

Visions Newsletter

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church

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Pastor Keith L. Reynolds

Happy New Year to all and may God's richest blessings be afforded to each of you as we begin 2017. The beginning of each new year is a time to recognize the need of God's hand to direct us through the uncertainties that lie ahead. More specifically, it is a time of reflection. Looking back, we know for certain it was He who provided for all our needs and brought us to this new day and new year.

This New Year, as other years before, comes with many resolutions and new challenges. There are goals and objectives that we definitely promise to do our best in accomplishing. There are also those challenges that will surely come our way and attempt to serve as deterrents for all of what we so desperately desire to do. Whatever resolutions we make, I pray they are in agreement with the plans of our Almighty God. Oftentimes, with the numerous aspirations that so many of us have, unfortunately, we unintentionally attempt to get in front of God's plan for our lives. We fail to understand that there are just some things that God has simply not planned for us to experience. Many times, we have our desires all planned out, but we have not prayed and asked His will for our lives to be the guiding element that assists us in pursuing that which we want. Our first and utmost desire has to be what God wants for us, with the assurance that He knows what is best for our lives. Each of us is extremely special in the sight

of God and He had a special design and purpose for us even before we were a twinkle in the eyes of our parents. Ultimately, be well assured that even God has a selfish calling on every life that He has created and He will not be denied regarding that which He has desired for us. As for the challenges that surely will come our way, we must be steadfast in our prayer life, asking that God will give us the strength to carry on regardless of what comes upon us. Each of us is desiring a clearer understanding of His will, which means we must rely on God in all matters of our life. We must rest in the belief that He will never give us more than we can bear. Through it all, we must learn to trust in Jesus as He keeps His promise that He will never leave us or forsake us. For me, this is quite comforting. Even in the life of our church, we know that there will be mountaintop and deep-valley experiences. Just as in our personal lives, each of them will make us stronger in our witness of the power of God and will help us establish a closer walk with our Savior Jesus Christ.

If we take just a quick glance over our shoulders from last year, we see that our church family remains strong. It really amazes me that each Sunday morning, whether it is at the 7:45 or 11:00 service, we really enjoy our fellowship time. In both instances, those worshipping with us get that opportunity of experiencing the love of God that runs from heart to heart and breast to breast. It really is great to observe and, even greater, to be an active participant of the fellowship time during our worship.

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I hope that whenever we see unfamiliar faces or visitors, we take time to introduce ourselves and to invite them to return and, hopefully, become a member of the CFBC family. Fellowship is what we do and it looks to me that we enjoy it.

There are many highlights from our past year. We were delighted to hear from our very own, Brother Moses Norman, our **Men's Day** speaker and Sister Barbara Morgan, our **Women's Day** speaker. Both of these dedicated Christians shared their thoughts on our responsibilities as Christians and the benefits of being faithful to Christ and His Church. Our Media Committee ventured out and coordinated a **trip to historic Charleston, South Carolina**, where twenty-three of us enjoyed great seafood and a history lesson on Gullah culture. We are extremely thankful for the leadership of Sister Linda Thompson and Rev. Sherman Bonds and others who worked so diligently to coordinate our **25th Church Anniversary Celebration**. As our theme indicated, it was a time for *Planting Kingdom Seeds for Future Generations*. We remembered our history, rejoiced in today's blessings and rededicated ourselves to service as we move forward on this tedious Christian journey. We also acknowledged the whole church body for its financial contributions toward our **Blessing-in-Giving (BIG) Campaign**. We were able to install an elevator which provides greater access to the second level. As we look at the work of women in our congregation, it was no surprise that our Woman's Missionary Union selected Sister Cassandra Stafford as **Woman of the Year** for her continued service and leadership toward our mission efforts. As we entered the month of December, once again we supported **Operation Christmas Child**. We sent approximately five hundred red and green shoe boxes filled with toys and special items to children throughout the world who, otherwise, would not have received Christmas gifts. Our final highlight of the year was the **Ordination of Deacons**. Nine men faithfully attended year-long training sessions on the specifics of our church and how to support the Pastor in effectively serving this congregation. We are extremely happy to have Brothers David Alford, Anthony Jackson, Lorenzo Jones, Derek Marks, Vohnterrell Miller, Malcolm Motley, John Sibley, Henry Stephens, and Daryl Wiggins accept their new roles as Deacons. In the year of 2016, we had **twenty-five new members** to

join our congregation. I look forward to increasing that number in this new year. To do that, I believe we must continue in our mission efforts as we have in the past. We must fervently and earnestly ask God to send those to us who are desiring a church home. We must provide a level of enthusiasm and concern that convinces those who come our way that God and His people are genuinely concerned about their welfare, both spiritually and physically. We must help all who come our way by encouraging them to be more than a pew member. This involvement is essential to their growth in the Lord and to the overall growth of the church. I ask all of you to step out a little further this year in sharing the blessings of living life in Christ and becoming more actively involved in the church.

