

1st Sunday **Chronicle**

February 2, 2014

2014 – The Year of Recovery

1 Samuel 30:8 (KJV)



The Courage To Lead – The Faith To Follow

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Joy! Joy! Joy!

WE ALL ARE SERVANTS

“The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Matthew 20:28).

On this First Sunday of the second month of the New Year, I would like to let you, the congregation, know that we are blessed to have a dedicated office staff to serve you. They see and accept my belief that a Pastor is a Servant.

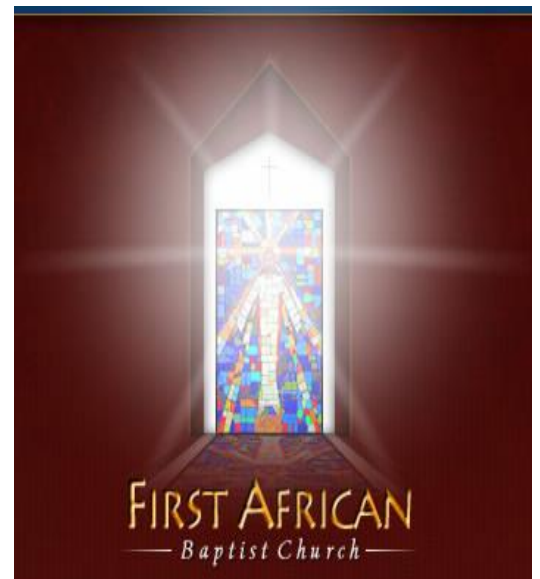
In other words, all of us who are ministry leaders are servants, in rhythm with our Saviour who proclaimed, “The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Matthew 20:28).

So, thank you Deborah, Frances, Geneva, Kitty and “Amen” Gwen for working with me to continually make our beloved historic First African be the church among churches.

We have set our sights on giving you the First Sunday Chronicle, each 1st Sunday. This is a recap of the past month including the monthly calendar, birthdays and a thumbnail sketch of two of our ministries.

Please read about the good work that was done by so many of you on Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King’s Day of Service. It indeed was “A “day on and not a day off.”

**Love and Joy,
Pastor Dent**



3) And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? 4) If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. 5) And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. 6) For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. 7) Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8) And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. 9) Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.
II King 7:3-9 (KJV)

February 2, 2014

HOLY BAPTISM AND THE LORD’S SUPPER

Moments of Prayer & Praise.....Praise & Worship Ministry

Baptism

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #84..... “There Is A Fountain”

Selection.....Sanctuary Choir

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

Words of Welcome

Right-Hand of Fellowship

Offering

Missions

Tithes

Pastoral Comments

Hymn of Preparation.....Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Theme: “Never Give Up Hope”
Text: 11 Kings 7:3-9 (KJV)
Pastor Richard A. Dent

Call to Christian Discipleship

Church Covenant

The Lord’s Supper

Benediction



10 YEARS AFTER THE VISION WAS FULFILLED

By: Sister Gwen Crawford



As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary in this edifice we must not forget the vision our Pastor received from the LORD.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Each church member was asked to make a sacrificial commitment toward the building of the new house of worship. Thus the Nehemiah Project was begun.

There were all kinds of obstacles in our way, not the least being an enemy who had no desire for Jerusalem (First African Baptist Church) to be strong. What was our secret? It is found in Nehemiah 4:6 - "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, ***for the people had a mind to work.***" ***They had a mind to work! They were willing to work to build the wall regardless of the danger or hardships.***

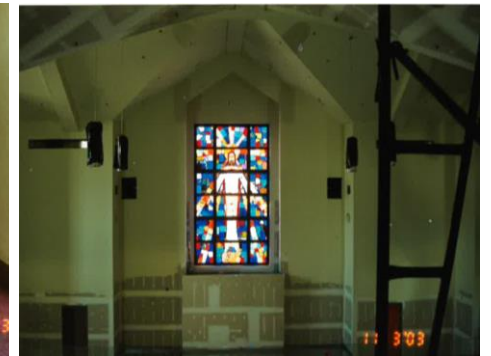
“On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, ‘In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what He had done to the Red Sea^[a] when He dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.” ***Joshua 4:19-24 NIV***

Finally, the Vision was fulfilled. Led by the children, on the 10th day of the 1st month the people of First African left the old edifice and marched into our present house of worship.

