family. “Father” is a relational term. God wanted children with whom He could share His life. He wanted a people who would love and respond to Him, a people who would have the capacity to know Him and have intimate fellowship with Him.

God knows the responsibilities and the joys of fatherhood because He’s our heavenly Father. And as our Father, He will give us what we need to care for our children.

Juneteenth—is the commemoration of June 19, 1865, the day enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Tx, learned that they were free. Juneteenth is typically celebrated with meals of red food and drink, such as watermelon, strawberry shortcake, red beans and rice, red velvet cake and strawberry soda, to symbolize strength and courage. Not until 2021 did it become a Federal Holiday, pushed by Opal Lee.

Hello Fellow Ushers:

There is so much to celebrate in the months of April, May, and June: Resurrection, Mother, Fathers and Children’s Day, Juneteenth etc... There is so much we could and should celebrate on a daily basis. I wish to share with you the “Hidden Figures of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church,” all members age 90+ years:

Doris Williams (90), Myra King (90), Lucille W. Wells (91), Doreane Sumlin (91), Ralph Battle (91), Alberta Smith (91), Vivian Smith (92), Emma Roberts (92), James Jackson (93), Nancy Drakeford (93), Faye Jackson (93), Jacqueline Howell (94), Willard Poteat (94), Francine Dickerson (94), Helen Hasty (95), Mamie Underwood (96), Dorothy Yiare (96), Ruth Harris (99). These are all our special members, presented with flowers, a special program and luncheon, certificates, many special gifts and much love.

You are invited to all services as follow:

Sunday Worship Service --Join us at 10:00 a.m. online and in-person; (mask requirement lifted, your choice) online only at 12:30 p.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/MTMORIAHDC/> www.mountmoriahchurch.org or YouTube: www.youtube.com/mmbcdc. 10:00 a.m. only: Dial: 1-301-715-8592 ID 955 8914 1346 code 893579

Sunday Church School 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. via zoom and in-person---three classes—Adult Class, Women’s Class, and Men’s Class

Holy Communion Service First Sunday of each month in-person.

Children & Youth Church Every Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in-person and 12:00 noon on-line, led by Youth Minister and the Children’s Ministry Team. Ages 5-12 years only. They will learn Bible basics and learn how to apply Biblical principles to everyday life.

Let’s Pray and Study Together----

Prayer and Praise every Tuesday dial-in at Noon; soon back in-person.

Bible Study 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Both Dial In: 1-310-715-8592 Enter ID:895 8511 9064 Passcode:266490

Prayer line: Monday through Friday at 6:00 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. dial: 1-605-475-4000 code-286273#

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

Food Bank: The 4th Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Walk of Faith: Every 4th Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April

- 6 To be Held in conjunction with 10:00 a.m. service or as stated: Community Planting Day
- 13 Prostate Cancer Workshop
- 21 Women's Day-
Guest Preacher Dr. Elizabeth Sapp Jones
First Lady of First Baptist Church of Guildford, Columbia, MD
- 27 Financial Literacy Workshop

May

- 12 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Church School Program
- 24 Mental Health Awareness Workshop

June

- 15 Men's Health Conference
- 16 Father's Day Church School Program
- 23 Juneteenth Program
- 30 Gun Violence Awareness

Please remember the sick and shut-in and the bereaved, if you cannot visit, just a call or a card could do so much for that person(s) spirits.

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

215 Rhode Avenue, NW

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Terry D. Streeter

*It is good to give thanks unto the Lord,
and sing praises unto thy name, O,
Most High*

Psalm 92:1 (KJV)



Reporter:
Anna M. Rowe

*Let the Word of Christ Dwell in you richly
Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)*

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

Mt. Pleasant invites you to join our church whenever you can. We are thriving and enjoying Jesus each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. by www.MPBCDC.org Facebook, YouTube or by phone.

We have a busy, busy church. The Lord is blessing us real good.

Congratulations to our Nurses Ministry. We are all certified and have received our certifications.

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH – CONTINUED

EVENTS

APRIL

- 7 91st Nurses' Anniversary
- 15-19 Mt. Pleasant Education Institute
- 21 Officers' Day
- 26 Youth Jam
- 28 105th Ushers' Anniversary
Musical Concert by "DC Gospel Stars"

MAY

- 1-5 106TH Church Anniversary
- 12 Happy Mother's Day

JUNE

- 2 Senior Citizens' Day
- 9 Youth Day – Recognition of Graduates
- 12-14 Youth Revival
- 14 Pastor Streeter Birthday
- 16 Happy Father's Day
- 30 Mission Day

Please call the church for more information [202] 332-5748

Continue to pray for the world, sick and shut in, and bereaved families!

