



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 Healing Word for Challenging Times

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



From Genesis to Revelations, from Earth's greatest tragedy to Earth's greatest triumph, the dramatic story of humanity's lowest depths and God's highest heights can be summed up in twenty-five beautiful words: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16, NASB)

What a wonderful thought to begin the Christmas season as people all over the world seek the "Good News." According to scripture, "Each one should use whatever gift he/she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) The world has not radically changed since that Bethlehem night more than two thousand years ago. For many of us, God remains on the fringes of our lives, and, we only make space for Him when it is convenient.

Believers are stewards of the Word and God's grace and love. We are meant to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. As believers, we are always to have an attitude of thankfulness for what God has done for us through His son Jesus Christ. We should have a burning desire to share this with others.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the church at Ephesus, emphasized the importance of maintaining a Christian attitude and conduct: "Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one another in love, diligently keeping the unity of the spirit with the peace that binds us." (Ephesians 4:1-3) And, to maintain a Christian attitude and conduct:

- Humility means that we view others as better than ourselves.
- Gentleness means that we control our tempers and demonstrate kindness to other church members.
- Patience means we put up with a lot, even if we are frustrated, confused and perplexed by the behavior and attitudes of others.
- Acceptance of one another in love means we accept all people unconditionally, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. It doesn't mean we condone sinful behavior; but it does mean we demonstrate a lot of grace and mercy.

If we have the right attitude, service to others becomes a natural response to human need anywhere in the world and giving becomes joyous.

Perhaps you feel unqualified for godly service and the call of discipleship. In the event this is your state of mind, you're in very good company. In fact, God takes particular delight in using the supposedly "unqualified" to bless others. So, if this is your situation today, just remember, God has blessed you with a unique opportunity to serve Him. He has already given you every tool that you will need to go forth in His name.

The challenge to every believer is to accept your calling: value the Word and talents that God has given you, nourish them, make them grow, and share the "Good News" of salvation and eternal life with the world. You will then begin to experience joy, unspeakable joy in fellowship, worship, and service to others and your community. Amen! ❖

Happy Birthday Pastor Roberts

December 3, 2018



Join the Pastor's Aid Ministry at a pre-birthday reception immediately following the worship service on December 2. Show our beloved Pastor how much we appreciate him and his ministry on his special day.

Deacon Sudduth Honored for Golden Service

By Deacon Fred Leftrict, Chair of the Board of Deacons

Deacon Joseph Sudduth was recognized on November 4 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a deacon. Deacon Sudduth has and continues to serve as an excellent role model, contributing his time, talent and treasure to ministries and initiatives that have brought so many people to know and worship Jesus Christ.

Just one example of his committed service is that he has gone out and served Holy Communion to over 600 members of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church family! To God be the glory for the blessing of those called to serve as deacons.

For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:13)



New Transportation Policy and Tips for Year-End Giving

By Trustee Donza M. Poole



“And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” (Luke 14:23, KJV)

Two church buses depart from the church every Sunday morning around 6:30 AM to pick-up members who need a ride to Sunday School and church service and back to their homes afterwards. These services are provided by the church’s Transportation Ministry, which aims to encourage and facilitate attendance at church services and other church-related activities, in keeping with Luke 14:23.

Recently, the Board of Trustees reviewed the church’s Transportation Policy to update it and to make the transportation service more cost effective. The current policy was last updated over eight years ago. As many know, the cost of this important service has been increasing steadily for the past several years, making it necessary to implement new cost-saving measures. The new policy goes into effect January 1, 2019. Here are a few changes to note.

A Return to Existing Boundaries: Over the years, the Transportation Ministry has attempted to accommodate all transportation requests, even for members who live beyond the

coverage area specified under the existing Transportation Policy. However, starting in January, the church will limit the Sunday pick-up and drop-off service to the geographic boundaries under the existing policy. As a result, the Sunday service will be available to residences located inside the Capital Beltway (I-495) to the east, west and south of the church, and as far as Randolph Road to the north. The Board realizes this may inconvenience some of our riders. Consequently, current riders (those who have used the Sunday morning service in 2017 and 2018) who live beyond the coverage area will continue to be picked up and dropped off. However, no new riders beyond the coverage area will be added, unless the new rider is located within one-half mile of a current rider. Adhering to the existing

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geographic boundaries will reduce the miles driven and the time spent driving, resulting in lower fuel and driver costs.

