

THE EPISTLE

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



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Serving **People** is Our Mission.

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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Looking Back as We Go Forward in 2022

By Rev. Darryl D. Roberts, Ph.D., Senior Pastor



As we reflect on what we have accomplished this year, the words of the prophet Jeremiah ring true, “For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” The people’s prophet reminds us, despite all the challenges we have faced with COVID-19 infections, death, racial strife, inflation, and

ecological disasters, we can be confident of this: God’s plans are to prosper us and give us hope and a future. We can celebrate because we still have God, and God still works in and through us! We can celebrate because God’s people plus God’s power produces God-ordained miracles.

Our ability to persevere is rooted in our faith and hope in an overcoming Savior who hears our calls for help and answers our prayers. Our obstinate hope is the glue that binds our fellowship in times of trouble, energizes our ministry, and inspires faithful witness to our neighbors in our backyard and around the world.

While the currents of change and uncertainty in society have impacted our church, we have discovered that there is no limit to what we can accomplish together when we place our faith in God. As reflected in the church’s 2021 Annual Report, we are a vibrant church determined to grow stronger together even in a pandemic. Let me highlight just a few things we accomplished together in 2021.

We hosted a month-long dental health series, sponsored a virtual program on the COVID-19 vaccine with health experts,

joined with other churches to host a time of remembrance for those who had succumbed to the COVID-19 virus, reopened our food pantry, and participated in a virtual Good Friday service, where we raised funds that supported the Capital Area Food Bank.

We ordained one of our associate ministers, had virtual Vacation Bible School for a second summer, sponsored a backpack and school supply drive-by and giveaway, bought popcorn in support of our Love Pal Program, and prayed, gathered children’s clothing, and practically reached our five-year capital campaign goal to build a pediatric clinic in Haiti. (We have raised \$94,000 of our \$100,000 goal to date.)

In the latter months of 2021, we kicked off our 90-day Giving Challenge, Toys for Tots Drive, and distributed Thanksgiving baskets. We regathered for in-person worship services, relaunched the Pastor’s Book Club, began the Self-Care Conversation series, and performed a soft relaunch of our Evangelism Ministry.

We supported and ordained three servant leaders as deacons, distributed Christmas fruit and food baskets, and co-hosted a virtual New Year’s Eve worship and prayer service. We accomplished all of this and much more while refocusing, retooling, and reformatting Sunday worship services, Christian education, intercessory prayer ministries, bible studies, and community outreach to the glory of God.

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Through it all, we have discovered that God still works with and uses us. We are blessed and able to be a blessing to others because we have the audacity to believe that the work of ministry never stops. As one door closes, God opens windows of opportunity to do ministry in a new and fruitful way to His Glory.

With so much adversity in our world, it is easy to focus our energies on our giants. But God has proven time after time to be bigger than our giants. Despite the obstacles we have faced, what has energized and sustained us is knowing whose we are as children of God. That knowledge alone reminds us that, with God, all things are possible.

As we look forward to better days, let us grieve our losses with hope. Let us celebrate our triumphs with deep gratitude for the grace and love of God. Let us never forget that no matter how dark the night, God will give us the strength to face tomorrow's adversity and lead us into a glorious future on the other side.

Happy New Year, Church Family! ❖

5th Pastoral Anniversary

Rev. Darryl D. Roberts, Ph.D.

Sunday, February 20 • 10 a.m. Worship Service

We will celebrate the fifth anniversary of our dearly beloved Pastor Darryl D. Roberts virtually on February 20, 2022. The anniversary theme, *Being Built Together*, and scripture reference Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV) express our journey of Pastor and People building on the foundation of Jesus Christ and fitted together into the Lord's holy temple.

The guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Look for additional information in the coming weeks on the church website, weekly eblasts, church announcements, and social media platforms. Please plan to join us.

Deacon Stephanie Thomas-Gordon is the program chair for the Pastor's Anniversary.

Welcome New Members

By Experience of Grace



Stacie Davis



Maude Stovall McCannon

A Season of Change in the New Year

By Trustee Donza M. Poole

It's been quite the run for six members of the Board of Trustees, including yours truly, and this month's Epistle is my last as the Trustee Talk columnist. In this column, we say goodbye to the departing trustees, introduce the Board's new members and officers, and update you on some recent activities.

