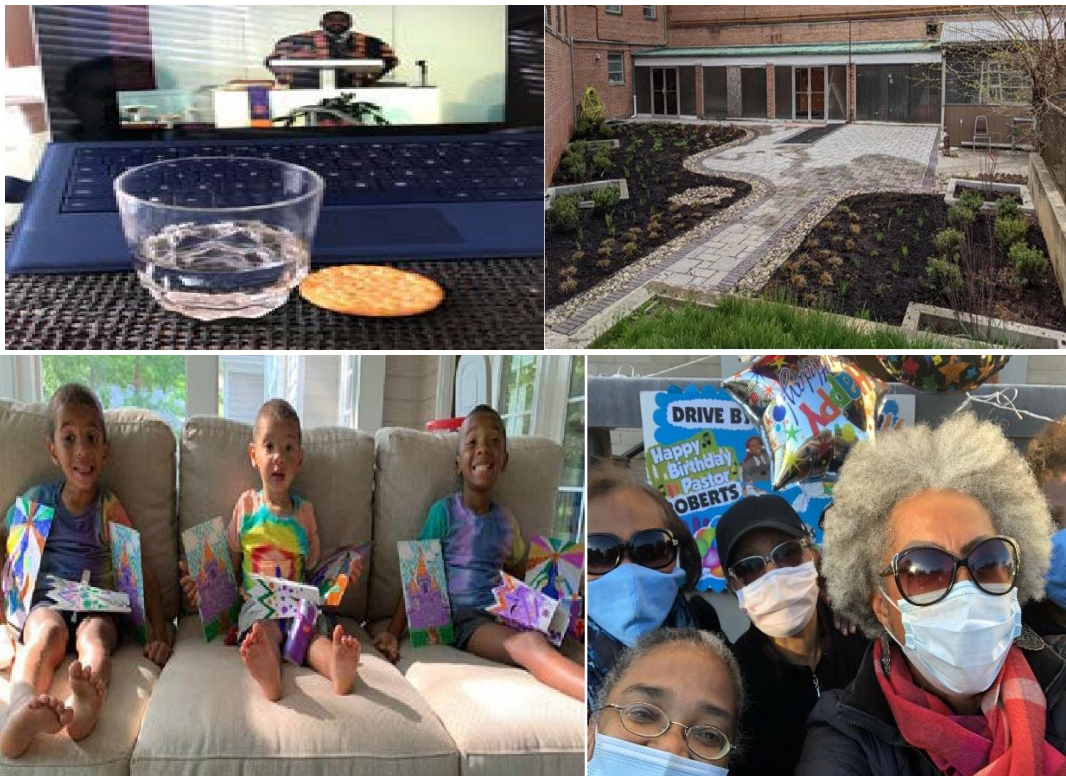


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Baptist Church

*Rev. Dr. Darryl D. Roberts, Senior Pastor*

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Letter from the Pastor

The Apostle John was right when he etched these immortal words on the scrolls of history: “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

(1:5) We have faced darkness on many fronts this year and, yet still we rise.

We have faced darkness with the COVID-19 pandemic with over 100 million infections and over 2 million reported deaths worldwide, and unfortunately, the pandemic has taken a toll on our church. We have faced darkness with the economic crisis that has left millions without jobs, homes, families, hope, confidence and security. We have faced darkness with the resurgence of white supremacist violence that led to peaceful protests in the streets and culminated in a violent coup attempt on Capitol Hill. We have seen darkness overcast spiritual houses of worship as millions were scattered as many churches closed doors permanently, ministries died and vital outreach programs have vanished as people searched for spiritual direction during a time of deep moral and spiritual crisis in our land.

But, while darkness flooded our land, as children of the light, we rose up to shine the light of our faith-filled witness. We believed and lived out our calling to be children of the light, not darkness. We let our light shine by devoting ourselves to teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, the ministry of fellowship, prayer and sharing and sacrificing. Through it all, people have been blessed and God has been glorified.

Glory to God that we let our light shine by faithfully devoting ourselves to preaching and teaching the gospel. Every Sunday, blessed by the great gifts of our Media & Technology Ministry, we kept the doors of the sanctuary open so that God's people—adults, young adults, children and youth-- could receive uplifting music, an inspiring word and join corporately in praying for healing in our hearts, our homes, our neighborhoods, our nation and our world. We focused our virtual Tuesday Bible study and Women's Bible Study on offering practical lessons of hope, faith, discipleship and endurance to encourage members and friends to hold on while riding through the storms of this pandemic. We retooled our Church School and Vacation Bible School with virtual classes, puppet ministry, interactive videos, a wonderful Christmas production and new curricula to provide a safe space to stimulate the creativity, genius and optimism of our amazing adults and precious children and youth who have shown remarkable resilience despite the

challenges they face.

We shined our light to the glory of God through our steadfast devotion to the ministry of fellowship. Rarely have I seen a chat room light up with the warmth, kindness, charity, praise and thanksgiving as I have witnessed on our Facebook and YouTube Pages. We have managed to create the same kind of atmosphere in the virtual church that has been the common thread connecting the experiences of many of our guests who grace the steps of our church. Many of our ministries have created sacred spaces of hope and encouragement for our members while carrying out our mission. In fact, we have launched new ministries for our children, youth, college students, choir, young adults and seniors to strengthen the ties that bind us together. Through the work of Pastoral Care Ministry, Fruit of the Spirit Ministry, New Member Ministry, spiritual lay leadership and GriefShare Ministry, we have provided care and comfort to new members, active members, inactive members and nonmembers who are grieving. Remarkably, with the leadership of our communications ministry and the guidance of our spiritual leadership, we were able to complete the church rebranding, expand our digital footprint on social media, design a new logo and give a major overhaul of our church's website--all with the goal of strengthening our fellowship so that we can be equipped with the best tools to effectively and efficiently carry

out our mission.

Our light shined to the glory of God through our God-ordained and prayer-filled witness. We had no idea that God was preparing us for one of the darkest periods of our nation's history when celebrated anniversaries, served others, fasted and prayed daily, hosted our Wednesday noon services, and produced a devotional during Lent. While we had to shut down our Wednesday noon services due to safety concerns, we turned up our prayer life by launching our Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday prayer calls, virtual and in-person prayer vigils, sermons on prayer and teachings on prayer under the aegis of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, the Deacon Board, the Deaconess Board and Associate Clergy. Through the light of our prayers, God has showed us how to be true to our mission when our faith is severely tested.

Finally, we have become the light and given glory to God through our tireless commitment to serving and sacrificing to help those who are hurting in our church and community. The question was not whether we would continue to serve, but how might we best serve others in these unusual times while protecting our health and safety. Brothers and sisters, we have done just that! We have not just taken care of our home-base, we engaged in

caring acts in the surrounding community. We provided care packages during Thanksgiving and Christmas and we hosted community partners who offered essential personal items to seniors in the District. We delivered financial assistance to members who have lost their jobs, income, and savings during this pandemic and connected other with community partners for emergency food, housing, rental, mortgage, mental health and health care assistance. We have joined in faith-filled witness with churches, community leaders and law enforcement to fight for racial justice, stand against racially motivated violence and pray for national healing. We have donated thousands of dollars in contributions to charitable organizations in the community that have a stellar track record in addressing food insecurity during the pandemic. We have supplied a record number of scholarships to college and college-bound students who stayed the course in this time of testing. We have done all of these things and so much more because our members and our friends believe that it is not those moments of convenience and comfort that define our faith, but times of conflict and controversy.

This annual report is a testament to the steadfast faith and resilience of each of you. What was meant to break us merely brought out the best in us. Instead of surrendering to the demons of fear and hopelessness, we kept building, fixing, planning, sowing, reaping, singing, shouting, praising,



preaching, praying, teaching, living, and believing. Many thanks to our wonderful church boards, our ministries, our church full-time and part-time staff, as well as Violetta Graham and Robin Smith who worked with me to edit the report. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

In the words of Amana Gorman, the first US National Youth Poet Laurette, who offered these words to a nation buoyed to start a new chapter of the American story with the expectancy of hope: "There is always light if only we are brave enough to see it. There is always light if we are brave enough to be it." We have discovered that, although weeping may endure for a night, we can overcome darkness together when we bear witness to the light until morning comes.



## 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."*

## OUR VISION

*"We exalt the hope, power and glory of Jesus Christ through ministries that transform lives, churches and communities."*



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## **THE BOARDS OF NINETEENTH STREET**

Board of Christian Education

Board of Deacons

Board of Deaconesses

Board of Trustees

## Board of Christian Education

*Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and TEACH them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20. Good News Translation (GNT)*

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."  
2 Timothy 2:15, KJV*

### **The Board of Christian Education Actions and Achievements First Quarter**

- The first quarter of 2020 began with a priority Christian education crisis. A leadership vacancy for the Sunday School/Church School Superintendent position existed and the Sunday School Report with a plan for implementation had not been presented to the Board for review and support. In accordance with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Constitution, the Board of Christian Education has as a part of its authority to appoint an interim Superintendent to fill the Sunday School vacancy.

The Board acted swiftly with initial correspondences for decision-making, a letter requesting volunteers, and a formal Board meeting with the Superintendent position as a discussion agenda item. A special Board Report was presented by Deaconess Patricia Kilby-Robb, Director of the Board of Christian Education appointing Deacon Stephanie Thomas as the Interim Superintendent at the January church business meeting. The specific training requirements for the new Interim Superintendent were included and agreed upon as written in the report.

- The Director of Christian Education coordinated and conducted the first quarter Board meetings and conference calls for planning purposes for 2020.
- The Director of Christian Education continued to participate as a member on the Baptist Education Congress on Christian Education Board of the District of Columbia and Vicinity for planning purposes. Nineteenth Street with the Director of Christian Education as the representative was one of a three-church committee to develop a special long-term teacher training project for the DC and Vicinity churches beginning in 2020. In addition, the Board initiated the process of preparing for the Congress's annual May Christian educational structure and classes.

