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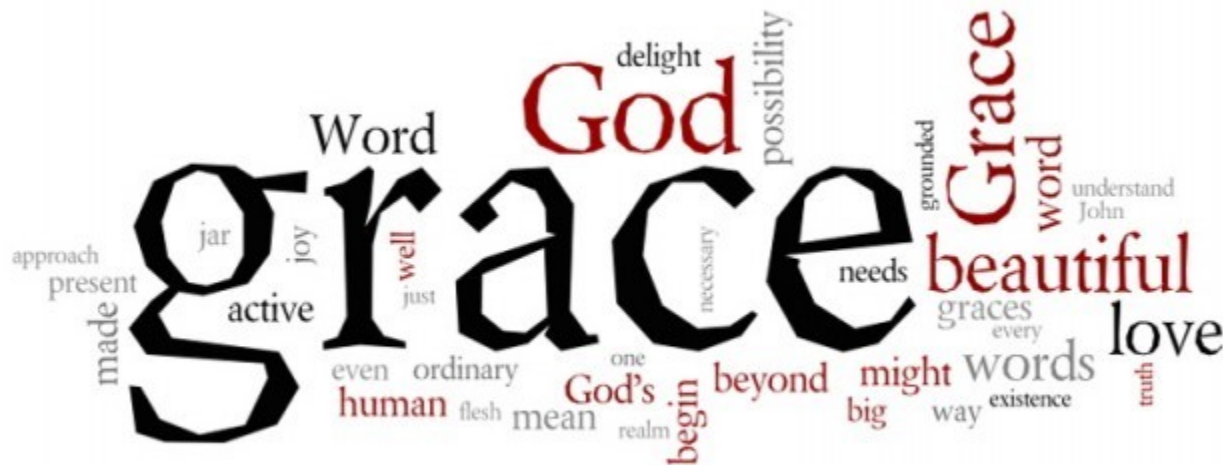
Grace

In this Edition

Are You My Neighbor?

General Prayer Newsletter

2019 Women's Togetherness
Hat Tea



From the Desk of the Executive Director/Minister

Grace is a term which Christians toss about all the time. Some use the term to describe the prayer we often give at the beginning of mealtimes. "Preacher, would you say grace for us?" is not an unfamiliar query at a fellowship meal or when a church member is entertaining guests at their home. Then we hear songs sung about grace, hymns and melodies which turn our hearts towards worship.

Have you ever sung, "Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin . . ."? We hear lessons and sermons about the topic of "grace" which try to describe the theological concept as a gift. Grace is not a topic unfamiliar to us, although it may be a topic which we too infrequently use. Like many biblical or theological terms, grace has a number of meanings, some which we know in our day to day lives and some which remain unknown.

The most common understanding of the term "grace" has to do with an event, specifically an event which causes delight (a mood or an emotion) in the experience of a person. "Grace" is tied to the sensation of joy, for grace is that which brings a bit of joy into the life of someone. Sometimes, the human experience of joy can break into the life of a person due to the efforts of one from authority, such as a king or parent, through the hand of one who governs. In this sense, such kindness might proceed from a governor or perhaps from God. Through the Old Testament, the people of Israel found grace in the acts of God, as God upheld the Mosaic Covenant which the Israelites cherished. Therefore, there is a sense that grace is a kindness done from one person to another, a kindness which brings about joy in a human's life. Who among us have not known at least once the "grace," the kindness of someone in authority over us—whether parent, teacher, boss, coach, perhaps the government? We have all experienced grace from some human. How much more have we experienced the grace of God in nature, in beauty, in life, . . .? Each one of us has experienced grace in some way.

The nature of grace intensifies considerably through the acts of Jesus. Grace among some of the New Testament writers describes primarily the message of salvation. It is the grace of Jesus the Messiah, his incarnation and his crucifixion that ultimately defines "grace" for the Christian believer.