Nearly 30 Years of Combined Service

January 23 marked the end of Board terms for Chair Franklin Smith, Vice Chair Emerson Bretous, Parliamentarian Cheryl Johnson, Charles Sprow, Juniors Thompson, and me, Secretary Donza Poole. The six of us gave nearly 30 years of combined service to the Board. During our time, we saw many changes – the move to solar energy, renovation of the Jones-Handy House, an upgraded telecommunications system, a new prayer garden, electronic check processing, a new electronic outdoor sign, and more.

Trustees and Officers Elected

The Board lost six members but gained five members elected to new terms. Trustees Reginald Cole, a practicing physician, and April Massey, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of the District of Columbia, were re-elected to second terms.

Returning for a new first term is Trustee Dwight Crawford, a CPA who brings an extensive background in finance and operations. Joining the Board for the first time are Trustee William Hyde, a Howard University law professor, and Trustee Stacey Lincoln, a Ward 4 ANC Commissioner.

The Board elected Trustee Cole to serve as chair, Trustee William Hoff as vice chair, and Trustee Jacqueline Ivey as

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During the January 23 worship service, Trustee Vice Chair William Hoff and Trustee Robert McNair made presentations to the six departing trustees.

secretary. Trustee Hoff was also re-elected by the church to serve as Disbursing Officer. Trustee Hoff works in finance and Trustee Ivey is an employment law attorney with the federal government. The church is blessed with a wealth of talent and experience on its Board of Trustees.

More COVID-19 Relief Possible

The Board has applied for more COVID-19 CARES Act relief. Under the Act, eligible organizations can receive an Employee Retention Credit (ERC) on federal payroll taxes if there was a qualifying reduction in income caused by the pandemic or reduction in operations due to government restrictions. The Board learned the church may be eligible for a refund of \$117,810 in payroll taxes and authorized the church's payroll service to file for the ERC. Due to the IRS backlog, it may be several months before the claim is processed. Last year, the Board secured a \$79,460 Paycheck Protection forgivable loan under the CARES Act.

Kitchen Put to New Vegan Use

The church kitchen has not seen much use these past two years, with most activities suspended due to the pandemic. That will change this month with the start of a short-term rental for a juicing start-up, The Fake Vegan. The company's owner, Katy Turner, grew up in the church and is the daughter of Revs. Edward and Robin Turner. Katy will use the church's commercial kitchen to ready her juices for shipping in a COVID-safe way, thereby expanding her growing cold pressed juicing business. At a time when the church's facility rentals have been curtailed, this use is a wonderful opportunity to replace some income, while also supporting a young African American entrepreneur.

Coming Soon ...

More facility improvements are on the horizon. This spring, the church will enhance its audiovisual technology for livestreams and in-person services with the addition of four new video screens in the sanctuary. Spring is also when the Board anticipates the installation of the second of two boilers which heat the church, completing over \$325,000 in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work begun last year.

The Message of Love in Your Contribution Statement

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21 (KJV) By now, you may have received your 2021 contribution statement from the church showing the amount of your giving and revealing where your heart is. In these times, the Board is truly grateful that your heart is with the mission and vision of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church.

Your contributions in any amount make a difference. Imagine a child's joy this past Christmas upon receiving a toy made possible by your gift to the Missionary Society's Toys for Tots fundraiser. Think of the excitement felt by school children choosing backpacks and school supplies at last fall's Usher Board giveaway. I smiled when I saw the photo of the child holding one of the backpacks I had donated.

Your contributions allow the church to worship, pray, study, and fellowship through livestreams and Zoom events. With your gifts, the church food pantry served over 360 people last quarter, awarded college scholarships and stipends, supported Haiti relief, and provided financial support to organizations addressing homelessness, social justice, senior care, and the list goes on.

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So, when you open your contribution statement this year, we hope you see beyond the numbers and are inspired by the message of love in your giving.

Last month the church mailed 2021 contribution statements to church members and contributors with an envelope number. The church also sent IRS W-2 Forms to church employees and 1099 Forms to independent contractors.

If you have not received your 2021 contribution statement or IRS form, call the church office at 202-829-2773 to find out if the church has your preferred mailing address or if your statement or form was returned. If you have any questions about the financial statements, contact the church office.

