

THE EPISTLE

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



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GOD is Our **Passion**.

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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Moving to a New Season

By Rev. James L. Harris, Youth and Young Adult Pastor



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, “A Time for Everything,” is a cherished Bible passage often quoted at funerals and memorial services. Tradition tells us that the book of Ecclesiastes was written by King Solomon toward the end of his reign. It is worth underscoring that King Solomon didn’t realize until the end of his reign that life is just a series of seasons. Let’s take another approach concerning this text.

Everyone as young as an elementary school child to the eldest person in our church has experienced and understands seasons. We shift from fall, winter, spring, and summer—the four seasons we experience yearly. God has given us all the tools needed to weather and manage every season we are faced with.

Although fall is my favorite season, I really dislike the stress of jumping back into a schedule of non-stop, continual events. Children are returning to school, employers are requiring employees to return to the office, college students are moving back into their dorms, internships are ending, and stores are pushing back-to-school products.

Nineteenth Street has enjoyed a series of preachers during the month of August. I can’t help but sense that we are preparing for a new season in so many ways. The sermon titles varied from “Transformed for His Purpose,” “We Outside,” “Can These Dry Bones Live,” and “You Will Pass This Test.”

God is preparing Nineteenth Street for something greater. May our hearts and minds be open and ready for what God has in store for us. God is reviving our church after the medical and racial pandemics that have crippled our world. I trust that it is God’s desire to revive and cause us to operate at our optimum level.

It is my prayer that as we seek God’s desire for new programming, deeper revelation of the Word, edifying worship, and life-transforming community partnerships that we will be revived individually and corporately as a church family. Let’s give God space to move according to His will. Let’s give each other space to grow and learn. Let’s continue to make Nineteenth Street a safe space where people can experience God, each other, and our surrounding community.

Lord, I pray that this next season for Nineteenth Street is one in which we can say “Only God could have done this”! ❖



Assistant Pastor Vote Set for September 8

By Trustee Jacqueline Ivey, Chair, Assistant Pastor Search Committee

The time is finally here to select our Assistant Pastor. There will be a special call meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 8 to vote for the Assistant Pastor. The Assistant Pastor Search Committee used the same criteria as the Pulpit Search Committee to narrow the field and score the applicants. The three highest-scoring candidates were interviewed by Pastor Darryl Roberts and Deacon Shawn Davis-Wilensky, chair of the Board of Deacons. The candidates were invited to preach. The preaching order was based on their availability:

July 31 – Rev. De’Quon A. Quarles

August 14 – Rev. Nicholas K. Young

August 21 – Rev. John C. McNeill Jr.

Following each service, members engaged in a question and answer (Q&A) session with the candidate. If you missed any of the candidates, you can watch videos of their sermons and Q&A sessions on Nineteenth Street’s [YouTube channel](#).

The interview panel made the decision to have members vote on all three candidates. The special call meeting will be held via Zoom. Only members in good standing will be emailed the Zoom link for the meeting. In accordance with the Church Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, to be in good standing, members must have attended at least some church services and contributed financially to the church within the preceding two-year period.

If the church clerk does not have your email address, please send your email address to office@19thstreetbc.org. A test email will be sent to every member in good standing for whom we have an email address. A reply to the test email is required so

that the Zoom link for the special call meeting can be sent to the member in good standing. Each member in good standing in a household will have to log in to the Zoom meeting individually with their own email since the voting will be done via Zoom.

Members in good standing who do not have email, or whose schedules prevent them from participating in the meeting, or who access Zoom by phone can vote by casting a paper ballot. You must stop by the church office during church business hours between now and September 8 to cast a paper ballot. Paper ballots will be counted on September 8 prior to the special call meeting. *If you plan to vote by paper ballot, please do not reply to the test email to receive the Zoom link.*

All three candidates will be listed on the virtual and paper ballots. A simple majority vote will win. Once we ascertain which candidate received the most votes, a motion will be made to elect that person as the Assistant Pastor. Pursuant to the Church Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, a vote of two-thirds of the quorum shall be necessary to carry a motion.