The first quarter ended in March with the closing of the church due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Second Quarter**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a mandated quarantine, the work of the Board of Christian Education continued using individual, small group conference calls, emails, and other digital methods.

- Planning continued and is ongoing to compile the “History of Christian Education and the Board of Christian Education” chaired by Deacon Nathaniel Robb, for church member enlightenment church and archives.
- Planning continued for The Presence of Blacks in the Bible Series II. Reverend Dr. Cheryl Coleman-Hall and Reverend Reginal Townsend were selected to serve as Co-chairs for a six week study session.
- The Baptist Educational Congress of DC & Vicinity, an auxiliary of the Baptist Convention of the District of Columbia

and Vicinity annual Christian Education training for hundreds of DC and Vicinity churches and church members had to be cancelled due to COVID-restrictions.

- The Director of Christian Education, Sister Vialetta Graham, Sister De Vera Redmond and Deacon Nathaniel Robb served on the planning committee to develop a *Virtual Christian Education Training Forum*. The purpose of the forum was to examine in-depth Christian education concepts, sharpen leadership skills, and gain broader awareness to lead a greater understanding of Christian education.
- The Baptist Educational Congress of DC & Vicinity Board postponed the implementation of the *Teacher Training Program* due to COVID-restrictions.

### **Third Quarter**

- Despite the pandemic, all Christian education plans moved forward, including the development of the “History of Christian Education and the Board of Christian Education”, the “Virtual Christian Education Training Forum” development and “The Presence of Blacks in the Bible Series II” Bible Study.
- The 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally through our Commitment to Christian Stewardship” of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- As a result of this cancellation, an alternative virtual training was created called, DigiVersity. Deaconess Patricia Kilby-Robb and Deacon Robb attended the six-week session and received a certification course card.

### **Fourth Quarter**

- The Virtual Christian Education Training Forum was presented to Pastor Roberts for approval in December during the fourth quarter. The following modules were included in this training with the corresponding Board Member:

<b>Module</b>	<b>Module Number and Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1	Our Church and Christian Education	Pastor Darryl Roberts
2	The Definition of Christian Education	Deaconess Patricia Kilby-Robb
3	The Purpose of Christian Education	Deaconess Maureen Young
4	The Goal and Objectives of Christian Education	Deacon Jessie McCrae
5	The Necessity of Christian Education	Reverend Reginald Townsend and Sister Ferlandia Townsend
6	The Understanding of Christian Education	Reverend Dr. Cheryl Coleman-Hall
7	The Call and Service of Christian Education	Reverend Robin Turner
8	The Ministry of Christian Education	Reverend Edward Turner
9	The Christian Education Board	Deaconess Patricia Kilby-Robb
9.1	Church School and Leadership Development	Deacon Nathaniel Robb
10	Strategic Plan Building Blocks	
10.1	Prayer Ministry/Bible Study	Reverend James Crosson
10.2	Sunday School	Deacon Stephanie Thomas
10.3	Youth Ministry	Reverend James Harris
10.4	Vacation Bible School	Sister Elvinese Wyche
10.5	New Members Ministry	Sister Violetta Graham
11	Assessment and Evaluation	Reverend Christopher Crawford and Deaconess Monique Crawford
12	The Survey	Sister DeVera Redmond
12	The Summary	Deacon Nathaniel Robb`

### **Ministry Plans for 2021**

Facilitate a six-week Bible study session, “The Presence of Blacks in the Bible II.” The session will be held January 5<sup>th</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Theron Williams, author of “The Bible is Black History” will be the guest lecturer. Sessions will be taught by Pastor Roberts and associate clergy of our church. Dr. Williams will conduct the opening and two hour closing session on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12:00pm.

## Board of Deacons

The following bullet points represent the activities and decisions of the Board of Deacons and the Chairman for the year 2020.

- All communion visits have been conducted by telephone, starting in April 2020 due to COVID-19 and will continue until further notice.
- The Board of Deacons lost Deacon Oddie Stevens, one of our senior deacons.
- The Board of Deacons produced a Lenten Prayer Booklet for the 2020 Lenten season and made it available to the congregation in March. In addition, the Lenten Prayer Booklet was placed on the Church's web site.
- Deacon Stephanie Thomas, now Thomas-Gordon, was appointed Interim Church School Superintendent and Deacon Gerald Young continues to lead the audio and video operations for church activities.
- The Food Pantry was closed in March due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Also, the Board of Deacons cancelled the Maundy Thursday activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- In accordance with the Church's Constitution the Board of Deacons culled the entire church membership roll.
- The GriefShare Ministry has continued to hold virtual sessions during the year. The ministry services both members of the congregation and the community.
- The Board of Deacons has continued to contact the membership, with an emphasis on those requesting prayer. Deacons have maintained contact through calls, cards, email and/or texts.



- The Board of Deacons agreed to the ordination of Minister Lesley Wiley.
- In March of 2020, the Board of Deacons began holding the Thursday Prayer Meeting via conference call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The participation and enthusiasm for the conference call format has been and continues to be outstanding.
- Board of Deacons agreed to convene a joint committee of three (3) Deacons and two (2) Deaconesses to determine the best ways to address the diverse community needs during this time of COVID-19. The Board was especially concerned about serving the community in view of the pantry closing. It was determined that funds would be allotted from the Food Pantry Ministry, His Homeless Ministry, and Benevolence Ministry. The committee came to an agreement, after thorough discussion and investigation, that the amount of \$2,000 would be contributed to each of the following community organizations; Bread for the City; House of Ruth; Martha's Table; Samaritan's Inn; and SOME – So Others May Eat.
- Members of the Board of Deacons participated in the successful operation of Vacation Bible School during the summer. The sessions had enrollment from the community and church members. The sessions were held virtually.
- The Board of Deacons initially postponed Deacon Training in March and revised the time frame. Training resumed in June 2020 via conference call and zoom. Sessions have been scheduled for August through the spring of 2021.
- The virtual membership process has been agreed upon. Each Sunday the phone number for virtual membership is displayed (202) 507-9332. Should any person call and indicate an interest in membership, they are contacted and interviewed by the secretary of the Board of Deacons. Should the person want membership and has not been baptized, the person is placed in the Watch Care membership category for a six-month period. The six-month time period can and is renewed every six months as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. If the person is coming from another church or

has already been baptized, the person is added to the congregation through the pastor's recommendation report on the first Sunday of each month. Each person brought on to the membership will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship upon completion of the new members' orientation.

- The Chairman of the Board of Deacons participated in a conference call meeting during the month of July with the Pastor, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Chairwoman of the Deaconess Board and members of the Emergency Preparedness Team. It was agreed that until further notice, the church would not be open for full or partial attendance. Specifically, no more than ten (10) people are permitted in the sanctuary at any time.
- During the past seven (7) months our Fruit of the Spirit/Membership Care Coordinator has initiated and/or made more than 5,000 contacts through the use of Face Book, email, cards, texts and telephone calls. In addition, the Chairman, conservatively approximates more than 4,500 contacts have been made by individual Deacons during the period.
- The Board of Deacons decided that its meetings would be held via conference call or zoom until further notice and that there would be no meetings during the months of July and August.
- In collaboration with the Senior Pastor, the Board of Deacons approved and appointed a committee to work on the development of Family Baskets/Boxes for each family of the church. In addition, several ministries of the church have expressed interest in contributing items to the family baskets/boxes. Specifically, each church family would be eligible for receipt of the basket/box, not each church member. The basket/boxes were distributed in November.

### **Benevolence Report Summaries for the Year January – March 2020**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Total \$5,770.11  
Expenditures: Fare Cards for the needy; Contribution toward repast; Utility and Rental Assistance

### **April – June 2020**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Total \$5,274.99  
Expenditure: Assistance with payment of taxes

### **July – September 2020**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Total \$7,438.16  
Expenditures: Donations to four (4) charitable organizations and payment for emergency clearing of storage unit

### **October – December 2020**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Total \$3,000.00  
Expenditures: Donations to five (5) charitable organizations

**Benevolence Fund Current Balance: \$54,014.03**



## Board of Deaconesses

**The Deaconess Board has served faithfully over the past nine months during the pandemic. The months have been challenging, yet we have remained strong as a board.**

We've lost husbands, sisters, fathers, mothers, cousins, and friends during this pandemic. In a time when coming together as a ministry was crucial, through prayer, we remained united in ours. Grief and loss were handled without the close comfort of family and friends. We have attended funeral viewings and memorial services when allowed. We have supported one other and have been supported by many. We have cheered and congratulated new births and weddings from afar. We maintain a calling chain to members, especially those at home alone. We constantly reach out to our members via phone, text, or mail, making certain that they know they are not forgotten by their Nineteenth Street Baptist Church family. Other accomplishments completed by the Deaconess Board included:

- Assisted the Deacons in serving virtual communion and prayer to the sick and those members unable to connect virtually with our services.
- Donated socks, toiletries, underwear, etc. to Central Union Mission and gave a monetary donation to DC Kids Child Services.
- Facilitated Wednesday Noon Prayer; a means that provides a venue to pray, provide prayer requests and offer testimonies.
- Led Covenant Night prayer meeting held the Thursday before communion Sunday.
- Provided \$1200 to help finance the newly installed handicap ramp on the Crittenden Street of the church.
- Participated in the Black Lives Matter March with other churches on the 16<sup>th</sup> street corridor.
- Continued contact with Board members and church members through cards, emails, and texts; as well as, supporting the Pastor in any way necessary.