A Final Note ...

It has been my honor and pleasure to write about the Board of Trustees each month in Trustee Talk. I hope the column has given you insights into the Board's ministry, showed some of our lighter moments, and demonstrated the value we place on accountability and transparency in stewarding the funds you have entrusted to the Board's care for God's kingdom. I will miss these conversations with you, but I look forward to more Trustee Talks from the next trustee with the news. ❖



Thank you, Donza, for your great writing talents and dedication to the Trustee Talk column, which you launched September 2016. Great Job! – The Epistle Staff

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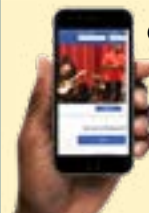
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Contact organizers for access to **ZOOM** programs



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 **Facebook:** facebook.com/Everyblessing.org

 **Instagram:** instagram.com/nsbcdc/

Pastor Roberts on the Air

Tune into the Coach Butch McAdams Show on Sunday, February 20, at 12:30 p.m. to hear Pastor 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 cell phone device by going to woldcnews.com. ❖



Helping Hand Club Observes African American History

By Deaconess Mattie Gay

Join the Helping Hand Club and the Youth Ministry on Sunday, February 13, for the church's 116th annual kickoff to celebrate African American history. The spirit-filled and festive worship service will be led by Youth Pastor Rev. James L. Harris Jr., who will preach, and Senior Pastor Rev. Darryl D. Roberts, Ph.D.

The scripture selected for the occasion is Colossians 3:23-24a (NIV): "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...." and the theme is "What is in Your Heart or Hands to Glorify God?"

The intergenerational theme is a tribute to Helping Hand Club founder Mrs. Mary E. Cabiness and charter member Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African



Helping Hand Club President Sheila Beale and Secretary Deaconess Mattie Gay

American Life and History. Church youth and Helping Hand Club members will participate in celebrating our journey.

Although we will be worshiping virtually, we encourage you to wear your African attire. Take a picture and submit it to the *Epistle*. We will use as many of the pictures as we can in the next issue. Email your picture to Epistle@19thstreetbc.org by February 20. ♦



116th Kickoff Celebration of African American History

February 13, 2022
10 a.m.

Sponsored by:

Helping Hand Club Ministry and Youth Church

Program Coordinators:

Deacon Billy and Deaconess Mattie Gay
Helping Hand Club Ministry, President Sheila Beale

***Come dressed in your
culturally-appropriate attire.***

Initiate or renew your memberships at these websites:

NAACP
naacp.org

Association for the Study of
African American Life and History
asalh.org

NAACP Legal Defense Fund
naacpldf.org



Join Us for Jubilee Sunday – February 27

By Trustee Donza Poole

We invite church family and friends to join Nineteenth Street for the annual Jubilee Sunday celebration on February 27. It's a time when we praise God as we trace our journey from Africa to the present day. While an in-person celebration may not be possible this year, we look forward to worshiping and celebrating the day with church family and friends virtually.

The day will begin with a livestreamed worship service on YouTube at 10 a.m., featuring special music selections. Be sure to also take in the colorful African textiles adorning the sanctuary, curated by Rufus Stevenson. The service will be followed by a virtual Jubilee Sunday Marketplace on Zoom in the afternoon. Shop jewelry, clothing, art, one-of-a-kind gifts, and Fair-Trade coffees, teas, and chocolates. It will be a wonderful time to support African American small business owners, entrepreneurs, and creatives. Vendors will have their

own virtual pop-up shop at the marketplace. If interested in being a marketplace vendor, email the Building Fund Committee at BuildingFund@19thstreetbc.org before February 20.

African cuisine has always been a highlight of Jubilee Sunday. Though we will not be able to share a meal together this year, Jubilee Sunday can still be a time to celebrate the foods of Africa. Watch as we spotlight African foods in the coming weeks.

Finally, Jubilee Sunday is a day when everyone is encouraged to wear African attire or attire that represents your personal journey. This year, you will be able to create and share a memory in your Jubilee Sunday best at the Jubilee Sunday Virtual Photo Booth. Feel free to also wear your Jubilee Sunday attire to the Jubilee Sunday Marketplace on Zoom.

