



# THE EPISTLE

*Newsletter of the  
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church*

*"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men..." 2 Corinthians 3:2*



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We do this through Christ-centered *worship*, *biblical instruction*, *prayer*, *nurturing fellowship*, and *caring acts* that are reflective of our love for God and one another.

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# Our Journey to Easter

By Rev. James A. Crosson Jr., Assistant Pastor



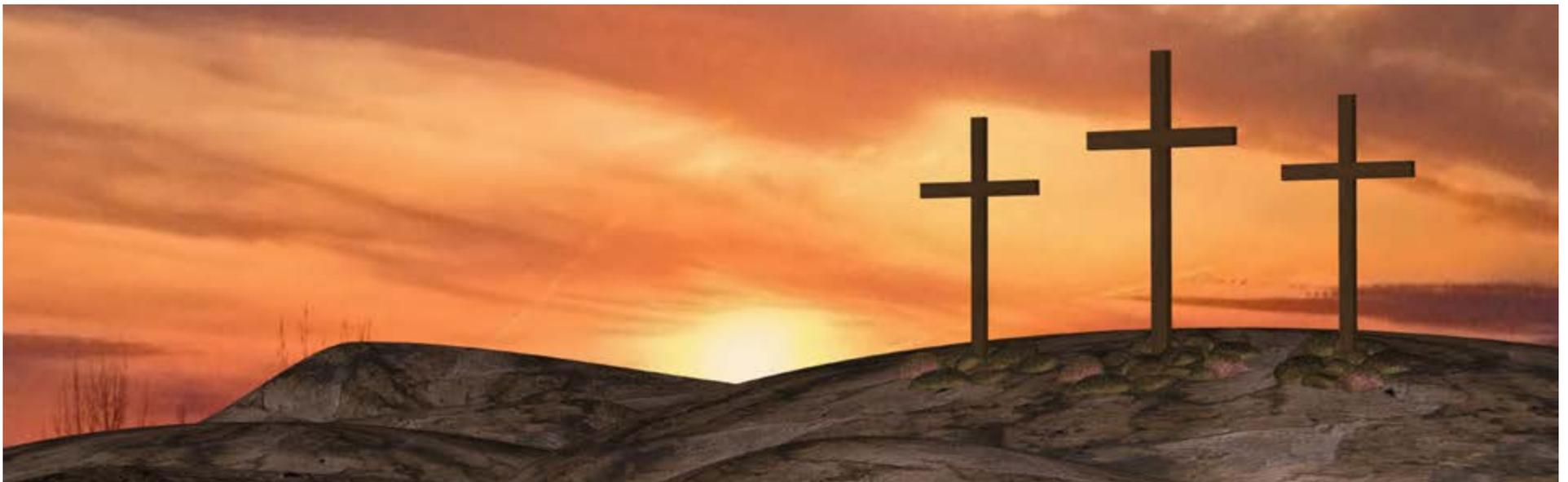
Our journey to Easter 2017 started on Shrove Tuesday at a pancake supper. The tradition of eating pancakes was to use up rich foods (like eggs, butter and fats) not intended to be used during Lent, which begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.

Lent lasts for forty days. Although there are forty-six days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, Sundays are holy days and not counted. Lent has always been a time of preparation: self-examination, penitence, study, demonstrated by self-denial in preparation for Easter. This period of intense preparation for Easter is to help deepen our relationship with God.

Fasting before Easter has been an ancient and widespread practice. The purpose of fasting is to take our eyes off the things of this world and instead focus on God. Fasting is a way to demonstrate to God and to ourselves that we are serious about our relationship with Him. Although fasting in Scripture always refers to food, there are other ways to fast. We can fast from habits, emotions, smoking, sweets, television, social media, or other regular enjoyment that would keep us from enjoying time with Jesus Christ.

We continue our journey to Easter with our Sunday worship and Wednesday noon Lenten services with worship and a meal. The Lenten services are a time for worship and fellowship with our members and outreach to others.

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The sixth Sunday in Lent (April 9, 2017) is called Palm Sunday. It marks Jesus making his triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding a colt, an animal signifying a king of peace not war (Matthew 21:8-10).

