



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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The mission of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church is to profoundly *experience*, joyfully *celebrate*, and meaningfully *share* God's grace.

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.

We, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel and Jesus Christ to all people while supporting the work of missions in our church, our community, our country, and the world.

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A Salute To Mothers: The Real MVPs

By Rev. Dr. Darryl D. Roberts



In 2014, millions of Americans sat glued to their television sets as they watched with awe, glee and elation the NBA great, Kevin Durant, deliver his inspiring MVP speech. What made his message one of the most talked about, texted about, tweeted about, and commentated about in NBA history was not that his game stats were the best ever. Instead, it was what he shared in that ten-minute speech when the eyes of the world were fastened upon him.

One of the most powerful and moving parts of his speech was perhaps when he thanked his mother for inspiring him to pursue greatness at an early age. He said “I don’t think you know what you did. The odds were stacked against us. Single parent with two kids by the time you were 21 years old. Everybody said we were not suppose to be here.” Then he talked about how his mother would wake him up in the middle of the night in summer months, making him run up the hill, do push ups and cheering him on from the sidelines at basketball games at age 8 or 9. “We wasn’t suppose to be here, you made us believe, kept us off the streets, put clothes on our backs and put food on the table,” Durant exclaimed emphatically. “When you didn’t eat you made sure we ate. You went to bed hungry. You sacrificed for us. You are the real MVP.”

I believe what makes Durant’s speech such a powerful testimony and fitting tribute to mothers is the powerful way in which he highlights the unique roles that mothers play as chief sustainers, masterful enablers and incredible game changers.

The Hall of Faith is replete with examples of mothers whose inspiration, celebration and cultivation have changed lives and transformed nations. We remember Hannah who was disgraced for her bareness, she prayed for a son, and God blessed her with Samuel who became a prophet to the Hebrew nation. We remember Deborah, the only female judge mentioned in the Bible, who, troubled by the oppression of her people, obeyed God and got the glory for defeating Israel’s enemies. We remember Mary, that poor Palestinian Jew, who was handpicked by God for a holy hook-up, and God blessed her womb to give birth to the Savior of the world. Throughout the Bible, God uses the courage, wisdom and faith of biological, surrogate, young, old and spiritual mothers to save lives and build nations.

As we survey the annals of Black History, we find examples of mothers who sowed seeds of faith, courage and love that worked miracles individually and collectively. We remember the tireless educator, presidential advisor, stateswoman, philanthropist, and humanitarian, Mary McLeod Bethune, who is widely known for starting the Literary and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in Daytona Beach. With determination, \$1.50, faith in God and five little girls, she opened a school

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that has been developing minds and shaping moral character for over 112 years. When asked how she was able to make it through those trying times, she said it was her “faith in a loving God, faith in myself and a desire to serve others” that inspired her to labor on for the Lord.

We remember that great drum major for justice, suffragist, and humanitarian, Harriet Tubman. When her slaveholder Edward Brodess died in 1849, leaving his wife Eliza with debts, Eliza decided to raise money through the sale of slaves to pay off her creditors. She petitioned the court to sell Tubman’s niece. That same day Tubman and her two brothers, Ben and Henry, ran away from Dr. Thompson’s plantation. A few weeks later, the siblings got into an argument over fear of being captured and the brothers returned to the plantation, bringing Harriet with them against her will. Faced with the threat of sale, Tubman reasoned that there was “one or two things” she had a “right to, liberty or death.” If she could not have one she would have the other. Because of Tubman’s boldness, courage and faith, over three hundred slaves were led from slavery to freedom.

On April 20, 2016, Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew announced that Harriet Tubman’s portrait will be featured on the new \$20 bill, the most common currency in the United States. The new banknote will be issued in 2020, which is the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which extended the right to vote to women.