We hope to see you online for the annual Jubilee Sunday celebration—in the YouTube chat during worship service, on Zoom for the marketplace, and at the Virtual Photo Booth throughout the weekend. It will be another special time of reflection, celebration, and fellowship!

Check out the church eblasts and website for further details about this wonderful way to celebrate African American History Month. ♦

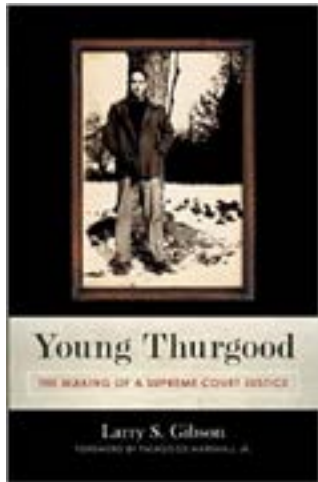


Jubilee Sunday 2020



Page-turner Book Reviews

By Deacon Johnnie Love



Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice by Larry S. Gibson (2012)

Our February Page-turner Review is about the life of a man who changed the educational opportunities and experiences of all African Americans. He also worked with other attorneys to fight for voting rights decades ago. This book covers the formative years of Marshall's life and the beginning of his illustrious career.

The author, Larry S. Gibson, has been a law professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore for over 38 years and is a distinguished lawyer in his own right. His mission in writing this book was to correct many assumptions and inaccuracies about Marshall. Anecdotes and memories from Marshall's family and close friends fill *Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice*, the only book the immediate Marshall family gave permission to be written. Gibson tells how Thurgood changed his name from "Thoroughgood" to "Thurgood" at a very early age.

A significant portion of the book describes Baltimore's economics, politics, and sociology and how its Black community helped make Thurgood Marshall the person he became. Both of

Marshall's grandfathers owned grocery stores within the same community, and much of Thurgood's care was in their hands. Gibson stresses that Marshall's traits were inherited, and they included his almost superhuman capacity for work, sense of humor, storytelling, disputatious disposition, and loud voice, which were directly traceable to specific family members.

The author shows Thurgood Marshall was a man of contrast. He fought for racial justice without becoming a racist. His workaholic tendencies could be mistaken for being lazy. He was a stickler for factual evidence but would not let the truth ruin a good story. Yet, Marshall was idealistic and pragmatic at the same time. He was a passionate advocate, yet he maintained friendly relationships with his opponents.

In 1935, African Americans had few if any opportunities for higher education in Maryland. Since there was only one Black high school in Baltimore, teachers were quick to assess Marshall's skills and steer him to take college prep courses. His high school science teacher and mentor saw Marshall as a young man who exhibited a passion for argument and produced the litigator side of Marshall in high school. As a result, Marshall received an invitation to join the debate team in the ninth grade. His litigative strength continued through high school and college at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Marshall's law practice and career began in the early years of the Great Depression. Gibson tells how Marshall was not only a

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skilled legal tactician but also a politician, who used diplomacy and his natural charm with judges, opposing lawyers, law enforcement persons, and other government officials to obtain results. He joined the special brotherhood of Black Baltimore lawyers who had been fighting for civil rights decades before him. Marshall never lost sight of all the African American attorneys who had paved the way for voting rights cases.

Gibson shares that within days of becoming a lawyer, Marshall found himself involved in the aftermath of the lynching of George Armwood. The author believes this case was the turning point for Marshall and put him on the path to becoming a national civil rights advocate rather than a lawyer running a local practice.

A mob on the Eastern Shore of Maryland had murdered George Armwood. The next day, Thurgood Marshall wrote about the lynching in a letter to his former Howard University law school dean, Charles Houston. Within a few days, Marshall joined Houston and eight other lawyers in the Maryland governor's office protesting the lynching and demanding an investigation and legislative changes.

Marshall had a significant and supportive relationship with Charles Houston. Marshall traveled with Houston around the country, assessing the quality of practicing Black lawyers in the United States in order to establish a daytime law program at Howard.

One of Marshall's early cases was in 1935, where he filed the case of Donald Gaines Murray against the University of Maryland's law school. Murray prevailed and his admittance broke down barriers to the University's law school.