I have major goals for our congregation this year. First, I would hope that each of us will commit to at least one of the four Bible study classes that we have listed in our Instruction For Service on page 7. Each of these opportunities will certainly strengthen lives and make better Christians. I am certain each of you are praying for a prosperous new year and will do just about anything to ensure it. Therefore, I urge and recommend a new and stronger commitment in the study of God's Word. As the Psalmist says, "*I promise it will be a lamp for your feet and a light on your pathway as you travel this New Year.*" Psalms 119:105.

Finally, know that God loves a cheerful giver. Try God! Ask Him to oversee your financial stability. Become a thither. Be reminded that tithes and offerings, which are one-tenth of your income, are the financial resources we use in our overall church operations. God blesses us each and every day. He asks that we support His Church and its ministries. There is much more work for each of us to do and God is depending on us to do our very best to ensure His will is done on earth as it is done in Heaven. I pray that God continues to bless us all as we do our best for our Lord and Savior. Happy New Year!

Trust GOD in 2017

Faith ~ Hope ~ Love



Deacon Moses Norman

Faith is all too often proclaimed with almost certainty that it is real and fully functional in our lives. It often appears that once we have announced to the world that we are men and women, boys and girls of Faith, the road to either recovery or assurance is clear and without pot-holes, steep curves, or certainly no sudden road blocks. Faith coupled with Hope, we are prone to conclude, is all that we need. Certainly, we say, the Lord recognizes our Faith and Hope and will protect us from the ravages of everyday troubles and trauma. Why would He not take care of his own? Save them from troubles and disappointments!

The scriptures do not support such a “pie in the sky” characterization of the function of Faith in a world committed to discrediting the Love and Mercy of God and His Heavenly Host. In fact, the Lord through His Permissive Will, challenges us daily, and often more frequently, to validate our Faith as real and not just on the surface. Often the challenge comes in small doses; yet, other challenges come in heavy doses that tend to create havoc within our lives. It might involve the illness or even death of a family member; sometimes it might involve the stability of a marriage; sometimes it might involve the wayward behavior of a child or grandchild; sometimes it might involve an accusation of which you know that you are not guilty; sometimes it might involve a broken relationship even in church. In each of these instances, the Christian Bible, through its scriptures, provides clear examples of how Faith and dependence upon the Lord deepened the spiritual core of men and women, boys and girls throughout history. Very often, these examples presented saints, who while under great stress and challenges, experienced moments when their Faith faltered before it was deepened. Such is the case today when the Lord permits us to lose our comfort in this world as a means of gaining greater Faith in Him as being sufficient to bring peace from even chaos.

When the Lord spoke of the Christian as “the salt of the earth,” He declared us as a curative element whose purpose it is to combat ruin and decay in our homes, in our communities, in our places of

work, in our places of play, in our schools, as well as in our places of worship. If the meat is exposed too long to the contaminating agents, it is almost certain that the meat will, in due time, spoil and be cast away. Such is true with our children and youth, along with adults, whose lives are not touched by the power of Christian Faith in the Lord. Let us all keep this in mind as we seek to grow in Faith as we do the Lord’s work here through Christian Fellowship Baptist Church.

An Alternative to Gift Cards - by Elaine Daavis

I hate buying gifts. I have never been very good at it. Trying to figure out what is appropriate for what occasion, whether it is something they will like or actually use, sends my stress meter off the charts. So, when they came up with gift cards, I felt they had done this just for me. When a special event occurs in our children’s life, we often reward them with gift cards, money or maybe even a personal gift they may have desired. I had become so impersonal that I stopped purchasing a particular store card, and began purchasing a Visa card, now that let me totally off the hook. Until one day when I was purchasing a Visa card as a graduation present for my grand-nephew; I thought, when the money is gone, the gift is broken or worn, what will he have to sustain him in life? What would be left to remind him of how proud I am of this accomplishment? He had beaten the odds and crossed that first hurdle of life. What would he have to show him the way when confronted with obstacles in this race called life? Material things and money are monetary, but when you give words of wisdom, you give a gift that will last a life time. **Words** are the seeds of wisdom, planted in the heart to grow into fruit, which will feed them when they are spiritually hungry, and can be shared with others who may be the same. They are the water of life that can soothe an unquenchable thirst. We know this because of the **Bible**. Through the years, Satan and his forces have tried to destroy **The Word**. It has been feared by many and sought by many more. Millions have died for it, but millions more have been given life through it. **The Word** can never be destroyed. It is a shield of protection in times of tribulations. When you are a parent or grandparent, you focus on keeping your children safe and providing the necessities of life. But when you watch your children walk out the

