

THE EPISTLE

"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 Moment or a Movement?

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



For the second year, national Juneteenth and Independence Day celebrations take on even greater significance. Although we are still in a pandemic, we are grateful that we can more safely participate in public events with family and friends. The very idea of Juneteenth and Independence Day conjure ecstatic feelings of celebration when we think about

the victories we have won as Americans, African Americans, and people of faith. However, even though America declared her independence from British domination in 1776, millions of African Americans continued in slavery until the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Thousands more African Americans were trapped for over 80 years in what Douglas Blackmon calls an “Age of Neoslavery.”

As we celebrate July 4 this year, we do so following the first anniversary of the nation’s historic decision to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. The celebration of Juneteenth marks a national holiday when we can confront our past, celebrate our progress, acknowledge the unfinished work, and assess where we go from here. We must not forget that it took the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 to officially abolish slavery and free over 100,000 enslaved Africans from Kentucky to Delaware.

We are still dealing with the problem of racism—even though slavery was officially abolished over 150 years ago in America; discrimination is prohibited on the basis of race, color, religion,

sex, and national origin; all citizens who are old enough to register to vote have the right to vote regardless of race (while some people with felony convictions and those who are mentally incapacitated can not vote); and many African Americans have risen to levels of achievement unimagined in past generations. The legacy of slavery has impacted American society in every period from Reconstruction until now, including Post Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Modern Civil Rights Movement.

America still has not fulfilled her promise to provide everyone the opportunity to realize their full human potential. The persistence of fatal police shootings of unarmed Black people with scant accountability; the disturbing rise of hate crimes and Black voter suppression; discrimination in housing, employment, education, healthcare; and subtle manifestations of racism today remind us of how our Independence Day celebrations can be fraught with both joy and grief.

As we prepare to celebrate another Independence Day, may the paradox of this occasion never escape us. It signifies the tension between a moment and a movement. When we look back, we are reflecting on an important historical moment. As we gather with our families around dinner tables and at national monuments, let us not forget the fearless African Americans who were slaves while fighting for this nation’s liberty. Let us remember African Americans, women, and people of color, who built this great country but never received fair compensation

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or recognition for their service and sacrifices. Let us remember that, as Christians, when this nation refused to grant our freedom, Christ affirmed our freedom and God's power gave our people the courage and the faith to fight for a world that will one day see us as God sees us.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let this also be a time when we reaffirm our commitment to join an ongoing movement for constitutional advancement. Frederick Douglass' words in "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" are still relevant and insightful: "I say it with a sad sense of disparity between us. I am not included within the pale of glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us."

As we celebrate Independence Day with both joy and sadness and hope and skepticism, may we be so inspired to reinvest in the struggle to overcome the "immeasurable distance" of inequality and discrimination that separates Black and white, male and female, and rich and poor until that day when freedom and justice are a reality for all people. ❖

Rev. Derrick Harkins to Speak on Men's Day

By Charles Sprow Jr., Chair, Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry will celebrate Men's Day in conjunction with Father's Day on Sunday, June 19. The theme will be "Strong Men of God," and the scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 16:13.



We are honored to have Rev. Dr. Derrick Harkins, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as our guest preacher. The Men's Chorus will provide the music for the morning and the young men of the church will participate in the service. Additionally, we will present our annual "Man of the Year" award. Please encourage your family and friends to attend this special day.

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be at the church on Saturday, June 18, at 9 a.m. We urge all men of the church to attend and, if possible, invite other men to join us. Please call the church office at 202-829-2773 to RSVP.

Men's Day's donations this year will help provide financial assistance to one of our young men in college. You may use the Men's Day envelope in your personal package or use any of the church giving methods (by mail, online, or phone app). Be sure to clearly notate that your contribution is a "Men's Day Donation."

We look forward to the fellowship, praise, and worship we will experience over the Father's Day/Men's Day weekend. ❖

Thanks for a Successful Trustee Rally Day

By Trustee Reginald Cole, Chair, Trustee Board

The Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Board of Trustees would like to thank the congregation for the generous contributions to our Trustee Rally Day fundraiser held on May 15, 2022. The celebration took place during our Sunday worship service, and by all accounts, was a great success. Trustee Rally Day Chair Dwight Crawford did an excellent job organizing the day, which included an informative video presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the Trustee Board from 2021 to 2022.