Marshall's travel with Houston to the deep south was eye-opening and left him with haunting memories of the region's poverty and miserable conditions in Black schools—dirt

floors, lack of electricity and plumbing, and leaky roofs. He decided to use the very law and courts that had been instruments of oppression to effect positive change. In his first few years as a lawyer in Maryland, Marshall succeeded in obtaining important landmark civil rights battles and victories. Thurgood Marshall's most celebrated legal victory was the Supreme Court decision of *Brown vs. Board of Education*, which declared segregated public schools unconstitutional.

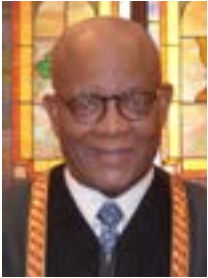
This book is a “page turner” because of its biographical study of Thurgood Marshall, an eminent personality who changed the destiny and hopes of African Americans everywhere. ❖



Thurgood Marshall (1908 – 1993) was an American lawyer and civil rights activist who served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1967 until 1991. He was the Court's first African American justice.

The Power of Releasing Grief

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



Grief is a deep sorrow someone's death can cause, and it can also result from misery and suffering brought on by the various ups and downs and vicissitudes of life. Many characterize grief as mental anguish and pain caused by loss and despair, sickness, poverty, and even a prolonged worldwide pandemic.

Grief can often cause you to feel a deep sense of physical and mental fatigue. Perhaps you are grieving from oppressive circumstances of which you may not be consciously aware. Throughout history, oppressed people have survived because of knowing how to release the grief, anxiety, or depression that comes from fighting the never-ending battle for justice and acknowledgment.

Grief can come from being denied justice by the judicial system and from being subjugated by legislative policies, police, institutional structures, and people in power.

Despite the efforts by some to extinguish our hope, our faith, and our existence, there has always been God, the God of the light that shines in the darkness and cannot be put out. Our God shines light into our darkness and breathes the Holy Spirit into our spirits, giving us the help and strength to press on, despite circumstances. We should not let anything or anyone take our joy, nor take our eyes off our goal of knowing Christ Jesus.

Mothers of young Black men and women grieve when their children are gunned down by police or a criminal element on the inner-city streets of D.C., Chicago, Atlanta, Detroit, and

many other localities. However, some mothers have perfected the art of grief release because they know that life must go on regardless of their pain. The church becomes a sanctuary and, at other times, a hospital. The tears these families shed during worship are often dually aligned with grief and with hope and joy that they know they cannot ever lose.

Black churches often sing the lyrics, "Trouble in my way, I have to cry sometimes." When we worship Jesus, we shout, we cry, and we stomp our feet as if to stomp out all the craziness, evil, and injustice around us. Sunday morning worship is about opening our hearts and spirits to the one God who knows all about our problems. We can overcome grief by the love of God, which is in and through his Son.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, "Brothers, I do not consider myself, yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14) NIV

When we follow Jesus, the true light, we can avoid walking blindly and falling into sin. He lights the path ahead of us so we can see how to live Holy. He removes the darkness of sin from our lives.

Have you allowed the light of Christ to shine into your life? Let Christ guide your life, and you'll never need to stumble in darkness ever again.

Contact the GriefShare team or church office for more information and meeting times. ❖

Senior Ministry Workshops

The Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) in conjunction with the Senior Ministry is sponsoring a series of technology workshops, “You and Your Computer.” These small-group workshops will help you utilize your smartphone, tablet, and/or computer more effectively. Mr. Adrian Sutton from the D.C. Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) will conduct these workshops. Feel free to join only the workshops that interest you.

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

In the comfort of your home via Zoom

What You Need: Smartphone, tablet, and/or computer, paper, and pen



Meeting Dates and Topics

February 23 Fun Discoveries with Your Mobile Device

Learn new and exciting things you can do on your smartphone.

March 11 Basic Data Transfer & Data Backup

Learn how to move data from one device to another and/or move data from your current device to an external drive or cloud storage service. Learn how to back up your documents.

March 25 Computer Clean-up

Learn how to make your machine run faster by removing unnecessary temporary files that are slowing down your computer's operating system.

April 8 Email Setup

Learn how to create and setup a free email account of your choice (e.g., Gmail, Yahoo).

April 22 Microsoft Office Troubleshooting

Learn how to resolve issues with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.

