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Greetings, Beloved. With the first round of our congregational conversations completed, I am pleased to share contours of the pastoral vision in response to what was heard and discerned in the sessions that have occurred. This month's response centers on our senior saints and youth, with response to other constituent group to come in the following months.

It was with intentionality that I began the series with the elders of our congregation and then continued with the children and youth. When the prophet Zechariah forecasted signs of a restored Jerusalem after the people of Judah returned from their captivity in Babylon, he spoke of elders sitting along the streets with walking sticks in hand because of their age and of children who fill the throughway with their playing (Zechariah 8:4-5). The priority placed on the wellbeing of elders and the flourishing of youth in this idyllic scene is distinct and unmistakable. as both are cast as special recipients of God's gracious care. A sense of awe accompanies me as I envisage our ministry to these two demographics of our congregation. As I heard the requests of our senior saints for accommodation and support as many navigate the change of life and concerns of mobility and comfort and heard the pleas of our children to be included and welcomed fully into the life of the fellowship with concerns for their development and socialization, I feel the burden of the

# A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON DARIUS BUTLER

prophet who called ancient Judah to attend faithfully to each group's needs.

You have heard me speak of FMBC being/becoming an intergenerational congregation before. I have expressed the goal of serving both the young and the elderly and every generation in between. This is more than a good wish; it is a significant component of my pastoral ministry. And so, as we strategically resume campus ministry, I can forecast some activities and initiatives for these two ministry groups.

For our senior saints, all matters pertaining to parking accessibility and facilities accommodations have been referred to the Operations and Maintenance Committee of the Trustee Ministry for immediate attention and swift action. It is our goal to meet your specific needs and support you in every way we can as you engage in ministry with passion and sustained participation. Along with the servant leaders of the Keenage Ministry and its disciple-members, we will create more opportunities for fellowship, social engagement, and the work of missions. I have a pastoral sensitivity for you as the pandemic has disrupted the various ways you have bonded with each other on campus. We will make good use of the pavilion for programming and consider additional space needed for your events. By the summer, we should be ready to host tutorials for those who need assistance logging into Realm and updating your disciple profiles. For our children and youth, several planning ministry teams are opportunities to disciple you and draw you into service. Beginning this month with May Days, weekly activities will be rolled out to minister to your spiritual, emotional, social, and intellectual needs. It is a way of getting you back into the rhythm of weekly participation and inviting you to help us create the space you need to feel a part of the spiritual family. In addition, a core team for Children's Worship is preparing to resume an exciting program on Sundays that will keep you coming and learning of our Christ. I also look forward to having some good fun with you this summer and to launching a special program in the fall. Pastor's Honors Disciples (PHD), to encourage and celebrate academic excellence among our vouth.

I am inviting both our senior saints and youth disciples to partner with me in renewing these ministries together. Like those of ancient Judah who rolled up their sleeves and got to work in rebuilding their city upon their return, join me in rebuilding and rebranding for the glory of God.

#### Thank you!

We cannot describe the depth of our appreciation for your show of love and support during the Pastor and People Weekend. People do not have to be nice; and when they are, they do not have to be nice to us. As a congregation, you were not only nice, but you were also thoughtful, loving, and generous. Thank you for your presence, your prayers, and your support. We look forward to what the fourth year as Pastor and people will bring.

Darius & Keisha Dahlia & DJ

# INTERMEDIATE AND YOUTH USHERS SERVANTS OF GOD

#### By Sister Pat Benson

The hearts of ushers are the hearts of a servant who does his/her work for Jesus Christ. Ushering is an honorable position in the church requiring the right personality, attitude, spiritual gifts, and passion. Ushers have true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the house of God.

We are spiritual ambassadors at FMBC. We are usually the first representatives of Jesus Christ as people enter the sanctuary. The atmosphere for worship is set by ushers presenting a joyful spirit or attitude and making others feel welcome and comfortable. Ushers minister to people as individuals. A word of encouragement or kindness may be the most significant gesture some people receive during that time. Each usher has the opportunity to impact the lives of new and existing people at the church.

We are empowered to take ownership of our role while giving leadership and assistance in ministering to the people, seating the people, or receiving offering. We want to ensure that every person we interact with has an opportunity to connect with and hear from God without any interruption.

This ministry welcomes YOU! If you possess the spiritual gifts mentioned above, seek God's direction and pray fervently about joining this ministry that serves each second, third (Youth), and fifth Sunday.