During the presentation, Trustee Crawford also introduced the current Trustee Board members.

Pastor Darryl Roberts' sermon, "God Ain't Through with Me Yet," was a fitting message for the Sunday service of stewardship. Deaconess Hester Jones served a wonderful, bagged lunch following the service, putting a perfect end to a successful event.

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Trustees William Hoff, Reginald Cole, Stacey Lincoln, Dwight Crawford, Robert McNair, Carolyn Wilson, Jacqueline Ivey, and James Rodgers

The objective of Trustee Rally Day continues to be to inform the congregation of the ongoing need for financial resources to cover the extensive projects planned for the upcoming year. This year's projects include improving the church's security features, completing additional installations to the sanctuary monitors, installing a new gutter system in the breezeway, and refurbishing the administrative offices.

As stated on Trustee Rally Day by Trustee Crawford, because of the generous contributions of our congregation this year, we anticipate completing the projects identified within the next couple of months. We are committed to providing church members and guests with a

comfortable space and welcoming environment for worship through our projects.

With these things in mind, we have asked all members to contribute \$200 toward our fundraising goals. And though Trustee Rally Day has come and gone, please feel free to give your contribution whenever it is convenient for you and in whatever amount the spirit leads you to give. Your gifts will be put to great use.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, we thank Pastor Roberts and the congregation for your support, and we will continue to keep you posted on the completion of our projects for this fiscal year. ❖

Welcome New Members

By Experience of Grace



Sister Mercedes Cornelius-Muwanguzi

Brother Christopher Muwanguzi



May New Member Brother Sandy Reynolds

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Trustee Reginald Cole

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Trustee Michael Beale

Trustee Robert McNair

Trustee Carolyn Wilson

Trustee Dwight Crawford

Trustee James Rodgers

Trustee William Hyde

Thank You Reception for Haiti Project

By Phillis Walls Cooke, Global Missions Ministry Leader

On Saturday, May 21, VillageMED hosted a reception in the church fellowship hall to thank Nineteenth Street Baptist Church for our continuous support for its Haiti's Healthy Child Project to build a pediatric clinic. VillageMed showed a video that depicted the numerous obstacles they have had to overcome in Haiti and spotlighted the architect, the site, and the architectural rendering for the new clinic.

The video will be posted on the Global Missions Ministry page on the church website and can also be viewed [here](#). After you have viewed it, be sure to also share the link with anyone who has financially and/or prayerfully supported Haiti's Healthy Child Project over these past six years.

Global Missions Meets Goal for Haiti Pediatric Clinic



Global Missions Ministry is pleased to announce that we have met our goal of raising \$100,000 for Haiti's Healthy Child Project!

We welcome additional contributions that come in. Thanks again to each of you for your support and work over the years. God has guided us through this project and its trials, and our faith has been deepened and broadened.

God is bringing His work to fruition. God has done what only God could. We are grateful and filled with awe and praise!

Next: "It is Time to Build!"

VillageMED is filled with gratitude for the incredible and loving support of Rev. Darryl Roberts, the Global Missions Ministry, and Nineteenth Street's members and friends. God be praised! ❖



Phillis Cooke and Pastor Roberts present Nancy Quincy, president of Village Med, with a check for donations raised through May 9, 2022.

Highlights of Women's Day 2022

By Patricia C. Thomas, Chair, Women's Day Program

The Missionary Society held our 2022 Annual Women's Day Program on Sunday, April 24, during the morning worship service. This year's theme was "Building on A Solid Foundation." Deaconess Irish Stovall eloquently read the chosen scriptures: Psalm 62:1-2 and Luke 6:47-49.

On a beautiful sunny morning, our women wore white as did the ushers and musicians in the choir. We also celebrated the baptism of a new member on this Women's Day.

The Rev. Dr. Natalie P. Alford, Retired Presiding Elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Eastern Region Chaplain of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was the guest preacher. She reminded us of the need for prayer in building a solid foundation in our lives. She told us to focus on the requester and not the request, continue listening to God but move, and trust that the request is a part of God's plan. We know that God will order our steps and it is for our good. She urged that we boldly, confidently, and assuredly follow God's directions and remember that "God's Waiting Room" is always open.