- At the start of the school year, when told that one of our college youths needed money to help with finances to get into school, deaconesses donated to assist our college youth. Because of these donations and those from other members of the church, our youth was able to return to school and pursue a RN Degree.
- The Deaconess Annual Family Dinner had to be postponed because of the pandemic. At our June meeting, through unanimous vote, the dinner was renamed **'The Ettyce Hill Moore Scholarship Luncheon.'**
- When asked, we joyfully contributed financially to the 181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Committee to aid in their 181<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Project.
- We contributed financially to the Thanksgiving project sponsored by the Sunday School.
- We participated in the special online Prayer Service held the week before the election, offering prayers for the upcoming election.
- Participated in the Candlelight vigil held at the church, praying for peace and reconciliation in our nation.
- Assisted the Deacon Board in deciding what charities to donate \$2000 to from the Benevolence Fund for Thanksgiving
- Collected new or gently used purses and filled them with useful items that we distributed to a local women's charity.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

- We are collecting monetary contributions now for The Nehemiah Project, an endeavor to help displaced men get back in society.
- We will continue to do our part in staying connected to our church members both now and when this pandemic ends. We will stay connected looking forward to the day, through prayers, when we can all commune together.

As our past Chair E. Louise White always says: “We serve with the Heart of a Servant.”

Prayerfully Submitted,

Evangeline Stevens, Deaconess Board Chair

## Board of Trustees

**Our Mission:** The Board of Trustees is responsible for management of the finances and the physical assets of the church.

The following church goals are impacted by this ministry’s activities and/or events:

- Goal 2: Improve Membership Ministry Engagement
- Goal 4: Create a Dynamic Worship Experience
- Goal 5: Modernize and Update the Church Plant

Activities completed in 2020 are as follows:

- Applied for the Payroll Protection Forgivable Loan and was awarded a grant for \$79,460.
- Installed a new LED Media Sign on the front of the church.
- Replaced the old standalone Black Lives Matter sign and replaced it with a new banner that was hung on the church front exterior wall.
- Renovated, repaired the chimney, and rented the Jones Handy House.
- Completed the wheelchair accessible drop-off lane connected to the handicap ramp.
- Applied for and was awarded a FEMA Grant to install new interior and exterior security cameras and mag locks for the exterior doors.
- Was provided a donation from the Helping Hand Club to purchase a modern handicap accessible bus.
- Provided funds for the renovation and upgrade of the sound and media systems in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

- Sanitized the entire church and acquired PPE items for the safety of our staff, members and guests visiting the church. New Merv 13 air filters were also installed.
- Built and equipped an office for the church clerk to work and house the official records of our church.
- Applied for and received a grant to construct a Prayer Garden in the Church Courtyard
- Applied for and received the Clean River Impervious Area Charge (CREAC) Grant that assisted in the reduction of our water bill.

### **Activities Impacted by COVID-19:**

- The Board of Trustees normally sponsors the Brinkley Golf Tournament and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this event was not held in 2020.

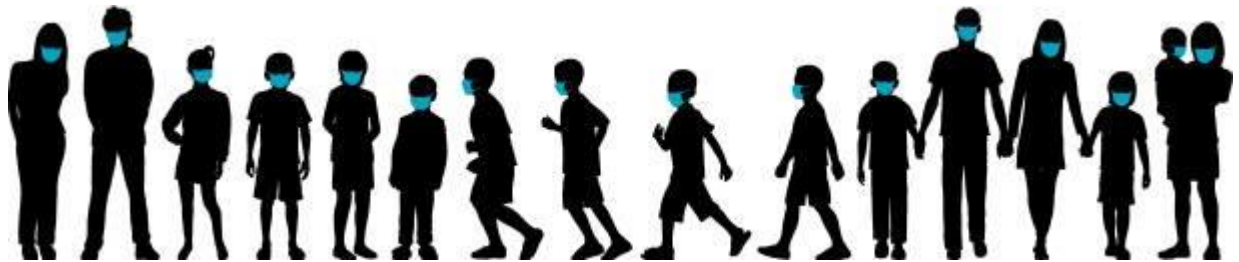
### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

- The Board of Trustees is focused on the installation of a new heating and cooling HVAC system for the Sanctuary.



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## Ministry Accomplishments



## 181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Committee

**Our Mission:** To celebrate the church's 181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with planned activities, acknowledging NSBC history and how it evolved. It culminated with our anniversary sermon delivered by a guest minister. Our selected theme was "For Times Such as These."

**Ministry Event:** A Virtual Worship Service was conducted on August 30, 2020 with the Rev William Lamar IV, Pastor, Metropolitan AME Church delivering the sermon and Deacon Johnnieque Love providing the church history creating a Dynamic Worship Experience.

Our committee was able to Sustain and Build a Dynamic Leadership Team by interacting with Rev. Darryl Roberts, Deacon Gerald Young, Rev. James Harris, and Brother Kenneth Peagler.

Our committee submitted articles to the Epistle on our Senior Saints. Each month a committee member submitted an interview titled "Enhancing Our Heritage" to the editor for publication.

Our committee sent an email requesting funds from church ministries and individual donors for a "Welcome Back to Church Gift" to each family.

### **Ministry Plans Impacted by COVID-19:**

The following planned activities were impacted by COVID-19: Praise in The Park Service, Church Picnic and Activities, Bus Tour to Harriet Tubman Museum and Luncheon – Cambridge, MD and the Nineteenth Street Commemorative Coin Sale (profits were earmarked for the payment of bathroom upgrades).



### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

A virtual activity is planned for February, Dental Health Month, that will provide Dental health information to our congregation. In conjunction with Colgate Bright Smiles-Bright Futures program, Zoom Sessions are being planned that will reach each area of church congregation.

As we approach the end of this truly challenging year, our committee is incredibly grateful for what the Lord has given to us and what he allowed us to provide to the church. Our committee was not assigned a budget to work with, so therefore I am recommending that a minimum of \$1000 be budgeted as seed money annually for future Anniversary Committees to use. This working capital will allow the committee to have funds to work freely without having monetary restraints.

Prayerfully Submitted  
Sister Sharon Russell  
181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Chairperson

Members:

Sister Sharon Russell  
Sister Judith Neely  
Sister Janyce Jefferson

## **Etta L. Booker Memorial Committee**

The Sunday School Class #10 established the Etta L. Booker Memorial Committee in 1986 to keep its beloved Church School teacher's memory alive. Mrs. Booker was a gentle, gracious woman and a model of Christian commitment.

**Our Mission:** To exemplify Christian living by thoughts, words and deeds directed by the Holy Spirit within. To win souls for Christ and inspire others to Christian service through prayer, effort, and perseverance.

**Our stewardship commitment for 2020 included:** support of the Church School Thanksgiving food basket outreach; planning to support the Toys for Tots Christmas drive; planning to purchase a bench for the Prayer Garden along with the Christian Mite Society; our members are encouraged to support our weekday virtual prayer meetings.

## **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

- Possible fund raiser
- February - Black History Month Recognition
- May - Nannie Helen Burroughs Day Washington DC Recognition
- June - Church School Graduation Day: Monetary Perfect Attendance Awards
- Support Financially the Church School Thanksgiving Basket Project

## **Our Meeting Dates:**

Currently we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 1:00pm for November, December, and January. However, when the Church reopens, we have decided to change our meeting date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November after church.

**Our Members:** Yvonne Gowdy, President; Deacon Stanford Britt, Vice President; Evelyn Sellers, Secretary, Sheila Beale, Oretha Chandler, Nicole Ennix, Alice Gray, Deaconess Gwen Harris-Gale, JoAnn Jacobs, Trustee Cheryl L Johnson, Lajuan Johnson, Jozerina Mason, Diane Wendy Morris, Janice Robertson, Seteria Toney, Deaconess Mozelle Watkins and Dorothy Whyte.

## **Building Fund Committee**

### **Purpose/Mission of Ministry or Ministry Overview:**

The mission of the Building Fund Committee (BFC) is to provide a sustainable pool of financial assets and resources to support the capital development and maintenance of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. The BFC raises funds for the Capital Improvement Project fund and encourages stewardship through special events, campaigns, and giving initiatives.

### **Ministry Activities or Events in 2020**

In 2020, the BFC focused on raising funds for HVAC improvements, specifically, a new steam boiler and sanctuary air conditioner expected to cost \$225,000.

The BFC's 2020 activities impacted the following church goals:

- Goal 2: Improve Membership Ministry Engagement,
- Goal 5: Modernize and Update the Church Plant, and
- Goal 7: Coordinate and Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts.

As indicated below, some BFC activities were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but except for one activity, the BFC was able to convert to a virtual format, including holding its monthly meetings via Zoom.

The following is a list of our 2020 activities:

(1) Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and More Table

The BFC continued its sales of Fair-Trade coffees, teas, foods and crafts, benefiting the church and small farmers and artisans, many from the African diaspora. The program supports the church's commitment to global missions and social justice. It also helps increase awareness about the role of small farmers in the global economy, particularly in the coffee and chocolate industries, and gives church members a way to make a difference in the farmers' lives.

Due to COVID-19, the BFC suspended Fair Trade sales after February.

(2) Jubilee Sunday (February 23, 2020)

As part of the church's annual Jubilee Sunday celebration, the BFC participated as a vendor at the Jubilee Sunday reception and marketplace. BFC volunteers also helped organize the event, which featured 19 vendors, west African cuisine, and African drumming. Non-BFC members volunteered to help with the coffee service.

(3) Sixth Annual Stewardship Sunday (October 25, 2020)

Due to the pandemic, the BFC presented a virtual version of Stewardship Sunday, topping off a monthlong celebration of stewardship. The BFC produced videos of church member testimonials, shown in October during livestreamed worship services, and a BFC year in review video shown during the Stewardship Sunday livestream. The BFC also reached its \$10,000 Stewardship Sunday fundraising goal by November.