Jesus' final week is known as Holy Week or Passion Week. Passion Week is so named because of the passion with which Jesus willingly went to the cross to pay for our sins. Thursday of Holy Week is known as Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday. The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command" and refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

We observe Maundy Thursday with a service where we commemorate what Jesus did. Jesus celebrated the last supper with his disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an

example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17).

Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, arrested, tried and sentenced to death on the cross. On Good Friday Jesus was crucified and buried in a tomb. Our journey to Easter continues to Good Friday when we worship with one of the original Foggy Bottom churches where the Seven Last Sayings of Jesus on the cross are preached.

Our journey ends on Easter Sunday with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He Has Risen. We praise and worship our Lord and Risen Savior in our Sunday morning Easter Worship Service.

Please join us Sunday, April 16, at 10 AM as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. ❖

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A suggested devotional for Lent is *40 Days of Decrease: A Different Kind of Hunger. A Different Kind of Fast* by Alicia Britt Chole.



# Taking Care of Business: Trustees Retreat for Training

By Trustee Donza M. Poole



*Person of the Word, spiritual and sensitive, team player.* These are some of the characteristics of a trustee that were discussed at the half-day trustee retreat held on Saturday, March 11 at the church.

Newly-elected Trustee Chairman Franklin Smith organized the retreat as a time for trustee development.

Former Trustees Shirley France, Charles Hall, and Randy Woolridge presented the training. Together they brought over 30 years of prior experience as trustees of Nineteenth Street and Woolridge, a CPA, has taught a trustee training class at the DC Baptist Convention.

The training covered a variety of topics, including the characteristics of a trustee, dealing with change, trustee ethics, the church as a nonprofit, and property and financial management issues.

Pastor Roberts, who attended part of the retreat, actively participated in what was often a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the issues.

The training, which was very well received, did not stop there. Several of the trustees returned

the following Saturday for a separate training session on reading the church's many financial reports. The training was presented by Shirley France, along with church accountant Jacqueline Gosby, CPA.

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*Trustee Emerson Bretous and Trustee Chair Franklin Smith listen attentively to Pastor Roberts.*

The trustee retreat and financial reports training provided timely opportunities for the trustees to examine their roles as stewards of the church's assets, just as the church begins a new budget year and looks to maximize its resources to support the church's mission "to profoundly *experience*, joyfully *celebrate*, and meaningfully *share* God's grace." ❖

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### Save the Date – May 21, 2017 – Trustee Rally Day!

Each year on Trustee Rally Day, the trustees raise funds for the care of the church. Watch this space, the church bulletin, and your mail for more information on how you can support this year's Trustee Rally Day.



*Left to right: Trustee Steven Jumper, Trustee James Rodgers and presenter former Trustee Randy Woolridge*

## April 23 Is Women's Day

Women's Day will be observed at Nineteenth Street on Sunday, April 23 at the 10 AM Worship Service. Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, an ordained itinerant elder in the AME Church, will be the guest speaker. The theme for the worship service is "The Holy Spirit and Missions in a Dark World," inspired by Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."



Rev. Boyd is a member of Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, Maryland, where she serves on the ministerial staff. She is a past national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Missionary Society, which sponsors Women's Day, invites all members to come be inspired, motivated, and energized. All ladies should wear white that day. All members are asked

to contribute \$50 towards Home and Foreign Mission programs, using their membership envelopes or pew envelopes marked "Women's Day."

A reception in the Wyatt A. James Fellowship Hall will follow the Women's Day worship service. Patricia C. Thomas is the 2017 chair of Women's Day; Deaconess Pearl Sudduth and Ada D. Keaton are co-chairs. ❖

# Like Us on Facebook!

By Trustee Donza M. Poole

It's official. You can now keep up with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church on its official Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Everyblessing.org](http://www.facebook.com/Everyblessing.org).

While you may have seen other Facebook pages for the church, the one at [www.facebook.com/Everyblessing.org](http://www.facebook.com/Everyblessing.org) is the official Facebook page and is administered by the church.

The Facebook page is the first step towards creating a social media presence for the church on various social media platforms.