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:10-11

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### **JRS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND ACADEMY**



#### by Dr. Tammy Alexander, Interim Head of School



#### JRS CDCA/FMBC PARTNER WITH PURPOSE

It's been forty years that the JRS CDCA has been a ministry of the First Missionary Baptist Church. In those early days we thrived on volunteers to ensure staffing needs were met. Forty years later, we still need volunteers. Have you been looking for a ministry to join? Look no further, we are looking for partners with purpose to continue our legacy of excellence and to support our student outcomes of being brilliant.

Ways you can partner:

#### **SUMMER CAMP-2022**

#### **Transportation Team**

We need volunteers to transport scholars to various field trips. The field trips last from 1-3 hours. You can even join the fun bowling, splash pad, library, and skating.

#### **Arts & Crafts**

Are you crafty? We are looking for volunteers to work with scholars at all ages. What could be more fun than sharing what you love to do with our scholars. A weekly one-hour session to help get their creative minds flowing.

#### **STEM**

Is science, technology, engineering, or math your area of expertise? Help create and implement a STEM summer program that will be fun and engaging for scholars in grades K-5.

#### **JRS CDCA Partners**

Perhaps you are interested in a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly opportunity to volunteer by reading to/with our scholars, chaperoning an outing (bowling or skating), or something we haven't thought of yet. We are open to your ideas as we partner together.

#### 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

#### **Foreign Language**

During the 2022-23 school year, we want to introduce foreign language to our scholars in Pre K4 – 5th grade. Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask. If you are proficient in foreign language and would like to volunteer to teach to our scholars, we would LOVE to have you join and partner with us.

#### **Upward Sports**

We are looking for ways to begin an Upwards Sports program (basketball, soccer, flag football, cheerleading and volleyball). Coaches are needed! We would also like for our FMBC youth to join in the fun.

#### Art

During the 2022-23 school year we are looking for volunteers who are interested in sharing their gift and love for art with our scholars. We know that Art instruction helps children with the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and inventiveness. Visual arts teach learners about color, layout, perspective, and balance: all techniques that are necessary in presentations (visual, digital) of academic work. We invite you to introduce our scholars to the world of art at an early age.

Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with us as we grow together in this ministry. Contact the school office for more information or to set up an appointment (256) 852-6673.

# **READER'S CORNER**

# PASSING IT ON: CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY, TRADITIONS, AND CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS by Ecleave Hampton Jackson and Schandell Woolridge McMullen

A Book Review by Sister Carolyn Parker

The aim of this book is to encourage each of us to "create our own R.E.S.C.U.E. journey of Restoring Experiences, Sharing Conversations, and Unveiling Everlasting Memories." The authors are longtime childhood friends who enjoyed sharing memories of the value systems of their mothers that helped shape them into the women they are today. The authors chose 22 women, mostly from Alabama, to share an inspiring 2-3 page account of the best of their experiences with their mothers. These accounts are compiled into a 145-page read. The favorite scripture, song, and message of "passing it on" are shared as points of encouragement. The book concludes with favorite recipes and interesting cultural expressions. I highly recommend this as an opportunity to be reminded of the strength that so many of our mothers have imparted to us.

There is much common ground among the women as they focus on their mothers' gifts to them; spiritually, conduct of themselves as young girls and later as women, and a value system that sustained them throughout their lives to pass on to their children. The mothers who have passed on leave, as one writer describes it, "...a deafening loud silence of Mom's absence..." and a legacy of humility, strength, generosity, and compassion.

First and foremost, the common thread here is how these mothers prepared their children to meet life's challenges with strong faith. This was achieved by bringing up their children with daily devotionals, prayers before going to school, nightly prayers together as a family, singing gospel songs while completing household tasks, and the example that the best way to serve God is by serving one's fellow man. There was also the requirement to be very active in their church and study the Bible. In each case, these women showed how their mothers demonstrated the Christian example.

Another noteworthy quality of these mothers is that each showed what good character looks like by being respectful, forgiving, unselfish, compassionate and giving. These mothers covered a broad spectrum of work in the community and church. Some were educators. hairdressers. deaconesses, Sunday School teachers, investors, nurses, and farmers' wives. There was not a lot of money, jewelry or inheritances but a priceless legacy was left by those no longer with their daughters. There were high expectations to perform academically, continue family holiday traditions, check on people, save for a rainy day, eat meals together as a family, support family members during graduations, weddings, births, and

above all, treat people the way you want to be treated. One writer noted, "Because I have known love, I have the capacity to show and give love". Another highlighted that "The Lord places special people in our lives to help shape, mold and encourage us to survive this journey called life".