And so, this Mother’s Day we celebrate all mothers. We celebrate mothers who give birth and raise others’ children. We celebrate mothers who had faith in God and others who didn’t believe in themselves. We celebrate mothers who inspire individuals and build nations. We celebrate mothers who embrace the joy of raising children and deal with the pain of stillbirths, failed adoptions and missing children. We

celebrate mothers who grieve the loss of their mothers and are still blessed to feel the touch of their mothers. We celebrate mothers who take little and do much and give much so that others can experience so much more. For these reasons, and so much more, we salute mothers, the real MVPs. ❖

An Ode to Mothers

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister

Mother, every time you read this poem, I hope you’ll remember that I can’t even imagine a more wonderful mother than you.
Where would I be, without you?
Mom, when I was a child, I didn’t understand how hard you worked to provide everything you wanted us to have.
Some might believe that to be a parent’s job.
But looking back over my blessed life, I realize you did so much more for us.
You gave us so much more.
You did it with so much love.
You put your needs aside
In order to provide for us.
Now that I’m older and a parent myself, I understand how much you sacrificed,
And I know how lucky I am
To have been blessed
With such a wonderful mother as you.
Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers.

Local Clergy Welcome Pastor Roberts

Prominent local pastors, leaders of Baptist associations and seminary professors, administrators and students gathered for lunch on Tuesday, April 25 at Nineteenth Street to welcome Rev. Dr. Darryl D. Roberts to the area. The event was conceived and coordinated by Violetta Graham. Representatives of the Washington Baptist Theological Seminary, Missionary Baptist Minister's Conference of DC and Vicinity, the Mount Bethel Baptist Association, DC Baptist Convention, and National Capital Baptist Convention of Washington, DC and Vicinity brought greetings. Pastor Roberts appreciated the opportunity to meet these clergy leaders and looks forward to nurturing these relationships. ❖



Pastor Roberts being welcomed by DC Baptist Convention Executive Director Dr. Robert Cochran.



Pastor Roberts with Mistress of Ceremony Violetta Graham

The Nineteenth Street Diaconate Grows

We thank and praise God for blessing us with these new servants.



The ranks of our diaconate grew as both the Deaconess and Deacon Boards added new members committed to service on March 12. Two new deaconesses were installed: Margarette Blakemore and Patricia Andrew. Four new deacons were ordained: Deborah Crain Kemp, Shawn Davis-Wilensky, Russell J. Parker and Nathaniel Robb.



The newly installed deaconesses had numerous training sessions, participated in the completion of key church projects, shadowed established diaconate teams and benefitted from other specially-developed opportunities to prepare themselves spiritually, physically and mentally to joyfully fulfill the role of deaconess.

The training and preparation of the deacon candidates began in February 2016 and included their participation in monthly training sessions, reports on selected readings, in-the-field training, and completion of at least one church project. The goal of these training and preparation components was to assist candidates in discerning their mental, physical and spiritual readiness to serve as deacons.

Submitted by Fred T. Leftrict Jr., Deacon Board Chair and E. Louise White, Deaconess Board Chair

Trustee Rally Day: More Than a Special Offering Envelope

By Trustee Donza M. Poole



*Where there is no vision,
the people perish.*
Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Each May, the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church family has a special opportunity to invest in the church's mission by joining with the Board of Trustees in support of Trustee Rally Day.

This year, that opportunity presents itself on May 21 when the Trustees will come before the church seeking funds to maintain the magnificent edifice that is our historic Nineteenth Street Baptist Church.

As many know, Trustees are responsible for managing the church's finances and physical assets, including the sanctuary, fellowship hall, meeting rooms, and mechanical systems. With a church built over 60 years ago, there is no shortage of projects to address.

But Trustee Rally Day is more than a day to raise funds to maintain our church home. At its core, it is an opportunity to embrace the church's mission and vision.

The church has been entrusted with the care of a versatile church building—one with a food pantry that has served over 700 people in need thus far this year, a kitchen to prepare

240 meals for the homeless on second Saturdays, space for youth church services and a digital lounge, meeting rooms for ministries, a music room for choirs, a chapel for prayer meeting, the Jones Handy House for Bible study, space for community groups, and, of course, the sanctuary.