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Meet Our Members



Edmond and Frances Cook

As members of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, we are aware that it takes an enormous amount of effort to ensure that all of what we want our church home to be is more than one person can do. We are tremendously blessed to have a number of people who do a lot of different things, basically when nobody is around. Two such people are Brother Edmond and Sister Frances Cook. It really is no telling what time of day or night that they are working here at the church just to make sure that our church home is appropriately prepared for all worshippers.

Frances is a member of the Church Council, Inspirational Choir, WMU and Sunday Morning Bible Study. She enjoys Bible Study immensely. She says that learning about God's truth and living His truth is a lifelong process, for it continues to deepen her faith and love for God. Frances is quite dutiful in preparation for our services that comes from our kitchen. Her challenge and enjoyment of managing food service at CFBC are that it allows members to come to the table, to break bread, fellowship and celebrate God's bounty. Whether it is preparing for our fellowship meal or other occasions when food has to be served, she is always on the job trying her very best to have a quality food service program. Frances is a native of Fort Gaines, Georgia and received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Food Management from Tuskegee Institute, now known as Tuskegee University, and her Master's Degree in Food and Nutrition from New York University.

During her career as a registered dietitian nutritionist, Frances served for thirty-four years in public health. As Director of the Office of Nutrition at the Georgia Department of Public Health, Frances worked with various groups and organizations to develop and implement a statewide public health system that provided nutrition information and services to citizens within Georgia's nineteen public health districts. One of the highlights of Frances' career occurred in 1991 when the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics granted approval for an accredited community-based dietetic internship in the Office of Nutrition at the Georgia Department of Health, making Georgia the second state (following Virginia) to have an accredited internship in a state public health agency. Retiring in 2007, Frances was proud of the fact that one hundred fifty employees (public health nutritionists) had completed the dietetic internship.

Our dear Brother Edmond is from Waverly Hall, Georgia. Edmond is a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. He is one of those persons who we would say is a Jack-of-All-Trades. He definitely knows something about every aspect of a facility and the requirements to have it operate successfully. Whether it is plumbing or electrical, Edmond has a pretty good idea of how to get things fixed. If he doesn't know, you can be well assured that he knows someone who does. Professionally, it would be safe to say that Edmond is a cleaning service entrepreneur. He has managed and held cleaning service contracts for over thirty-five years with various office buildings throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area. With his initiative and real estate contacts, Brother Cook found our current church location even before it was on the market. Edmond was the first person to join and the first to be baptized at Christian Fellowship by Dr. Emmanuel McCall, the founding pastor.

Edmond and Frances make a dynamic team in serving God and His people here at Christian Fellowship. They seriously enjoy the warm fellowship that marks our name and I pray that we will, forever, keep that a part of our identity.

The Cooks have been married thirty-five years and reside in Fayetteville, Georgia. We are extremely thankful to God for these two members and we want everyone to know Sister Frances and Brother Edmond Cook.

By Rev. Dr. Keith L. Reynolds

A Glance at WMU in 2016

At the beginning of a new year, it is always a great time to review our Woman's Missionary Union's mission statement. It is also a time to decide what programs and activities made a difference in the lives of others and need to be reevaluated.

During 2016, WMU engaged in numerous outreach projects. These included proving monetary donations, paper products, supplies and many volunteer hours at the following sites: Weaver Gardens, House of Dawn, Carrie Steele Pitts Home, Hope Women's Shelter, Rainbow House, Georgia Baptist Children's Home, United Way Andrew P. Stewart Center, Lady T. Homeless Ministry and Pittsburgh Kingdom Doors Ministry.

We also participated in various fundraising walks. Other community outreach projects included a Community Block Party, a Saturday Morning Praye Walk at our three partner schools, Read-Across-America at Northcutt Elementary School, lunches for summer camp at Andrew P. Stewart center, Christmas luncheon for residents at Hope Women's Shelter and blood pressure clinics at Pittsburgh Kingdom Doors Ministry.