PRAISE GOD FOR THE VISION....



THE JOURNEY



...And a little child shall lead them!

"And the people came up out of the Jordan on the 10th day of the first month." Pastor Dent exclaimed "This indeed is a day of Thanksgiving" as the church celebrated with praise, prayer and worship for the first time in our new edifice on January 10, 2004.





VOLUNTEERS PAY HOMAGE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

By: Sister Beatrice Dent



On Monday, January 20, approximately 225 people descended upon First African. All came with the mindset to be of service and to pay homage to our "Moses," Martin Luther King Jr. To say that all ages were represented is not an exaggeration. From our 5 year old to our Brownie and Cub Scout troops to our most seasoned saints, they all came.

The day began with a continental breakfast prepared by the B.W. Watkins Scholarship Ministry. After receiving assignments from the project coordinator, Sister Beverly Donaldson, the volunteers dispersed to their various assignments. What a massive undertaking it was. The focus of the clean-up was the Annex, the Neighbor To Neighbor Building and First African. At the church, the Beautification Committee proceeded to clean the sanctuary, the bathrooms and various other areas of the church. Polishing, dusting and vacuuming left these areas sparkling. While the cleaning was being done, selected areas were being painted by our painting team.

The Annex and the garage were a major challenge, but it was no match for the men, women and children who tackled that project. The following are some assignments that were accomplished, thanks in great part to the "grunt work" of the men.

- Old exercise equipment was either donated or trashed
- Broken banquet tables were removed
- Bathrooms were cleaned and sanitized
- The old trustee office was cleaned and debris removed
- Closets were cleaned and organized
- Clothing was unpacked and organized in the clothes closet
- Space for food cupboard services was cleaned and reorganized
- The utility rooms and garage were cleared of debris, cleaned and organized
- Old computer parts and TV's were removed from Neighbor to Neighbor offices and garage for disposal



While these activities were taking place on site, other volunteers went into the community. Smoke detectors were installed and batteries were replaced throughout the neighborhood. Care Packages were assembled and delivered to the sick and shut-in, in the community. In addition, information for free tax service, voter registration and child care subsidies were disseminated. The children who were present were the recipients of a book give-a-way.

After a long and productive day, the volunteers gathered for a delicious lunch prepared again by the B.W.W. Watkins Scholarship Ministry. As part of our closing, we were treated to the reading of original poems written about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our creative poets were the young people who attend Neighbor to Neighbor's after school program.

Project coordinator, Sister Beverly Donaldson was overjoyed at the response of the volunteers and all that was accomplished. We certainly congratulate her on a job well done. It was a daunting undertaking and she handled it well.

"We must not fall so low as to allow our enemies to make us hate."



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Photos taken by: Sister Octavia Jackson



MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

Whatever you do, do it hardly as to the Lord.
(Colossians 3:23)

By Sister Janie Strong and Sister Geneva Eldridge

BEAUTIFICATION MINISTRY

This ministry is composed of volunteer members with the desire to maintain the beauty of First African Baptist Church. Our mission is to assist in maintaining the up keep of all areas of the church. They also volunteered their services on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Beautification of the church is done once a month, on the 4th Saturday at 9:00 am. Volunteers are welcome at all times.

Sister Linda Eldridge, Ministry Leader
Brother Val Gibson, Ministry Leader

AUDIO VIDEO MINISTRY

This ministry is a volunteer ministry that is responsible for lighting, audio and video during Sunday morning worship services and special occasions. Copies of the worship services and special occasions are transferred to audio CD's and DVD's which can be purchased. Copies are sent to the sick and shut-in members each week so that they can remain feeling connected to our fellowship.