Rev. Lorise White Wolfe was, as always, an outstanding worship leader and blessed us by reading excerpts from Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb." Rev. Robin Turner introduced the guest speaker and led the invitation to discipleship and the altar call prayer with passion and fervor. Deacon Stephanie Thomas-Gordon prepared us for worship as the devotion leader. We should be grateful that God knows us intimately and hears our prayers and that He cares. The music

ministry provided overwhelming joy with melodious songs of praise.

The Missionary Society is grateful for the in-person and virtual participation and the donations given to keep our home missions and international programs going.

We offer our thanks to all program participants, The 50+ Members, the Media Ministry and Deacon Gerald Young, the Flower Committee, Robin Smith, the Communications Ministry, Deaconess Hester Jones and Church Clerk June Jackson (for providing snack bags), Missionary Society President Rosemary M. Massey, and all members of The Missionary Society. ❖



Rev. Lorise White Wolfe, Rev. Natalie Alford, Patricia Thomas, Deaconess Evangeline Stevens, and Rev. Robin Turner

Celebrating Family Month at Nineteenth Street

Throughout May, Nineteenth Street honored and celebrated families by sharing the personal stories of five families during the Sunday worship services. On the following pages, we publish their testimonies.

Every story is unique, but they all share their love for God, the church, and church members who have been a part of

their Christian journey. We salute these and all the families of Nineteenth Street.

Some stories have been significantly edited for space reasons. For the complete story, visit our [YouTube](#) channel and watch the video for the Sunday service when the family was featured. ❖

Charles Gordon, Stephanie Thomas-Gordon, and Justin Thomas - May 1

Charles, Stephanie, and Justin know God is the Creator. Yet, none of them imagined how God's creative power would bring them together as a family.

Twenty-five years ago, Charles Gordon learned of Nineteenth Street through Rev. Reginald Townsend, his former Youth Minister at National Baptist Memorial Church. After a few Sundays at the church, Charles and his mother, Hannah Gordon, joined and were baptized by Rev. Dr. Jerry Moore in 1995. Nineteenth Street became immediate family to the Gordons and warmly welcomed them.

About 14 years ago, Charles met Stephanie and Justin Thomas at an event at her former church, National Baptist Memorial Church. When Stephanie decided to seek out a new church home, Charles invited them to visit Nineteenth Street. After a few Sundays, mother

and son joined the church and were baptized by Rev. Dr. Derrick Harkins. Justin loved and still cherishes memories of deaconess hugs and smiles, conversations in the sanctuary and fellowship hall with the ministers and congregation members, and the love and support from the men and boys in the Manhood Training program.



After 12 years of friendship and 5 years of dating, Charles and Stephanie married in 2020. The Thomas/Gordons have been active members of the ministries at Nineteenth Street. Charles serves in the Music Ministry, Men's Ministry, and Media Ministry, and volunteers as a Greeter. His favorite scripture is Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Deacon Stephanie is a member of the Board of Deacons, Music

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Ministry, Women’s Ministry, and Church Revival Committee. Her favorite scripture is Ephesians 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” Justin is a part of the Love Pals and Youth Ministry, and his favorite scripture is Ephesians

6:10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”
The Thomas/Gordon family is grateful to God for a church home where family is so much a part of the life of the church.

Coviece, Tre, and Claire Marshall - May 8

Many years ago, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church had a school for young children which operated under the name NBC Lab School. Coviece and her sister were pre-k students at the school. After returning to the DMV area in 2018 after a 20-year stay in Nashville, Tenn., Coviece sought to fill her spiritual cup and found herself at the familiar church she knew as a child. Upon arrival, the family was greeted with new and smiling faces, open arms, and thought-evoking spiritual messages from Rev. Roberts. Coviece and her daughter Claire have been members since the summer of 2019. Her son Tre, graduates from Jackson-Reed High School (formerly Woodrow Wilson High) in June of this year and hopes to attend Tennessee State University in the fall. Belonging to Nineteenth Street means that they have a spiritual family. Currently, Claire attends Sunday School. Coviece

participated in the card outreach ministry and is looking forward to discovering more ways she can serve. Coviece’s favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Claire’s favorite spiritual song is “Gotta Know the Books” by Shai Linne.