When a person understands fully what the gift of Jesus is to humans, joy erupts in that person's life; the same is true for any community which comes to understand the message of salvation brought through Jesus. Faith in Jesus also leads to one's reception of the Spirit of Christ, which is another source of joy for believers. All which surrounds Jesus, his ministry on the earth and the Spirit which he sends to his followers are expressions of grace. They are a holy kindness which brings joy to the lives of people.

Believers have done nothing to merit grace, as is also true for Israel who was chosen in its slavery or those who receive the kindness from authorities, expressions of kindness which they did not earn. Still, believers will begin to live graceful lives, lives of kindness which bring joy into the lives of others. The Spirit transforms the believer, as individuals and as groups, to be those who treat others gracefully, in kindness reminiscent of the Lord Jesus.

As I entitled this reflection, I wrote "Grace to You" not only for the enjoyment which some act has brought you but also for the enjoyment that your acts will bring to others. Live in grace, whether within the Christian congregation or outside of it in the community. Simply, live in grace.



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June



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Meeting

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(DC)

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Clerk and Trustee
Training



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

Editor's Note about this month's edition....

Welcome to June!

This month we are thrilled to present to you memories of the Deacon and Deaconess Training and the 2019 Women's Togetherness Hat Tea. These two events were attended by numerous of churches in and out of our membership.

Please don't forget to register for the Clerk and Trustee Training this month! You certainly don't want to miss this awesome opportunity to learn and grow in your ministry.

Finally, we celebrate the life and legacy of the late Rev. Dr. John W. Cheek, pastor of Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Cheek passed away on May 24, 2019 and left behind a legacy of pure love to everyone he came in contact with. We will miss him immensely.



Blessings to you and Enjoy!

Kimberly Anne

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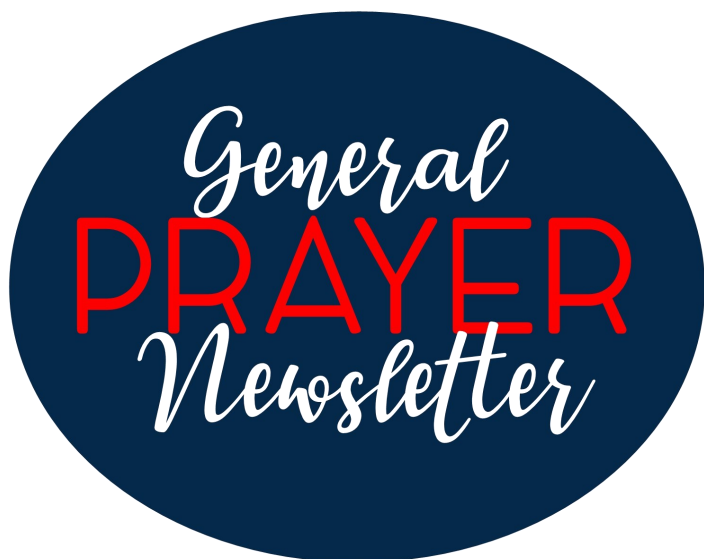
TRUSTEES

The role of the Trustee is to be "Keepers of God's House." In this workshop we will discuss; the purpose and role of the trustee; Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreements; document review (AOI, bylaws, meeting minutes, insurances, etc.); facility oversight, repairs and safety issues; and how to be proactive against legal liabilities.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019 - 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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We are seeing a number of retirements from the churches around the D.C. Baptist Convention. While we cover this in the Equipping Leaders Prayer Newsletter this month, it is important to note that the Baby Boomers began reaching retirement age some seven years ago, and that aging process continues to develop. Pray for those who are retiring, such as Rev. Maxwell Washington, Rev. Ishmael Shaw, Rev. Joel Hawthorne and Rev. James Crosson, and for the churches and organizations which they have served over the years. All of these newly minted retirees are not pastors; many are leaders throughout our churches and our convention. Certainly new leaders will step into these roles, and pray for God's direction in that process.