New Fees for Transportation Requests: While the Trustee Board budgets for transportation expenses associated with Sunday service, special worship services, and certain church-sponsored activities, the church's vehicles are also available to use for a fee. Nineteenth Street ministries, individuals, and social service organizations may make a request to use a church vehicle for an approved outing. The church currently owns four vehicles—a 34-passenger bus, a 14-passenger bus, a 12-passenger handicapped bus, and a 15-passenger van.

The new cost for using a church vehicle will be \$3.50 per mile (up from \$2.50), plus the hourly rate for the driver. The hourly rate for the driver will be \$15 or \$20, depending on vehicle size (up from \$12.50 and \$18.50). If a vehicle is used for overnight travel, there will be an additional fee of \$150 per night, up from \$100 per night. It is hoped that the increased fees will better cover the costs of operating the church vehicles.

To request transportation to Sunday School or Sunday morning service, please contact the church office at 202-829-2773 by 3PM on the Friday before the Sunday service. Requests to use a church bus or van should be made, in writing, at least 10 days prior to the date of travel. You may contact the church office for a copy of the Transportation Request Form.

For more information about the new Transportation Policy, contact Trustee Chair Franklin Smith or Trustee James Rodgers.

End-of-Year Giving Tips

At this time of gift-giving, don't forget your church. Your generous regular offering gifts make so much possible throughout the year—Sunday worship service, Youth Church,

Homecoming, Lenten services, the Food Pantry, His Homeless Ministry, and live-streaming. Your gifts also support church improvements, like the recent Jones-Handy House renovation and the upgrade to our telephone and internet services. These are just some of the ways your tithes and offerings help our church fulfill its mission and vision.

The Trustee Board appreciates the generous gifts that are made to the church all year long and hope this month you will include a special year-end gift for more kingdom building at our historic church.

To ensure your end-of-the-year gift is properly credited, please keep the following giving tips in mind:

- Use an offering envelope to make your gift—your contributions record is based, in large part, on the information you provide on the offering envelope.
- Remember to write your envelope number on the offering envelope if not using a personalized offering envelope.
- When designating an offering gift for a specific purpose or ministry, remember to write the purpose or name of the ministry on the “Other” line of the offering envelope.
- When writing a check, don't forget to sign it.
- To be tax deductible, your gift must be given or postmarked on or before December 31, 2018.

And remember, for added convenience, you can give online at *any time*—even just before midnight on December 31—by visiting the church website at www.everyblessing.org and clicking on the “Donate” button at the bottom of the homepage.

As we enter this year's giving season—be blessed and be a blessing!

Merry Christmas from your Board of Trustees! ❖

Four Trustees Complete Dedicated Board Service

By Trustee Donza Poole

Four devoted church members—Avé Cannady, Dwight Crawford, Steven Jumper and Robert McNair—will end six years of service on the Board of Trustees in the coming weeks. “It is my most sincere regret to be losing four of our most senior and knowledgeable board members as a result of term limits. Although we are looking forward to adding three very talented, skilled and capable individuals to the board, it goes without saying that the knowledge and experience of the four leaving the board will not be readily matched,” said Trustee Chair Franklin Smith.

Indeed, the contributions of the four departing members will be greatly missed. A trustee’s work touches on many aspects of church life, from counting tithes and offerings and ensuring they’re properly disbursed to ministries, to keeping the church facilities in good shape and working with church personnel. Trustees Cannady, Crawford, Jumper, and McNair each brought unique skills to the important work of the Board.

Trustee Robert McNair served two years as board chair and over a year as vice chair. He also heads the Buildings and Grounds Committee. His time as a board leader saw the renovation of the church’s three roofs, the installation of the solar panels, and

the installation of new church doors. In addition, he was a member of the exploratory committee for the pastoral search. “My tenure on the board has given me new appreciation of balancing maintenance of the physical structure, being frugal with church finances, and raising monies through giving,” said Trustee McNair. “I cannot sufficiently thank Trustee Robert McNair for his role as chair of the Board of Trustees for two years and preparing me for the responsibilities associated with this role,” said Chairman Smith. “His frank and honest discussions will be sorely missed.”

Trustee Avé Cannady has also served as a board leader. She is ending her second term as vice chair and she previously served as assistant disbursing officer for five years. She has been responsible for employee payroll and benefits for her entire time on the board and has spent many hours assisting in the management of the church office during business hours. “Trustee Cannady has been unwavering in her role as vice chair,” said Chairman Smith. “It was her assistance over the past two years that has freed me to deal with some of the challenging tasks that surfaced and continue to do so,” he continued. “I thank



Retiring Trustees Steven Jumper, Avé Cannady, Dwight Crawford and Robert McNair.