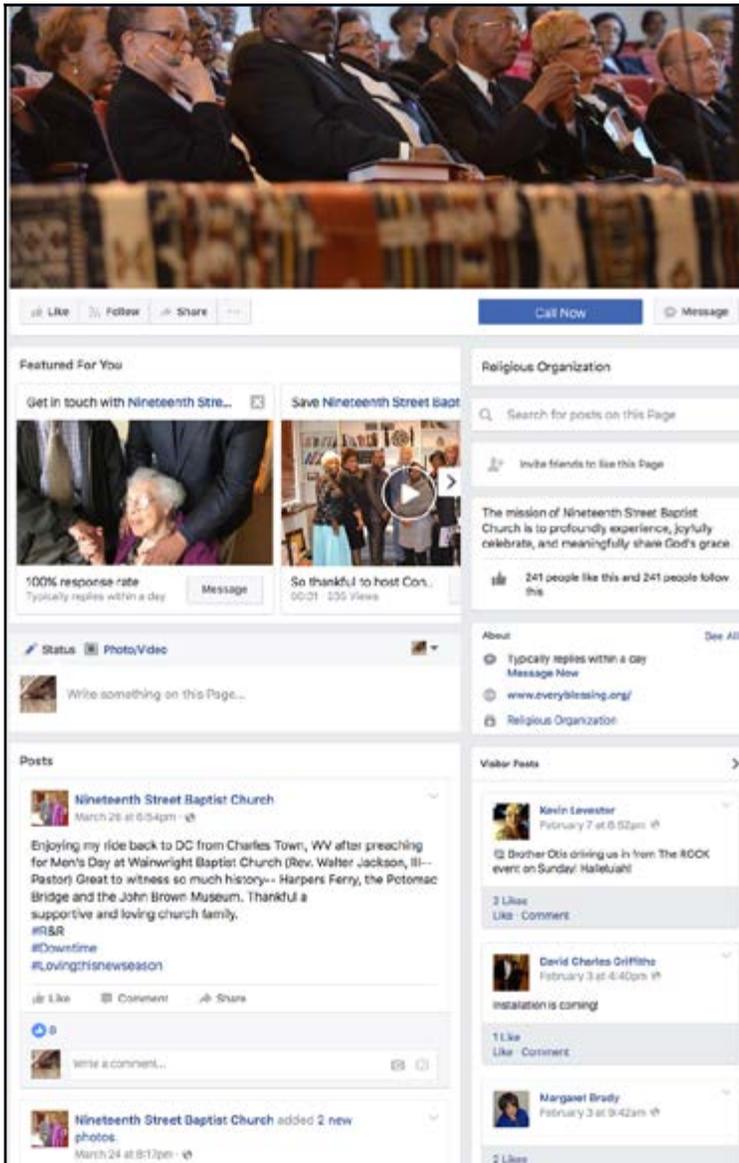
To get started, there was a meeting on March 19 to brainstorm on ways to make better use of social media—from Facebook and Twitter, to Instagram and Snapchat—to name a few. Pastor Roberts led the meeting, which was attended by an enthusiastic cross-section of nearly 20 church members, including several with in-depth knowledge of Facebook and other social media platforms.

The goal is to use these networks to communicate with the congregation and help get the word out to others about the work we do at Nineteenth Street.

An important part of the church's social media strategy is the website at [www.everyblessing.org](http://www.everyblessing.org). In addition, the Music Ministry has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Nineteenth-Street-Baptist-Church-Music-Ministry](http://www.facebook.com/Nineteenth-Street-Baptist-Church-Music-Ministry).

Church family and friends are encouraged to visit the church's website and Facebook page, along with the Music Ministry's Facebook page, to experience and connect with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church at any time.

**Join in!** Interested in helping to improve communications and the church's social media presence? Attend the next meeting on Sunday, April 9, immediately following worship service. For more information, contact Edith Bullard Britt who is helping to organize the ministry. ❖



Here's what our Facebook page looks like. It's always changing, so see what's new at [www.facebook.com/Everyblessing.org](http://www.facebook.com/Everyblessing.org)

# Impressions of the Motherland

*By The Britts*

Edith, Amara and Stan Britt took off for Accra, Ghana in West Africa on February 4, 2017. While Stan had been there before it was the first trip to the continent for Edith and Amara. Ghana, formally the Gold Coast, was the first Black Nation to gain independence from a colonial power in 1957. Accra, a metropolitan area of 5,500,000 people, is the national capital of Ghana and sits on the southeast coast facing the Gulf of Guinea, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean.