(4) The 90-Day Giving Challenge (October 3 – December 31, 2020)

The BFC launched a new initiative in connection with Stewardship Sunday called the 90-Day Giving Challenge, to increase awareness of the church's newly named Capital Improvement Project and to encourage members to

give to the fund regularly, starting by giving in October, November and December. Twenty-five members signed up for the Challenge. A total of \$20,220 was raised in three months through the Challenge and Stewardship Sunday, with 82 donors and one church ministry contributing to the cause.

(6) Virtual Christmas Bazaar (December 13, 2020)

The BFC hosted a virtual version of its annual Christmas bazaar, due to COVID-19. The bazaar was held on Zoom and featured 11 vendors, with breakout rooms serving as virtual pop-up shops. Several non-BFC church members helped present the bazaar. Given the pandemic's negative impact on Black-owned businesses, no vendor fee was charged. The BFC selected the Progressive Adults' Love Pal Program as the bazaar's highlighted ministry, encouraging contributions to the college program, since normal Love Pal fundraising was curtailed by COVID-19.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021**

In 2021, the BFC plans to - -

- Resume Fair Trade table sales, once it is safe to do so, at the church.
- Host a virtual version of the Jubilee Sunday marketplace on February 28.
- Celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Stewardship Sunday on October 24.
- Host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale in December.
- Develop more impactful fundraising, including new streams of income.
- Recruit more BFC members.

## **Christian Mite Society**

### **Accomplishments in 2020**

#### **In support of:**

Goal #4: Create a dynamic worship experience - sponsored a Christian Mite Society worship service—celebrating 153 years of service and recognized our church veterans through video production. Pastor Roberts provided the sermon for this auspicious occasion.

Goal #5: Modernize and Update the Church Plant - partnered with the NSBC Trustee Board by providing \$500 for the upkeep of church facilities. Assisted with watering the shrubberies in the newly constructed Prayer Garden.

Goal #6: Sustain and build a dynamic leadership team – participated in the Ministry Leadership Forum.

Goal #7: Coordinate and Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts - partnered with the Anniversary Committee by providing \$100 to support mailing of COVID-19 supplies to the congregation.

Goal #7: Coordinate and Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts - partnered with the NSBC Church School by providing \$100 for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.

Goal #7: Coordinate and Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts - CMS membership sponsored financial contributions to the Nehemiah Project – a charitable and education organization that supports men and women transitioning into society following incarceration and assists Veterans in obtaining support services necessary for leading healthy and productive lives.

**Impact of COVID-19 on 2020 Accomplishments:**

Goal #5 Modernize and Update the Church Plant - due to no in-person service, beautifying the church (pulpit and sanctuary) and maintaining its general appearance was halted after March 2020.

**Ministry Plans for 2021:**

Enhancing the existing Prayer Garden.

Submitted By: Hilda Douglas, President, Christian Mite Society

## Church School

*God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. (2 Timothy 3:16, NIRV)*

Comprised of children, young adult, and adult classes, the Church School ministry provides religious instruction to study and build one's relationship with God and to identify and appreciate the tenets of Christian living and engagement. The ministry supports the enlightenment and edification of the whole church.

During the COVID-19 global health pandemic and public health emergency, classes are taking place in conference calls or Zoom meetings. Virtual Adult classes gather every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Children's classes for Pre-school through 1st grade (Primary class) and for middle schoolers (2nd grade to early teens, "Middlers") gather at 1 p.m. Tween and Teen classes gather at 12 p.m. after Youth Worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

We have a dedicated team of teachers for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 terms that meet with our Church School participants and children each Sunday morning. Much credit is due to the teachers and leadership team for the continued operations, cohesiveness, and growth of the Church School.

### **VIRTUAL ADULT CLASS**

The Virtual Adult Sunday School Class continued to offer Bible-based and practical teaching and exemplified generosity and Christian witness. The Adult Church School classes continue to meet via conference call. There are approximately 35-40 individuals consistently attending class. Not only has the Church School benefitted from the addition of new and returning teachers but it has been blessed with a greater geographic reach with students attending from different states due to the virtual structure.

In keeping with that teaching, the Virtual Adult Class supported the Church School's Thanksgiving project, which helps to feed families in need during the holiday. Their class fundraised \$1760.00 for the Thanksgiving Baskets. In December, the Adult Class engaged in a fundraising activity to bless the

residents of Stoddard Baptist Home with items for the residence and to improve their living/care experience at the facility. Nineteenth Street has had a long relationship with Stoddard and members of our church family have lived and do live at the care facility. The fundraising goal was \$1,500.00, and they met and exceeded that goal by raising \$1,755 for the effort. May God be praised!

Thanks to Vice Church School Superintendent Shirley France, Deaconess E. Louise White, Sister Wilma Bonner, the Class 9, 10, and 14 teachers.

### **YOUTH CLASSES**

The Church School fosters a welcoming, Holy-Spirit filled, and loving environment for the youngest of our brothers and sisters in Christ by guiding the children's spiritual formation, fostering space for their understanding of the Bible and Christ's teachings to developing and modeling the love of God. Children learn the word of God through Bible study, song, and activities. Through individual class time and group gatherings, we want children to feel they are important members of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church family and precious to God. We have 27 young people enrolled in our youth classes. The Primary, Middlers, Tweens and Teen teachers are integral to the growth and attractiveness of the Youth classes. I extend my gratitude to each of them.

Some of the Youth Class activities and/or support are:

- Virtual Sunday School Classes
- Summer Session Curriculum: Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) accompanied by puppet-led instruction led by Sister Milan Wolfe, Rev. Lorise White Wolfe, and Brother Hunter Wolfe (from time to time).
- Fall Session: Two topical studies -
  - A) Wisdom Book of Proverbs. (6-week series). Topics included:
    - Wisdom: The Purpose of Proverbs
    - Trusting God
    - Communication
    - Relationships
  - B) Faith Over Fear. 5-week series designed to point kids to God as their hope and refuge. In these 5 lessons, students were



introduced to the concept of faith through the stories of some of the heroes of faith that we read about in Hebrews 11.

- Advent Study (4-week series)
- Virtual Christmas Play - The Church School was able to put forth a multi-generational and family based Virtual Christmas play entitled "The Gift of Christmas" on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

A note of gratitude for the teachers, Sister Monica Reeder who wrote the play, Brother Charles Gordon for his assistance with production and editing, Vice Superintendent Shirley France for her coordination and engagement of the families, Rev. James Harris for his support and assistance with placement in the worship service, and Pastor Roberts who offered us space to do "a new thing" and allowed our children (and families) to be so visible and present in a time when a pandemic has us at a distance.

### **THANKSGIVING OUTREACH**

The Church school again held its "Thanksgiving Basket" project to raise money to provide Giant gift cards to families in need so that they could purchase food for a Thanksgiving dinner. The project was again led by our committee of Sister Karen Sydney-Drumgold, Sister Dorothy Curtis, and Sister Robin Williams. They raised \$5,100 and feed over 200 family members. We were also able to support other church outreach programs sponsored by the Missionary Society (Toys for TOTS) and the Helping Hand Club (Christmas baskets) and also made a donation to Central Missions to help with food supplies. Thank you, Church, for helping us once again have a successful outreach project to help others.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

In 2021, I believe the Lord will enlarge the territory for Nineteenth Street Baptist Church (ref. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10) and the ministry of the Church School as we reach others with the Gospel and aid in the understanding of the Bible and Bible-based living (ref. 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Church School will have the theme: **KNOW and SEE GOD**. The Scripture supporting the 2021 theme is 2 Peter 3:18, "*But grow in grace,*

*and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.” (KJV)*

#### Five Priorities for the Church School

1. Strategic Engagement and Growth, including increase communications, outreach and “gathering” opportunities.
2. Grow the Church School and Sunday School by 50% by December 2021
3. Church School class additions and sponsored series
4. Development of a hybrid Church School Platform (virtual and in-person (when safe to do so) to serve our current and future participants.
5. Preparation for the return to the Church building

It is a blessing to be a part of the Church School. I look forward to a better and stronger year. Thank you for allowing me to serve your children, families, and this ministry. Again, my sincerest appreciation for the dedicated servants of this ministry.

In His Service,  
Deacon Stephanie Thomas-Gordon  
Interim Church School Superintendent

## **Fruit of the Spirit Ministry**

The Fruit of the Spirit Ministry helps church members stay connected to God, to one another, and to the life and mission of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church.

The Membership Care Coordinator (MCC) collaborates with the Fruit of the Spirit Ministry (FOSM) to provide congregational care and membership engagement opportunities for the congregation and the wider church community, thus contributing to the following “Stronger in 2023” Goals:

- Goal #1 – Increase Active Membership
- Goal #2 – Improve Membership Ministry Engagement
- Goal #3 – Invest in our Children.
- Goal #4 – Create a Dynamic Worship Experience

- Goal #6 – Sustain and Build a Dynamic Leadership Team
- Goal #7 – Coordinate and Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts

In 2020, the MCC & FOSM supported the ministries of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in the following efforts for membership engagement and care:

- **#SeedfulSaturdays** - Created a weekly devotional segment called “#SeedfulSaturdays with the Fruit of the Spirit Ministry” for the church eblast and Facebook (Goals 1 and 7)
  - About 400 members reached with 16 devotionals = 6400 outreaches
- **Birthday Call-a-thons** - Called, emailed, and texted members for their birthdays, singing happy birthday and extending birthday wishes and prayers on behalf of the church (Goal 7)
  - About 300 members from April to November
- **Birthday Cards** – Facilitated mailing of birthday cards for June and July Birthdays (Goals 2 and 7)
  - About 70 members reached
- **“Relax, Relate, Release”** - Coordinated, coined, conducted outreach, and facilitated a membership engagement event called “Relax, Relate, Release: A Community Check-in” for members between the ages of 25 and 55 in November 2020 (Goals 1, 2, and 7)
  - 21 participated including active members, inactive members, church staff, and ministry leaders.
- **Membership Engagement Team** – Convened a team of church leaders to discuss goals, strategies, processes, and events for membership engagement and care (Goals 1, 2, 6, 7)
- **Shared Stories** – Sent out music (including playlists and singular songs) and narratives connecting church members to scripture, Black history, special emphasis months, and each other via eblast, text messages, and personal emails (Goals 1, 2, 7)
- **“The Choir Connection Call”** – Coordinated and facilitated a weekly fellowship for the Music Ministry (Goals 1, 2, 4, and 7), which resulted in:

- Several recorded Choir Videos, which created an opportunity for about 15 choir members to minister in service during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Maintained morale and engagement during the Music Ministry's Sesquicentennial year.
- **Worship Experiences** – Assisted with planning and evaluating the live and livestreamed worship experiences, the church's most popular avenue for membership care and engagement. (Goals 1,2,4,6, and 7).
  - **Wednesday Noontime Prayer Call** - Suggested to the Intercessory Prayer Ministry Leadership that a Wednesday noontime prayer call be added to the "Praying through a Pandemic" Prayer Call Schedule, likely the second most popular avenue for membership care and engagement (Goals 2,4, and 7)
- **Weekly Prayer Calls and Seasonal Prayer Vigils**- Participated in all three prayer calls weekly and both seasonal prayer vigils, offering prayer and song, and following-up with members who have requested prayer (Goals 2, 4, and 7)
- **Funerals and Memorial Services** – Attended funerals and memorials services for four (4) members and their family members, extending cards, songs, and spoken words of comfort (Goals 4 and 7)
- **Epistle Articles** - Contributed and/or edited 3 articles in "The Epistle" (Goal 7)
- **Mothers' Day Prayer Call** - Coordinated a Mother's Day Call-a-thon with the Senior Pastor and the Fruit of the Spirit Ministry in May 2020 (Goals 2 and 7)
- **Sunday School** – Connected a family of four youth to the virtual Sunday School and Youth Worship offerings during the pandemic (Goal 3)
- **Database Work** – Informed the database team of outdated or inaccurate contact information when doing outreach (Goal 7)

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

- “Relax, Relate, Release (R3): December Community Check-in.”
- Participate in a Ministry Leaders Forum focusing on Membership Engagement.



## **GriefShare Ministry**

**Mission:** To minister to those who have lost love ones by facilitating GriefShare sessions, as well as counselling them as they move from mourning to joy.

### **Ministry Activities in 2020:**

- Due to COVID-19, we were unable to have in-person sessions, instead sessions were held through conference calls twice each month.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

Sessions by conference calls beginning January 14, 2021.

## **Helping Hand Club**

### **Mission**

- To provide Christian fellowship, goodwill, and concern for human welfare.
- To promote social justice and the preservation of the history and legacy of African Americans.

## **Ministry 2020 Accomplishments:**

- Distribution of Christmas baskets of food and fruit to the sick and shut-in in December.
- Celebration of African American History in February
- Donation to the NAACP Defense Fund
- Solicitation to renew and maintain individual membership in ASALH and NAACP
- Awarded Tate and Beasley Book Awards to college students
- Donated substantial funds toward building upkeep, handicap ramp and bus maintenance
- Each member participates in one activity.

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Mother's Day Memorial Book activity to commemorate the lives of mothers (biological or surrogate) was cancelled. The funds would ordinarily be used to purchase bus tags for the church buses. Additionally, the bulk of these funds are used to support college students through the Geraldine L. M. Tate and Edward E. Beasley Book Awards.

## **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

- Distribution of Christmas baskets of food and fruit to the sick and shut-in in December
- Celebration of African American History in February
- Donation to the NAACP Defense Fund
- Mother's Day Memorial Book in May
- Solicitation to renew and maintain individual membership in ASALH and NAACP.
- Award the Geraldine L. M. Tate and Edward Beasley Book Awards to college students.

## His Homeless Ministry

**Mission:** To supply food, clothing, winter articles and toiletries to the homeless in the parks and surrounding areas of DC

### **Ministry Activities in 2020**

- Due to COVID-19, we were unable to provide any services to our homeless community; instead, we donated \$2,500 to Nineteenth Street's outreach to various agencies.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

As of this writing, the same as 2020.

## The Intercessory Prayer Ministry

**The Intercessory Prayer Ministry** of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church takes a pragmatic approach to this aspect of the church ministry, providing members biblical teachings and practical ministry tools for intercessory prayer. The objectives of the ministry are to help believers develop a stronger prayer life based on biblical principles and to grow in confidence as church members minister to others. As such, the prayer ministry welcomes and employs the gifts of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:7-11) as it equips believers for the evangelistic mission of the church. Overall, the ministry offers continuity and a comprehensive approach to spiritual development. In 2020 – and every year – the prayer ministry provides a series of teachings on biblical prayer principles. It also provided intercessory prayer training at area churches, launching prayer ministries at two other Christian churches in the D.C. area.

In addition, at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, the ministry supported the pastor in these ways:

- **Lenten prayer calls during the Holy Season (completed Feb. 26 – April 9).** These calls drew a high level of engagement and participation, leading to a request that the calls be continued in the early months of the pandemic in the U.S. The ministry responded to this request by reaching out to the deacons and deaconess ministries

to collaborate on expanded coverage. The ministry has been appreciative of the two-point people named to collaborate with Revs. Edward and Robin Turner in this effort (Deacon Deborah Crain Kemp and Deaconess Linda Leftrict).

- **As a result, “Praying Through the Pandemic” was launched in May.** This ongoing initiative involves three weekly church prayer calls, building on the church’s long tradition of Thursday night prayer meetings led by our deacons. The three weekly calls have been continuous, never missing a day. They are offered at various times to allow all members more ways to tap into a call that fits their own schedules. The three prayer calls include:
  - At 6:30 a.m. call every **Tuesday** (30 minutes), led by the ministers of our church.
  - At 12:00 p.m. every **Wednesday** (15 minutes), led by our deaconess ministry.
  - At 6:30 p.m. for the continued **Thursday** night prayer meetings, (1 hour) led by our deacons with monthly homilies by the ministers. *(Members of the prayer ministry support all of these calls as well as continue to offer prayer individually with and for church members and others in the community.)*

In addition, the prayer ministry has provided, supported or planned the following:

- **“Six Hours of Power,” A 6-hour community prayer vigil** (completed in May) - a gathering of intercessors and ministers from Nineteenth Street and several other area churches, plus our prayer partner, Pastor Vanya Grant (Hertford New Testament Church of God in Hertford, Jamaica).
- **“Praying Without Ceasing for the Elections” A 12-hour prayer vigil in the lead-up to the U.S. national elections,** (completed Oct. 31-Nov. 3) with hourly prayer watches and open to the community. More than a dozen churches formed prayer teams to support these calls led by pastors, ministers, intercessors and others. A follow-up component involved a nine-day season of fasting and prayer with 15-minute prayer calls organized by Deacon Johnnie Love and Deacon Candidate Yvonne Gowdy.
- **Expanded its ministry leadership** in August, adding Rev. Lorise White Wolfe as a spiritual leader and Deaconess Pearl Sudduth as its advisor.



- **“Morning Glories.”** This digital audio prayer starter has been approved by the pastor but is pending production. Pre-recorded audio files with photos will be delivered to various church members via text message or email. These prayer starters are like a digital greeting card to encourage and strengthen those on our sick and shut-in list, primarily. Print or phone versions can be adapted for members who are not equipped with the technology or who are mobility challenged. Leaders and producers of this initiative include Revs. Edward and Robin Turner, Deaconess Gloria Tisdale, and Deacon Gerald Young.
- The Intercessory Prayer Ministry continues to make itself available to **provide intercessory prayer training for any ministry** of the church. For example, the prayer ministry leaders have been called to teach or provide training for deacons elect and did so in 2018, 2019 and 2020 (rescheduled for 2021).
- **Prayer requests.** The Intercessory Prayer Ministry continues to do prayer outreach to members and receives prayer requests that are submitted on weekly prayer calls or to any individual of the prayer ministry.

## Jarvis Memorial Club

The Club's mission is to serve the church by giving gifts of love at Christmas to the pastor, assistant pastor and the ministerial staff.

Our purpose is to show Christian love and kindness to everyone we meet.

The club's annual 2020 fund raising concert was not held due to the pandemic.

## Media Ministry

Though 2020 was a busy year for the Media Ministry, the following ministry accomplishments were achieved:

- Installation of new Allen and Heath sound system in the Fellowship Hall. Included new digital sound board, microphones, and speaker system

throughout the Fellowship Hall. This provided a great upgrade for the Ushers' Valentine Jazz Concert and for the showing of Black Panther for Deaconess Eleanor Banks' 99th Birthday party.

- Installation of new Audio equipment in the Sanctuary. This included a new digital Allen and Heath sound board, new wireless Shure microphones for the choir and Pastor , and new QSC monitor speakers, all with the ability to be controlled wirelessly by a new Apple iPad.
- Installation of new Video equipment in the Sanctuary. This included installing two new PTZ Optics 1080 cameras, ordering new Roland Video Switcher (to be installed in 2021), upgrading the streaming software Wirecast, to Wirecast Pro, and installing a networked LAN subsystem for sound and video to travel on its own TCP/IP network separate from the WIFI or wider church WAN network.
- The Media Ministry has always welcomed younger interns. In 2020, the Ministry worked with interns from Howard University, Hampton University, Carnegie Mellon, Cal Tech in addition to local DMV high schools.

## Men's Ministry

The Mission of the Men's Ministry is to develop men of Christian character, encourage and provide opportunities for men to apply their skills and talents and to use Godly men as a witness and encouragement to others.