Brother Gregory Eldridge, Ministry Leader

CALLING ALL MINISTRIES

In celebration of our upcoming 111th Church Anniversary on Sunday, February 23rd 2014, following the morning service, we are having another ***Ministry Fair.***

In celebration of this occasion we are asking each ministry to prepare a tri-fold presentation and handouts. Each ministry is asked to provide a vegetable tray or fruit tray for your table.

This event is being hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. Please contact Sister Janie Strong with your concerns.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

By: Sister Beatrice Dent

On Saturday, January 18, embracing the theme, "I will do more than believe, I will practice" Minister Sharon White expounded on the topic of tithing. As the discussion progressed and questions were posed and answered, we discovered that the underpinning of tithing is the fact that **everything we have belongs to God.** To further expand our understanding, Minister White gave us three points.

1. God doesn't need our money. He already owns it. (Psalm 50:7-12)
2. We are God's stewards, managing His resources for His benefit. (Mathew 25:14-30)
3. God is going to supply the needs of everyone who trusts and obeys Him. (Psalm 37:25)

There was a free give and take during the presentation with all questions and comments pointing us to Exodus 23:19. "The first of the first fruit of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God."

The tithe is one tenth of your total income. Being a tither puts you in a special position, that of being a recipient of God's blessings and that of being a recipient of God's protection. Who wouldn't want to be in that position? Who wouldn't want to accept His promise of "I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

"I Will Do More Than Live; I Will Grow"

By: Sister Denise Baker

Do you know that God has a plan to lead you to a place of growth? Have you ever sensed God leading you to grow and go in a direction you have never been before? How can you discover God's will? How can you be sure that you meet His requirements? What is the first thing you must do when you seek God's will for growth in your life? What are some of the blessings you receive when you follow God's will for growth? God has promised that He will instruct you. He has plans for you, but you must choose to have faith to follow Him and trust Him for your growth.

Come out and bring a Sister Friend on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 8:45am to our Women's Ministry Breakfast. As a special treat, our "Women's Ministry Culinary Team" will be preparing "Chicken and Waffles" for the breakfast meal. Come with an open heart and mind, ready to receive what the Lord has especially for you from the dynamic Minister Sharon White of the Sharon Baptist Church!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Redeem The Time my Brothers!

By: Brother Kenny Lockett

Good morning and JOY my brothers!

It is Super Bowl Sunday, whether your favorite team made it or not. As football fans we have waited five months to see who will stand on top of the football world this year. Just as it is a great moment for the fans, it's even greater for the players, coaches and owners. See, they all understand the time is NOW. They might not get another chance at the brass ring, at the Tiffany Silver Super Bowl trophy. In the locker you will hear things like.... "Leave all on the field today...this is it men, one game for all the marbles... there is no tomorrow, we have to get it done today."

Brothers, as a Men's ministry it would be a tremendous blessing if we operated from the same paradigm. See, we get caught looking forward, promising ourselves that our priorities will change when our circumstances alter or change. But listen when we tell ourselves that the failure to be generous, kind, loving, the failure to be service-oriented today will change tomorrow, we are merely making excuses for the present. The LORD does not want us to pretend we will be different tomorrow. He commands us to seize today! Right now is the moment the LORD has given us. We are to take advantage of it, while it is still here. Paul, in Ephesians 5:16 explains we are to "make use of the time...redeem the time".

Every Men's breakfast, every retreat, every prayer meeting, bible study session should be viewed as the only event...every chance we have to present the Gospel, to show the love of Jesus Christ...should be viewed as the championship game...the Super Bowl! There is no more tomorrow Men, redeem the time now!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, February 8, 2014
8:30am

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

"I WILL DO MORE, I WILL SAY YES."

Date: April 4 – 6, 2014

**Location: Double Tree Hotel
Wilmington, Delaware**

**Cost: Double Occupancy
\$265.00**

**Single Occupancy
\$300.00**

Gift Certificates are available.