Though exact totals will never be known it is believed that 12.5 million Africans, between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, were forcibly removed from the Bay of Guinea nations

(now Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin). It is estimated that nearly two million died in the voyage across the Atlantic. Africans that were captured and or bartered were held in over 40 forts and castles until there was a ship prepared to take them to “the New World.” There were 25 of these forts and castles in what is now Ghana.

As an African American traveling to Ghana, it is impossible to imagine not seeing the slave castles. We visited two—one in Elmina and another on Cape Coast. There is no more poignant feeling than standing before the “Doors of No Return” of both castles and imagining how our ancestors must have felt. The

foreboding feeling remained as we toured the slave dungeons for men and women; the desperation was palpable when they closed the door on us in the small cell where enslaved people, deemed “hostile and uncontrollable,” were locked in and left to die.

In addition to the slave castles, Ghana is a fount of culture. In Accra we visited both private and public schools where the children were excited to see African Americans. Our tour group had brought school supplies for these visits. The

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*Amara and dancing school children*



*A Door of No Return*

children sang to us in English and Gaa, the native language of the Ga people who populate the area around Accra, and danced for us. Of course, Amara had to get into the act.

We also visited the home of W. E. B. Du Bois in Accra. Du Bois was a very close friend of Kwame Nkrumah, the liberator President of Ghana. Nkrumah admired Dr. Du Bois for his philosophy of Pan Africanism. Du Bois moved to Ghana where he died and is entombed. We also visited Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park which commemorates the efforts of Ghana's first President to unite Africa and create independence for the country which had been colonized by the Portuguese, the Dutch, and the English.

On the way to the castles we also stopped at a coffin making workshop. At this workshop, coffins could be made in any form or shape—cars, planes, animals, houses or buildings. Coffins,



*Nkrumah statue in front of Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and Memorial Park*

which often reflect the occupation or passion of the deceased, are truly works of art. This workshop has shipped these artistic coffins all over the world.

One of our last stops was the Aburi Botanical Garden, a beautiful site of unique trees and plants, varying from those that produce spices, herbs, and ingredients for lotions and medicines to those that collect dew and produce a rainy mist throughout the day.

A trip to Ghana is not complete without visiting its numerous markets. We went to several, including the City Bazaar and the Artist Alliance Gallery. All had a wealth of fabrics, carvings, paintings, jewelry, clothing and more.

Ghana is a beautiful country, with friendly and welcoming people. Whether we were talking with the children at the schools, bartering with the vendors in the market, talking to the women who carry amazing loads on their heads, or interacting with our knowledgeable tour guide, the people were friendly and welcoming. Ghana's sun, sea and people all made us feel like we had come home. ❖



*Amara, Edith and Deacon Stan Britt at Aburi Botanical Garden*

# Health Ministry Prays for Healing of AIDS

*By Deaconess Evangeline Stevens and Evelyn Sellers*

The 17th Annual Prayer Meeting for “The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of Aids” was held Thursday, March 7, 2017 in the chapel. This year’s prayer service was led by Deacon Yvonne Dickson. During the prayer meeting, Cecelia Johnson and Deaconess Mamie Montague, Health Ministry Chair, spoke about the history and progression of HIV/AIDS. Although HIV/AIDS is not spoken of as much as in the past, there is no cure yet and many people still die from complications of the disease.

Four prayers of comfort were lifted up in this special prayer service:

- Deaconess Pearl Sudduth prayed for the Global Community, especially Haiti, Jamaica, Burkina Faso and the African Continent;
- Carolyn Wilson prayed for our Family, Loved Ones and Friends living with HIV/AIDS and other life threatening illnesses and the Health Care Providers who treat them;
- Sherman Mathis prayed for the Healing of our City; and
- Rev. James Crosson prayed for the Healing of our Nation and the World.

After the prayers, members of the congregation were allowed to say personal prayers, and many gave testimonies about people in their lives who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. It was a moving service, closing with Lee Hairston singing “There Is a Balm in Gilead,” while each person shared the light of their prayer candle and prayed silently. Pastor Roberts closed the very moving prayer meeting with a special prayer.

Nineteenth Street’s Health Ministry has observed the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS for the past 17 years, coordinated by Deaconess Evangeline Stevens and Evelyn Sellers.