Due to COVID-19, we were not able to perform our usual tasks such as:

- Decorating the entire sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas Season\*, Men's Day, Men's Retreat, Initiation of rites of passage program – Branch of Zion, Spring Clean-up, support of Pancake Supper, Watch Night Service, and Men's mentoring

\*Although we were not able to decorate the entire sanctuary as is customary, we were able to place decorations along the front of the sanctuary around the pulpit and choir loft.

## Missionary Society

**Mission:** Organized in 1839 to present a challenge to the members of the church for committed witness and service, and to build a fellowship among the members which will extend into many areas of the world. The Missionary Society (Society) seeks to develop each individual member's Christian experience through the study of the Bible and through the study of mission lessons prepared by the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Further, each member is encouraged to become involved individually and with the group in giving assistance and comfort in times of need, at home and abroad. Lead Scripture: Matthew 28:19, 20.

The Society sponsors Women's Day annually (fundraiser); hosts the Flea Market bi- yearly (fundraiser); supports the Annual Homecoming Dinner, assisted by church organizations; assists with Thanksgiving Day Service, upon Pastor Roberts' request; sponsors the Toys for Tots church-wide campaign; and maintains the 50 years+ Church Membership and birthday registries. Birthday cards are sent to 80 and 90+ year old members; sympathy cards are sent to all members.

The Women's Day Celebration annually; and the Flea Market (bi-yearly) are our only source of income and we are sincerely grateful for the support and trust of our church family, friends, and family. We strive to be good stewards of the funds donated to us.

Membership: every member of the church, male or female, is eligible for membership in the Society. Meeting Time: The Society meets September through June, 12 pm, 2nd Saturdays, on-site, or virtually. Committees: Budget, Program, Membership, Nominating, By-Laws, and Executive

Dues: \$20 per year

## 2020 Events and Activities at A Glance:

January	Society held the regularly scheduled meeting on-site
Feb, March, May, June, September, October, November	Society convened regularly scheduled meetings via teleconference call; no meeting in April during Holy Week
February	Society member attended DCBC forum “Reconciling Ourselves” on ZOOM
Mach	Society member attended Church Women United-DC Unit, “World Day of Prayer.”  The bi-yearly Flea Market, a fundraiser, not held due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
April	Annual Women’s Day Worship Service observed virtually on YouTube. Society member registered to attend DCBC “Why Pews Are Empty”; canceled due to pandemic
May	Society contributed \$250 to Trustee Rally Day
June	Society monetary one-time award, \$100 each, to the AMAZING 2020 high school graduates entering college/ or other training first time, who are church members: Kailee Beckham, Noah Cooper, Riley Parchment, Dayanna Robb, Lindsay Sanders, Jara Wilensky and Gerald Young II. Ongoing Society project since 1992.  Society home and foreign mission budget obligations: Baptist Conv of DC and Vicinity annual registration Women’s Auxiliary \$210; Nat’l Center for Children and Families \$250 (crisis intervention housing and services for children and families); Church Women United (CWU) – DC Unit \$50 annual dues; Home Mission Board, National Baptist Convention (NBC), USA, Inc. \$250; Women’s Dept, NBC, USA, Inc \$100 annual registration; Stoddard Baptist Home \$250; Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind \$200; Toys For Tots \$300; Trustee Rally Day (see above); DC Boys Choir \$250; Mission Study Guide (20 booklets) subscription \$144; Church School Thanksgiving Project \$100; Nehemiah Project/DC \$200; American Bible Society \$50; Foreign Mission Board, NBC, USA, Inc. \$250 (training missionaries, education, health, self-sufficient missional sites, and church planting world-wide); White Cross Africa (American Baptist Women – for medical supplies). The Society also gives outside its budget, as needed, if funds are available.
July	Society donated \$100 each for memorial sanctuary seat plaques for Alverta Ghassaway and Emily Ghassaway via

	Board of Trustees; seats on Crittenden Street side of sanctuary, G16 and G18
July/August	Society does not meet during July and August
August	Homecoming Dinner 2020 canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.  Society members participated in ZOOM classes sponsored by NSBC Senior Ministry
September	Society member attended 140th Annual Session NBC, USA, Inc. virtually on YouTube, Sep 14-16. Society member attended DCBC "The Next Normal" on ZOOM
October	Society member attended CWU State Assembly meeting on ZOOM.  Society member attended CWU (WIN) forums on Wednesdays on ZOOM.  Society members attended Friday SELAHs sponsored by Nineteenth Street's Women's Ministry on ZOOM.  Society members attended quarterly church business meeting on ZOOM.  Society members attended Communications Committee presentation on ZOOM.  Oct 22-23-Society member paid registration fee and attended DCBC Annual Gathering on RUN THE WORLD digital platform (similar to ZOOM).
October/November	Toys for Tots church-wide campaign sponsored by Society; monetary donations only this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic; no toys accepted. Marines received check Sunday, 12/6 from Rev. Roberts during the virtual worship service.  Society's Women's Day team and Society actively planning for Women's Day 2021  Society members attended Yoga + Tech support classes sponsored by Nineteenth Street's Senior Ministry on ZOOM
November	Society member, CWU-Nineteenth Street Keywoman, attended officers and keywomen's planning meeting on ZOOM.  Society members in DC, a Society member in Howard County, MD, and others throughout the region, active at election

	stations and engaged in promoting the “Get Out and Vote” movement.
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The above does not represent the full scope of Society participation “at home” and abroad. The above is simply a synopsis of how we strive to serve, and, in doing so, strive to meet/reach the challenges set forth in the “7 goals.”

### **Ministry Plans for 2021**

The Society is planning its usual agenda of pre-pandemic programs. Yes, the COVID-19 pandemic crippled some events and activities planned for 2020, but, like other organizations, we found a way, virtually, to move our agenda.

We give God the glory for the leadership and support of Pastor Roberts, ministerial staff, official boards, church family-at-large, and the administration staff of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, aka, Nineteenth Street, especially during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We need you; we cannot survive this journey alone.

Submitted by Missionary Society  
June L. Jackson, Recording Secretary  
Rosemary Mills Massey, President, November 17, 2020

*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work. John 9:4 KJV*

## **Music Ministry**

### **Purpose of the Ministry:**

The Music Ministry seeks to minister to all through artistic expressions exhibiting the character of Christ. It is a vital part of the worship experience and provides a creative space for people to utilize their God-given talents.

The Music Ministry embraces a blended, sacred music style that includes praise songs, gospel, spirituals, hymns, anthems, jazz, and classical. The ministry also includes liturgical dance.

### **Ministry Activities or Events in 2020:**

**The events and activities completed in 2020 are as follows:**

1. **Weekly “Choir Connection” Zoom Meetings** - A place of fellowship for the Music Ministry; a place to lift up the Lord in song, and a place to pray with and for each other. It also serves as a place to rehearse for virtual presentations.
2. **Weekly Worship Planning Meetings** - Meetings with the Senior Pastor and core worship team that evaluates past worship services and plans for upcoming worship services.



3. **Praise and Worship Team** - The four-member Praise and Worship Team was formed in response to pandemic restrictions. The group provides music from the sanctuary during live-streamed worship services.
  
4. **Virtual Choir Presentations** - Videos of choir members, recorded safely in their home; we then edit it, put it to music, and turn many moving parts to a comprehensive, virtual song presentation.
  
5. **150th Year of the Music Ministry** - We began gathering more comprehensive information on the 150-year-old history of the Music Ministry and began planning for future activities with the goal of showcasing the Music Ministry's accomplishments.

**Due to the pandemic, we were not able to:**

- Hold in-person choir rehearsals
- Hold special musical events/concerts
- Celebrate the Music Ministry's 150th year anniversary
- Conduct music ministry workshops
- Have our annual Christmas and Easter productions

**Ministry Plans for 2021**

All plans are dependent on when the Music Ministry can reunite again but in 2021, we would like to:

1. Begin rehearsals again
2. Prepare for holiday concerts/productions
3. Fully celebrate the Music Ministry's 150th year in ministry.



## New Members Ministry

***The Mission of the New Members Ministry is to encourage you to become an informed member of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, so that you may in turn become an involved member of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church.***

Each Sunday the pastor extends an invitation to discipleship. The following individuals accepted the invitation and attended New Members Orientation Classes during the period of November 2019- December 2020 :

Sister Robin M. Barclay	Brother Michael Bowie	Sister Stacey Burch
Sister Dorothy Burgess	Sister Camille Crawford	Brother Storee Denson
Reverend Theresa Denson	Reverend Troy Denson, Sr.	Sister Deborah J. Drumgold
Sister Deborah Drummond	Sister Sylvia Geffrard	Sister Eleanor Gordon
Brother Chester Hendrick	Sister Opal Hyde	Brother William R. Hyde, Jr.
Rev. Walter Jackson, Jr.	Brother Mark S. Mann	Sister Dajon Masterson
Brother Kariel McMillian	Dr. Irvin Moody, Jr,	Brother Juran Duane Moore, II
Sister Janet Nash	Brother Victor Rogers	Sister Victoria Rose
Sister Deea' Smith	Brother Melvin J. Spann	Sister Jacqueline E. Sutton
Brother Billy Wiley	Brother Ayden R. Williams	Brother Larry F.X. Williams, Jr.

New Members' Orientation classes were conducted during the month of July and two New Members' Fellowship sessions were all held virtually.



It was with sadden hearts, that we lost one of our New Members, Sister Robin Barclay who had suffered a bad fall during the Summer of 2020, resulting in serious head trauma. She departed this short life in December of 2020.

As we continue during these times of uncertainty and the pandemic, and we were unable to conduct personal activities, we always reassured the new members that **HOPE** has not been cancelled.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

Continue to offer virtual Super Saturday training for New Members and collaborate with Christian Education in Training.