The writers were able to gain further encouragement by noting their mothers' favorite scriptures. Some are Proverbs 31, Proverbs 3:5-6, Mark 8:30, Philippians 4:13, Psalm 23, John 15:5. Also, they shared favorite recipes from their mothers such as pound cake, homemade ice cream, meatloaf, and mac and cheese.

Passing It On is such an inspirational read and appropriate for Mother's Day as we remember the gifts of our mothers faced the challenges of raising their children. Some excellent fathers were also in their lives however, the emphasis on the role of their mothers reminds us that the mother has a unique and prominent position in the family dynamic. I highly recommend this book. It will serve as a source of inspiration for mothers to "stay the course" of preparing our children for their unique place in the landscape of this changing world as well as for younger mothers to aspire to even greater levels of finer womanhood and motherhood.

# **LAITY SUNDAY MAY 29, 2022**

The Merriam- Webster dictionary defines Laity as, "the people of a religious faith as distinguished from clergy or the mass of the people as distinguished from those of a particular profession



or those especially skilled." The definition of Laity is simply the members of a church congregation who are not part of the clergy.

Archives suggest the earliest plans for a Laity Sunday began in 1928. The first recorded observance of "Laymen's Day" was in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1929. By 1930, the Evangelical Church had begun celebrating the work of the Laity.

#### Why is Laity Sunday important?

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians. We embrace our shared vocation to proclaim, grow in and embody the good news of the saving love in Jesus Christ. The Ephesians 4:12 mandate stands. The pastor is "to prepare God's people for works of service." Most of the ministries of counseling, discipleship, and teaching that we traditionally ascribe to the pastor,

By Sister Roslyn Richardson scripture assigns to the people.

#### How do we celebrate Laity?

Sunday Laity focuses on celebrating the ministry of all Christians, especially those who are not ministers of the Word and sacrament. It offers a chance for members of all ages to pause and consider their unique calling to ministry within the community of believers. One common way to observe Laity Sunday is by having laypersons lead all parts of the worship service. While people should always be involved in ministry, Laity Sunday is an excellent opportunity to infuse a fresh voice into worship, develop leadership potential, and highlight vital ministries within the Church.

#### How can you participate?

Effective pastoral ministry demands total involvement of the Laity in the ministry of the Church. FMBC is equipped with a multifaceted ministry where members can use their gifts, talents, and abilities to grow the body of Christ. These ministries provide opportunities for the people to participate fully in the mission of the Church. Also, to complement the role of the pastor in preaching the gospel through their words and deeds.

We invite you to engage in any of the following ministries:

- 1. Church Family Ministries
- 2. Mission & Outreach Ministries

- 3. Evangelism
- 4. College/University
- 5. Food/Clothing/Shelter
- 6. Prayer
- 7. Congregational Care Ministries
- 8. Service Ministries
- 9. Christian Education & Discipleship
- 10. Youth Ministry

For information on these ministries, scan the QR code or visitfmbc.org/ ministries



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# **CONGREGATIONAL CARE LAY MINISTRY**

#### By Sister Erlene Adams



We are excited to serve as Coordinators for the Lay Ministers of Congregational Care at First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC). We support our Pastor in the execution of "People Caring for People".

Our mission is to strengthen and encourage one another in the faith by providing pastoral care for every member of the FMBC family through the calling forth and equipping of lay people who are gifted by the Holy Spirit.

Some objectives of the Lay Ministers of Congregational Care are:

- 1. To provide opportunities for, "Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministry...as mandated by Ephesians 4:12-16.
- 2. To provide an atmosphere that is conducive to becoming Christ-like servants.
- 3. To increase awareness of the general membership of the services that are available

to the church's membership, within the community, when in distress; thereby positively enhancing the spiritual experience of all.

4. To model effective and biblically-based spiritual behavior that sets an example to all who work in the ministry.

The Lay Ministers are available to support their member families who would welcome a visit or phone call, or are experiencing difficult circumstances or times of transition. We want to provide a ministry of hope and caring so that no member of the congregation suffers or struggles alone through life's challenges. Lay Ministers also want to share in the joys of life, whether it's a birth of a child or grandchild, marriage, promotion, graduations, etc., of their member families.

Lay Ministers have knowledge of the various ministries and opportunities at FMBC. We welcome the opportunity to prayerfully connect and identify opportunities for member families participation.

Lay Ministers may visit members who are ill at home or in the hospital, support those who are going through a major life transition or personal crisis, maintain contact with those unable to attend church due to illness or disability, support family and friends involved in care giving; comfort the bereaved, provide support that is ongoing; assist with spiritual support, and help a person find needed resources.