Prayer meeting is held each Thursday night, 6:30–7:30 PM. ❖



*Deaconess Evangeline Stevens and Evelyn Sellers*

# Spotlight on Minister of Music David Griffiths

*By Deborah Heard*

“I’m here to serve, and to inspire other people to serve, with our music.”

That is David Griffiths’ philosophy as the minister of music of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. He brings to the role prodigious gifts as a pianist, singer, composer and director. He also has extensive training, including degrees in music and in theology from Columbia Union College, and a masters of music degree in vocal performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University.

His expertise in church music, from high anthems to old spirituals, is evident during regular services and during special programs, whether he is playing piano, delivering solos in his powerful baritone, or directing the choir. Often joining him is his wife, Monique Griffiths, a soloist and a choir director, and their son David, who plays drums. Daughter Maia already shows signs that she’s a singer.

Griffiths’ ministry at Nineteenth Street began in 2009 after a fortuitous meeting with Edmond Charles, then the organist for the church. Charles had played for Monique and the two were practicing for an event. Charles turned to David and asked, “are you doing any work on Sundays?” Nineteenth Street’s music minister had left his position that Tuesday and Charles had no one to direct during Sunday

service. David Griffiths stepped in. He was so impressive that, immediately after the service, Deacon Johnnieque Love and Deacon Gerald Young approached him and asked for his resume.

Griffiths, the son of an English professor and a nurse, was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, but grew up in Maryland. His family came here in 1978 when David’s father, who was a minister, was called to serve in leadership at the world headquarters of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. David

knew early on that ministry and music would be a part of his life. As a teenager, he helped create and performed in musicals. He also took mission trips to places such as Honduras and Antigua. Now, in addition to serving as our music minister, he is an elder in the Denton Church of Free Seventh-Day Adventists in Denton, Maryland.

Griffiths defines the role of music minister as being “someone able to effectively execute and implement the vision God has given the shepherd of the church.” That vision can change with a new pastor and Griffiths has been talking to Pastor Darryl D. Roberts about his preferred style of music worship. Griffiths summarized it, based on initial conversations, as “quality above quantity. ... We can spend more time and energy on something and make it really good,” he said. “His vision will provide us an opportunity to have greater excellence.”

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There are challenges. Among them are expanding the choirs, finding time for rehearsals, and managing the sound system.

Currently, the Mass Choir is the choir for regular services. It is on duty every Sunday except the fifth, when the Male Chorus performs. When Griffiths arrived, there was a different schedule: Mass Choir performed on the first Sundays, Senior Choir on the second, Instruments of Praise on the third, Gospel Choir on the fourth and Male Chorus on the fifth. The Kandelite Choir also performs some Sundays.

The benefit of merging into the Mass Choir was to create “a sense of unity,” he said. “Let’s help each other out. Let’s build a sense of family across the different entities.” The merger also helped address the issue of declining membership as some

long-time singers were unable to participate and some younger members left the church.

Griffiths wants to expand the ranks, including bringing back a youth choir. That effort, in particular, has been hampered by the demanding schedules that individuals and families must manage. It’s difficult to find time for rehearsals. Now, choir practice is held every Wednesday night and some Saturday mornings. For special programs, such as the upcoming Palm Sunday and Easter services, there are additional rehearsals.

The sound system poses a different kind of challenge, one that requires expertise and money. For example, Griffiths pointed out, the placement of the sound booth makes it difficult to create excellent audio. The volunteers in the booth don’t hear

what those in the sanctuary hear. Therefore, it takes extra time and steps for them to discover problems and make adjustments. The microphones and other equipment also can be problematic. These factors hamper the push for excellence, but not the determination.

Griffiths issued an open invitation to everyone to join the mission. There are no auditions. Whosoever will, come. “There are other people who sing who could come and sing,” he said. “Do it unto the Lord. The result is, when we share our gifts, we are all blessed.”

His gifts have allowed him to perform before audiences throughout the United States and in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, France, Japan, the Caribbean and Canada. He also has written more than 300 compositions, organized community choirs, and programmed special concerts that

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brought acclaimed musicians to Nineteenth Street. He has preached as well, including in South Korea, where he spent a year as a missionary teaching English. That experience inspired a musical production titled “Journey to Worship” that he premiered at Nineteenth Street in 2015. And, he preached at Nineteenth Street as one of the guest speakers during the 2014 Lenten season.