Submitted By:  
Violetta Graham, Director

## **Nominating Committee**

**Mission:** To secure church members to fill vacate offices in the church.

### **Ministry Activities in 2020**

The pandemic shutdown the ability to meet with officers. Therefore, the Nominating Committee was unable to perform the following procedures for 2020 church officers' elections:

- Publication of office vacancies in August and September
- Presentation of nominations at October business meeting

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

To re-establish and continue the policies and procedures as noted in the Constitution Article 1X Section 3, Page 26 and 27 for the annual election of church officers.

## Pastor's Aid Ministry



*... let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*  
(1 John 3:18)

**Mission:** The Pastor's Aid Ministry strives to provide the Pastor with spiritual encouragement through fervent prayer, encouraging words, and caring acts, and to support projects/programs for the progress of his leadership as he serves God in our faith community. The ministry also provides support to the Pastor's family, other ministerial staff, and church sponsored activities/events, as needs arise and/or as requested by the Pastor. This unique relationship with the Pastor requires a state of readiness to serve both prompts to act and financially as occasions dictate.

### Ministry Activities in 2020

#### **SUPPORT PASTOR, HIS FAMILY, MINISTRY and other MINISTERIAL STAFF**

- January – December 2020 — Spiritual Encouragement; Words of encouragement, expressions of appreciation, and caring acts are constant in our efforts to provide spiritual support to the Pastor and other ministerial staff as they minister the Word of God to our church family and friends.
- February 16, 2020 — Pastor Roberts 3rd Service Anniversary; Ministry coordinated church's recognition of Pastor's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary which included communication of event, reception, and expressions of appreciation.
- April/May 2020 — Roberts Family Birthdays/Easter recognition for Roberts children; Ministry members planned and coordinated efforts

to recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> Family's birthdays (Isaiah (April), Anaiah (May), and Easter recognition.

- June 21, 2020 — Father's Day – Card and case of Pellegrino sparkling water provided for Pastor.
- October 2020 Pastor preaching engagement — Ministry members supported Pastor at Homecoming Revival at Shiloh Baptist Church of Alexandria via virtual broadcast.
- October 2020 — Ministerial Appreciation Month – Issued notice in recognition of our appreciation of Pastor and the entire ministerial staff. Cards of appreciation were sent to each minister.
- November 29, 2020 — Special Birthday Video – Worked with Media Ministry to produce special video presentation for recognizing Pastor's birthday during Sunday virtual worship service.
- December 3, 2020 — Pastor Robert's Surprise Birthday Drive by, planned and coordinated event with Communications Ministry, Administrative Staff, Trustee Chair, Chair of Deacons, Deaconess Chair, and several support personnel.

### **COORDINATE AND STRENGTHEN EXISTING OUTREACH EFFORTS**

- June 2020 – Black Lives Matter Prayer Vigil; Ministry members were present and accounted for in support of the church's hosting of this event.
- November 2, 2020 – Ministry members participated in an Election Eve Vigil to pray for a just, livable future. We joined neighbors and congregations along 16th Street from the White House to Silver Spring in prayer.

## **IMPROVE MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT**

- January – December 2020 - Membership Care and Support extended to members and/or family members as the need requires.
- January 2, 2020 – Building fund donation to support AC repairs.
- January – December 2020 – Communications Ministry; Ministry represented.
- May 28, 2020 - Donated to Men’s Choir in memory of Deacon Oddie Stevens.
- November 2020 – Donated financial support to Capital Improvement Fund – Stewardship; Church School Annual Thanksgiving project, and 181st Anniversary Committee project.
- June – August 2020 – Developed/issued ministry webpage for church website.

## **SUSTAIN AND BUILD A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- January 2020 – Ministry Leaders Meeting; Ministry represented.

## **ACTIVITIES POSTPONED FOR 2020-21**

- August 2020 — Homecoming participation was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Fashion and Nineteenth Street - *DC Got Talent Show* — Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event was postponed for consideration in 2022. The proposed event combines fashion with music of a specific time period. Individuals and/or groups will lip sync songs or sing songs from say the ‘60’s to current day music to include “hip hop” and all in between. Costumes or outfits from a specific time may also be required of the talent show participants. This proposed church-wide event will require support from other ministries: Media, Music, Christian Mite Society, Helping Hand, just to name a few. We are

pleased to advise that we have received very positive responses from our membership and other church family members, like Christian Mite Society, Helping Hand, and others to assist in the production.

- 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is under consideration — for a March 2021 Virtual program during worship service.

During 2021 and years to come, the Pastor's Aid Ministry is poised to continue its commitment of the Ministry's mission by providing support to the Pastor, his family and his ministry. On a broader scale, the ministry will also be available to support other ministerial staff and church sponsored activities/events. While several 2021 fundraiser ideas are in discussion, the Ministry has not identified the one to pursue at this time. The ministry will make available that information in short order.

Submitted By,

Deaconess Brenda Lightening-Tolbert  
President

Sister Robin Smith  
Secretary

## **Progressive Adults**

### **Mission:**

The Progressive Adults Ministry works to build the church by keeping the youth of the church informed and involved and by encouraging fellowship among church members through theater and arts fundraising activities. Our signature program is the Love Pal Program, which sends a bi-monthly stipend and supportive messages to our young members who are pursuing post-secondary studies. These stipends are made possible from the profits of tickets sold, and donations by church members and friends.

### **Ministry Activities/Events in 2020 as related to Church Goals**

#### **Goal 1: Increase Active Membership**

Student Love Pals are encouraged to communicate regularly with their mentors and to bring their talents back to the Church after

completing school. We encourage our theater outing friends to attend other Nineteenth Street services and activities also.

**Goal 2: Improve Membership Ministry Engagement**

We have been meeting monthly by phone since May and recently on Zoom. We send cards to members of the Progressive Adults and the Church at large who are sick or bereaved. A Christmas meeting with student Love Pals in December is being planned.

**Goal 3: Invest in Our Children**

Our Love Pal Committee and Love Pal Mentors maintain communication with the students throughout the year. A few members facilitated providing money to cover the tuition of one of our students so that she could enroll in the Fall semester. Love Pal student graduates were acknowledged in June.

**Goal 7: Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts**

Theaters and Patrons were communicated with to make refunds, cancellations and solicit and thank our many members and friends who made donations to sustain our Love Pal Program.

- **Ministry Plans for 2021**

- We will try to think of alternative ways to fund our Love Pal Program. God willing, we will sponsor at least one theater outing. We also hope to strengthen our mentorship program and make better use of the talents of our members.

## **Women's Ministry**

“Sisters of the YAM: You Are Mine!” (Isaiah 43: 1-7)

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Women's Ministry:

1. Provide an organized ministry to encourage service, fellowship, and spiritual growth among women of all ages within the church family.

2. Inspire women in the church to be empowered through a personal knowledge of Christ (discipleship) and to be committed to extending His Kingdom in their lives, homes, church, and communities and throughout the world (evangelism).

**Supporting Premise:**

Planning and building bridges as well as seeing our vision through each other's eyes.

**Guiding Scriptures:**

“For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV

**Core Value #2 of the Church:**

The Women's Ministry seeks to improve church membership through ministry engagement via the **Core Values** established by the Pastor and the Congregation.

**Strategic Goals:**

- Encourage participation in the Women's Ministry of all women in the church.
- Encourage spiritual formation through Bible Study, seminars, retreats, and group discussions.
- Encourage intergenerational partnering, mentoring.
- Encourage small group development building community through personal relationships.
- Partnering with other ministries specifically to uplift other women.

**MINISTRY ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS IN 2020**

**Friday Selah** – Brand for our Women's Ministry Session. Selah pause or rest. The notion is to provide pivotal pause on Friday evenings as we come together.



**Format – Virtual One Hour Study Sessions**

**Participation - Average – 35 per session**

## **ACTIVITY ONE – BIBLE STUDIES**

**Series Titles: FRIDAY SELAH: Women of Romans 16**

**Scripture: Romans 16:1 - 16**

Each session featured one or two of the women the Apostle Paul highlighted in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. The greeting was significant. Paul’s relationship to women and their contribution to the ministry is highlighted in this chapter.

Featured Woman/Women	Facilitators	Date
Opening Overview Session (Culture, Context, Pauline Theology)	Dr. Cheryl Coleman Hall, Rev. Robin Turner, Minister Leslie Wiley	May 8, 2020
Phoebe	Deacons Stephanie Thomas and Shawn Davis-Wilensky	May 22, 2020
Priscilla	Deaconess Maureen Young and Sister Shirley France	June 5, 2020
Junia	Rev. Robin Turner and Sister Tanya Agurs-Collins	June 19, 2020
Persis and Mary	Minister Leslie Wiley and Sister Sharon Russell	July 10, 2020
Tryphena, Tryphosa and 2 Un-named Women	Dr. Cheryl Coleman Hall and Deacon Deborah Crain Kemp	July 24, 2020
Wrap Up – Summary	Sister Edith Bullard-Britt, et al.	August 7, 2020

## **ACTIVITY 2 - FRIDAY SELAH: TELEOS FINISHING STRONG**

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 9:11**

**VIRTUAL 1 HOUR ZOOM SESSIONS**

**FINISHING STRONG CIVICALLY** – Examining our roles as godly citizens, focusing attention on the importance of voting not just for the Presidency but for all candidates who positively impact our community.

**FINISHING STRONG SPIRITUALLY** – In times like these we need to make sure we are spiritually anchored. Session leaders focused on the importance of staying connected to God’s word.

**FINISHING STRONG MENTALLY** – Chaos and confusion, the current atmosphere in our county, the impact of COVID 19 weigh heavily on our mental psyche. This session heightened the importance of staying focused, prayer and meditation.

**FINISHING STRONG PHYSICALLY** – This session will focus on the importance of physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle during these stressful times.