If there are any questions or concerns, please send an email to assistantpastorsearch@19thstreetbc.org. We look forward to seeing everyone at 7:30 p.m. on September 8. ❖

Assistant Pastor Search Committee Members

Trustee Jacqueline Ivey, Chair

Violetta Graham

Deaconess Patricia Kilby-Robb

Trustee Stacey Lincoln

Deacon Johnnieque Love

Rev. Leslie Wiley

Carolyn Woolridge

Assistant Pastor Candidates

Note: The following information was extracted from the biographies they submitted.
Please review their preaching and Q&A sessions on [YouTube](#) and read their full bios [here](#).

Rev. John C. McNeill Jr.



Self-Description: A transformational leader, gifted preacher, and creative writer with a heart for and keen understanding of 21st century cultural trends and young people; a holistic spiritual caregiver.

Education:

- Graduate of both Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in New York, where he received a B.S. in Health Science and a Master of Divinity (*cum laude*).
- In 2014, earned a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Theology (*summa cum laude*) at St. Mary's Seminary and University's Ecumenical Institute of Theology in Baltimore.
- Completed Duke Divinity School's Foundations of Christian Leadership program.

Experience:

- Currently, a staff consultant for Ministry Architects, a writer for R.H. Boyd Publishing, clergy coach with Fuller Theological Seminary's TenX10, and certified Pro-reconciliation and Anti-racism trainer for Lexington Theological Seminary.

- Previously, a clergy coach for Princeton Theological Seminary, co-president of Prince William County Ministerial Association, and adjunct professor at University of Valley Forge.
- Chaplain, University of Rochester Medical Center; team captain for District of Columbia Baptist Convention's Youth Ministry Initiative, D.C. public school teacher.

Rev. De'Quon A. Quarles



Self-Description: An emerging theologian whose preaching and teaching ministry have enabled him to preach, teach, revive, and minister across the nation.

Education:

- Graduated *magna cum laude* from Hampton University with B.A. in Religious Studies and a minor in Abnormal Psychology.
- Studied at Wesley Theological Seminary, earned a Master of Divinity from Howard University. Currently pursuing a Master of Sacred Theology at Drew Theological School in New Jersey.

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Experience:

- Licensed and ordained at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.
- Currently, engaged as member of Prince George's County Branch of the NAACP, member of Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Baptist Convention of the District of Columbia and Vicinity.
- Formerly, interim pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Mitchells, Va., and Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Danville, Va.

Zoom Meeting to Select Nineteenth Street's Assistant Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30 P.M.

What else do you need to do?

- Review the videos of the sermons and Q&A sessions for all three candidates on [YouTube](#).
- Make sure the church office has the correct email address for every family member who is a church member in good standing.
- Reply to the specific test email sent to your email address to receive the Zoom link to participate and vote in the meeting.
- Go to the church office during business hours before September 8 if you need to cast a paper ballot.
- Pray for God's guidance as you select your preferred candidate.

- Served as resident pastoral intern and minister of assimilation and congregational care at First Baptist Church of Highland Park.
- Previously employed as secondary history instructor and department head of The National Christian Academy in Oxon Hill, Md., and was a resident theologian teaching at National Bible College and Seminary.

Rev. Nicholas K. Young



Education:

- Graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Religion from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
- Earned a master's in divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Earned a master's in social work from Rutgers University and was inducted into Phi Alpha Honor Society with 4.0 GPA.

Experience:

- Currently, serves as youth pastor of First Baptist Church of Guilford and is a practicing psychotherapist.
- In college, led a campus ministry, was a SGA senator, held leadership roles in the NAACP, and served as chaplain at the juvenile justice center.
- In seminary, served as chaplain in a local trauma ward, was an associate pastor, and president of the Association of Black Seminarians.
- Serves his town as a volunteer firefighter. ❖

First Colored Baptist Church: Its Early Beginnings

By Deacon Johnnieque B. Love

The following is an excerpt from our church's history presented during the 183rd Anniversary Celebration. It covers the period leading up to August 29, 1839, when the First Colored Baptist Church was organized.

The history of the First Colored Baptist Church is integral to that of First Baptist Church of Washington City, which was organized in 1802.

Lot 11, square 118 was selected as the site for building First Baptist. It was the southwest corner of 19th and I Streets. The church was to the northwest; the building measured 37 feet on the 19th Street side; and 75 feet on the I Street side. It was built at a cost of \$225. The building was no larger than the area on the 16th Street side of our present sanctuary.