May 6 Software Installation / Upgrade

Learn how to install software applications that are compatible with your device.

May 20 Virus / Spyware Removal

Learn how to remove viruses and other malicious programs that are slowing down your machine.

To register for the *You and Your Computer* series, click [here](#).

STEM Scholarship Fund Established



Congratulations to Dr. Julia V. Clark, who established an endowment in her name (Dr. Julia V. Clark STEM Scholarship Fund) through the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational

Advancement Foundation, Inc. Donations to the fund have reached the necessary level of capitalization, making it eligible for scholarship selection. Beginning in 2022, a scholarship will be awarded each year to a female student pursuing a career in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) field.

Dr. Clark is internationally recognized for her work to increase the number of females and students of color in STEM. In December 2020, Dr. Clark retired from the National Science Foundation after a 30-year career there. ❖

Justin Thomas Inducted into Collegiate 100

At the Newton White Mansion in Upper Marlboro, Md., on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, Justin Thomas was inducted into Collegiate 100®, the national auxiliary program of 100 Black Men of America, recognized as the nation's top African American-led mentoring organization. Membership into the Collegiate 100 is drawn primarily from African American male and female college students through chapters on university campuses across America.

With 65 chapters worldwide, the Prince George's chapter of 100 Black Men inducted Justin into the Bowie State University chapter. Justin expects to graduate in May with a bachelor's in Visual Communication & Digital Media Arts, with a concentration in Advertising Design, and has been on the dean's list for three consecutive semesters.

Congratulations to Justin on his induction, academic achievements, and continued community service. ❖



Reflections on *Seven Guitars*

By Love Pal Krista Ross

I am extremely grateful to the Progressive Adults patron who allowed me the opportunity to see the play *Seven Guitars*. The play was about learning how to make decisions that serve you and the people around you. It was almost as if we saw the same character through different lenses. As a full-time student, it was great to attend a cultural event as a Love Pal. I would not have been able to afford that on my own. Spending time with my mentor (Janice Ghenene) was a true blessing. I was even able to meet one of the actors and take a picture with him



Love Pal Krista Ross with *Seven Guitars* cast member Eden Marryshow.

when the play was over. I will cherish that experience as well. Hopefully, in the future, I will be able to attend more cultural events and other young adults will have the same opportunity. ❖

Progressive Adults Stay Connected

By Janice Ghenene and Love Pal Krista Ross

The old ways of connecting are behind us. We are no longer embracing each other with hugs. We are standing apart and are less inclined to venture out to our usual places of worship and recreation. For two years, the Progressive Adults have been unable to meet in person. Our only theater outing was in December 2021.

Prior to the pandemic, the Love Pals and their mentors arranged special outings to get to know each other. Now the Love Pal mentors maintain a relationship with their college students through text messages, Zoom, telephone calls, and cards.

February is the month we open our hearts in love to others. What would be a fitting way to show our love for the Love Pals? They have had to overcome obstacles and a multitude of challenges to continue their college careers during this interruption to their college life. Your donations, now more than ever, will help us keep the quarterly stipend program alive. Donations specifically designated for the Love Pal Program can be made to Nineteenth Street Baptist Church

The Progressive Adults are keeping on. We are looking forward to the performance of *Catch Me If You Can* at Arena Stage on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 2 p.m. For ticket information, contact Ann Saunders (202-529-3188), Cynthia Thompson (202-772-4694), or Sandra Howell (eswhowell@gmail.com).

The Progressive Adult Ministry is able to provide stipends to our college students through your support of our theater productions and/or donations. Thank you for your continuing support. ❖





101st Birthday Greetings

Deaconess Eleanor Banks celebrated her 101st birthday on Sunday, January 3, 2022. Son Jeffrey Banks and neighbors dropped by to celebrate with her, but the drive-by planned by Pastor Roberts, the Deaconesses, and other church members had to be canceled due to a major snowstorm that paralyzed the entire area that day.