The church has been celebrating Trustee Rally Day for over thirty years. Recent Trustee Rally Day contributions have helped restore the church façade, repair its aging roofs, and make additional payments on the roof loan. This year, the Trustees have earmarked Trustee Rally Day contributions for the Building Fund to address several priorities, including replacing the phone system and the exterior doors.

To complete these improvements and support the church's mission, the Trustees are asking each member to contribute \$200, or other amount as capable, on May 21. Trustee Rally Day contributions may also be made by installment in the weeks before. Donors should write "Trustee Rally Day" on their offering envelopes, if they do not use the special Trustee Rally Day envelopes. Donors may contribute online at www.everyblessing.org by clicking the donate button and designating the contribution for Trustee Rally Day.

Contributions to Trustee Rally Day—no matter the amount—are greatly appreciated.

See you at the Rally! ❖

Welcome New Members

Pictured are a few of the new members who have joined our church family this year. Please make them feel welcome.



Jara Wilensky at her April 23 baptism.



New member Evett Graham with Pastor Roberts



Alicia Dawson



Michael Anthony Beale



Samuel O. Laoye



Keelin Brown



April Massey



Rodrick Owens



William Burks Jr.

Support Men's Day on May 28

By Trustee Charles Sprow, Men's Day Chairperson

Men's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28 at the 10 AM worship service. The theme for the occasion is **"Men, Answering The Call."** Our Pastor Dr. Darryl Roberts will deliver the message and a repast will be provided immediately following the service.

Men's Day weekend activities will include bowling at a Bethesda bowling alley on Friday, May 26 and cleanup projects and visits to sick and shut-in members on Saturday, May 27. All men of the church are urged to participate and to encourage other men to become involved. A signup sheet will be available in the fellowship hall following the Sunday worship services during May.

We strongly encourage all church members to come out to support Men's Day and experience another special service in His honor. ❖

Save the Date – June 26, 2017 The Rosemary and John H. Brinkley Memorial Golf Tournament

Golfers and sponsors are urged to sign up now!
See Trustee Charles Sprow for more information.

Twisted Melodies Was Memorable Theater

By Heather Boyce

Thanks to the Progressive Adults for organizing such a memorable outing to see *Twisted Melodies* at Center Stage in Baltimore on Saturday, April 8. (The one-man show is based on the real life of

singer and composer Donny Hathaway.)

Kelvin Roston Jr., the young actor who portrayed Donny Hathaway, was absolutely incredible. The honesty with which he depicted Mr. Hathaway's life, his triumphs and his struggles struck me deeply. This was a man who tried his best to live in his truth despite mental health challenges. The world is better for being able to share his gifts and while I'm saddened about his untimely death, this play helped focus on the beauty of striving to do your best. I think this is a message that resonates with all of us. ❖



*Actor Kelvin Roston Jr
with Heather Boyce*

Pastor's Aid Ministry Celebrates 70th Anniversary

By Deaconess Brenda Lightening-Tolbert

If the nice weather forecast of March 26, 2017 was any indication of how the day was to unfold, the special worship service planned to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the Pastor's Aid Club was surely on its way to being a great celebration. This day also marked the club's name change to "Pastor's Aid Ministry." Even better, only by God's good Grace did this 70th-anniversary milestone come within the first few months of Pastor Robert's leadership. We are pleased that our ministry's mission strives to provide encouragement and caring acts of service directly to Pastor Roberts and his family. We embrace this unique supportive relationship with much love and care.

Thank you to the members who lent their time, talent and, most often, their treasures to ensure the program's success, primarily: Program Chair Deaconess Evangeline Stevens and volunteers Deacon Deborah Crain Kemp; Deaconesses Sandra Caviness and Hester Jones; and Sisters Heather Boyce, Shirley France, Monique Griffiths, Robin Smith and Robin Williams.