When First Baptist's membership grew, the church moved to a larger space. The first building eventually became known as the "Little Old Meeting House." There are no photographs of that building so we only have a lithograph drawn by an artist of First Baptist Church of Washington City.

There were Colored members of the First Baptist Church within a year of its 1802 founding. They were accepted as full and equal members, signing the church covenant; and Black males exercised their right to vote at church business meetings. The Colored membership included servants of noted citizens,

political leaders, freedmen, and enslaved persons.

Ongoing problems came to a head as the country moved toward the Civil War. The church moved toward segregation of the races as the country did. Galleries in the tiny building and separate outside entrances were built to maintain separation of the races. The elimination of freedoms that the Colored members had valued and enjoyed were causes of their discontent.

At that time the Colored citizens of Washington, D.C., could not organize a church on their own. This created an



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opportunity for those who had papers of dismissal to come to the area and organize a church.

The formal organization of the First Colored Baptist Church of the City of Washington was initiated by Brother William Bush and three women, Sisters Eliza Bush, Lavinia Perry, and Emily Coke, who were not members of First Baptist Church of Washington City.

It is important to note that none of these individuals had been members of a church in the District of Columbia and thus were free to form a church in the city. There were then six members in the “Founding Body,” as Elder Sampson White and his wife became members of the organizing group.

On Sunday afternoon of August 29, 1839, Elder Sampson White, Elder Moses Clayton, (founder of the first Negro church in Baltimore), and S.P. Hill (future pastor of First Baptist Church), gathered at the Little Old Meeting House ready to organize the First Colored Baptist Church of Washington City. The leaders questioned the prospective members on their desire to form a Gospel Church. And being satisfied with their answers, each was given the right hand of fellowship. They sang a hymn and offered prayer for the church.

We do know that on this date, August 29, 1839, Elder Sampson White was received by letter unanimously, and was called as the first pastor. He accepted the call and established the Sunday School and served as its first superintendent.

And now, after 183 years of serving our God, our church still stands strong. ❖

Calling Health Professionals and Enthusiasts!

September 10, Noon, via Zoom

Do you work in a health or allied health field? Are you Interested in wellness? If so, we need you and your expertise and ideas.

All members professionally engaged or interested in health, allied health, and/or wellness activities are invited to participate in a Zoom meeting to help revive and reimagine Nineteenth Street’s Health Ministry. The virtual meeting will be Saturday, September 10, at noon on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 837 5750 9249

Passcode: 201960



The COVID-19 pandemic has made “health” a priority for members of our congregation, our community, and the entire world these past few years. Although our Health Ministry was not active, we are grateful for the work and guidance provided by the church Emergency Management Team (EMT) during this time. We are also fortunate that the church has begun engaging with outside health initiatives, such as the Leadership Council for Healthy Communities (LCHC) and the Choose Healthy Life Black Clergy Action Plan (CHL).

The September 10 meeting will discuss future activities and officers for the relaunched Nineteenth Street Health Ministry. Please join us if you want to be a part of this important revival.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Chair Shawn Davis-Wilensky at shawnsdw@gmail.com.

Tips for Studying the Bible

By Donza M. Poole

How much time should you spend reading the Bible? This question came up two years ago during a Bible Study session led by Rev. Roberts. He responded with several noteworthy tips and insights. Now is a good time to revisit and share his insights as we prepare for fall Bible Study sessions.

Six Tips for Reading and Studying the Bible

- 1. Read with purpose.** Remember that the purpose of having Bible study and studying the word of God is to help you grow in the process of sanctification (that is, where we become more holy, and where people begin to see that transformation take place in our lives.) The only way growth can happen is if you keep the purpose in mind as you focus on the Word of God.
- 2. Carve out a special time for study.** Pick a consistent time, timeframe, and place to read and study the Bible every day so that it becomes a habit. Even if you commit to just 10 minutes per day, do that where you can focus on the study of God's Word without distractions. Jesus' instruction on prayer applies to studying God's Word: "But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret." (Matthew 6:6)
- 3. Seek to understand the entire Bible.** Make sure in your study that you are seeking to learn and understand the entire Bible. Don't just focus on your favorite scriptures. Just like we don't start watching a movie from the middle and expect to understand the plot and the conclusion, we

must read the Bible from the beginning to understand the reason for God's plan of salvation through the coming of The Last Adam.