Camille and Zoë Crawford - May 15

Camille Mauderie and Zoë Antoinette Crawford are Washington, D.C., natives. Camille works as an office administrator while finishing a Psychology degree at Trinity Washington University. Upon completion, she wants to become a family counselor. Zoë attends Shepherd Elementary School and will begin first grade

in the fall. Zoë began a modeling and acting career at age 5 by joining Models Inc. She enjoys dancing and learning French. The family moved from San Antonio to D.C. in 2004 and initially attended Howard University’s Rankin Chapel. But after Zoë was born, Camille wanted to find a church where Zoë could make

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lifetime memories with children her age.

In 2018, Dr. Wilma Bonner told them about Nineteenth Street's Vacation Bible School. Camille said that once her daughter came home and talked about her amazing experience, she knew they had to come back to enjoy the Sunday morning service. "The day we chose to visit was the same day that my daughter stood up and walked me downstairs to join."

Camille always knew she wanted Zoë to be raised in a Baptist church—one where she could

grow up with other children and build fond memories. Since they've joined, that is exactly what they've received—from the Homecoming church service in the park; October Trunk or Treat; jazz in the park; Easter egg hunt, church school on Sundays, Vacation Bible School, etc. They thank Nineteenth Street for giving them these outstanding memories. They are happy to be members of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church.

Camille says their "journey is more like a testimony. During this pandemic, Nineteenth Baptist has been there for our family multiple times. Some of you have seen me turn my darkest moment into light; however, I couldn't have done it without all of your prayers and words of encouragement. This church and its community have taken in Zoë and me with open arms; and I will be forever thankful."

Camille's favorite scripture is Psalm 34:1-8.

Sophia and Hannah Kirby Family - May 22

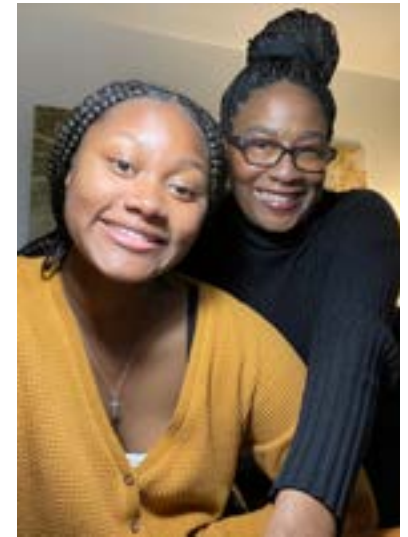
Sophia's journey to Nineteenth Street started long before she moved to the District in 2000. She frequently attended the Progressive Adults' events and often visited to hear the words of Rev. Dr. Derrick Harkins. Whenever she visited Nineteenth Street, she always received a warm welcome and there was a sense of belonging. When she moved to the District, there was no question about where she would be worshiping.

As her journey continued, she became active in His Homeless Ministry and New Members Ministry and offered a helping hand wherever needed. After the birth of Hannah Grace in 2004, she began to participate in the children's activities.

Hannah was dedicated at Nineteenth Street and has grown up in the church. From the nursery, Sunday School, children's

choir, holiday performances, to current youth activities, she has established her life-long extended family. Sophia is a strong believer in the African proverb: "It takes a village to raise a child." She is truly grateful for their Nineteenth Street village.

Hannah is currently a senior at St. John's College High School, where she serves as the student government president and is an honor student and varsity



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volleyball player. In the fall, she will attend Florida A&M University majoring in Journalism and Graphic Communications.

One of their favorite Bible verses is Micah 6:8: “To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” It is truly their desire to live a life that is pleasing unto their God.

The Jon Kemp and Deborah Crain-Kemp Family - May 29

As a 30-something, Deborah occasionally attended Nineteenth Street with Rhonda Glaude’ and her children. She later started attending more consistently and became involved with the church photographers, where she met Deacon Yvonne Dickson, Eugene Townes, and others. As director of the Gospel Choir, Rhonda Glaude’ implored her to “sit-in” with the choir. One Sunday morning while in the choir loft she heard a voice say, “If you are going to do this, do it for real...” That is the Sunday she joined the church. Deborah has been a member since 1999; Jon became a willing partner when they were married by Pastor Harkins in September 2009.