Registration is available on the web-site.

MINISTRY NEWS

Rose of Sharon Missionaries Delivers Lunches at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital

First African is making a difference in the lives of patients and family members at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital.

On Monday, January, 20, 2014, as a part of the many things that the Rose of Sharon Missionaries do, on the third Monday of each month, Deaconess Shirley Ross and Sister Brenda Jarmon delivered lunches to the people who were waiting for loved ones who were having a procedure. On this particular Monday, there was a family of five waiting because their father was having open heart surgery. Deaconess Ross and Sister Jarmon gave each of them a boxed lunch, and they were grateful to get the lunches. As Deaconess Ross and Sister Jarmon were about to leave, one of the family members asked them if they would please pray for their Dad. Of course Deaconess Ross and Sister Jarmon said they would. At that moment, the Holy Spirit convicted Sister Jarmon who stopped and prayed with them right there. Sister Jarmon asked God to give her the words to comfort the family and He did.

The Rose of Sharon Missionaries also provide lunch to those who are getting infusions. They too, are always glad to get the lunch. Often a family member is with them.

Their last stop was the emergency room where they gave lunch to a young man. He jokingly asked Deaconess Ross if it was steak! He was elated to get the lunch. He wanted to take a picture with them, and said thanks because "You all fed me today."

So, to God be the Glory. How comforting to know that we are making a difference in the lives of so many, in such a small way!

Sister Brenda Jarmon &
Deaconess Shirley Ross



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY COUPLES GAME NIGHT

By: Sister Deborah Wray



On January 17th The Marriage Enrichment Ministry hosted a "Couples Game Night." The format was based on that of the newlywed game. Approximately 15 couples participated. When it was all said and done, and after a lot of hilarious answers from all of the couples; "Da' Goods" (Demetrius & Lorene) and the "Wild Wilsons" (Kenneth & Nicole) established their reputation with the highest points earned. They then had the opportunity to go against each other for the big prize. After the deadlock question was asked, Da' Goods won the game. Deacon and Deaconess Stewart presented Da' Goods a \$200 gift certificate for a weekend get-away and the Wild Wilsons with a \$50.00 restaurant gift certificate for coming in 2nd place.



All of the couples had a wonderful time. Each of them stated that they are looking forward to the next meeting. The Marriage Enrichment Ministry is a social outlet for Christian couples (married or engaged) and they fellowship the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Deacon and Deaconess Stewart or Brother and Sister Morris.



First African Baptist Church
Women of Faith Support Ministry
presents

“Loving Those Who Hurt You”

Saturday, February 8, 2014

9:00AM

All Women are welcome to attend



Welcome to Members who joined during the
month of January, 2014

Brother Abner Carl Roberts, Jr.

Sister Annie Stanley

Deacon Julius Stanley

Brother Kevin Stewart

Sister Carlia Thomas



WE WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

By: Sister Gwen Crawford

YOUNG MEN IN CHARGE, INC.



We were pleased to have these young men worship with us on Sunday, January 12, 2013. Our very own Aaron Blunden, the son of Brother Dewitt & Sister Charlene Blunden is a member. This organization is dedicated to increasing the number of African American and Latin American males in the science, technology, engineering, math and law practices (STEM/L) through academic tutoring, mentoring and financial assistance programs.

Club De Jouis, Incorporated
“Ladies of Distinction”



Thank you **“Club DeJouis, Inc.”** for worshipping with us on Sunday, January 12, 2014. Sister Audrey Gill has been a member of this organization for many years. The purpose of this organization is to promote a social atmosphere among women of like ideals; to encourage the virtues of womanhood here and elsewhere in our nation; and to participate actively in local and national charitable endeavors. An organization where the members are women willing to give back to our society, help those in need and enjoy having fun in the process.