Peace Be with You!

MOUNT SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reverend Tyrone Queen, Senior
Pastor



Reporter
Valerie Hall

Mount Sinai Officers 2024



Deacon James Nelson Ministry Leader (NEW LEADER)

Sister Sylvia McGill Jones, 1st Assistant Ministry Leader
Sister Valerie V. Hall, 2nd Assistant Ministry Leader
Sister Alfreda Reeves, Secretary
Deacon Darrell W. Johnson, Treasurer
Trustee Wynnette Arnold, Financial Secretary
Devotional Leader, Lola Murray
Sick Coordinator, Peggy Evans



Honorary Usher Sister Hazel Bushrod turned 90 Years old in January.



Congratulations To Martha H. Faulkner who received the William H. Davis Award on March 3, 2024.



**Give Honor To Whom
Honor Is Due**

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. (Romans 13:7 NKJV)

NEW REDEEMER BAPTIST CHURCH

5714 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Reverend Roman D'Andre Gray
Pastor



Reporters:
Latravetta M. Lee
Melinda H. Wilkins

Meet Deacon Joe Thompson

Joe M. Thompson, a former Usher and long-time member of New Redeemer Baptist Church is recognized for his amazing faith, stewardship, love, and dedication to our Church. Joe is one of 2 children of Horace and Louise Thompson, who was born in Franklin County, Georgia on June 24, 1941. His brother died at an early age of 21 in a tragic car accident.

Joe graduated from Dunbar High School in 1960. Being a man of many talents, Joe enrolled in Howard University for a short period of time with a major in Business Administration. Several years later in 1965, he attended a two-year program in Small Business Administration. This program prepared him for his career in Home Improvement. Joe grew up working in his father's company, **Thompson Dry Wall and Painting**, where he worked for 20 years as a partner. After his father's retirement, Joe started his own company in 1980 - **Thompson Home Improvement** - where he still works at a golden age. He is a skilled construction engineer and enjoys the challenge of performing all phases of Home Improvement work. His knowledge and expertise of his work has been utilized by many and helped to grow and develop a successful business.

Joe joined New Redeemer Baptist Church in 1989 under Pastor John T. Rhodes' leadership. His sister-in-law, Trustee Betsy Parrish (now deceased), introduced him and his wife to the Church. He is grateful for the opportunity to have had Pastor Rhodes as his mentor. He is married to Deaconess Carstine Thompson, who is also a longtime member of New Redeemer.

Joe is involved in many Ministries within the church. He joined the Ushers Ministry in 1992 and served proudly as God's Doorkeeper for many years. In 1995 he attended and graduated from the ICUA School of Ushering. In 1996, Joe was appointed to the Deacons Ministry. After stepping down from ushering, he was named an honorary usher.

Deacon Joe Thompson works in various Ministries at New Redeemer. He is Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, Teacher for New Members Orientation classes, Men's Choir Member, and Culinary Kitchen Coordinator. He always volunteers to help in many other Church Ministries.

Deacon Thompson's favorite scripture is **John 3:16**: *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

New Redeemer is blessed to have Deacon Thompson as part of our Church. He is definitely a true Steward, who always works to uplift the name of God. To God Be the Glory

PEACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Rita R. Nelson

Rev. Dr. Michael C. Bell
Pastor

Journey Through Lent. Our Pastor, Reverend Michael C. Bell, set a journey through Lent by meeting every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from February 28th to March 27th. Oh, what a journey it was! It was a unique opportunity to gather, check in on each other, engage in critical thought, and press on toward renewal.

The ICUA of DC held the William H. Davis and Elijah Hamilton National Day Program at Peace Baptist Church (PBC) on Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Bell preached for this annual program and our PBC Ushers Ministry hosted the program. The Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering served. Awards from the Events Department were given to two ICUA members – Usher Frances Penn and Usher Martha Faulkner.

March was Women’s History Month. We had a lineup of five fantastic women of God, who brought the Word during the month. We invited friends and family to join us as we celebrated the contributions women made to our society. We want to take this time to celebrate our own female usher and ICUA member: Sis. Dolores R. Wallace turned 90 years old on March 22nd. She serves generally for home-going services -- A Woman of purpose, determination, and commitment serving Peace as an usher for over 40 years!

Church Growth Activities: Join us on the first and third Sundays for Children’s Church where students participate in classes geared toward their learning and spiritual growth.

The Evans-Smith Institute began on March 12th. The class offerings are “The Deacon in the Black Church as Servant Leader” with Rev. Dr. E. Faith Bell as the instructor; and “Outreach and Hospitality” with Rev. Dr. Cheryle Rodriguez as the instructor. Please contact Rev. Dr. E. Faith Bell at (202) 399-3450 for more details.