- 4. Read scriptures several times, in several translations.** Read scriptures multiple times to gain a better understanding. God does not speak to us just through the King James Version. We have been blessed with many translations (some good and some bad) to help us deepen our understanding of scripture—e.g., King James Version, New International Version, The Message Bible, and the New Revised Standard Version. See which translations help make the Bible come alive for you.
- 5. Keep a journal.** Keep a journal about your study. Write questions in it, including questions on how to apply a particular scripture to your life. After you seek answers to your questions by reading another translation or consulting our pastoral staff, add what you've learned to your journal.
- 6. Let the text speak to you.** There are many commentaries that interpret the Bible. But read the scripture for yourself first before reading a commentary containing someone else's viewpoint. You want to hear the voice of God speaking to you before amplifying the voices of commentators.

We hope these tips help enhance your study of God's word as you "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18) ❖



Support the 30th Annual Deaconess Family Dinner

By Deaconess Brenda Lightening-Tolbert

The Deaconess Board will host our second “Grab & Go” meal on Sunday, October 16 for the 30th Annual Deaconess Family Dinner. Meals will be available for pickup at the church after the Sunday worship service, from noon until 3 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser to support the ministry of the Board of Deaconesses. Tickets for the dinners must be ordered between September 6 and October 7. The tickets are \$30 per meal.

We are offering four entrée options:

- Baked Chicken
- Baked Salmon
- BBQ Ribs
- Vegetarian

Each meal comes with macaroni and cheese, green beans, a green salad, a roll, and peach cobbler.

You may buy dinner tickets through Eventbrite beginning on September 6. You may also order dinners by sending your payment to the church to the attention of Deaconess Gloria Smith. Checks or money orders should be payable to Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. Be sure to note on the memo line that the payment is for the “Deaconess Board Dinner” and indicate the number of dinners and entrée choices.

Direct donations to the Board of Deaconesses are also welcome.

Please share this event with your friends and families. See church eblasts and worship announcements for more information. Contact Deaconess E. Louise White, event chair, at 240-398-8980 if you have any questions.



[Click here to order Grab & Go meals on Eventbrite beginning on September 6.](#)

Thank You to Our Media Ministry Interns!

On Sunday, August 14, Deacon Gerald Young recognized two young people who have been Media Ministry interns for the past year. As interns they have helped the church during Sunday worship services while gaining first-hand experience with media and recording technology. Both interns graduated from Takoma Academy and will be leaving for college, but the ministry has selected two new interns and has attracted other young people as volunteers.

We wish them well as they begin the next phase of their education!

Aiden Smith-Holness - attending Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md.

Jalen Watson - attending Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.



Baby Malachi is Dedicated

Congratulations to the family of Malachi Imanuel Lee Kirby, who was dedicated by Senior Pastor Darryl Roberts during the Sunday morning worship service on July 31.

Baby Malachi, the son of Leah and Darren Kirby, was born October 23, 2021. His maternal grandparents are Deacon Gerald and Deaconess Maureen Young and his paternal grandmother is Andrea Kirby. ❖

New Members Weekend Aims to Celebrate and Engage

By Vialetta Graham, Director of the New Members Ministry

In support of Pastor Robert's vision, "Becoming a Stronger Church by 2023," the New Members Ministry will sponsor a celebration for members who have joined Nineteenth Street since 2017. We are grateful that over 100 individuals have joined the church, but many are not yet connected with the ministries of the church.

Saturday, September 17 – Connecting with Ministry Opportunities

The New Members Ministry is sponsoring a virtual event, "Connecting your Talents with Ministry Opportunities at Nineteenth Street," on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Zoom. During this event, new members will be engaged in standing ministry programs, which include Conversation with the Pastor, classes on the Nineteenth Street Roadmap to Discipleship, and Nineteenth Street Ministry Spotlights. In addition, we have invited all church ministries to participate in the event to discuss their missions, goals, and needs and to recruit new members for their ministries.

If you are a **new member** and have not received your personal invitation, please email Vialetta Graham at violettagraham@gmail.com and she will ensure you receive one.