All members proudly wore the ministry colors of mauve and black. Sister Yvonne Gowdy served admirably as our worship leader, setting a spirit-filled tone in her opening prayer and personal testimony. She maintained this uplifting worship enthusiasm throughout the program paving the way for other program participants to follow in the same manner. Sister Dellareesa Banks rendered a fitting responsive reading, "Christian Love." Brother Damien Frierson extended words of welcome to our visitors and, to my utter surprise, presented me with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers on behalf of the ministry's members. I remain humbly grateful for this gesture of love.

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Pastor's Aid Ministry Mission

Striving to provide the Pastor with spiritual encouragement through fervent prayer, encouraging words, and caring acts for the progress of his ministry as he serves God in our faith community.



Deaconess Irish Stovall recognized for faithful service to Pastor's Aid Ministry.



Pastor Roberts receives tokens of appreciation from ministry president Deaconess Brenda Lightening-Tolbert.



Damien Frierson



Deaconess Sharon Tucker



Worship Leader Yvonne Gowdy



Dellareesa Banks looks on as Deaconess Lightening-Tolbert receives flowers.

Sister Heather Boyce delivered the scripture, Mark 12:28-34, which was in keeping with Pastor Roberts' tenth sermon in his series, Called to Follow Jesus: A Series in the Gospel of Mark. Deaconess Sharon Tucker had the honor of introducing Pastor Roberts, who delivered another of his powerful, God-inspired, teaching, thought-provoking sermons.

We also made time to recognize a special member who has made indelible footprints in our ministry's history. We honored Deaconess Irish R. Stovall, affectionately known as "Sunshine," for her many years of faithful and committed service. This was truly a surprise, as was the attendance of her daughters and other family members.

We also presented Pastor Roberts with tokens of appreciation. His frequent use of the kitchen refrigerator had not gone unnoticed, so a compact refrigerator was delivered to his office to make his time there a little more comfortable. We also presented him with a neck tie bearing our ministry colors.

Following the service, all were invited to a reception in the fellowship hall, which was also beautifully adorned in the ministry colors, and to stop by our membership drive table for more information about the Pastor's Aid Ministry. I am pleased to announce that, at this writing, five membership applications have been received. Please consider joining this great group of Christian friends.

On behalf of the Pastor's Aid Ministry, thank you for helping to make our 70th Anniversary a blessing for all. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. ❖

Following the Ways of Love

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.
(1 Corinthians 13:4-8) NIV

Love is more important than all spiritual gifts exercised in the church body. Jesus commanded His disciples to, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 19:19) The novelist, poet and theologian C.S. Lewis has stated, “Jesus loved us not because we were lovable, but because He is love.” The Bible teaches us that love is the most powerful force that exists.

It is record that forgiveness is man’s deepest need and God’s highest achievement. He who cannot forgive others destroys the bridge over which he himself must pass. The story is told that when Leonardo da Vinci was painting “The Last Supper,” he became angry with a man and lashed out at him. He even threatened him. Then, he went back to his fresco and tried to

paint the face of Jesus. He couldn’t for there was too much evil stirring inside him. The lack of peace forced him to put down his brushes, go find the man, and ask his forgiveness. Only then did he have the inner calm needed to do the face of his Master. God gives us spiritual gifts for our lives on earth in order to build up, serve, and strengthen fellow Christians. The more we become like Christ, the more love we will show to others.

Jesus was a gentle and compassionate person. When he came into the world, there were few hospitals, few places of refuge for the poor, few homes for orphans. There were no facilities to treat the mentally ill and no shelters for the homeless. Christ changed all that. He healed the sick, fed the hungry and opened the eyes of the blind. As Christians, we are called to live Christ-like lives, believing that God pardons like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.

In eternity, we will be made perfect and complete and will be in the very presence of God. We will no longer need the spiritual gifts, so they will come to an end. Paul offers a glimpse into the future to give us hope that one day we will be complete when we see God face to face. This truth should strengthen our faith—we don’t have all the answers now, but one day we will. ❖

Global Missions Ministry in Action

By Phillis Walls Cooke, Global Missions Ministry Leader

Led by our Global Missions Ministry, Nineteenth Street is leading the charge to support **VillageMed's Healthy Child Project** in Haiti. VillageMed is a non-profit dedicated to providing quality pediatric and maternal health care to the children of Haiti. They provide medical care by setting up temporary treatment clinics. Their goal is to build a permanent pediatric health clinic in a devastated area of Haiti.