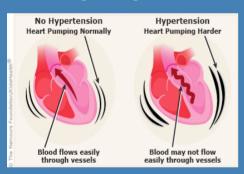
In order to assist the member families, Lay Ministers participate in continuing education facilitated by various subject matter experts during our quarterly meetings.

If you need to know who your assigned Congregational Care Lay Minister(s) are or if you have questions regarding the Congregational Care Lay Ministry, please don't hesitate to reach out to Deacon Anthony & Deaconess Erlene Adams by contacting the front office.

## **HYPERTENSION-THE SILENT KILLER**

Researched By Sister Phyllis McMillan

Hypertension is better known as high blood pressure. Most of us know someone who has hypertension. It is a common condition in which the long-term force of the blood against your artery walls is high enough that it may eventually cause health problems, such as heart disease. If left untreated, hypertension can cause more severe health issues such as a brain aneurysm, stroke, or a nontraumatic intracranial bleed that may require surgical intervention. The latter results from a hypertensive emergency in which the blood pressure readings are incredibly high, with the reading as high as 200/100.



Blood pressure is determined by the amount of blood your heart pumps and the amount of resistance to blood flow in your arteries. The more blood your heart pumps and the narrower your arteries, the higher your blood pressure. A blood pressure reading is given in two numbers.

The top number (systolic pressure) measures the pressure in your arteries when your heart beats. The bottom number (diastolic pressure) measures the pressure in your arteries between beats.

Many don't have symptoms with

hypertension even when the blood pressure readings are extremely high. It is important to have an annual physical examination with your physician to include a check of your blood pressure along with annual lab work to include a complete blood count, and a basic chemistry profile.

A few people with high blood pressure may have headaches, shortness of breath or nosebleeds. but these signs and symptoms aren't specific and usually don't occur until the blood pressure has reached a life-threatening stage. Physicians recommend frequent readings if you've already been diagnosed with hypertension or have other risk factors for cardiovascular disease. It is a good idea to have a personal digital blood pressure monitor at home. You can check your monitor for accuracy by taking it with you on your next visit to the doctor's office to see if you are getting close to the same readings.

Risk factors for hypertension include age, race, family history, overweight, lack of physical activity, tobacco use, a diet with too much sodium or salt, too much alcohol, stress, and certain chronic conditions such as chronic kidney disease and diabetes.

High blood pressure increases as you age and women are more likely to develop hypertension after 65. Although any race can have hypertension, it is more common among African Americans or people of African heritage, and it tends to run in families.

Those with sedentary lifestyles or little or no physical activity tend to have a higher heart rate causing the heart to work harder with each contraction and increase pressure on your arteries.

Moderation is the key to alcohol, salt, and preferably no tobacco use. Smoking can cause your arteries to constrict or become narrow increasing the risk of heart disease. Salt or sodium causes your body to retain fluid and increases blood pressure (mayoclinic.org).

Consider modifying your lifestyle for a more extended healthy living with an annual physical examination, exercise, and regular blood pressure assessments. You might need antihypertensive medication if you are newly diagnosed or need to adjust your medicines since some may become resistant to certain drugs. If you haven't had an examination since the pandemic, it's time to get checked sooner rather than later.

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# **MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTES**



A MOTHER'S LOVE
By Sister Denise Long

Deeper than any ocean Wider than the blue sky

Deeper than the Black Sea Wider than a California King

Deeper than the whole world Wider than all outside Her love will always abide

Deeper than the Mariana Trench Wider than a eight point elk

Deeper than the infamous Nile Wider than a country mile Healing properties in her comforting smile

Deeper than a sunset sky Wider than the Titanic She's always on standby Her stature and her worth easily surpasses the most expensive bonsai.

Deeper than the Great Barrier Reef Wider than the Chief's hat She holds back the thief of disbelief and lack.

Deeper than the Blue Whale Wider than the chromatic scale She will be there for your inhales and exhales.

Her love is so deep it captivates your soul So wide you know Heaven is her goal No need to cajole her Her love is always near to extol. She constantly reminds me I am enough.

What she gives is pure as a white dove. Yes, it's from up above. It fits perfectly like a boxing glove.

She is the Mighty Zambezi River She is Mother Earth

The deep devotion
The widespread sacrifice, tender loving

care, consistency, safety, intelligence, ingenuity, endless warmth, tears, unyielding prayers throughout generations yields firmly to God's insurmountable blessings from above.