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her for assuming some of the mundane tasks she was assigned. She handles them with perfection and class.” Of her time on the board, Trustee Cannady said, “I have been honored to serve on the Board of Trustees at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and have cherished the opportunity given me by the members of the church. For this opportunity I say, ‘To God be the glory for the things He has done.’”

When it comes to the church budget, **Trustee Dwight Crawford** knows it well. He is not only completing a second term as trustee, but he is also finishing six terms as church disbursing officer, during which time he has also served as a member of the Budget Committee. “Trustee Dwight Crawford has served as our disbursing officer and used his skills and talents to perfection in this role,” said Chairman Smith. “His knowledge and skills in this area have been of tremendous assistance to me in ensuring that our bills were paid on time and with a comfortable degree of accuracy. I am sure that the next disbursing officer will have his number on speed dial.” As he nears the end of his tenure, Trustee Crawford said his one reflection about his time on the board is “feeling blessed to be able to use my professional training to serve God’s kingdom.”

Trustee Steven Jumper is also well-versed when it comes to the church budget. He served two years as chair of the Budget Committee while he was a trustee. “Trustee Jumper has overseen the development of the church operating budget for the last two years,” said Chairman Smith. “As everyone knows, the budget is one of the driving forces of our operation. I am proud to say that he has served us well and made us proud.”

The four departing board members will leave the board having served the church admirably and having developed lasting relationships with their fellow trustees. As for life after the board, the departing members already have plans to continue being of service to the church. “I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as a trustee and hope my contributions have in some small measure made a difference,” said Trustee McNair. “I plan to remain involved by spending more time in support of the Usher Board and by joining one or two additional ministries.” ❖



Nineteenth Street’s Veterans Recognized

Nineteenth Street acknowledged veterans during the Christian Mite Anniversary Sunday on November 11. Christian Mite President Hilda Douglas gave a stirring tribute to veterans and honored Sandra Patterson, whose son was killed during the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Shown after the worship service with Pastor Roberts are some of Nineteenth Street’s beloved veterans:

Top Row: Richard Jones, Rev. Reginald Townsend, Angela Griffin

Third Row: Robert Hines, Deacon Oddie Stevens, Trustee Robert McNair

Second Row: Gary Datcher, Carasundia Rivers, Trustee Emeritus Thomas Montague

Front Row: Hilda Douglas, Ronald Taylor, Janice Hinton, Pastor Roberts

This Christmas, Give Gifts that Give More

By Trustee Donza M. Poole, Building Fund Committee Chair

The Building Fund Committee cordially invites church family and friends to its fifth annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale on Sunday, December 16, after service in the fellowship hall. You won't want to miss this annual shopping experience!

The theme—"This Christmas, give gifts that give more"—is in keeping with the fair trade business model of supporting small farmers in developing countries by paying them a fair price for their goods.

The Building Fund Committee has been selling fair trade coffees, teas, chocolates, and olive oil by Equal Exchange as part of its fundraising mix since April 2014. Many of the featured items are from Africa and the Caribbean. The committee also periodically sells Haitian metal art from Singing Rooster, a social enterprise nonprofit, and crafts from Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit fair trade organization.

Since 2014, Nineteenth Street members and friends have purchased over \$12,000 in fair trade products. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Building Fund and have been used to

help pay for roof repairs and make payments on the roof loan and church improvement loan.

The purchase of Equal Exchange products also helps small farmers in places like Uganda, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, and the West Bank, to make better lives for themselves and their families. This is one of the ways Nineteenth Street fulfills its commitment to global mission work.

Buying fair trade is not the only way the bazaar offers to give gifts that give more. The bazaar will also feature local vendors, many of whom are church members, selling jewelry, clothing,

original art and photography, Afrocentric specialty items, South African beaded jewelry, collectible dolls, and other one-of-a-kind items. Shop local at the bazaar and help support small business owners and entrepreneurs.

You can also benefit the Building Fund by shopping the bake sale for delectable home-baked goods and the Holmes Heritage Hat collection for vintage style. Then, stop by the bazaar's photo booth to make a Christmas-time memory.



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New this year is the Youth Ministry table which will offer handcrafted Christmas items for sale. Money raised by the Youth Ministry will help cover costs of their trip to the annual Rock Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland.

Finally, we hope you will support an initiative led by Angela Griffin and Phillis Cooke to write Christmas cards that will be sent to our incarcerated brothers and sisters. Look for their tables in the back of the fellowship hall to be part of this act of Christian love to let those in our prisons and jails know they are thought of at this special time of year.