Sunday, September 18 – New Members Sunday

Rev. Reginald Townsend, a member of the New Members Ministry, will proclaim God's word at the New Members Sunday worship service on September 18 at 10 a.m. for those in the sanctuary and watching virtually.

Rev. Townsend is one of Nineteenth Street's associate ministers and is an instructor of the New Members Orientation Program. He teaches the module on "Articles of Faith, Ordinances

and Membership" with his son Gayraud Townsend.

Rev. Townsend is a licensed independent social worker who has served as a pastoral care counselor. He serves as a youth mentor; a member of the Men's Ministry; and member of the Evangelism, Building Fund, and Stewardship committees. He also is a member of the Board of Christian Education and a facilitator in the GriefShare Ministry. ❖





Save the Date: November 26

Love Pals 30-Year Reunion

1992-2022

Mix – Mingle – Share Memories

Calling ALL former and current Love Pals to join us in celebrating 30 years of the Love Pal Program at Nineteenth Street.

You must sign up in advance to participate.

Send your name, Love Pal graduation year, and contact information (email and text) to Andrea Bonhomme (Love Pal 1992) at bonhommeag@gmail.com.

Watch for more information soon.

Know someone who was a Love Pal and has moved away?
Please help us connect with “lost” Love Pal alumni.

Welcome New Members

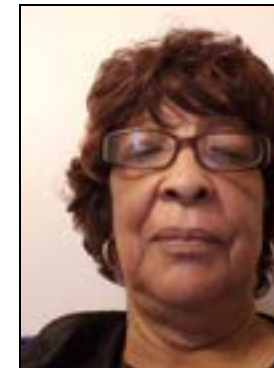
By Experience of Grace



Queshia Bradley



Beverly N. Hudgens



Lorraine J. Ivey

Celebrate Stewardship!

Save the Date for Stewardship Sunday – October 23

By Donza M. Poole, Chair, Building Fund Committee

The Building Fund Committee (BFC) invites church family and friends to join us for the eighth annual Stewardship Sunday celebration on October 23. Sybil Barbour and Ferlandia Townsend will co-chair this joyous occasion.

This year's theme is "The Power of Faith: Lean In." It is a theme intended to reflect the message of this year's scripture found in James 2:14-18 (NKJV), ending with the words, "... and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

Stewardship Sunday tops off our Stewardship Month celebration in October. The monthlong observance will feature video testimonials, a special musical guest, and the kick-off of the 90-Day Giving Challenge. We have added a new feature to the challenge this year. In addition to gifts of treasure, participants will be able to contribute gifts of service. Watch for details to come.

Church members also can help the BFC celebrate by sharing personal stories of how they have used their gifts of time, talent, or treasure to be of service to others or how they have been blessed by those loving gifts from others. See page 15 for details on submitting a Stewardship Sunday video or written testimonial.

Stewardship Sunday is a key part of the BFC's ongoing fundraising for the Capital Improvement Project (CIP). CIP funds are used to improve church facilities and to help ensure our church home is a welcoming, functional, and spirit-filled place.

The BFC has set a goal of raising \$10,000 for the CIP by Stewardship Sunday and will kick off the 90-Day Giving Challenge (October 3 – December 31) as part of our stewardship celebration.

This year, the BFC is helping to raise funds for three capital improvement projects identified by the Board of Trustees—exterior door replacement, church office modernization, and audiovisual enhancements. Funds raised also will be available to address other capital improvement needs as determined by the Trustee Board.

With the loving support of church family and friends, we are sure to reach this year's \$10,000 fundraising goal. You can begin making contributions today by designating your offering gift for the Capital Improvement Project or by indicating the gift is for Stewardship Sunday. Click [here](#) to give.

The Building Fund Committee looks forward to celebrating the eighth annual Stewardship Sunday with church family and friends! ❖

Stewardship Sunday 2022 Theme: *The Power of Faith: Lean In*

Building Fund Committee Seeks Member Testimonials

Do you have a testimony or personal story about stewardship?

The BFC is again seeking church member testimonials to use during Stewardship Month in October. The testimonials will be part of print and audiovisual presentations (e.g., videos shown during livestreamed worship service or post on the church website). Testimonials can be submitted now until Friday, September 23.