Our international missions included a monetary donation to Haiti and we collected approximately 500 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to be distributed to children in various countries.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who participated in some way in our Mission Ministry.

As we prepare for 2017, please pause and remember the positive impact you have had on so many lives through your prayers and your giving. You may not have a chance to see the smiles on faces or read the thank you notes received, but I do. May God continue to lead, guide and use all of us for His Glory in 2017!

Submitted by Esther Grissom

WMU BLANKET COLLECTION

January 8, 2017

and

January 15, 2017

**Please donate a blanket
to help someone in need!**



SHARE THE WARMTH

An Alternative to Gift Cards

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door, out of your protective arms, you have to wonder what will shield them from the ills of the world. Will they make the right decisions when confronted with immoralities or wickedness? The answer is **Yes**, if you have given them the right words and if you have provided them with seeds of wisdom and planted them in their hearts. They will have the fruit to sustain them in their times of famine. Every chance you get to share **The Word** with your loved ones, you supply them with the supplements of **Life**. **God's Word** is powerful. It is the greatest gift you could ever give to anyone. So along with that gift card, give the seeds of wisdom and righteousness. Give them **The Word**.

Proverbs 1:1-10

Submitted by Sister Elaine Davis



Sister Gwendolyn Jones



Brother Kevin Hawkins

CFBC Winter Revivalists



Rev. Harold Fletcher formed Kingdom Doors Baptist Church in 2005, later to move the ministry to the Pittsburgh Community where he was born and raised. Therefore, the name was changed to Pittsburgh Kingdom Doors. The desire of this ministry is to reach the unreachable, providing avenues to help them in all areas of their lives. The Pittsburgh neighborhood is located in a relatively poor, working class area of Atlanta. Rev. Fletcher hopes to partner with the churches that are already in the community, as well as the local recreation department to reach the many needs of this neighborhood. **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**



Rev. Norman Thomas, Jr. has been the Pastor of First Baptist Church on Gresham Road since 2009. He feels blessed to be among such a wonderful group of people who worship God in spirit and truth and diligently serve the larger community. Rev. Thomas found his purpose for life by uniting his call into the Christian ministry with his secular profession as an educator. Rev. Thomas has served as a teacher and principal in both the Atlanta Public School district and the DeKalb County School district. Rev. Norman Thomas Jr. is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He is the son of Drs. Norman and Inez Thomas. He is a graduate of Morehouse College and has received a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from the State University of West Georgia. Rev. Thomas has also engaged in further studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He is married to his best friend, Rondah Janeen Quashie Thomas, and together they have four beautiful children: Lauren, Norman III, Lindsay, and Londyn. Rev. Thomas is no stranger to our congregation and we welcome him and his congregation to Christian Fellowship Baptist Church once again. **Thursday, February 9, 2017**



Rev. Dr. Wesley E. Greene, Sr. is the founding and Senior Pastor of Amazing Grace World Outreach Church which began in 1998 in the family room of the Greenes' home. He accepted his call into ministry in 1986 and has served in various capacities since that time. He is a native of Kansas City, Missouri and has lived in Jonesboro, Georgia for more than thirty years. In addition to his ministerial duties, Dr. Greene is a prominent businessman in the Clayton County community. He has served as the Chairman of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, a board member and Vice Chairman of the Clayton County Water Authority, selected Man of the Year, 100 Black Men of South Metro, a life member of the NAACP, a member of the Clayton County Rotary Club and numerous volunteer appointments to local boards. Dr. Greene completed his Doctorate in Theology from North Carolina College of Theology. He has served as a volunteer chaplain in the Clayton County jails for more than twenty years. He is a founding member and served as President of the Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County. He was recognized by the Atlanta Business Journal as one of the 100 Most Influential Pastors in Georgia. He and his wife, Rev. Dr. Rose Marie Greene, serve as co-pastors at Amazing Grace World Outreach Church. **Friday, February 10, 2017**

To honor the first African American
President of the United States of America
**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST CHURCH
PROCLAIMS**

**Sunday, January 15, 2017
BARACK OBAMA DAY**



Instruction on Worship

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (*II Timothy 2:15*)

Come and join one of our weekly Bible Studies

Sunday Morning 9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Call 6:00 a.m.
(641) 715-0700 and use access code 185351

Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Weekly Sermon Summary Reviews
may be viewed on our website - cfbcnow.org

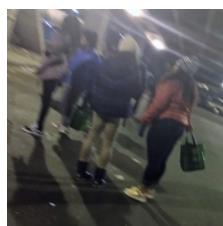
CFBC Steps Out for Diabetes



On November 12, 2016, approximately fifteen members of the CFBC team participated in the annual American Diabetes Association (ADA) Step Out Walk to cure diabetes at Turner Field. As always, the CFBC team was one of many teams that walked and raised money to support this event. Participants ranged from all ages, backgrounds and walks of life. The walk was very festive with music, celebrities, handouts/goodies and medical counseling. The CFBC team surpassed its fundraising goal by raising over \$2,200, ranking number two in the "Family & Friends" category of fundraising teams.

While we celebrate our victory and the success of this annual walk which is held in November, diabetes support must go on year round. Approximately one in eleven persons suffer from diabetes and nearly ninety percent of pre-diabetes goes undiagnosed. Complications from diabetes can be prevented. We must educate and we must act. Our congregation will continue to support the efforts of the ADA in hopes to curtail & eventually eliminate diabetes. **Way to go CFBC team!!**

Acteen Mission-Safehouse Outreach



During the winter months, committed volunteers wanting to give back to urban communities, assemble at the Safehouse Outreach (SHO) and take to the streets with hand warmers, blankets, winter items, and lots of LOVE. Their efforts are to help those they encounter make it through the night feeling warm and safe. Through our Acteen Missions, on Friday, December 30, 2016, ten youth from CFBC accompanied by Pastor Reynolds, Acteen leaders and deacons shared a memorable, rewarding, eye-opening experience. The group distributed gloves, hats and blankets to homeless persons in need.

Submitted by Liz Bridges

In Celebration of African American History Month

Spurred by growing racial violence in the early twentieth century, and particularly by race riots in Springfield Illinois in 1908, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). February 12, 1909 was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Today, Black History Month honors the contributions of African Americans to United States history.

Did you know that:

- **Madam C.J. Walker** was America's first self-made woman to become a millionaire.
- **Jack Johnson** became the first African-American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in 1908. He held on to the belt until 1915.
- **John Mercer Langston** was the first black man to become a lawyer in Ohio when he passed the Bar in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of **Langston Hughes**, famed poet of the Harlem Renaissance.
- **Thurgood Marshall** was the first African American ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court. He was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson and served on the Supreme Court from 1967 to 1991.
- **George Washington Carver** developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.
- **Hiram Rhodes Revels** was the first African American ever elected to the United States Senate. He represented the state of Mississippi from February 1870 to March 1871.
- **Shirley Chisholm** was the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives. She was elected in 1968 and represented the state of New York. She broke ground again four years later in 1972 when she was the first major party African-American candidate and the first female candidate for president of the United States.
- **Hattie McDaniel** was the first African American performer to win an Academy Award (the film industry's highest honor) for her portrayal of a loyal slave governess in *Gone With the Wind*.
- **Dr. Mae Jemison** became the first African American woman to go into space aboard the space shuttle, Endeavor. During her eight-day mission, she worked with U.S. and Japanese researchers and was a co-investigator on a bone cell experiment.
- **Barack Obama** served as the first African American President of the United States from 2008 to 2016.
- The black population of the United States in 1870 was 4.8 million; in 2007, the number of black residents of the United States, including those of more than one race, was 40.7 million.

Submitted by Lucky McKennie

Ministry Highlight - CFBC Courtesy/Greeters



Meet Ethel Taylor, Chair of the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church Courtesy/Greeters Committee. The purpose of the Courtesy and Greeters Committee is to assist visitors and new members in feeling comfortable and welcome in our facility. Our purpose involves so much more. We value greeting as our ministry. This committee serves as a vital function of expressing the welcome of Christ to all who come through our doors. Ultimately, we hope to prepare the way for a person to encounter God in the worship service.

As greeters, we are the first contact to a prospective new member, a troubled soul or a wounded spirit. This makes it so very important that we warmly greet, welcome and assist all visitors, friends and new members with the utmost love, compassion and care. We strive to not only make our visitors feel welcome, we want them to feel comfortable and give them a sense of belonging.

On all occasions, CFBC Greeters serve our visitors with warm and friendly smiles, a loving spirit and a servant's heart. Small gestures of caring are enormous in making positive and lasting first impressions. It may simply be our smile, friendly eye contact or caring small talk; but showing a Christ-like spirit in all that we do and say is always vitally important, and our top priority.