Deborah met Jon in 2008. They worked in the same DC government building and found each other in the elevator. Jon admits that he had seen Deborah in 2004, but it took more than three years to become spiritually ready and worthy of an introduction to such a woman.

It means the world to them to have such a wonderful, loving, and caring family as Nineteenth Street. In every way, great and

small, the church family has been there for them. They feel blessed to grow together as a couple as they take their spiritual journey together. It means that family time is often Nineteenth Street family time and spare moments often belong to church and Deborah’s missionary work.



Jon and Deborah participated in the Couples Ministry and Retreat and belong to the Adult Sunday School Class. In addition to being an ordained Deacon, which means the world to her, Deborah is involved with the Photography Ministry, the Mass Choir, the Kandlelite Choir, the Christian Mite Society, the New Members Ministry, the Fruit of the Spirit Ministry, the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, the Building Fund Committee, and the Women’s Ministry. She also is an Epistle contributor. Jon worked in the Media Ministry assisting with the recording and sale of the recorded services before COVID and livestreaming of services.

Their favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (ESV). ❖

Congratulations



Congratulations to Associate Minister **Rev. Robin Turner** who has joined the *Wall Street Journal* in the newly created role of Vice President of Training, Culture & Community. In this position, she will focus on Dow Jones newsrooms and work with the company's leadership to drive Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

strategy into all aspects of its global business. In a company announcement, Rev. Turner is described as a “well-respected, experienced new media leader with a passion for improving culture. She also is known in the industry for her keen ability to identify and develop talent.” Rev. Robin previously worked for the *Wall Street Journal* and Dow Jones. Her career also includes positions at *Politico*, *USA Today*, and the Ottaway Newspapers.

Rev. Robin has trained and led programs to enhance education, literacy, and improvement of health outcomes in Jamaica, Nicaragua, Uganda, and Kenya. She holds a master's degree in Divinity and a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Political Science. She is a certified DEI practitioner and an alumna of the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education. Rev. Robin is the wife of Associate Minister Rev. Edward Turner and the mother of Kamille and Katy Turner. ❖



Congratulations to **Terri Montague**, who recently joined Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR) in the inaugural class of McDonald Distinguished Fellows, a fellowship funded by the McDonald Agape Foundation (MAF).

Terri is a multi-disciplinary scholar, attorney, and leader. A MAF representative described her as “a rare talent who combines an outstanding academic pedigree; accomplished civic, executive and public policy leadership experience; and deep Christian faith graced with the bridge-building and thought leadership skills so needed to help address America's racial and economic divides.”

Before Emory, she worked for seven years in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Before HUD, she was the founding president and CEO at Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., where she launched and helped implement a \$4.8 billion project that enriched Atlanta with parks, trails, affordable housing, transit, environmental remediation, and economic development.

Terri has earned degrees in law and theology from Emory University, religion from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, city planning and real estate development from MIT, and economics from the University of Chicago.

Trustee Emeritus Thomas Montague and Deaconess Mamie Montague are Terri's proud parents.

Support Progressive Adults Theater Fundraisers

By Virginia C. Lee

Join the Progressive Adults at the theater to benefit Nineteenth Street's Love Pal Program.

Contact the Progressive Adults if you are interested in tickets for any of the performances. Payments can be by check and mailed to Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, 4606 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20011, Attn: Progressive Adults. You may also use PAYPAL, Givelify, or CashApp. Be sure to notate which show and the number of tickets. Transportation will be available from the church to all shows.

Call Ann Saunders at 202-529-3188 or Cynthia Thompson at 202-772-4694 or email Sandra Howell at eswhowell@gmail.com for more information.

"American Prophet: In His Own Words"

Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Kreeger Theatre, Arena Stage

Cost: \$90



"The Tina Turner Musical"

Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m.

The National Theatre

Cost: \$125



Register Now for Vacation Bible School 2022!

Vacation Bible School 2022 (VBS) will be a five-day biblical journey from Monday, June 27, to Friday, July 1, for youth between 4 and 14 years of age. VBS Adventurers™ will learn about leadership, purpose, and overcoming obstacles



with God as their guide. Adventurers will learn that God has a purpose for everyone and discover how to be the kind of leader God wants them to be. The daily topics will include: A Model for Leadership, Leadership in Crisis, Do the Right Thing, Leadership Through Praise, and From Bearing a Cross to Wearing a Crown.