2022 Theme & Scripture

This year's theme, "The Power of Faith: Lean In," explores the intersection between faith and deeds. That is, how the power of faith lies in what we do.

This is the faith we see in various scriptures, including this year's scripture, James 2:14-18, which reads in part: "in the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

With this theme and scripture, the BFC hopes to inspire church family and friends to lean into the power of faith—to embrace the message that the power of faith is in our deeds, in the good works that we do. It is faith as an action word—and faith in action.

What to Share

We are looking for personal stories of how church members have used their time, talent, or treasure to be of service to others or how they have been blessed by those loving gifts from others. Testimonials can also speak to this year's theme, considering one or more of the following questions:

- How are you leaning into the power of faith?

- What motivates you to put your faith into action, to embrace faith as an action word?
- What is your message of Christian stewardship to those who may question its continued relevancy?
- How have the times we live in affected your commitment to the power of faith—have they strengthened your commitment, caused you to rethink the role of stewardship in your life or expanded your view of stewardship?

Guidelines for Submissions

Video testimonials should be no longer than 90 seconds, in MP4 or MOV format, and recorded in landscape mode. Written testimonials should be no more than 200 words or 90 seconds read aloud.

Note that we may edit any submission for space or presentation reasons. Also, by submitting your testimonial, you consent to its presentation in print and/or digital format by the church on our website, YouTube channel, or social media platforms, or in newsletters, eblasts, emails, or other written communications.

Please contact the BFC at BuildingFund@19thstreetbc.org or leave a message with the church office at 202-829-2773 if you have questions or wish to provide a testimonial. Use the same email address to submit your testimonial, along with your name and phone number.

We look forward to receiving your testimony! ❖



Usher Board Gives Out Donated School Supplies

By Angela Griffin

The Usher Board was blessed to receive tremendous contributions and support from our church family. Your generosity enabled us to give away more than 100 backpacks stuffed with pencils, pens, notebooks, rulers, crayons, calculators, protractors, workbooks, and markers. The supplies were

distributed to deserving students at a giveaway event on August 13 that was visited by Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George.

The Usher Board was humbled by and grateful for your support. ❖



Inside or Out - Jazz on the Lawn Is a Jam!

By Angela Griffin

The Usher Board's Jazz on the Lawn Concert on July 29 did not disappoint, even though the weather did. Inclement weather

that Friday evening forced the concert inside to the fellowship hall. Despite the venue change, the crowd of over 100 church members, friends, and neighbors enjoyed the spiritual journey performed by Herb Scott and the Herb Scott Quartet.

The concert featured songs from Charley Parker, Miles Davis, and John Coltrane, as well as an original composition. The group played with grace, wit, and authority, conveying their sheer enthusiasm for and involvement in the music. The audience's standing ovations showed we wanted more from these talented musicians! ❖



Musicians Janelle Gill, Grant Le, Herb Scott, and Dante Pope surround concert organizer Angela Griffin (center).

SAVE THE DATE!

Jazz on the Lawn

Saturday, October 1

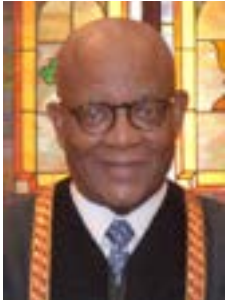
2 to 4 p.m.

Featuring
Geno Marriott
and the Spirit of Jazz



GriefShare Offers Hope and Reconciliation

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



The GriefShare Ministry is a support ministry to help the bereaved during their season of grief. GriefShare was established at Nineteenth Street in 2017 to help members and friends understand and navigate what is sometimes a difficult and challenging process following the death of a loved one.

The purpose of GriefShare is to provide hope, encouragement, and emotional support for individuals who may have experienced a life crisis caused by death. Consider joining GriefShare if you have lost a family member or friend—whether recently or a while ago.

The GriefShare Ministry conducts confidential life-changing support group sessions. The ministry follows a curriculum and guidelines that were developed by **Church Initiative**. Participants are provided workbooks that include weekly homework assignments on themes pertaining to the process of grief, bereavement, and hope. There are 13 weekly sessions. The 90-minute phone sessions are led by a team of well-trained instructors who are ministers, deacons, and lay facilitators experienced in dealing with the impact of grief on spiritual and social functioning.