Last year the Global Missions Ministry sponsored the HaitiWalk5K to support VillageMed's Healthy Child Project. The walk, which took place October 15 in Rock Creek Park, proved to be an invigorating, fun-filled event offering fellowship and health benefits to participants. The walk also had a goal to raise \$10,000.

On Easter Sunday, thanks to the church membership and all who supported the HaitiWalk5K, we presented to Nancy Quincy, President of VillageMed, a check for more than \$16,800, far surpassing our goal! These funds will allow VillageMed to begin the first phase, purchasing land on which to build a permanent pediatric clinic in Haiti.

To see a wonderful video capturing HaitiWalk 5K 2016, you can go to the church [website](#) or view it on the church's widescreen monitor. For information on volunteering or participating in this year's HaitiWalk5K 2.0, please contact Virginia Lee or Edith Bullard-Britt, who are this year's co-chairs.

We are grateful to God for leading us in the direction of Haiti and showing us what we can do when we work together in Jesus' name. We continue to obey God's Great Commission (Matt 28: 19-20) and invite you to join us and do even greater things this year. Help make a permanent footprint in Haiti as we "Walk Together Children!" ❖



Dr. Valerie Bowman, VillageMed Chief Medical Officer; Pastor Roberts; Nancy Quincy, VillageMed President; and Phillis Walls Cooke, Global Missions Ministry Leader



Deaconess Evangeline Stevens and Deacon Oddie Stevens next to bust of Harriet Tubman



Pastor Roberts and Rev. Crossson with Tubman's great-great-grandniece Valerie Ross Manokey

A Trip to Visit History

By Deaconess Evangeline Stevens

Leisure Club members, guests, and friends, along with Rev. Dr. Darryl Roberts and Rev. James Crosson, gathered on April 26 for a two-hour journey to Church Creek, Maryland to visit the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad and Visitor's Center.

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Dorchester County, Maryland and fled to Pennsylvania, a "free" state. A few years later she dared to return repeatedly to guide more than 70 other slaves, including her brothers, in what was to be known as the Underground Railroad. Her courageous and selfless action earned her the nickname "Moses." She died on March 10, 1913.

It was an enlightening experience to see and become a part of that history. Our outing included two stops. The first was the Visitor's Center whose exhibits and theater tell the stories of Harriet Tubman's life and works. It also includes a classroom, museum and library. The exhibits were sobering — giving a detailed timeline of her early life, her actions during the Civil War, and her later years as a suffragist, civil rights worker and humanitarian.

The second stop was the Museum in downtown Cambridge. Though not as large as the Visitor's Center, it was more personal and showcased her books and papers written about her. We saw a movie and heard a talk by the curator of the museum about her life and her accomplishments. We were blessed and honored to meet her great-great-great-grandnephew Charles Ross and great-great-grandniece Valerie Ross Manokey, who spoke about Tubman. It was emotional.

The trip was a wonderful experience, shared by all who attended with God leading us all the way. ❖

The Leisure Club will show the movie *Hidden Figures* on Thursday, June 15, 2017. The movie is free, but you must sign up if you wish to attend.



June Jackson resting next to Harriet Tubman.