**MOTHERS ARE**By The JRSCDCA 4th and 5th Graders

Mothers are cool
Like the breeze on the ocean water
Mothers are soft
Like the clouds in the sky
Mothers are healers
Like medicine, they take the pain away
Mothers are protective
Like a bear over her cubs
Mothers are peace
Like the eye of a storm
Mothers are warm
Like the morning sun
Mothers are
Everything God created them to be
Mothers are you

Happy Mother's Day!



## MS.FOMBY'S JRSCDCA KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I Love mother I love mother, I love mother, yes I do, yes I do. All I want to say is, "Happy Mother's Day!" I love you, I love you

#### LOVE MY MOM -JRSCDCA 3RD GRADE

by Braxton Townsend

I love my mom She is kind. I love my mom She is divine.

She loves me the most She will never go ghost. Her love is real. And that's just how she makes me feel

#### BEST MOM-JRSCDCA 3RD GRADE

by Nicholas Hardin

My mom is the best She love me till I rest. She takes care of me. She always spares me. She is my world. She is my girl.

## MY MOM-JRSCDCA 3RD GRADE by Dahlia Butler

I love my mom When she gets mad, I feel sad. When she feels happy, I feel glad.

I wouldn't trade her for no other, because yes, she is my mother.

Yes she is my mom, and yes....she is the bomb.

# **MOTHERS ARE-JRSCDCA 3RD GRADE** by Khloe Porter

Mothers are cute Mothers are kind Mothers are caring Mothers are divine

Mothers are sharing Mothers are daring Mothers are tearing Mothers are glaring

Mothers are the best Mothers are obsessed Mothers are guest and most of all Mothers needs rest.

### **HONORING THE FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH NONAGENARIANS**

"STAND UP IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ELDERLY, AND SHOW RESPECT FOR THE AGED." LEVITICUS 19:32



**DEACONESS GRACE LOVE** 

The second of four children born to John Ewing and Rosalie (Betts) Ewing on September 11, 1922, in Decatur, AL. Accepted Christ 86 years ago at the age of 13 at FMBC under Pastor James and was baptized in Big Spring.



SISTER CHARLOTTE CAMBLE

Born Charlotte Juanita Douglass on October 27, 1924, in Berkeley, AL to Robert and Victoria Douglass. United with FMBC in 1951.



SISTER FANNIE O. PULLEY

The fifth of eight children born to Isaac and Fannie Scruggs Pulley on May 11, 1926, in Tony, AL. United with FMBC in 1951 under Pastor Snodgrass.



SISTER DOROTHY J. GURLEY, EDD.

The oldest child born to Edward and Ethel Johnson on December 13, 1931, in Boyd, AL. United with FMBC in the early 1950's.



SISTER WILLIE NELL BAYLOR
CARODINE

The only girl of three children born to Willie Baylor and Laurie Agee Baylor on March 26, 1932, in Bessemer, AL. United with FMBC in 1967.



**DEACON JUDGE VALOICE POSEY, JR.** 

The second of six children born to Professor Judge Valoice Posey, Sr., and Celestia Posey on March 11, 1929, in Collins, Mississippi. Moved to Huntsville in 1963 and later united with FMBC.



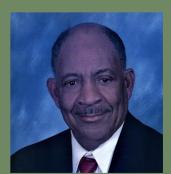
**BROTHER CHARLES BRIGGINS** 

The fourth of six brothers born to Sim Briggins, Sr., and Daisy Briggins on November 6, 1930, in Helena, AL. United with FMBC around 1957.



**DEACON HUEY THOMPSON** 

The oldest child born to The Reverend Roy Lee Thompson and Johnnie B. Thompson on November 23, 1930, in Welch, AL. United with FMBC in 1960 and ordained a deacon in 1964.



DR. JOHN VICKERS, JR.

The first of 14 children born to John Vickers, Sr., and Ruth Vickers on February 25, 1932, in Gadsden, AL. United with FMBC in 1974.

## **JRSCDCA EARTH DAY ART WINNERS**



Morgan Graham 1st place

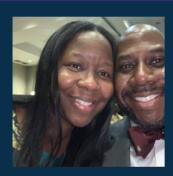


Christopher Little 2nd Place



Brielle Watson 3rd place

# **MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**



Brother Anthony and Sister Danielle Briggins celebrated 1 year of marriage on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



Brother Ronald and Sister Karen Waterford celebrate 33 years of marriage on May 13<sup>th</sup>.



Brother Douglas and Sister Jannie Bonner Celebrate 38 years of marriage on May 19<sup>th</sup>.



Brother Dwight and Sister Kim Stewart celebrate 30 years of marriage on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Brother Dennis and Sister Diane Smith celebrate 44 years of marriage on May 28<sup>th</sup>.





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