<b>SESSION TITLE</b>	<b>FACILITATORS</b>	<b>2020 DATES</b>
FINISH STRONG CIVICALLY	Deacon Stephanie Thomas-Gordon Deacon Deborah Crain Kemp Dr. Cheryl Coleman Hall	October 9, 2020
FINISH STRONG SPIRITUALLY	Rev. Robin Turner Deaconess Maureen Young	October 23, 2020
FINISH STRONG MENTALLY	Minister Leslie Wiley, Sister Shirley France, Sister Edith Bullard-Britt, Sister Phyllis Cooke	November 6, 2020
FINISH STRONG PHYSICALLY	Deacon Shawn Davis-Wilensky Sister Tanya Agurs-Collins, Sister Sharon Russell	November 20, 2020
FINISH STRONG EXPECTATIONS I	WM Advisory Board Members	December 4, 2020
FINISH STRONG EXPECTATIONS II	WM Advisory Board Members	December 18, 2020

## **How Our Activities Impacted Goal 2: IMPROVE MEMBERSHIP**

### **MINISTRY ENGAGEMENT**

Each session is planned with the goal as foundation. Women are encouraged to reflect internally on the gifts of the women of Romans 16 and how they contributed to the ministry. Each is asked to pray and discern how God is calling her to serve in the church and in the community and each other.

### **MINISTRY PLANS FOR 2021**

We will continue to develop and provide pertinent content to address the needs of women. Since we do not know the future state-of-affairs with regards to our ability to meet physically, we will continue to plan activities utilizing virtual platforms.

\*Activities are planned based on feedback received from distributed surveys.

Areas of Interest:

- Recipe Preparation and Sharing
- Skin Care
- Watch Parties (Specific Videos and Movies)
- Fitness

## Senior Ministry

### **Mission:**

The mission of the Senior Ministry is to enhance the emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth of seniors through a variety of stimulating activities and programs. The Senior Ministry is designed for members who are at least sixty years of age; however, all church members and friends may participate in the ministry's activities.

### **Ministry Activities or Events 2020:**

1. A six-week series of virtual "Using Zoom" workshops was provided for beginning intermediate, and experienced users of Zoom. Additionally, tutorials were provided for iPad, iPhone, android tablet, and android phone users. The Zoom workshops were provided cost-free by Ms. Biljana B Milenkovic of the DC Public Library.
2. A "Getting to Know You" workshop, moderated by Ms. Judith Neely, provided Seniors the opportunity to meet and greet, get acquainted with each other, and brainstorm ideas and interest for future Senior programs or workshops.
3. A "Gratitude" workshop, moderated by Ms. Judith Neely, enabled Seniors to express, share, learn, connect, and cherish life and feelings of abundance and hope during the Covid-19 pandemic and quarantine. Participants shared many things for which they were grateful.
4. A "goDigital with DC Public Library" technology workshop, moderated by Ms. Biljana B Milenkovic, explored e-books, e-audio books,

movies, newspapers, magazines, and music. This workshop was provided cost-free by the DC Public Library.

5. A six-week series of holistic Yoga lessons is being provided cost-free by Three and a Half Acres Yoga. The series is facilitated by Ms. Felicia Reid and Ms. Danielle Johnson.
6. A six-week technology workshop is planned to cover the Google collaborative suite which included Google: Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, and Calendar.
7. The Senior Ministry planning committee continuously seeks assistance, from our senior members, to help us understand the needs and interests of our senior membership. The committee will use their input to build a vibrant senior ministry.

### **Church Goals Impacted by Ministry:**

Each of these workshops accomplished the following goals:

Goal 1: Increase Active Membership

Goal 2: Improve Membership Ministry Engagement

Goal 6: Sustain and Build a Dynamic Leadership Team

Goal 7: Coordinate and Strengthen Existing Outreach Efforts

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

The Senior Ministry Plans for 2021 include 6 weeks of Conversational Spanish; Basic, Intermediate and Advanced ZOOM Classes; Senior Stretch; Legal Services, Downsizing and Senior Living Seminars, and more. See attached 2021 Proposed Activity Calendar.



## 2021 Proposed Activity Calendar

Date	Activity
January	9 Conversational Spanish 16 Conversational Spanish (Practice) 23 Conversational Spanish 30 Conversational Spanish (Practice)
February	6 Conversational Spanish 13 Conversational Spanish (Practice) 20 Gratitude 27
March	6 Zoom Basic Class 20 Zoom Intermediate Class 27 Zoom Advanced Class
April	10 Senior Stretch 24 Senior Stretch
May	8 Senior Stretch 22 Senior Stretch
June	5 Senior Stretch 19 Senior Stretch
July	3 Legal Services for the Elderly 17 Sole Organizing for Downsizing 31 5 Questions to Consider About Senior Living
August	14 Technology Workshop 28 Technology Workshop
September	11 Storytelling – Pearls of Wisdom 25
October	9 Zumba 23 Zumba
November	6 Zumba 20 Zumba
December	4 Zumba 18 Zumba

## Usher Board

### **Ministry Overview:**

Ushers shall faithfully serve as doorkeepers and representatives of the Church. All who enter the house of God shall be greeted warmly and treated with kindness, tact and courtesy. It is also the responsibility of Ushers to ensure that perfect order is always kept in and around the Church during Worship services.

The Usher Board's mission is to make everyone's visit a blessed and pleasant experience.

### **Ministry Activities or Events in 2020**

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Usher Board was unable to serve as doorkeepers and welcome our members, friends and guests.

Furthermore, the following ministry planned activities were impacted: Annual Ushers' Day program and other fund raising and outreach events such as Jazz on the Lawn, School Supply Drive, Fruit Sale, etc.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021**

No other events have been planned/discussed at this time.

## Vacation Bible School

**Ministry Overview:** Provide a summer program that teaches Christian values and strategies for living.

### **Ministry Activities/Events 2020:**

- 32 students registered for the 2020 Vacation Bible School, representing two groups.  
All sessions were held virtually.
- Each registrant received a packet with lessons, puzzles, creative hands-on art activities with all materials (crayon,

glue, etc.,) and parts for a craft.

- Lessons covering the Armor of God were taught each day, which included: a video of the story relating to the lesson and a craft (art project) relating to the lesson.
- All students received a gift card for lunch.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no closing trip was taken.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021:**

Preparation for 2021 Vacation Bible School depends on whether we will meet in person or virtually. Moreover, this will determine ordering of materials (Bible themes, lessons and crafts needed), food purchase, physical education equipment and the planning of the final group trip.



# Youth and Young Adult Ministry Report

**Mission:** Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Youth Ministry provides thought provoking Christian educational and worship experienced that prepare our children, youth, and young adults as faithful believers.

## **2020 Ministry Activities:**

- January: 3 Vision Board Parties for middle school, high school, and young adults
- February: 1st Friday Night Lounge for middle school, 1st Saturday Brunch @ Ted's Bulletin for high school youth
- March: 1st Friday's "A Different World" for College Students via zoom, Young Adult Council meeting
- April: 1st Friday's "A Different World" for College Students via zoom
- May: 1st Friday's "A Different World" for College Students via zoom, Youth Council Meeting
- June: Youth social distance hang out at the park.
- July: VBS via zoom, Parent Council Meeting
- August: Zoom pizza party back to school experience.
- September: Worship and Pizza in the church parking lot
- October: Drive Thru Harvest Fest
- November: Parent Council Meeting, Youth Council Meeting
- December: Youth Christmas Play partnered with Sunday School Department \*Youth Worship every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. via zoom



- \*Instagram prayers, picture sermons, devotionals, worship music list, and weekly prayers

Due to COVID-19 we were unable to take our annual retreat for the elementary and middle school students. The youth winter skiing retreat was cancelled. There were four 2nd Sunday youth worship experiences planned to take place at the Museum of the Bible. It has been a challenging year!

I have worked with the parent, and youth council to help find ways to best engage our youth and young adults in the midst of a pandemic. We have found that one-on-one conversations, tutoring/help with schoolwork, and Christian counseling for our youth have been most beneficial. We also sent out two care packages with educational tools to help our youth during this time. The youth and young adult ministry has helped the church with goal number 3, investing in our children.

We have also transitioned into goals number 1 and 4 by increasing active membership within and outside of the DMV. The parent, and youth council have worked hard to create a dynamic worship experience for our youth on a weekly basis.

### **Ministry Plans for 2021**

\*Planning events for the 2021 ministry year during a global pandemic has been very difficult. Serving the diverse demographic of individuals of members of the youth ministry has been quite challenging. Our youth are strained mentally with school, family, and trying to create a new normal. The majority of them are tired of the online learning experience and the parents are mentally drained from their work schedules while trying to maintain a healthy balance for the youth. With that being said, we will continue to create meaningful experiences for our youth, in the midst of this chaotic time. Our youth and parent council have found it more beneficial to have less activities with more meaning.

The Children's ministry will receive 4 care packages throughout the year. The Care package will include music, devotionals, coloring books, puzzles, crayons, colored pencils, and other materials as learning tools and worship materials. The packages will be designed for pre-k through elementary.

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Middle and High School youth will have several activities planned. Middle School youth will experience 1st Friday night “chill and conversations.” We will talk about mental health, peer pressure, and subject matters that are relatable to their age range. The High School students will experience 1st Saturday Believe and Brunch. We will discuss current events in the world and give a Christian perspective to these issues.

College students will experience “Grownish” on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. I will bring in different panelist to discuss a wide variety of subjects including current events.

There will be an online retreat via zoom for our middle and high school youth. Several social distance worship experiences are planned for worship in the park. Other planned activities included:

- Social distanced screen on the green
- Back to school festival
- Harvest Fest Love Fest
- At home mission opportunities
- Fundraisers
- Museum of the Bible online worship (Old and New Testament experiences)

\*Still in the initial planning stage for other activities due to the pandemic.





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Baptist Church

## MARCH ON WASHINGTON 2020