VBS sessions will be conducted virtually on Zoom. The primary group (ages 2-7) will meet from 10-11 a.m. and older youth (ages 8-14) will meet from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register for Vacation Bible School 2022.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and information about joining the sessions.

For more information about Vacation Bible School, please email michannw@gmail.com or call the church office at 202-829-2773, ext. 102. Elvinese Wyche is the director of Vacation Bible School. ❖

Nineteenth Street Attends *An African American Requiem*

By Siera Toney, Membership Care Coordinator

Members and friends of Nineteenth Street gathered at the Kennedy Center on May 23 for the East Coast premiere of Damien Geter's *An African American Requiem*. The Choral Arts Society of Washington sponsored the performance, which featured joint choruses and orchestras, a superb vocal quartet, two conductors, and a poet-narrator. The composer of this master work, Damien Geter, is in his 30s. The choir, orchestra, and conductors were a powerful intergenerational and intercultural blend of artists. Siera Toney, in partnership with the Choral Arts Society of Washington, organized the outing.

The 22 attendees from Nineteenth Street were an intergenerational mix, including representatives from the Relax, Relate, Release (R3) Fellowship, the Young Adult Ministry, the Progressive Adults' Love Pals Program, The Fruit of the Spirit Ministry, the Music Ministry, the Global Missions Ministry, GriefShare, the Board of Trustees, and ministerial staff. Nineteenth Street's party included alumni from Bennett College, Bowie State University, Howard University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College, as well as a Howard Law professor and current students from Howard University's Schools of Divinity and Dentistry.

While the mixture of participants evoked our May Family Month, the performance was a great primer for Black Music Month, which is in June. The program covered various styles in the Black classical music tradition, from spirituals to jazz to arias. The pieces were sung in African American



Vernacular English, the liturgical Latin characteristic of a requiem mass, and incorporated the words of Black justice icons, like Eric Garner, George Floyd, and anti-lynching activist Ida B. Wells-Barnett. Geter's *Requiem* was both a lament of racism, state violence, and systemic injustice through the present-day, and a celebration of Black creativity, Black resilience, Black community, and Black brilliance.

The evening opened with a *Spirituals Suite for Choir and Orchestra* featuring arrangements by Rev. Nolan Williams, an alum of Howard University School of Divinity, who presented a performance called *Ethereality: Celestial Dreams and the Great Beyond* at Nineteenth Street in 2019. The *Requiem* experience was a wonderful opportunity to hear and be healed by diverse styles of Black classical music, strong statements for racial and social justice, and rich lessons in Black history in one of the nation's most celebrated performance venues.

Overall, this outing to the Kennedy Center was a wonderful way to end Family Month, prepare for Black Music Month, and uphold our church's rich legacy of supporting the arts! ❖

2022 Youth Awardees and Graduates Recognized

By Deaconess Mattie B. H. Gay and Virginia C. Lee

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.” (Proverbs 3:2, NIV)

On Sunday, June 12, five youth will receive the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church 2022 Youth Participation Award. The awards will be presented on Youth and Young Adult Ministry Day during the worship service. The award, which was begun in 2015, is an endowment funded by The Drs. Billy and Mattie Gay Family Fund. The annual award is intended to recognize Nineteenth Street youth, ages 5 to 18, who have been active in the life of the church and have distinguished themselves in their school and community. Due to the pandemic, the award was not presented during the past two years.

In addition to the Youth Participation Award recipients, Nineteenth Street will also celebrate our college graduating Love Pals on Youth and Young Adult Ministry Day. We praise God that these youth have been conscientious stewards of their time and talents to the Lord even during the pandemic.

Youth Participation Award Recipients



Jack Hurst Anderson II is the son of Abrielle Anderson. He has attended Maret School since kindergarten and graduates this year. He is a 2022 National Merit Finalist. He was admitted through the early action program and will be attending Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where he plans to major in Economics and Statistics. This summer, Jack will be working as an analyst at Rock Creek, a global investment firm in

Washington, D.C. At Maret, Jack played varsity lacrosse for four years and varsity soccer for three years. He also participated in the Jazz Band, playing the alto and baritone saxophones. Jack has been a volunteer for Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington. In 2020, Jack was a NAACP Alliance/ACT-SO Journey Award Scholarship recipient for visual arts. His numerous church activities include the Junior Usher Board, Church School, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, choir singer, and Advent presenter.