In describing some of his goals, Griffiths cited the example of the Singing Sensations Youth Choir that performed during the installation services for Rev. Roberts. The founder and director of the choir, Dr. Hollie Hood-Mincey, saw it as an opportunity to serve the Baltimore community and expose the young singers and musicians to life-changing experiences. Griffiths has the same ambition.

“That’s ministry,” he said. “I think anything we can do to serve people in the most need is when we find ourselves in the closest walk with the Lord.” ❖



*The talented and joyful Griffiths family*

## Welcome New Members

**MARCH 2017**

Sister Rukiya Bonner

Sister Sekai Bonner-Flagg

Brother William Burks Jr.

Sister Alicia Dawson

Sister Jaleya Damonique Leonard

Brother Adrian V. Nunn Sr.

## Wanted: Volunteers for The Epistle!

The Epistle is looking for volunteers to help generate, write and edit stories each month. This is a great way to meet and connect with other church members and be involved with the work of the church. It is also very rewarding to see the results of your efforts every month and know you are helping to improve communications to and within our church family. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Karen Williamson at 202-829-5973 or [williamsonke@gmail.com](mailto:williamsonke@gmail.com).

# Faith That Works

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



One of the secrets of enjoying today and embracing tomorrow is learning how to wait. Waiting for God is not always easy. Often it seems that He isn't answering our prayers or doesn't understand the urgency of our situation. Whatever you are waiting for, don't give up. Be patient; stay faithful; and when you feel you simply cannot wait any longer, ask God to help you wait for the fulfillment of His promises,

which will come in His perfect timing.

James 5:7-8 gives us valuable instruction about waiting: "So be patient, brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land. See how he keeps up his patient vigil over it until it receives the early and late rains. So you also must be patient." (NIV)

Just as a farmer must wait for a harvest after he plants a seed, you will also have times of waiting after God plants seeds of dreams or desires in your heart. Learning to wait well simply means learning to wait with a good attitude that trusts God.

I have learned over the years that my attitude is more important to God than my getting what I want. He knows if I have a good

attitude, I can be joyful no matter my circumstances. When your life is full of difficulties or persecutions, be glad. A reward is awaiting you. One of the biggest mistakes we make as believers is failing to remember that God's timing rarely matches our timing. We think and plan in temporal terms, and God thinks and plans in eternal terms. We want what feels good right now, what produces immediate results, but God is willing to be patient and deliberate as He invests in us over time to produce results far better and longer lasting than we can imagine.

If we understand that waiting is an important discipline and learn to wait with positive attitudes, we can enjoy waiting periods and learn the lessons we need to learn during times of delay. The inability to wait well is one of the major reasons people do not enjoy their everyday lives. They are so focused on where they are going that they do not enjoy the journey that gets them there. They allow themselves to become so consumed with talking of yesterday and tomorrow that they completely miss today.

God sees the big picture of our lives, from start to finish. He knows what needs to happen and when. We simply need to trust Him and remember His perspective is far superior to ours and that His timing is perfect. Waiting is a fact of life—and it is a necessary ingredient for success in the art of Kingdom Building. ❖

# March Moments



*Darren Pagan made an appeal for the church's scholarship program. Son of Avé Cannady and a scholarship beneficiary himself, Darren is currently pursuing a dual degree MBA and MS in Finance from the University of Maryland.*



*Members of Nineteenth Street's Diaconate make a communion visit on March 5 with Brother Lewis Edmunds (age 88). Pictured from left to right are Deaconess Margarette Blakemore, Lead Deaconess Catherine Cheatham, Deaconess Sharon Tucker, Deaconess Margaret Corbin and Deacon Kevin Little.*



*Pastor Roberts with March 8 Lenten Service preacher Dr. James E. Victor Jr., Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church of Arlington, Virginia*



*March 22 Lenten Service preacher Rev. Cynthia Jackson Swann, Associate Minister of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church of Trafford, Pennsylvania*

# Gifts from God Dedicated in March



**Jiya Lynda Dickson**  
Born: March 20, 2016  
Dedicated: March 19, 2017  
Parents: Chyniece Nikki Dickson  
and Eric N. Tinker Jr.  
Brother: Jayden Dickson  
Maternal Grandparents: Marc  
Dickson and Lynda  
Dickson  
Paternal Grandparents: Eric  
Tinker and Valencia Daniels  
Maternal Great Grandparent:  
Deacon Yvonne Dickson