Prayer During the Week. The Margaret Hicks Noonday prayer call occurs weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon. You may join by dialing (727) 731-4642.

Give Back. Are you looking for a way to give back? Well, we are looking for you! Peace partners with the Church Without Walls each fourth Sunday to assist those who are unhoused. Clothing and hot food are distributed. You may contact Lady Robin Bell for more details at (202) 399-3450.

Peace also started a ‘one suitcase at a time’ partnership in South Africa, delivering clothing and articles to a women’s rehabilitation center, which houses 30 women and children. Our first suitcase went in March and blessings are flowing in and out.

Stay connected with us --

- Like us on our Facebook page or join our PBC Members Facebook group;
- Like our Instagram page; and or,
- Subscribe to our YouTube page.

PROMISED LAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Tylene Harrell

*God has given each of us a gift from
his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another.*

1 Peter 4:10

Reverend Kevin A. O'Bryant

The word "call" is not always used, but the unmistakable direction of God for a particular person to do a particular job is clear.

According to the Bible, service is required of all who belong to Christ. From the beginning of creation, God had a reason for creating man and that purpose is to love and serve him. As Christians, one of the vital aspects of fulfilling our destiny includes serving God genuinely. Service gives us a great deal of fulfillment, one that gives meaning to our life.

Service is not an option, but a requirement. The Lord not only requires service from you, but also commitment in your service.

Serving in God's Kingdom is a natural response to the wonderful grace that God has shown to us. So let us evaluate our own lives. Are you serving the Lord in His kingdom?

The Vision of Promised Land Baptist Church is to Serve, Teach, and Live by precept and example the saving grace of Jesus Christ

Mission: Promised Land Baptist Church is a multi-generational, family cultivating Christ centered community church located in NW Washington (near Takoma Metro Station).

At PLBC we have a saying if you get tired of visiting us, please join us! All are welcome.

APRIL

14th

PLBC 56th Church Anniversary
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels Jr.
Emory Fellowship

Theme: *"Servant People Creating Servant Ministries, "derived from 1 Corinthians 3:10*

Colors: Purple & Gold

27th

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – 10:00 am Saturday



PROMISED LAND BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

MAY

19th Women's Day
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Turner Wood
Day Spring Community Church

JUNE

9 Youth & Young Adult Day
30 Missionary Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Main broadcast for our Worship Experience will come from streaming directly onto Facebook You do not need Facebook to watch us live. Please use the link below:

www.facebook.com/thePLBC/

For Zoom you should call and or use this same phone numbers listed or zoom link below:

Dial In: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 202 882 8331, Password: 202-882-8331

OR Join Zoom Meeting through App <https://zoom.us/j/2028828331> Password: 202-882-8331

ST. MARK'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Mary Duarte

Dr. Raymond T. Matthews, Pastor

"But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers." 1 Peter 4:7 (NKJV)

On June 15, 2024 St. Mark's will have a fun day at Solomon's Island at the MWR Navy Getaways, Navy Recreation Center. There will be games, food, beach, golf, and a host of other activities to be enjoyed. A great day for family to get together and have fun in the sun. For those who like to fish you will be able to do so but you must have a State of Maryland Fishing Permit and also a NAS Patuxent River/NRC Solomons fishing permit.

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, we will be celebrating our annual Women's Day. Women's Day was organized by Deaconess Gladys Williams in 1967. Not only did she organize Women's Day she was appointed Mother of St. Mark's Baptist Church in 2010 and will be so honored. Rev. Lisa Service will be the preacher of the hour.

Men United in Prayer meets every second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for praise and prayer.

ST. MARK'S BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	
Church Service	10:30 a.m.	
Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.	1 st Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service	12:00 Noon	Conference line, 563-999-5190
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Saturdays on the Conference line, 563-999-5190 and Facebook

*"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,
so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."*

Romans 5:19 (NKJV)

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Reporter:
Ulysses Sherman Price

*Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?
I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 (KJV)*

Wearing of Mask are Optional at All Services

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April

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| 7, 14, 21 and 28 | 9:00 a.m. | "Seeing Jesus Differently": Post-Resurrection sermon series and songs will be given each Sunday during Worship Services |
| 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Communion will be served during Worship Service |

May

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| 5, 12, 19 and 26 | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Emphasis Month |
| 13 | 7:00 p.m. | ICUA Business Meeting: Tabernacle Baptist Assembly is hosting the ICUA Business Meeting, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall prior to the meeting. Church address is 1900 Tucker Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744-3511. |

TABERNACLE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY - CONTINUED

MAY - Continued

19	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday Celebration with sermon and songs will be given each Sunday during Worship Services
26	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion will be served during Worship Service
27		Warm wishes for each and everyone. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