A HEALTHIER YOU IN 2014

Heart Health

By: Healthcare Ministry

Heart Disease is the buildup of plaque in the heart's arteries that could lead to a heart attack. Heart Disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., killing almost 380,000 Americans a year. Once every 90 seconds, a person dies in the U.S. from heart disease. It is the No. 1 killer of women.

Many women, out of fear or focus on their loved ones, equate their heart disease symptoms to less life-threatening conditions such as the flu, acid reflux or aging. A heart attack can strike someone every 34 seconds. A heart attack occurs when blood flow that brings oxygen to the heart is reduced or cut off completely. It occurs because the arteries that supply blood to the heart can slowly narrow from a buildup of fat, cholesterol and plaque.

Many women think that the signs of a heart attack is the feeling of an elephant sitting on your chest but a heart attack can be more subtle in women than in men. The signs of a heart attack in women are shortness of breath; uncomfortable pain, squeezing or pressure in the lower chest and stomach; pain or discomfort in one or both arms, jaw, back, neck or stomach; breaking out into a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Nearly half of all African-American adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, 49% of women and 44% of men. One of those types of cardiovascular disease is Congestive Heart Failure, a chronic, progressive condition where the heart muscle is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's need for blood and oxygen. With this condition, the heart tries to compensate for the inability to pump enough blood by enlarging, developing more muscle mass, making the heart pump faster, allowing blood vessels to narrow to keep blood pressure up and the body diverts blood away from less important tissues and organs to maintain vital organs such as the heart and brain.

The warning signs for Congestive Heart Failure are shortness of breath, persistent coughing/wheezing, excessive fluid buildup in body tissues (edema), tiredness, fatigue and increased heart rate. Congestive Heart Failure can be treated with medication, surgery, implantable medical devices, ongoing care and lifestyle changes.

Implementing healthy lifestyle changes can help prevent and treat heart disease. If you smoke, please quit. Beginning an exercise program of walking at least 30 minutes a day can lower the risk of a heart attack or stroke. Eating lean, light meats and a low sodium, low fat diet are also helpful alternatives.

If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms of cardiovascular disease, please contact a medical professional to get the proper assessment of your medical condition. For more information on heart health, please contact the American Heart Association at 1-800-242-8721 (1-800-AHA-USA-1) or visit their website at www.heart.org.

A Green Smoothie a Day Can Keep the Doctor Away

By Jennifer Dent, student at Institute for Integrative Nutrition

God did not create our bodies to be sickly and ravaged with disease. We are made in His image and He has created all of the natural foods we need to heal our sickly selves. How would you like to experience increased mobility, better digestion, clearer skin, improved mental clarity and focus, increased energy levels, restorative sleep, and reduced cravings? It's very simple. Add a green smoothie to your daily routine and begin to feel the benefits almost immediately!

WHAT IS A GREEN SMOOTHIE?

It is an easily digestible blend of vegetables and fruits that you drink. When you drink the liquefied concoction, your cells are flooded with the necessary nutrients to help them function optimally. As a result, you may experience many of the health benefits listed above. Here are three reasons you should start drinking a daily green drink.

1. GREEN SMOOTHIES ARE PACKED WITH GOOD NUTRIENTS

Green smoothies are packed with fiber, which lowers cholesterol and glucose levels, keeps you feeling fuller for longer and regulates your body's cleansing processes. Plus, it's a tasty way to get a strong dose of fruits and veggies, which provide vital nutrients like vitamin A, vitamin C, folate and potassium.

2. YOU CAN DRINK YOUR DAILY REQUIREMENT OF VEGGIES

Most folks don't eat enough fruits and veggies on a daily basis to provide all the nutrients their bodies need. Here's an easy solution! Drink them. Green smoothies are packed with a chlorophyll and chlorophyll is a molecule that closely resembles a molecule of human blood. What exactly does that mean? By drinking two or three cups of green smoothies daily, you will consume enough greens to nourish your body, and all of the beneficial nutrients will be well assimilated.