The Building Fund Committee is busy planning what we hope will be another memorable Christmas bazaar. There is still time for you to be part of the bazaar as a volunteer, vendor or baker. See Trustee Donza Poole, Building Fund Committee Chair, about volunteer and vendor opportunities. See Deaconess Sageta Jackson if you would like to contribute a home-baked good. ❖



See You at the Bazaar!

5th Annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

Sunday, December 16 | 12 Noon

Jewelry, Art, Clothing, Christmas Decorations
Photo Booth & More
New Youth Ministry Table



Pastor Roberts on the Air

Mark your calendar to tune into the Coach Butch McAdams Show on Sunday, December 16, from 12:30 to 1PM to hear Rev. Dr. Darryl Roberts talk about Nineteenth Street ministries and initiatives.

Listen live on radio stations WOL (1450 AM) and MAGIC (95.9 FM) or listen to live radio streaming on a computer or cellphone device by going to www.woldcnews.com. ❖

There Will Be a January Epistle!

Unlike the past two years, *The Epistle* will have a January issue. It will be available the first Sunday of the new year. All articles, announcements and photographs for the January 2019 issue are due by December 31. We hope to have lots of pictures from the Christmas and holiday activities at our church as well as news about activities planned for 2019.

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or 202-829-5973 if you have any questions
or need help submitting your material.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
From Karen Williamson and The Epistle Staff*

Spirit of Giving Felt at Thanksgiving Service

By June Jackson

It was a very frigid morning, but the continental breakfast prepared by Deaconess Hester Jones, the songs of thanksgiving and praise led by Susan Edwards, “The Nineteenth Street Thanksgiving Day Choir,” prayer, testimonies, and preached Word by Pastor Roberts took the chill out of this wintry 2018 Thanksgiving Day morning.

A fruit table—decorated, draped and covered with bananas, oranges, plums, and apples—was set up in the back of the fellowship hall. Following the Litany and during the “Words of Welcome/Giving Thanks Through Giving,” worshippers were invited to visit the table and select a piece of fruit to give to another congregant. In turn, everybody gave somebody a piece of fruit *in the spirit of giving*. Some received more than one piece of fruit, but all received or exchanged at least one. Whatever fruit was received was to be taken home from the service.

The Giving Thanks Through Giving with fruit was Pastor Roberts’ idea. It created fellowship among the worshippers and resulted in lots of giving and sharing and smiles! The service was a blessing to all in attendance. ❖



The Giving/Sharing of Fruit table



Dr. Laura Roberts and Deaconess Jean Jackson



Worshippers gathering fruit to share

Thanksgiving Service Project Helps More Families

By Cece Johnson

Our Thanksgiving service project was led by the Church School, but it is a church-wide endeavor. God speaks to and moves on the hearts of His people to give to others, and He always provides the means for us to do so. We must be willing, eager and ready! The reward of service is in the doing! It was all paid for on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Last year Nineteenth Street served 80 families. This year we served 124 families for a total of 573 people. We were also blessed to serve the National Center for Children and Families in DC, which accommodates 20 families.

Thank you to our church family for your service and, remember, every day is Thanksgiving and, there is great joy in serving! We were created to serve God and through Him we serve one another and all in need. There are always opportunities to serve and we must seek them out and do God's will. ❖



Karen Sidney-Drumgold with Pastor Roberts at November 18 worship service before gift baskets were distributed



Shirley France and Dollie Huggins arranging the gifts by family name to facilitate distribution



Is it Alzheimer's or Dementia?