June

2, 9, 16, 23 and 30		Men's Emphasis Month
2	3:30 p.m.	Ushers Ministry Anniversary: We will be celebrating our 1 st Ushers Ministry Anniversary in Christian Service of songs. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall prior to our Ushers Ministry Anniversary.
30	9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion will be served during Worship Service

- Good Morning God (Prayer Time) with Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, Pastor, Monday morning from 7:00 a.m. until 7:15 a.m.
- Pray without ceasing. and meet us at the altar with Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, Pastor, Monday evening at 8:00 p.m.
- SOUL FUEL (Bible Study) with Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, Pastor, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Growing in God (GIG) (Sunday School) with various teachers, Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8117586510?pwd=VDJZTG1DZDVVVHNocnpVQ0hkK202Zz09>

Meeting ID: 811 758 6510 / Passcode: 923771 / 1-301-715-8592 US (Washington DC), 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago),
1-646-558-8656 US (New York) 1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma), 1-346-248-7799 US (Houston), 1-669-900-9128 US (San Jose)

If you want to be a Blessing to Tabernacle Baptist Assembly, ways of giving are Zelle Transfers, GIVELIFY, and PayPal.

To give a Love Offering to Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, cashapp: \$LPMcCray.
mail to Tabernacle Baptist Assembly, 8787 Branch Avenue, Box 38 Clinton, MD 20735-2630.

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating a Birthday during the months of April, May, and June.

We wish a safe, enjoyable and a Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and Mother Figures worldwide.

We wish a safe, enjoyable and a Happy Father's Day to all fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles, and Father Figures worldwide.

Please pray along with us for all the sick/shut-in and bereaved around the world.

For all services above -- all are cordially invited to attend these joyous occasions

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Website: www.pabc-dc-org



Reporter:
Sharon Reynolds and
Vivian Swailes

Grow with us

Transform the world

Church Ushers—First Line of Defense

They greet us. They seat us. They are the first ones to meet us. When we walk through the doors, not only do they greet, meet, and seat us, but if anything shows up and tries to defeat us, ushers are our first line of defense!

We may not want to think about it, but not every person or every spirit that comes to our doors is coming for worship. Just as God has people on assignment, the enemy has those he has placed on assignment against the Church. Ushers learn numerous signs and to communicate with one another and the Pastor to make sure everything is orderly in the natural, and they must also be equipped to discern and address the signs of spiritual disorder.

At the height of COVID, our church held worship services outside in our parking lot. One Sunday, just as the Pastor began preaching a man walked over from across the street and positioned himself directly behind me. After a while, he proceeded to reach out to hand me something. Our lead usher had an eye on him the whole time and just as he was handing the item to me, she showed up on the spot with a cool, calm, but authoritative demeanor and took the item. She had seen in the natural and in the spirit that this man did not come to worship and that whatever he was handing to me would be nothing more than a distraction. After the usher took the item, I calmly turned to the man and ministered to him. I can't go into all of the details here but suffice it to say he rejected the opportunity for salvation and deliverance and made his way back from whence he came.

I will never forget that day, not so much because of how the man appeared and behaved, but mostly because I was so proud and thankful to know that our ushers understood that on one hand, they are in position to welcome the multitudes, at the same time they are watchpersons on the wall--they are truly gatekeepers. Just as every military base has people guarding their gates, so too must ushers be ever ready to discern the times and know what to do to guard the gates of the Church. Ushers, some of your greatest contributions will not come from your formal training, but from the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit. Before you put on your usher's uniform, put on the full armor of God so that you may be equipped for EVERY good work. We are depending on you, for you are our first line of defense.

Rev. Karen W. Curry, Associate Minister
The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

THE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH - CONTINUED

ONGOING EVENTS

The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church invites you to worship with us Live, Zoom, or the Teleconference Call Line. Dial #:1-425-436-6317, Access Code 725639#.

To register on Zoom, use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwsduorDosByv14jbg3YDN9YCu4QRXw>

Join us for **Bible Study: Foundations**, every **Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom. Sign up at the following link: [Foundations Bible Study Sign-up \(google.com\)](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the bible study group.

Join us for **Prayer Meeting and Bible Study** every Wednesday starting at **6:00 pm**. Please join us on zoom. **Register on Zoom in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdu6rqDgqHNNH-W2WXwHNmcepUaNtTc6ua>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Need help sorting through the maze of resources. We all could use a little help sometime (food, clothing, job training, employment services, help with utilities, mental health services, substance use treatment, rental assistance resources, transportation resources, COVID-19 education, vaccination sites, free health screenings/lab work, domestic violence support, legal resources and more. Call the Resource Helpline at (202) 888-0584 Monday through Friday. Calls typically returned within 24 hours. Sponsored by: The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church with support from Leadership Counsel for Healthy Communities (LCHC), Choose Healthy Life and Quest Diagnostics.