3. THEY TASTE REALLY GOOD!

Not convinced it won't taste like a glass of liquefied lettuce? The best ratio of greens to fruit is 60/40. 60% veggies and 40% fruit. Let me break that down again. 2 cups of greens to 1 cup of fruit. The fruit will balance out the taste of the greens. If you're a newbie, start with a mild vegetable like spinach or broccoli. If you're new to the green smoothie, Beginner's Luck is a great recipe to try as your taste buds adjust to the new flavors. Keep drinking and soon you'll be craving kale!

Beginner's Luck

2 cups spinach, fresh
2 cups water
1 cup pineapple
1 cup mango
2 bananas
– Serves 2 –



Directions

Blend spinach and water until smooth. Next add the remaining fruits and blend again.

** Use at least one frozen fruit to make the green smoothie cold.*

TIP: If you aren't a big fan of bananas, feel free to substitute another fruit. You can even freeze the bananas first to reduce the flavor.

For additional recipes and to sign up for a 30-day challenge, visit simplegreensmoothies.com.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Pastor Dent,

I just want to thank you for the letter recommending Nasir and Brea Turner for admission to the Delaware County Christian School in Newtown Square. They have been accepted into the first grade and will start school on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. First African Baptist Church has been and I'm sure will continue to bless and guide my life and lives of my children. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Sister Teaira Turner

Pastor Dent, Sister Dent and the First African Baptist Church Family,

Your kind words and heart- warming concerns were appreciated in my time of sorrow. Our thanks to you with grateful hearts, and a deep appreciation for all of your thoughtfulness!
Sister Blondell & Family

To Sister Janie Strong and First African Baptist Church,

Thank you for the toys. The kids really enjoyed them. "A little thoughtfulness can be the greatest blessing of all."
Love you,
Bea

To First African Baptist Church,

Your kindness in a special way brought God's blessings to my day. Thank you.

From the Schuler, King and Ray Family

To my First African Family,

One never knows when they will be in a situation where they can't pray. I experienced that, but praise be to God for prayer warriors. Thank you all for your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent surgery, May all of you have a healthy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Joy,
Sister Marie Ward

To my First African Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, and other acts of kindness during the passing of my father. Thank you, most of all for your prayers.

Sincerely,
Deacon Kevin Tucker, Sr. & Family

Dear Pastor Dent and First African Baptist Church Family

On December 13, 2013, sadness cast it's shadow on us with the passing of our brother Rufus Handsome, Jr. We want to thank you, thank you for your kindness, your thoughtfulness and prayers. Your generous heart makes a beautiful difference in the lives of others. It's nice to know people like you. You all are really special.

Love and Joy,
Ernestine Handsome Moore & Dea. Esdene Handsome, Sr.

NOTES OF THANKS

To First African Baptist Church,

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much, whatever the part. Thank you for the touching resolution.

Love,
Ebony Murphy (daughter of the late Rudy Murphy)

To First African Baptist Church Usher Ministry,

I can't thank you enough for all the support and love shown to me on our trip to New York. You will never know how much I appreciated all that everyone did for me to help me to be able to see the show. May God bless each and every one of you! I will never, ever forget you. Special thanks to Sister Ivy Williams. Thanks again, and much love.

Joy,
Sister Mary Mathis

A Note of thanks, to all from the bottom of my heart for the Christmas gifts for my boys. I really am grateful.

Sincerely,
Tianna Sahil

Pastor Dent, Sister Dent and the First African Baptist Church Family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the phone calls, the visits and the beautiful cards I received. It's special people like you that make this a better world a better place to live. Again thank you and may God bless you continually.

Love and Joy,
Deaconess Berneastine Hammond

Dear Rev. Dent, Mrs. Dent, and our First African Church Family,

We would like to thank you for the beautiful resolutions, thoughtful cards, phone calls, and kind words offered at the passing of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother Dollie B. Wesson. Each loving gesture was reflective of how wonderful First African is and how it embraces its own especially in times of sorrow. We could not ask for a more generous, nurturing, and faithful church family. Again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Lovingly Submitted,
Barbara, Stephanie, and Jathan Winfree

To First African Baptist Church,

Your kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledge.