Confidentiality is highly protected, so what is said in the group stays in the group. Prayer is a key component of the support process. The discussion sessions focus on blending biblical instruction and prayers with practical applications to life situations. The model seeks to meet the changing needs of individuals and family members.

Membership in GriefShare is open to all—church members and the wider community, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or mental or physical challenges.

If you are in a season of grief and believe in the Gospel purpose of the church and the ministry of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to join GriefShare. Please contact the church office at 202-829-2773 or office@19thstreetbc.org for further information and registration. ❖





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linwood Martinez Bentley	9/2	Avery Blakeney	9/11	Karla R. Harrison Conley	9/22
Eleanor C. Jefferson	9/3	Rose Dawson	9/12	Jordan M. Baucum Colbert	9/23
Deaconess Mamie C. Montague	9/3	Ellen R. Lewis	9/13	Jadyn Wilensky	9/23
Rev. Cheryl Coleman Hall	9/4	Janet Nash	9/13	Deaconess Catherine Cheatham	9/24
Deacon Roy Smith	9/4	Lawrence Jamal Hayes	9/14	Robert J. Hines	9/24
Lorraine Falls	9/5	Tyler Hinton	9/14	Jamila Johnson	9/24
James Kilgore	9/6	Jaia Wilensky	9/14	William D. Burks Jr.	9/25
Kalyl Young	9/6	Taylor Sullivan	9/15	Benjamin Johnson	9/25
Jason France	9/7	John V. Gamble	9/16	Juawann Jordan	9/25
Ronald Quincy	9/8	Mark Watson	9/16	James C. Tolbert Jr.	9/25
Siera Toney	9/8	Nicole Burleson	9/18	Steven Jumper Sr.	9/27
Judy S. Brandon	9/9	Miliki Lee	9/20	Michelle Watson	9/27
Chester Hendrick	9/9	Sandy Reynolds	9/20	Angela Weldon	9/27
Allison Saunders	9/9	Victoria B. Omeri	9/21	Gwendolyn L. Williams	9/27
Marianne Seales	9/9	Markisha Garner	9/21	Laurice P. Juggins	9/28
Carolyn V. Woolridge	9/9			Alita Bonhomme Taylor	9/29
Sidney Blakely	9/10				

Please notify the church office of additions or corrections.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Calls

Every Tuesday:

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

Tuesday Bible Study is on summer break.

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.

September 1: Prayer Call Covenant Meeting

September 8: Rev. Jerry Cheatham preaching

September 22: Rev. Chris Crawford preaching

September 29: Prayer Call Covenant Meeting

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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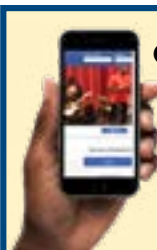
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youtube.com/channel/UCIL8xG5-YbTSRVVx1odHcZA


Access the **PRAYER MEETING** and **PRAYER CALLS** at
605-472-5349, access code 348952#


Access **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES** via Zoom

Contact organizers for access to **ZOOM** programs



Check out and follow our social media accounts:

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

 **Instagram:** instagram.com/nsbcdc

Pastor Roberts on the Air

Tune into the Coach Butch McAdams Show on Sunday, September 18 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. ❖



September Calendar

Sunday, September 4

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Communion, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday, church office closed

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

Food Pantry Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Assistant Pastor Call Meeting, Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10

Board of Deacons Meeting, Zoom, 9 a.m.
Board of Deaconesses Meeting, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.
Building Fund Committee, Zoom, 11 a.m.
Missionary Society Conference Call, Noon
Health Ministry Kickoff Meeting, Zoom, Noon

Sunday, September 11

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, 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.

Wednesday, September 14

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

Friday, September 16

Board of Christian Education Teacher Training, Zoom, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Board of Christian Education Teacher Training, Zoom,
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
New Members Ministry Celebration, "Connecting Your Talents
with Ministry Organizations," Zoom, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, September 18

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, New Members Ministry Sunday, Rev. Reginald
Townsend preaching, 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, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

Food Pantry Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, September 25

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, Global Missions Ministry & Revival Sunday,
Rev. Robin Turner, preaching, 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.

Wednesday, September 28

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

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