Looking for freedom from Fentanyl, help with Heroin or problems with pain killers: Recovery is possible! Come and get help at the Opioid Recovery Services with Howard University (HU) at the **DC Dream Center**, 2826 Q Street SE, Washington, DC. Call now (202) 649-0359.

THE ANSWERS ARE HERE! The District of Columbia now has a daytime drop-in service center for individuals experiencing homelessness called ADAMS PLACE located at 2210 Adams Place NE – Unit B. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. They offer lunch, laundry facilities, job search assistance, activity room, permanent housing resources, shelter placement resources, bathrooms and showers, case management, reading rooms, entitlement benefits resources, and barbering services. Please call (202) 374-6846 for assistance.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 18th 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church presents a Luncheon Gala celebrating our 20th Pastoral and 70th Church Anniversary at the Mayflower Hotel at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Cost \$125 per person. Attire: Formal.

Email PABC.3000@gmail.com to secure your seat for this awesome celebration.

**THE NEW MACEDONIA
BAPTIST CHURCH**

www.tnmbc.org

4115 Alabama Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20019

Patrick J. Walker, Senior Pastor



Reporter
Maria S. Holliday

Consider One Another
Philippians 2:3b-4

Sunday Worship: 8:00 am and 10:00 a.m. (Both services in person; Virtual 10:00 a.m. only)
Online www.tnmbc.org and YouTube
Wednesdays in the Word: Every Wednesday-7:00 p.m. (Virtual via Zoom)

Pop-Up GRAB a BAG!!!

Weekly Food Distribution

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. TNMBC Satellite Lot

Kid's Connect-Children's Sunday School

Sundays 10:00 a.m. Lower level

Awana Clubs Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

God's Word, Game Circle and Great time of Connecting.

Toddlers to 5th Grade

Happy Belated Birthday!



THE NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH -CONTINUED

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

8-9	12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Spring Revival
27	8:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Tea and Breakfast Fellowship
28	8:00 a.m.	Women's Day

May

7	7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Engagement 106 th Church Anniversary Mt Pleasant Baptist Church 215 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC
11	12:00 p.m.	Women's Tea Fellowship

June

5	6:30 p.m.	Women's Prayer Circles
8	4:00 p.m.	Marriage Vow Renewal Reception

*Congratulations!!
Elrita F. James
Mother of the ICUA*



Sister Elrita James was appointed Mother of the ICUA. Sister James has been a member of the ICUA since 1972. She is a graduate and instructor of the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering. She has earned a bachelor's degree from the George T. Grier School of Ushering. She also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies with an emphasis in Urban Ministries from Washington Bible College. She has served in many positions in the ICUA including Financial Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary, member of the Board of Trustees, ICUA Chaplain, and a member of the June D. May Building Fund Working Unit. She has also held numerous positions regionally and nationally. She is a member of The New Macedonia Baptist Church where she faithfully serves on the Senior Ushers' Ministry. Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, He will make your paths straight." Mother James believes in giving God her best because "He gave us His best." She is always ready to give a word of encouragement and share her experiences with others whenever and wherever she gets an opportunity. Her vision is to inspire others to reach "higher heights" in Christ by seeking a closer walk with Him and living victoriously for Him. Mother James is a child of the King and is not ashamed to share His word with you. She is a powerful prayer warrior. Congratulations to the Mother of the ICUA – Sister Elrita James.

Birthday Blessings

April Cheryl Jones

May Antoinette Askew, Betty Givens, Joyce Jones, Lynel McFadden,

June Cassandra Harrison, Lonnie Jackson

TRINIDAD BAPTIST CHURCH

6611 Walker Mill Road
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
www.tbcwdc.org



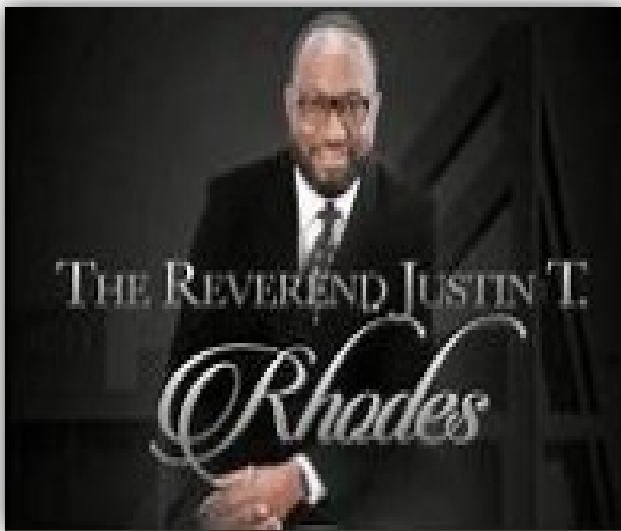
Reporter:
Brenda McQueen-Funderburk

Rev. Justin T. Rhodes, Senior Pastor

Honoring Christ with Excellence
1 Peter 4:22 (NIV)