**Aidan Daniel Nunn**  
Born: August 31, 2016  
Dedicated: March 12, 2017  
Parents: Dawnielle Kilby-Robb and Adrian  
Nunn  
Maternal Grandparents: Deacon Nathaniel  
Robb and Deaconess Patricia Robb  
Paternal Grandparents: Dorothy Thomas  
and Arlington Nunn

## **Evan Fox Suggs**

Born January 10, 2016  
Dedicated: March 19, 2017  
Parents: Kiel Anthony Suggs and  
Shani Glaudé Suggs  
Maternal Grandparents: Rhonda  
Roland Glaudé and  
Stephen Glaudé  
Paternal Grandparents: Anthony  
Suggs and Sharon Suggs



# Being Grateful

Here are some of our youth who attend Church School and Youth Church.  
The teachers polled them recently to find out some things for which they are thankful.



**Austin Williams**

3 years old

*I thank God for  
Food  
Green Beans  
Chicken  
Rice*



**Kinsley Beckham**

7 years old

*I am thankful for my friends.  
I am thankful for crabs.  
I am thankful for my home.  
I am thankful for my hair.  
I am thankful for my family.*



**Ayden Williams**

7 years old

*I am thankful for my family  
and friends and the turkey.  
I am thankful to be alive.  
I am thankful to have a family.  
I am thankful to have my  
brothers.*



**Abbott Anderson**

7 years old

*I am thankful for my friends and  
family and food and Jesus dying on  
the cross and being in America.*



**Micah Cooper**

11 years old

*I thank God for my family and  
friends. I am also thankful  
for Jesus dying on the cross  
for our sins. I am thankful for  
clothes and food.*



**Alexander Williams IV**

10 years old

*I am thankful for parents.  
I am thankful for chance to be alive.  
I am thankful for food.  
I am thankful for Ayden and Austin.  
I am thankful for clothes.  
I am thankful for Grandma,  
Granddaddy, Popo and Nana.*

# Calendar

## APRIL

**Wednesday, April 5** – Lenten Service and Lunch, Rev. Taft Quincey Heatley, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia, Noon

**Saturday, April 8** – Progressive Adults Theater Outing, *Twisted Melodies*, Center Stage in Baltimore, 2 PM

**Sunday, April 9** – Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10 AM

**Thursday, April 13** – Maundy Thursday Supper, Communion and Foot Washing, 7 PM

**Friday, April 14** – Good Friday Service, The Seven Last Words, Rev. Dr. Darryl D. Roberts, preaching. Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, 5720 New Hampshire Avenue NE, Washington, DC, Noon

**Saturday, April 15** – Church School Easter Drama Stage Rehearsal, 10:30-11:30 AM; Easter Egg Coloring & Hunt, 11:30 AM – 1 PM

**Sunday, April 16** – Church School Easter Presentation, Fellowship Hall, 8:30 AM

**Sunday, April 16** – Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 AM

**Friday, April 21** – Church Business Meeting, 7 PM

**Sunday, April 23** – Women’s Day Worship Service, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, Associate Minister, Ebenezer AME Church, Fort Washington, Maryland, 10 AM

**Wednesday, April 26** – Leisure Club Outing to Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center, Cambridge, Maryland

## MAY

**Sunday, May 14** – Mother’s Day Worship Service, 10 AM

**Saturday, May 20** – Youth Ministry outing to The National Museum of African American History and Culture

**Sunday, May 21** – Trustees Rally Day Worship Service, 10 AM

**Sunday, May 28** – Men’s Day Worship Service, 10 AM

**Monday, May 29** – Memorial Day Holiday, Church Office closed



## Gospel Benefit Event at Nineteenth Street

The L.M. Foundation presents, live in concert, Grammy Award Winner Yolanda Adams with special guest artist Stellar Award Winner Jessica Greene.

**Saturday, May 6, 7:00 PM**  
**Nineteenth Street Baptist Church**

Funds raised will help survivors of domestic violence and help to build the transitional home, the Aspiration House.

For information about the LM Foundation, click [here](#).

Tickets are only available through the LM Foundation.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).