Happy Birthday, Deaconess Banks! May God continue to bless and keep you! ❖

Baby Brielle is Dedicated

Emerson and Giovanna Bretous are beaming with daughter, Brielle Gianna Bretous, who was dedicated by Pastor Darryl Roberts on December 26, 2021, in the Brooks Chapel. Brielle was born on July 9, 2021. Her maternal grandmother is Samara Jean-Baptiste and paternal grandmother is Jaqueline Bretous. ❖





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Judith Neely	2/1	Deaconess Dena B. Bowen	2/9	Roquell Wyche	2/19
Darren Pagan	2/1	Sylvia Geffrard	2/9	Koya Glaudé	2/21
A. Lee Hairston	2/2	Jerry E. Jackson	2/9	Judi Jones	2/21
Darlene Taylor	2/2	Anjelica E. Lewis	2/9	Arnita Turner	2/21
Deaconess Eloise Turner	2/2	Chaz Nunn III	2/9	Marilyn Mitchell	2/22
Tisha McCray	2/3	Danté Pope	2/11	Erica Watford	2/22
Deaconess Martha L. Ward	2/3	Lorena Marshall	2/12	Karen Waters-Dumas	2/23
Bianca White	2/3	Rev. Juran D. Moore, Sr.	2/13	Quentin E. Blakemore	2/24
Sean Williams	2/3	Dellaoise Saunders	2/13	LaChela Johnson	2/24
Dwayne C. Brown	2/4	Brian Palmer	2/13	Pamela Morgan	2/24
Trustee William Hoff	2/4	Jonathan Woolridge	2/13	Frantz Bonhomme	2/26
Virginia C. Lee	2/4	Rodrick Owens	2/15	Sandra Keaton Brown	2/26
Donza M. Poole	2/5	Monica Reeder	2/15	Adrian V. Nunn Sr.	2/26
Dawnielle C. K. Robb	2/5	Tami Hayes	2/16	Betty J. Montague	2/27
George Thomas Washington	2/7	Frances Pettis Mann	2/16	Samuel O. Laoye	2/28
Lavern Davis	2/8	Reginald Fenelon	2/18	Howard Watkins	2/29
Vickie Hicks-Washington	2/8	S. Eugene Byrd	2/19		
Richard C. Jones	2/8	Carlton Terry	2/19		

*Please notify the church office
of additions or corrections.*

February Calendar

Tuesday, February 1

Intercessory Prayer Call, led by Clergy, 6:30 a.m.
Bible Study with Revs. Darryl Roberts and Cheryl Coleman Hall, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2

Prayer Conference Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon
Music Ministry, Choir Connection Call, Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 3

Prayer Covenant Meeting Call, led by Deacons, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 5

Deacon Board Meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 6

Church School, Adult Class, Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Communion, Bring Your Own Elements, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8

Intercessory Prayer Call, led by Clergy, 6:30 a.m.
Bible Study with Revs. Darryl Roberts and Cheryl Coleman Hall, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9

Prayer Conference Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon
Relax, Relate & Release (R3) Self-Care Series, Part 3, Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 10

Food Pantry, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Call, with Rev. Edward Turner preaching, led by Deacons, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 11

Women's Ministry Bible Study, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 12

Building Fund Committee, Zoom, 11 a.m.
Missionary Society Meeting, conference call, Noon

Sunday, February 13

Church School, Adult Class, Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Helping Hand Club Sunday, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.

Tweens and Teens Church School, Zoom, Noon
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15

Intercessory Prayer Call, led by Clergy, 6:30 a.m.
Bible Study with Revs. Roberts and Coleman Hall, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16

Prayer Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon
Helping Hand Club Annual Christmas Project, in person, fellowship hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
R3 Self-Care Series, Part 2, Building Fund Committee & Young Adult Ministry, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 17

Prayer Meeting Call, led by Deacons, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 20

Church School, Adult Class, conference call, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Rev. Roberts 5th Pastoral Anniversary, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, February 21

President's Day Holiday, church office closed

Tuesday, February 22

Intercessory Prayer Call, led by Clergy, 6:30 a.m.
Bible Study with Revs. Darryl Roberts and Cheryl Coleman Hall, livestream, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23

Prayer Call, led by Deaconesses, Noon
Music Ministry Choir Connection Call, Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 24

Food Pantry, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Call, with Rev. Cheryl Coleman Hall preaching, led by Deacons, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 27

Worship Service, Jubilee Sunday, livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Church, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.
Jubilee Sunday Virtual Vendor's Marketplace, 12:30 p.m.

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