Greetings Ushers and Friends,

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
John 13:34 (NIV)



Congratulations to our Pastor Rev. Justin T. Rhodes, Senior Pastor on his 4th Pastoral Anniversary.

Pastor

Thank you
for being true to the word.
For reflecting Jesus.
And for being a blessing.

You are so appreciated!

and
Celebrating our 133rd Church Anniversary
Morning Worship Service

Upcoming Events:

April

2	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Service - Sanctuary
3	7:00 p.m.	Pastors Class - Virtual/Zoom
7	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
10	7:00 p.m.	Pastors Class - Virtual/Zoom
14	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
17	7:00 p.m.	Sunday on Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
21	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
24	7:00 p.m.	Sunday on Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual

TRINIDAD BAPTIST CHURCH CONTINUED

APRIL (continued)

28 10:00 a.m. 133rd Church Anniversary Worship Service
30 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Service - Sanctuary

May

1 7:00 p.m. Pastors Class- Virtual/Zoom
5 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
12 10:00 a.m. Mother's Day Worship Service - Sanctuary/Virtual
15 7:00 p.m. Sunday on Wednesday Worship – Sanctuary/Virtual
19 10:00 a.m. 4th Pastoral Anniversary
22 7:00 p.m. Sunday on Wednesday Worship – Sanctuary/Virtual
26 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
28 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Service - Sanctuary
29 7:00 p.m. Pastors Class - Virtual/Zoom

June

2 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
4 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Service - Sanctuary
5 7:00 p.m. Pastors Class- Virtual/Zoom
9 10:00 a.m. Youth Celebration and Graduation
Recognition - Sanctuary
12 7:00 p.m. Pastors Class- Virtual/Zoom
16 10:00 a.m. Father's Day Worship Service - Sanctuary/Virtual
19 7:00 p.m. Sunday on Wednesday Worship – Sanctuary/Virtual
23 10:00 a.m. Men's Day Celebration – Sanctuary/Virtual
26 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Class – Sanctuary/Virtual
30 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary/Virtual



AND
TO ALL



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all in the months of: April, May, and June.

Please pray for our sick and shut-ins and bereaved families.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

4850 Blagden Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011



Reporter:
Jacqueline P. Byrd-Tillman

Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Keith W. Byrd Sr.

Zion Baptist Church continues to serve the Lord in the best ways possible. 1John 1:7 (NKJV) states: *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

Pastor Keith W. Byrd Sr. celebrated his 18th Anniversary as Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, ironically, on the 17th day of March. The guest speaker was the former President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Rev. Dr. James Perkins. The church celebrated its 160th Anniversary on April 7th. We were in a celebrating mood this quarter.

We had sunrise service on Resurrection Sunday at 7:00 a.m. at our North Campus located at 11005 Dayton Street, Silver Spring, MD. Zion Baptist Church is one church in three locations, Main Campus, 4850 Blagden Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, North Campus in Silver Spring and our Virtual Campus. Our North Campus contributes enormously to its community, including free food distribution. Women2Women on the Main Campus sends care packages to our college students.

In further celebration of the Resurrection season, we had foot washing, the Last Words and a delicious fish fry. We also had brunch with the bunny for the children.

The Ushers' Ministry continues to serve the congregation in every way that we can. We are very active in the church's training of our congregation in fire and evacuation safety. Our first evacuation training for our congregation was April 7th, at the Main Campus. We will also have a program for our North Campus. Masks are still optional at our campuses.

Tithes and offerings, for the most part, are placed in a container as the congregation enters or leaves the sanctuary. Members of the Ushers' Ministry also participate in serving the community in other ministries.

Services at North Campus:

8:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Main Campus:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Wednesdays:

11:30 a.m. Prayer in the Word
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

All our services and Bible Studies are virtual and in-person.



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**I.C.U.A. JUNE D. MAY BUILDING FUND WORKING UNIT
PLEDGE FORM**

1. I pledge my support to the building fund project. Yes _____ No _____
2. I have made a pledge; but plan to contribute more. Yes _____ No _____
3. I have done my best; but will encourage others to pledge.

Suggested payment plans: Please check one.