In addition to our greeting responsibilities, members of the CFBC Courtesy/Greeters Committee provide assistance to other church committees, ministries, members and visitors by serving as a resource for information, directions and safety/security concerns. The Greeters Desk is often the hub for those needing directions, seeking lost items, or needing information.

In all that we do as CFBC Greeters, we will always strive to do it in the spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." *Psalm 84:10 NIV*. With smiling faces, sweet spirits and loving hearts, we welcome others to join us.

Submitted by Ethel Taylor

THE CFBC CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church is organized by units, programs, ministries and committees. The chairs of these entities make up the church council.

Church Council - Pastor Keith Reynolds, Chair
Academic Affairs - Gloria Fountain, Chair
 Audio Visuals, Jackie Reese, Chair
 Bereavement - Emerson Carey, Chair
 Boy Scouts - Henry Stephens, Chair
 Brotherhood - Anthony Jackson, Chair
Building & Grounds - Malcolm Motley, Chair
 Church Clerk - Nancy Woodson
 Church History - Beverly Hall, Chair
 Courtesy/Greeters - Ethel Taylor, Chair
 Deacons - Moses Norman, Chair
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 Family Enrichment, Simone Motley, Chair
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 Assistant Treasurer - Horace McKennie
 Food Service - Frances Cook, Chair
 Literacy/Tutorial - Valery Carey, Chair
 Media Center - Barbara Morgan, Chair
 Medical Assistance - Dr. Kim Fountain, Chair
 Music - Johnny Johnson, Chair
New Member Counselors - Elouise Jackson, Chair
New Member Orientation - Henry Thurston, Chair
Nominating Committee - Juanita Brooks, Chair
Ordinances/Baptism - Gloria Thomas, Chair
Ordinances/Lord's Table - Rita Keys, Chair
 Parking - Bernard Keys, Chair
 Personal Help Program - Rose Hall, Chair
 Personnel - Jeffery Joseph, Chair
 Public Relations - Lucky McKennie, Chair
 Recreation - Cecil Rivers, Chair
Senior Adult Ministry - Eva Birmingham, Chair
Sunday Morning Bible Study - John Harris, Chair
 Technical Resources - Joseph Mahone, Chair
Thursday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Reynolds, Chair
 Transportation - Russell Brooks, Chair
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 Donald Roberson and Karen Swilley
 Male Ushers - David Henderson, Chair
 Female Ushers - Martha Honeywood, Chair,
 Wedding - Alma Kirk, Chair
Wednesday Night Bible Study - William Wright, Chair
Woman's Missionary Union - Esther Grissom, Chair
Youth Ministry - Cynthia Davis, Chair

CFBC Photo Gallery



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CFBC Photo Gallery



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- 3 Ordination of Deacons**
- 4 The Lighting of Christmas Tree**
- 5 SMBS Christmas Program**
- 6 Christmas Store**
- 7 CFBC Christmas Service**



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A Poem for Our Sick & Shut-in

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse,
that you must not quit.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Marjorie (Babe) Bennett

*Children's Church - 2nd & 4th Sundays
Royal Ambassadors - 2nd & 4th Sundays
Children's Choir Practice - 1st & 3rd Sundays
Mission Friends - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays
GA's - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Acteens- 3rd Sundays after 11:00 Worship
Hand Bell Practice - 1st & 2nd Wednesdays*

CFBC Nursery Schedule

*1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays
During the 11:00 a.m. service only*

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Christian Fellowship Baptist Church 2017 Calendar Highlights

January

- 7 Deacons' Meeting
- 15 Fellowship Meal-Family Ministry Focus
- 14 Mission Conclave
- 15 Youth/Young Adult Observance
- 16 MLK Observance Day
- 29 B-I-G CAMPAIGN

February

Black History Month

- 4 Deacons' Meeting
- 8-10 Winter Revival
- 11 Children Mission Day
- 12 Focus on WMU Sunday
Fellowship Meal
- 19 Youth/Young Adult Observance
- 21 SAM - A Taste of Our Heritage Program
- 25 GA's -Acteens Father/Daughter
and Mother/Son Activity

March

- 4 Deacons' Meeting
- 6 Church Council Meeting
- 11 Mission Conclave
- 12 Fellowship Meal
Men/Brotherhood Day
- Book Scholarship/Essay Contest
- 21 Church Conference
- 25 SMBS Meeting
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