By Stephanie J. Montague, RN, MS, CNL

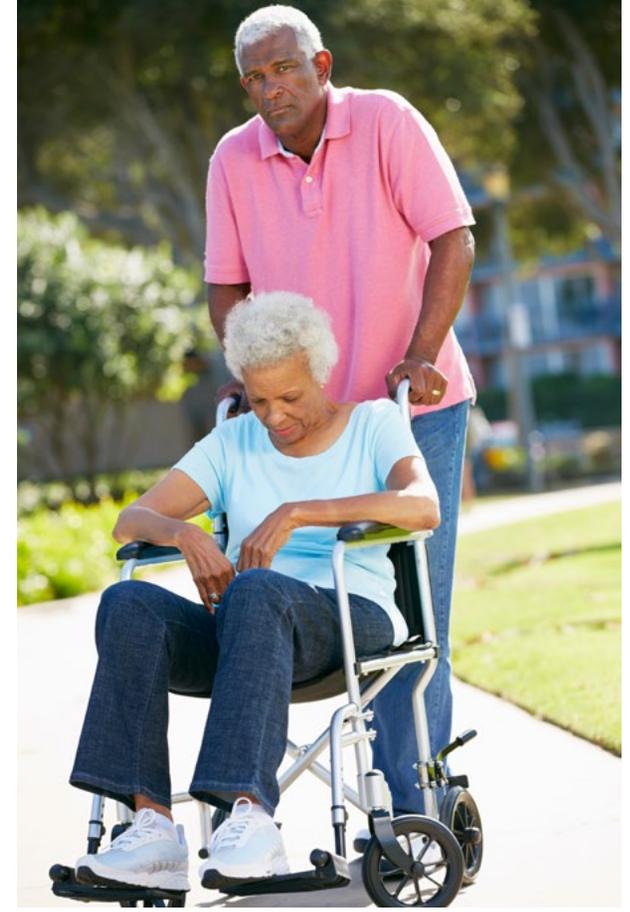
In my nursing practice I frequently hear people speaking about loved ones or acquaintances with dementia. But midway through the conversation, they refer to this form of impairment as “Alltimers” or Alzheimer’s. I thought it might be helpful to offer clarity between “dementia” and “Alzheimer’s.” People use them interchangeably, but the terms are different and distinguishable by the symptoms. Something not commonly understood is that a person can have a form of dementia that is completely unrelated to Alzheimer’s disease.

Dementia is a general term for a set of symptoms that may result in a reversible or nonreversible decline in cognitive function. We typically see dementia evolve in the elderly where we observe memory loss, impaired communication skills, impaired reasoning and changes in behavior. Dementia is a term that can be used when these symptoms interfere with an individual’s daily life. There are diseases in which dementia is secondary to those disease processes, such as

Vascular Dementia (as a result of a stroke), Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease, etc.

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of dementia. Today it affects 5.7 million Americans and accounts for 60 to 80 percent of dementia cases. Alzheimer’s disease is a specific and progressive illness. It is a form of dementia which progressively worsens to the extent that a person loses the ability to carry out daily activities independently. Those suffering with Alzheimer’s may digress to the point where they are not able to swallow, walk or respond to their environment. Initially, medications can temporarily ease the symptoms; but Alzheimer’s disease is incurable, and progressive decline is inevitable.

Sadly, I have witnessed patients that have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, and they could do absolutely nothing for themselves. I would equate it to seeing the patient in a zombie-like state. It is a challenging disease and very hard on



caretakers who desperately want to hold on.

There is hope that current medical research may find a clue to a cure. If you or someone you know has concerns about this topic, please discuss them with your physician. ❖

Stephanie J. Montague is a member of Nineteenth Street’s Health Ministry. Thank you to Dr. Reginald Cole for reviewing the contents of this article.

Cheerfully Giving

By Deacon Jessie L. McCrae, Stewardship Committee



In celebration of this Christmas season, some of us have already started buying gifts for our family and friends. As we plan to give gifts to others, wouldn't it be good to consider first becoming a "cheerful giver" as God desires us to be? According to II Corinthians 9: 7 (NIV), *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Therefore, we should make it a priority to place God at the top of this year's gift list, and prayerfully increase the amount we plan to give back to the Lord, who continually gives to us.

Even if we tried to list all the gifts we receive from God throughout the years, it would be impossible. No matter how much we give back to God, the amount will never exceed what the Lord gives to us. When giving our treasures, God expects us to give whatever we can, willingly and cheerfully. Our offering should reflect our ability to give. If we have more, He expects us to provide more. If we have less, God wants us to give whatever amount we can afford. He will accept the tithes and offerings that we give, no matter how large or small.

An example of cheerful givers can be found in the May 2018 Sunday School lesson. The lesson informed us about some of the Israelites whose hearts were moved voluntarily to bring

free-will offerings to the Lord for the work on the tent of meetings, for all its service and for the sacred garments. Also, it was revealed that men and women alike willingly brought gold jewelry, such as rings and earrings, and other expensive pieces. Some of them brought fine linen and leather, while others brought spices and oils, and some even brought onyx stones and gems, and other valuables.