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My Family's Easter Miracle

By Yvonne Gowdy

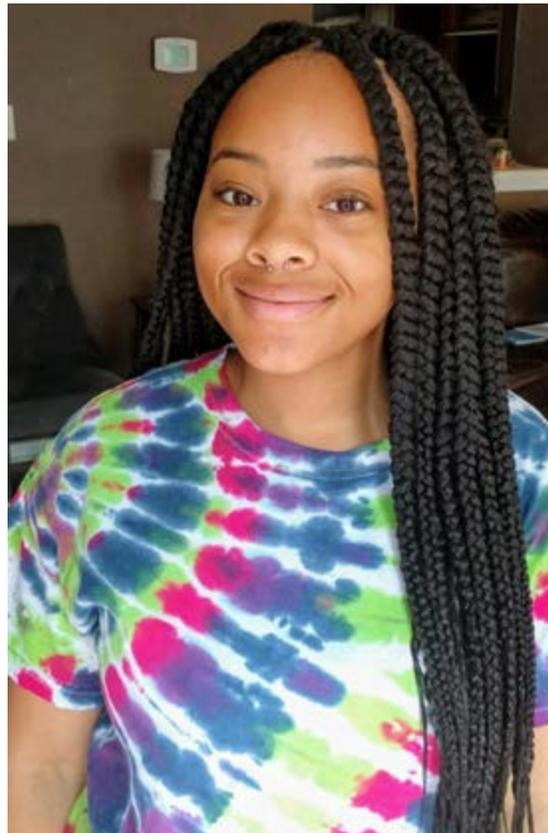
Hello Church Family. Greetings and Thanks in the Name of Jesus.

My family received the terrible news on Tuesday, April 11 that my great-niece had been found unconscious and that they were trying to get her to breathe.

I immediately knew what to do. After crying and praying, I asked Sister CeCe to send out a request for immediate prayers to go up for my great niece by the "Prayer Warriors" on our e-mail list.

I asked God to send his Angels to cover my great-niece and bring her back to us. As the prayer's and concerns went up, the healing began. My niece found her daughter lying helpless with tubes in her mouth, nose and arms—still unconscious but breathing. Praise God! As my niece (the mother) sat by her daughter's bedside, her head leaning on the rail, watching her child, the Miracle started happening. She started responding to her touch and kisses, she opened her eyes briefly. Back into unconsciousness. More prayers and concerns went up as

members responded to my plea. Later her eyes opened a little longer as she stirred and fought to come back to



Aniya Blandin, "miracle"
grandniece of Yvonne Gowdy

us. The Angels were covering her. The fact that this was Holy Week kept me comforted.

The next day around 7 AM, they decided to take the tube out of her mouth and she was breathing on her own. Praise God!

Miraculously on the morning of April 13, she continued to improve; from talking a little to eating a little and going to the restroom, then being told that she could be released. Hallelujah, only God!

Within 48 hours, God moved in this child's life. He heard our prayers and In the name of Jesus, he dispatched the Angels to cover Aniya and bring her back to the land of the Living! We are forever Grateful. Please keep the Blandin family in your prayers. ❖

We are thankful for how the Lord moves in the lives of our church members and their families. We are especially grateful for His working in the life of Yvonne Gowdy's family during Holy Week in April.

A Tribute to Brother Calvin Shields

By Deaconess Jean Jackson



*With my whole heart I sought thee:
O let me not wander from thy
commandments.*

Psalm 119:10

Calvin Shields, a man who truly walked the path of righteousness, is leaving a legacy behind that will be hard for anyone to follow.

When asked to serve as a captain in the Circles Ministry, Brother Shields gave a big smile and said, “My wife and I are a team; we will do whatever we can to help.” (The Circles Ministry later was renamed the Fruit of the Spirit Ministry.)

When he received his list of sisters and brothers in Christ, Brother Shields was truly a warrior for Christ. We fellowshiped at various members’ homes and visited sick and shut-in members in nursing homes and other medical facilities. We were constantly in prayer with all members.

He had a heart of love and humbleness. Whenever someone was in need, he was

the first to say, “what can I do to help, other than to keep you in prayer.” When his wife Virginia became ill, he said, “I will take care of her as long as I can, for God puts no more on you than you can bear.” Anyone who knew Brother Shields knew he loved “Gen,” as he called her.

When you visited the Shields as their health began to fail, they made you feel at home. As soon as you were seated you were served the Shields’ Specialty, a glass of delicious and refreshing lemonade.