- (1) Ten months: \$10 per month for 10 months, \$100 _____
- (2) Partial Pledges - 10 months
- \$5.00 per month - \$50.00 _____
- \$4.00 per month - \$40.00 _____
- \$2.00 per month - \$20.00 _____
- \$1.00 per month - \$10.00 _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CHURCH: _____

Make checks payable to ICUA Building Fund, please complete and return the form to any member or mail to the ICUA Headquarters, ATTN: BUILDING FUND, 1923 - 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

NOTE: The pledge can be in your name, your Usher Board, your Church or "In Memory" of a loved one.

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6*



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DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

First Saturdays:

12:15 p.m. Christine M. Green Women's Day Meeting
1:30 p.m. Alma Cooper Hawkins Public Relations
2:30 p.m. Membership Services & Outreach Department

First Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. Events Department

First Thursday

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Second Mondays

7:00 p.m. ICUA Business Meetings

Third Mondays

8:00 p.m. ICUA Prayer Call

Third Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Randy L. Perrin Men's Day Committee
8:00 p.m. Young Adult Department

Fourth Mondays

6:00 p.m. Interchange bi-monthly Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering and Alumni Working Unit
7:00 p.m. Education and Scholarship Department

Fourth Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Junior and Young People's Department



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**JOIN THE
RITUALISTIC TEAM**



**ONGOING TRAINING
is Available**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE RITUALISTIC MEMBERSHIP
REGISTRATION FORM AND FOLLOW THE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION. YOU WILL BE
NOTIFIED OF THE NEXT TRAINING SESSION.**

Shirley Moore Mickel, Director
Membership Services and Outreach Department

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RITUALISTIC MEMBERSHIP MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF CHURCH

Please indicate speaking roles you have memorized:

Availability for Ritualistic Services:

- Speaker #1
 Speaker #2
 Speaker #3
 Speaker #4

- Flexible
 Days Only
 Evening Only
 Weekends Only

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill in the form
2. Save to your computer
3. Email to: shirleymickel414@gmail.com

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TO: All ICUA Usher Ministry Presidents and Members

FROM: Brenda Gilliam, 19th President

SUBJECT: Young Adult Department Membership

The Young Adult Department of the ICUA of the District of Columbia is recruiting members to its department. We are requesting your support for our continued recruitment drive for Young Adult Ushers ages 21-35 years. We are asking that you share this information with your Young Adult Ushers Ministry.

The ICUA Young Adult Department has been an arm of this organization since 1968; over 55 years ago. Since then, hundreds of young adult members supported recruiting community events, such as Race for the Cure, volunteering at Capital Area Food Banks, donating gift cards to My Sister's Place, serving breakfast at So Others Might Eat (SOME),

and honoring our fallen soldiers by laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery.

Your young adult ushers' involvement in our Young Adult Department will help enhance the vital elements of this Christian organization and provide outreach to the community at large. They are right where things are happening in their lives, and we are looking for them to help promote a strong spiritual movement through this association.

Meetings are currently held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 8:00 p.m.

Any interested Young Adult Usher may contact Counselor Rita P. Nelson at rnelson_2010@yahoo.com (rnelson_underscore) or 301-237-9559 cell and or text for the Zoom link and to ask questions.

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people”
Ephesians 6:7*



Carolyn N. Brown, Coordinator
 Events Department
 Time and Place Working Unit

2024 Business Meetings and Special Occasions

Business Meeting Dates

(All Dates are the Second Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.)

January 8, 2024	June 10, 2024
February 12, 2024	July 8, 2024
March 11, 2024	September 9, 2024
April 8, 2024	October 14, 2024
May 13, 2024	November 11, 2024
December 9, 2024	

Special Activity Dates

Date	Event
Friday, April 26, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Rehearsal / Fellowship
Saturday, April 27, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Graduation
Saturday, May 4, 2024 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Mother's Day Brunch
Saturday, May 18, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.	Building Fund –Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, June 22, 2024 12:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Junior & Young People's Vicie Juran Luncheon, Pageant, and Program
Sunday, September 15, 2024 3:00 p.m.	ICUA Anniversary
Saturday, September 28, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Catherine E. Mills – 1-Day Seminar
Saturday, October 19, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Everyone's Birthday Celebration (Fellowship Hall only)- Food will be brought from outside persons
Sunday – November 24, 2024 3:00 p.m.	Young Adult Leroy Johnson Tag Day
Sunday, December 1, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Randy L. Perrin Men's and Christine M. Green Women's Day Program
Sunday, December 15, 2024 3:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Mabel C. Cooper Chorus Christmas Program

The three churches that have agreed to Host in-person upcoming 2024 ICUA Business Meetings are:

1. April 8, 2024 Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
2616 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE/Washington, DC 20020
2. May 13, 2024 Tabernacle Baptist Assembly,
1900 Tucker Rd/Fort Washington, MD 20744
3. June 10, 2024 First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
602 N. Street NW/Washington, DC 20001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

These churches will provide Serving Ushers for the April 8th Business Meeting:

1. City of Joy Baptist Church
2. Galilee Baptist Church
3. Macedonia Community Church
4. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
5. New Redeemer Baptist Church
6. Promised Land Baptist Church
7. The New Macedonia Baptist Church





Guidelines for Hosting a Business Meeting and Special Activity

Business Meetings

- Main Sanctuary
 - In the Main Sanctuary, we need one or two tables to seat six people.
 - Two microphones on the table
 - One lectern with microphone for reports
 - A microphone placed in the aisles for members to use when addressing the Presiding Officer. If only one microphone is available place it in the center aisle
- Private Room / Space for the Budget and Finance Department (at least 6 people)
- Fellowship Hall
 - Meal for 50 to 100 people
 - Tables for Department Business

December Business Meeting

- The same requirement as all other Business Meetings in addition to:
 - Two separate rooms for voting
 - One for members to register and vote
 - One for counting the ballots
 - The election process begins at 4:00 PM, so we are requesting that the Church should be accessible by 2:30 PM, to the Election Committee to set up.

Special Activities

- Sanctuary
 - Lectern and microphone for the Worship Leader
 - Use of your piano and /or organ
- Fellowship Hall
 - For meal (if provided) and ICUA Department Business
- A table for the Rating Committee (3 people)
 - Placed at the Church Entrance, if possible, if not in the fellowship hall

Note: If a meal is not being served, we will still need access to the Fellowship Hall for Department Business



Requisition for use of Church for Business Meeting or Special Activity

_____ (Church)

_____ (Date)

Our Church is requesting to host an ICUA Business Meeting on _____ with an alternate date of _____. This request is for the use of your Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and private room / space for the Budget and Finance Department as outlined in the Guidelines for Hosting a Business Meeting and Special Activity.

Our Church is requesting to host an ICUA Special Activity.

Activity: _____

Date of Activity: _____

Please complete the bottom of this form by checking the appropriate box, sign and return a copy no later than January 30, 2024. We thank you for your consideration of hosting the ICUA of Washington DC & Vicinity, Inc. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carolyn N. Brown – Time and Place Coordinator – on (443) 926-6553 or Email: cnbrown11@msn.com.

 We hereby grant the ICUA permission to use our Church facilities on the above-listed date

Food will be served

No food will be served

Date Approved: _____

Signature of Pastor or Church Official

Signature of President of the Usher Ministry

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED FORM TO

Ms. Carolyn N. Brown
Coordinator – Time and Place Working Unit
Attn: Events Department
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RITUALISTIC SERVICE REQUEST GUIDELINES

In the event of the death of an ICUA Usher:

Deceased Usher's dues must be current, and Usher was listed on the current ICUA Roster as one of the following categories:

- Active
- Associate
- Honorary Member

If the above criteria are met, the information below should be provided as soon as possible by the deceased Usher's President to:

Sister Druscilla Smalls
Telephone: 202-678-2180
Email: drusyd43@comcast.net

If unable to reach Sister Smalls, please contact:

President Brenda Gilliam
Telephone: 301-306-7233
Email: bratteray@msn.com

Vice President Ronald L. Jones
Telephone: 202-997-3786
Email: rjones0042@aol.com

Information to be provided:

1. Complete name of the deceased Usher
2. Date of death
3. Date, time, and place requested for the Ritual
4. Date, time, and place of funeral
5. Deceased Usher's favorite scripture and song
6. Family member name and contact information – responsible for receiving condolences
7. Funeral home name, address, telephone number, fax number and email address
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Where will the viewing services be held?

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May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

What Is Mental Health?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Over the course of your life, if you experience mental health problems, your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected. Many factors contribute to mental health problems, including:

- Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry
- Life experiences, such as trauma or abuse
- Family history of mental health problems

Mental health problems are common but [help is available](#). People with mental health problems can get better and many [recover](#) completely.

Early Warning Signs

Not sure if you or someone you know is living with mental health problems? Experiencing one or more of the following feelings or behaviors can be an early warning sign of a problem:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Yelling or fighting with family and friends
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
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- Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others

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Mental Health and Wellness

Positive mental health allows people to:

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- Cope with the stresses of life
- Work productively
- Make meaningful contributions to their communities

Ways to maintain positive mental health include:

- Getting professional help if you need it
- Connecting with others
- Staying positive
- Getting physically active
- Helping others
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- Developing coping skills

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