Sincerely,
The Fisher Family

To My First African Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls and visitations during my time of illness. Continue to keep me in your prayers.

Love and joy,
Sister Deborah Terry

OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-IN

House of Andrew (W) – Dea. Charles Settles

302-838-7921

Sister Elizabeth Washington	714 S. 55 th Street, Phila. PA 19143
Sister Deborah Williams	7701 Lindbergh Blvd. Apt. 2224 Philadelphia, PA 19153
Sister Ruth White	1014 Burnside Road, Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Sister Elna Williams	Studevan Apts., 1101 Hook Rd. Apt. 201, Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Rev. Gary Williams	1038 Stetser Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050

House of Bartholomew (S) – Dea. Joseph Tribbey

610-874-6056

Sister Lizette Steward	143 Bartram Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050
Sister Emily Sims	1060 Orange Ave, Sharon Hill, PA 19079

House of James (Alphaeus) (J, K) Dea. Joe Burch

610-532-8755

Sister Ida Johnson	1101 Hook Road, Apt. 204, Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Sister Darlene Jackson	1010 Baird Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050
Sister Deborah Jenkins	600 Grant Rd. 19A, Folcroft, PA 19023

House of James (Zebedee) (H) – Dea. Kevin Youngblood

610-485-1278

Sister Margaret Holmes	Wallingford Nursing Home, Wallingford, PA
Brother Lloyd Hardy	1560 Hermesprotta Dr., Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Sister Mary Hairston	831 Fern St., Yeadon, PA 19050
Sister Gwendolyn Handsome	1508 Hermesprotta Dr., Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Deaconess Berneastine Hammond	84 N. Lansdowne Ave. Apt. 202 Lansdowne, PA 19050
Sister Georgia Anne Hope	931 Burnside Rd, Sharon Hill, PA 19079

House of John (M, P) – Dea. Sam Sudler

215-492-9103

Sister Hattie Moore	Bishop Hill, Apts. 151 S. Bishop Ave, Apt. M214, Secane, PA 19018
Sister Thelma Poole	914 Yeadon Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050
Sister Mary Mathis	701 Wynnewood St., Philadelphia, PA 19151
Sister Blondell Murphy	318 Glenwood Circle, Collingdale, PA 19023

House of Matthew (E, G) – Dea. Esdene Handsome, Sr.

610-583-6588

Bro. Reginald Garnett	3243 Bailey St. Philadelphia, PA 19129
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House of Matthias (D, I, L, Q, U, V, Y, Z) – Dea. Charles Kent

215-492-6073

Deaconess Dorothy Latney	6123 Washington Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19142
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House of Peter (B) – Dea. David Thorpe

610-583-4254

Sister Beverly Barton	905 Greenhill Rd., Sharon Hill, PA 19079
Sister Juanita Brown	7999 Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken N.J. 08110
Sister Juanita A. Brown	204 Walnut Street, Morton, PA 19070
Sister Virginia Brown	Fair Acres, 340 N. Middletown Rd. Bldg. 8, Rm#419A, Lima, PA 19037
Sister Sarah Burns	1021 S. 4 th Street, Apt. 805, Phila. PA 19147

House of Phillip (C) – Dea. Nelson Brockenborough

302-475-7029

Brother Darryl Coates	8000 Mars Place, Phila, PA 19153
Sister Mischelle Coleman	7000 Clover Ln, Upper Darby, PA 19082
Sister Sharon Cuffee	30 Dover Lane, Sicklerville, N.J. 08081

House of Simon (F, N, O) – Dea. Thomas Davis

215-365-3077

Sister Evelyn Francis	Westgate Hills Nursing Home, 2050 Old West Chester Pike, Rm#123, Bed #1, Havertown, PA 19083
Brother Leroy Francisco	St. Francis Country House Nursing Home, 1412 Lansdowne Ave, Darby PA, 19023