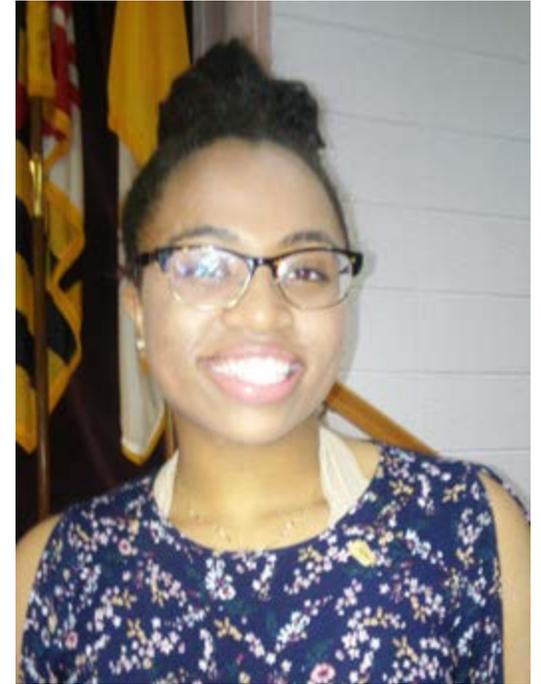
Calvin Shields was a humble man, a true warrior for Christ. He never complained. He was always asking and caring about others, inquiring how they were doing and what he could do to help.

Brother Shields passed on February 19, 2017. His humble Spirit will be truly missed by all who came in touch with him. ❖

Deaconess Jean Jackson is the Leader of the Fruit of the Spirit Ministry. Deacon Jessie McCrae and Deacon Louise Richardson serve as Spiritual Advisors.

Congratulations to.....

Kiara Beckham on being inducted into the National Honor Society on March 29. Kiara currently is a junior at Academy of Holy Cross High School in Kensington, Maryland where she plays basketball and, for two straight years, has been voted MVP in golf. She has been active at Nineteenth Street, starting with the Kandelite Choir and now with the Youth Ministry. Kiara is the daughter of Harvey and Bianca Beckham and the granddaughter of Dr. William and Dorothy Curtis.



Stephanie Thomas on her recent selection as a 2017 Next City Vanguard. This year the Vanguard will be held in Montreal in May. In addition to the conference, Stephanie will participate in its Big Idea Challenge where she will be placed on a team to pitch an idea and/or solution to address a city challenge to Montreal's leadership and community stakeholders. Stephanie Thomas is employed by TruFund Financial Services in New York City where she works to expand community development lending opportunities for small and minority businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Next City is a national urban affairs magazine and nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire social, economic and environmental changes in cities through journalism. Each year, Next City selects forty "40 and under" applicants whose smart ideas for cities, experience in the field and ambition for the future all show great promise. Next City received 625 applications this year from persons representing stellar international organizations and institutions of learning.

Calendar

MAY

Saturday, May 6 – Life Ministry Foundation Benefit Concert, featuring Yolanda Adams and Jessica Green at Nineteenth Street. (Tickets required, but not available from church.)

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 – Trustee Rally Day Worship Service, 10 AM

Saturday, May 27 – Men’s Day Weekend Church Clean Up and Community Service Projects

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

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

JUNE

Sunday, June 4 – Church School Recognition Program, 8:30 AM

Friday, June 9 – Progressive Adults Theater Outing, The Music Center at Strathmore, “*Gladys Knight*,” 8 PM

Youth Ministry Weekend Activities

Friday, June 9 – Family Activity Night

Saturday, June 10 – Youth vs. Adults Basketball Tournament

Sunday, June 11 – Youth Sunday Worship Service, 10 AM
Reception & Oratory Contest, following morning worship service

Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day

Monday, June 26 – Annual Brinkley Memorial Golf Tournament, Enterprise Golf Course, Mitchellville, Maryland

Vacation Bible School – Monday, June 26 through Friday, July 7, 9:00 AM - Noon