Kinsley Beckham is a granddaughter of Dr. William C. Curtis Jr. and Dorothy Curtis. She is a 7th grader at Holy Cross School where she has consistently made the Honor Roll. Kinsley is a School Patrol Monitor for the younger students at her school. She has played basketball since she was six years old. Currently, she plays for her school's Lady Warriors. Kinsley has been a member of the Kandelite Choir, the Junior Usher Board, and the Liturgical Dancers for several years. She has supported the Youth Ministry team by helping to make gift bags for last year's Trunk or Treat event and this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Kinsley is the first two-time winner of the Youth Participation Award.



Storee Denson, the 13-year-old son of Revs. Troy and Theresa Denson, is in the seventh grade at Accokeek Academy. He has been on the school Honor Roll since first grade and performs and plays the piano for his school's choir. He also studies at the National

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Conservatory of Music, which holds classes at Nineteenth Street. Over the most recent year, Storee has played the piano, carrying the worship services at other churches, and he has played the organ for Nineteenth Street on special occasions. During the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, Storee performed with Urban Nation at the Imagination Stage and, pre-pandemic, sang regularly with the Nineteenth Street Mass Choir and the Men's Chorus. Storee has joined the American Guild of Organists, which will open to him national learning, recognition, and performing opportunities.



Anaiah Roberts is the 14-year-old daughter of Senior Pastor Roberts and Dr. Laura Roberts. She is a life-long Honor Roll student. Anaiah has been a member of the Liturgical Dance Ministry and the Junior Usher Board, and she regularly attends Youth Church. Anaiah has starred, co-starred, and performed in over a dozen plays. In January, Anaiah played the lead

role in "How to Succeed in Business" at Imagination Stage. She sang lead in her school's talent show and was a featured artist in the Annual DMV Community Concert at People's Community Baptist Church. Anaiah was selected to participate in the ensemble at Adventure Theatre where she received voice, acting, and dance lessons and participated in a virtual performance during the pandemic. She has achieved a yellow belt in karate. Anaiah aspires to one day enroll in the NYU Tisch School of the Arts and to perform on Broadway.



Bria Wooden is the 14-year-old daughter of Deacon Vernell Wooden and Deaconess Kyra Wooden. She is an advanced high school freshman and an Honor Student, maintaining above a 3.75 GPA. Throughout her three years of middle school, she was a straight A student and in the National Junior Honor Society. She is a talented student-athlete and an integral

part of leading her school and AAU basketball teams as a starting guard. She is a member of the Girl Scouts at the Cadette level. Bria is a dedicated member of the Youth Ministry and has participated in several Youth Sunday worship services, offering prayer, speaking, singing, or dancing. She has been a junior counselor and volunteer for Vacation Bible School and has volunteered in the nursery and at various Deaconess Board activities.

2022 High School Graduates



Jack Anderson

Graduated from Maret School
Will attend Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.



Hannah Kirby

Graduated from
St. John's College High School
Will attend Florida A&M University,
Tallahassee, Fla.

2022 Love Pal College Graduates

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Congratulations to the 2022 Love Pal Graduates

Our prayers and best wishes to you as you complete this chapter of your life.
We wish you a future bright with promise and purpose. May God continue to shower you with blessings.

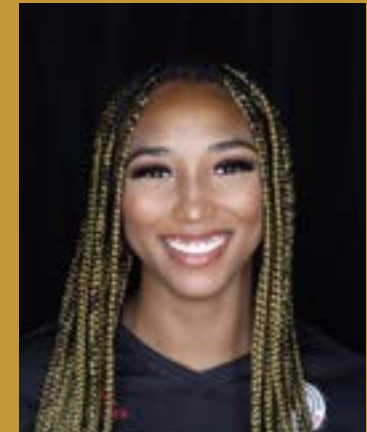
Sincerely, Your Progressive Adult Family