House of Thaddaeus (A, R) - Dea. Tino Gilliam

856-466-2881

Sister Amy Alexander	Fountains at Franklin, 28301 Franklin Rd, Apt. 2390-B, Southfield, MI 48034
Sister Marian Agresto	734 Primos Ave., Primos, PA 19018
Sister Mary Russell	Little Flower Manor Nursing Home, 1201 Springfield Rd., Rm#4B, Darby, PA 19023

House of Thomas (T) – Dea. Kenneth Baines

610-430-2194

Deacon Harvey Taylor & Sister Cheryl Taylor	2995 West Chapel Ave, Apt. LG Cherry Hill, N.J. 08002
Sister Gladys Thompson	1454 N. Redfield St., Phila, PA 19151
Sister Deborah Terry	502 Clifton Ave., Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Mark Your Calendars

February 8th

8:30 am – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
Guest Speaker, Rev. Joseph Beatty, Jr.

8:45 am – B.W. Watkins Workshop

9:00 am – Women of Faith Support Ministry
Theme: “Loving Those Who Hurt You”

February 10th

5:00 pm – Chosen 300 Outing, Feeding of the Homeless
12th & SpringGarden Street, Philadelphia, PA

February 15th

9:00 am – Women’s Fellowship Breakfast
“I will do more than live, I will grow.”
Facilitator, Minister Sharon White

February 16th

2:30 pm – Alzheimer’s Support Group Meeting

February 22nd

WOL Book Club Discussion

February 23rd

111th Church Anniversary

After morning worship: Ministry of Service, Agape Room.

3:00 pm - Pastor, Sanctuary Choir, and Ushers traveling to
Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 123 Bartram Avenue, Lansdowne,
PA, Pastor preaching for the Church’s **124th** Anniversary.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT
FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

February 2 - February 8, 2014

HOLY BAPTISM & THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, 2/2	8:45 am Sunday School (Adult and Youth) 8:45 am New Member Discipleship Class 9:45 am Worship Service
After Service:	3:00 pm Pastor, Ushers and Sanctuary Choir traveling to Temple Baptist Church, 736 W. 7 th Street, Chester, PA
Monday, 2/3	6:30 pm Youth Workers Meeting 6:00 pm Angelic Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bereavement Ministry 7:00 pm Rose of Sharon Missionary Meeting
Tuesday, 2/4	6:30 pm P.H.I.T. Fitness Class - (Annex) 7:00 pm Voices of Joy Rehearsal
Wednesday, 2/5	12:00 pm Noon Day Prayer 6:00 pm Prayer Service, Led by the Houses of James Alpheaus & Thaddaeus 7:00 pm Family Bible Study, Lesson: Acts, Chapter 16
Thursday, 2/6	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Emergency Food Cupboard (Annex) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Annex 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 2/7	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, 2/8	8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:45 am B.W. Watkins Workshop 9:00 am Women of Faith Support Ministry 10:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Lil & Teen Praise Dance Ministry Rehearsal 1:00 pm WTL Drama Ministry Rehearsal 2:00 pm G.U.E.S.S. Ministry Meeting

If you or if you know of someone at First African who has achieved or experienced a significant life event recently, please share your good news with us. You may contact our *Roving Reporter*, Church Clerk, Sister Gwen at gwenbfree@yahoo.com

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday.....9:00am – 4:00pm

(Closed from 12:30pm – 1:30pm each day)

Evening Hours.....6:00pm – 9:00pm

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Fax Number.....610 461-8142

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BOOKSTORE HOURS

Wednesday 11:00am – 1:30pm

Wednesday 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Saturday 11:30am – 1:30pm

Sunday 9:00am – 10:00am
& After Service

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CREDIT UNION HOURS

Sunday 9:00am – 10:00am
& After Service

Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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NURSERY

Open to children 1 to 6 years of age.
Infants are welcome when
accompanied by a parent.