If we follow the example of the Israelites and prayerfully consider our giving back to the Lord, over time, our church would become more financially blessed. After praying about it and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance, can we each make an effort to increase our giving in the coming year? This brings to mind the lyrics of a familiar hymn, "You can't beat God's giving, no matter how hard you try, and just as sure as you are living, and the Lord is in heaven on high, the more you give, the more He gives to you. But keep on giving, because it's really true that you can't beat God's giving, no matter how hard you try."

As we make plans for the holiday season, let us remember that God sacrificially gave us His only son. Because of His unselfish love for us, we received an everlasting savior of the world. To support the ministry and mission of our church, and at the same time glorify God in all that we do, as the body of Christ, we must strive to become more obedient and consistent in cheerfully giving of our tithes and offerings as God commands us to do. ❖



New Member in November

Sister Roxanna Bilal
added by Experience of Grace



New Church Directory is Almost Here!

By Deaconess Gloria Smith

It is with happy hearts that Team Church Directory announces that the church directory is now at the printer. We await news of the date when they will be ready.

We are so grateful for the participation of all the members, ministries and social organizations who graciously posed for a picture for the directory. Our prayer is that the book will be informative and a treasure for you to hold.

For those members who were NOT photographed by Lifetouch, the cost to have your individual photograph in the directory is ten dollars. Please make your check payable to Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, notate "for church directory" on the memo line, and submit your check to a committee member. You may also order/purchase a church directory. We ask that you let a committee member know if you are interested in buying a directory.

For those who were photographed by Lifetouch, you will receive a free directory upon delivery and distribution of the books. There will be one directory per household. If you desire a second book, there will be a cost for it. Please let a committee member know if you would like to order an additional book. The price of an additional book is yet to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Gloria Smith at 202-237-1572.

Again, we thank you for all your support. It has been a labor of love for us.

Team Church Directory

Deacon-In-Training Kenyatta Hobson

Deaconess Gloria Smith

Deacon-In-Training Stephanie Thomas

Deaconess Kyra Woodson

Youth News

By Youth Minister Rev. James Harris

The youth of Nineteenth Street had an amazing time during October and November. Our themes were Stewardship and Thankfulness. We had the opportunity to enjoy outings to Dave & Buster's and the Big Escape Rooms. God also used the youth to help make sandwiches for a women's and children's homeless shelter.

Our youth are very intentional about being the hands and feet of God on Earth. Their desires are to learn and put their learning into action. We will continue to create and build relationships with youth organizations within Washington, DC to create spaces for our youth to make a difference in the community. If you know of any deserving organizations, please feel free to share the names with Youth Minister Harris.

Our Kandlelite Choir was invited to sing praises unto God for Canaan Baptist Church choir day on November 11. They made a great impression on the church and represented Nineteenth Street in an awesome way. Thank you to the parents for allowing our youth to be a part of this amazing opportunity. ❖



Calendar

DECEMBER

- Monday, December 3** – Pastor Roberts’ Birthday
- Sunday, December 9** – Church School, Lighting of the Chrismon Tree and Family Breakfast, 8:30 AM
- Sunday, December 9** – Missionary Society “Toys for Tots” Annual Toy Drive
- Sunday, December 9** – GriefShare Ministry Memorial Service, fellowship hall, 1PM
- Saturday, December 15** – Progressive Adults Arena Stage Anything Goes, 2PM
- Sunday, December 16** – Church School Christmas Program, fellowship hall, 8:45 AM
- Sunday, December 16** – Building Fund Committee Christmas Bazaar, fellowship hall, 12 PM
- Sunday, December 16** – Music Ministry Christmas Concert, 2-3:30 PM
- Sunday, December 16** – Pastor Roberts on Coach Butch McAdams Radio Show, WOL (1450 AM) and MAGIC (95.9 FM)
- Monday, December 24** – Christmas Eve, church office closed
- Tuesday, December 25** – Christmas Day, church office closed
- Monday, December 31** – New Year’s Eve Watch Night Service at Nineteenth Street, with Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Keith Byrd preaching, followed by fellowship reception, 10 PM

JANUARY 2019

- Tuesday, January 1** – New Year’s Day (church office closed)
- Saturday, January 12** – Financial Literacy Workshop Kickoff, “A Spiritual Basis of Giving,” fellowship hall, 10-11:30 AM
- Sunday, January 13** – Ushers’ Day
- Monday, January 14** – Ministry Leaders Forum, 6:30 PM
- Friday, January 18** – Church Business Meeting, 7 PM
- Saturday, January 19** – Contemporary Worship Service, 6-7 PM
- Monday, January 21** – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (church office closed)
- Sunday, January 27** – Church 180th Anniversary Kick Off