Kiara Beckham
Union College
Mentor: Pearl Sudduth



Sekai Bonner-Flagg
Spelman College
Mentor: Jaleya Leonard



Jada Parchment
North Carolina State University
Mentor: Anika Cooper



Melvin Spann
Morehouse College
Mentor: Rev. Jerry Cheatham



Justin Thomas
Bowie State University
Mentor: Kenyatta Hobson





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Janet S. Currie	6/4	Rev. Theresa M. Denson	6/15	Tolani L. Rufai	6/22
Taylor G. Weldon	6/6	Allison M. Jackson	6/16	Cynthia Howell-Aiken	6/25
David Barge	6/7	Deaconess Kathryn C. Brooks	6/17	Devin Nikki Slayton	6/25
Deacon Emeritus Jessie W. McCrae	6/7	Yokota Strong	6/18	Myra Banks Scott	6/25
Deaconess Pearl W. Sudduth	6/7	Ernest Blakemore, Jr.	6/19	Deacon Emeritus Michael V. Bonner	6/26
LaFonda Nelson	6/8	Ernestine Blakemore	6/19	Trustee Michael A. Beale	6/27
Sybil A. Barbour	6/10	Gloria B. Dempsey	6/19	Virginia Allen-Mazique	6/27
Jonathan Bowen	6/12	William L. Smalley, Jr.	6/19	Loretta Avery Pete	6/28
Christopher Burks	6/12	Jara Wilensky	6/19	William Quander	6/28
Aldolphus R. Gaines	6/12	Rev. Walter A. Jackson III	6/21	Deacon Raymond C. Johnson Sr.	6/30
Erinn Dumas	6/13	Hunter Landon Wolfe	6/21		
Roberta Stevenson Thomas	6/13	Deacon Emeritus Griffin F. Day III	6/22	<i>Please notify the church office of additions or corrections.</i>	

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Calls

Every Tuesday:

Intercessory Prayer Conference Calls, led by Ministers,
6:30–7:00 a.m.

Bible Study with Revs. Darryl Roberts and Cheryl
Coleman Hall, via Zoom at 7 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

Intercessory Prayer Calls, led by Deaconesses,
noon–12:15 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Prayer Meeting Calls, led by Deacons, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Church's YouTube Channel

Did you know you can still see past livestreamed Sunday worship services, noon Lenten services, funeral/memorial services, and other programs on Nineteenth Street's YouTube Channel? [Check it out.](#) ❖



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Contact organizers for access to **ZOOM** programs



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 **Instagram:** instagram.com/nsbcdcc/

Pastor Roberts on the Air

Tune into the Coach Butch McAdams Show on Sunday, June 19 at 12:30 p.m. to hear Pastor Darryl Roberts talk about Nineteenth Street ministries and initiatives.

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June Calendar

Wednesday, June 1

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, Sisterhood Room, 1-3:30 p.m.
Mass Choir Rehearsal, chapel, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Board of Deacons Meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.
Board of Deaconesses Meeting, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 5

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Pentecost Sunday, Communion,
in person & livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Worship, 10:30 a.m., chapel & Zoom
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, Sisterhood Room, 1-3:30 p.m.
Mass Choir Rehearsal, in person, chapel, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 9

Food Pantry & Five Medicine Vaccination Clinic, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 11

Men's Choir Rehearsal, chapel, 10 a.m.
Building Fund Committee, Zoom, 11 a.m.
Missionary Society, conference call, noon

Sunday, June 12

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Youth and Graduate Recognition Sunday, Rev.
James Harris preaching, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, Sisterhood Room, 1-3:30 p.m.
Mass Choir Rehearsal, in person, chapel, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Men's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast, fellowship hall, 9 a.m.
Men's Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 19

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Men's Day, Father's Day, Revival & Juneteenth
Day, Guest Preacher Rev. Derrick Harkins, in person &
livestream, 10 a.m.
Youth Worship, 10:30 a.m., chapel & Zoom
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, June 20 – Juneteenth National Holiday (church office closed)

Wednesday, June 22

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, Sisterhood Room, 1-3:30 p.m.
Mass Choir Rehearsal, in person, chapel, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 26

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Baptism, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.
Church School, Tweens & Teens, 10:30 a.m.
Church School, Pre-K to Age 10, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1

Vacation Bible School, Zoom
Primary Class, 10-11 a.m.
Youth Class, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, Sisterhood Room, 1-3:30 p.m.

Information on how to access online services is on page 20.