We do give thanks for the work of the Membership Committee under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood, II. The committee has worked through the process of membership for two churches, Mara (Chin) Christian Church of Catonsville and Zion Baptist Church of Eastland Gardens. They will also propose the provisional affiliation of "You Belong," a church service organization dedicated to helping the church in its ministry of outreach. Give thanks for these efforts and for the interest of these new churches. Another church is approaching the DCBC for potential membership, but probably we will share the name of that church in a later prayer newsletter.

This is the time of the year that the staff of the DCBC begins to focus on grants that are opportunities for D.C. Baptists. We are working currently on the Palmer Grant from the American Baptist Churches, USA as well as approaching for another time the Crother Foundation of Baltimore for a grant. The D.C. Baptist Convention Foundation just has offered another project grant to the DCBC for Engaging Communities for which we are thankful. We are also in the process of sharing grant funds with our churches through our varied offices. Metropolitan Baptist Church, now meeting in Prince Georges County is a recent recipient. Give thanks for the way that God is linking D.C. Baptists to resources, both from within the Baptist community and the general community.

Let us remember to pray for our ministry partners as they prepare for the Annual Gatherings. The Mission Summit, known often as the ABC Biennial, will be meeting in Virginia Beach, VA, the city which is reeling in the tragedy of the latest mass shooting, this month. Both Robert Cochran and Andre Towner from the DCBC staff will be attending this meeting and helping to orient new pastors to the ABC-USA while there. Certainly there will be other DCBC-related pastors attending that meeting, and many DCBC pastors may attend either the SBC meeting in Birmingham this month or the meeting of the PNBC later in August. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship with which DCBC has no official relationship (similar to the SBC) will have its meeting this month, too, one which many DCBC pastors and ministers will attend. Let us pray for our pastors and for the denominations to which we are related as they have these meetings this month: for safety, for wisdom and for joy.

Takoma Park Baptist Church is observing its 100th Anniversary this week through celebrations across the weekend. Let us remember to join in the joy of this church as they remember what God has done through them across these years. Give thanks for God's work with and through the Takoma Park Baptist Church.

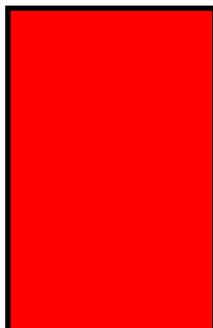
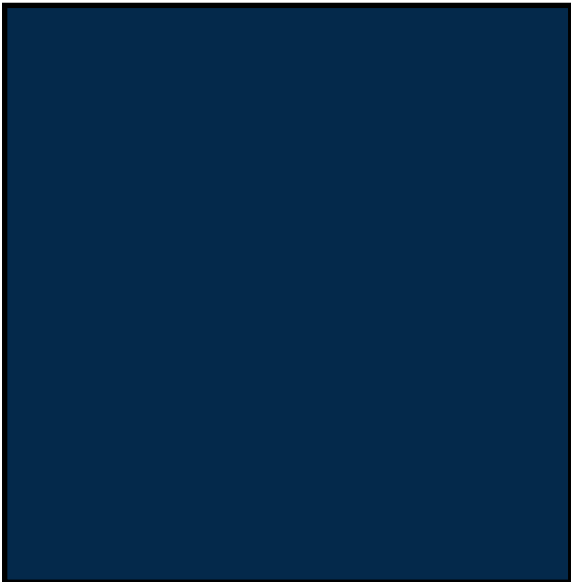


Another meeting of Baptists that will soon be upon us is that of the Baptist World Alliance which meets this year during the second week of July in Nassau, the Bahamas. Several DCBC pastors and staff members of the DCBC are participating in the meeting presenting papers and sharing with Baptists across the world, gaining insights and enjoying fellowship with one another. Give thanks for the BWA and pray for the meeting both as it approaches and the BWA staff works hard in preparation and through the program of the meeting. Pray that God will use the meeting to strengthen the fellowship of Baptists across the world and to bless their efforts in ministry and in sharing God's Good News. We mourn with the BWA and its members at this time the passing of Dr. Denton Lotz went

to be with the Lord earlier this year.

Remember to pray for the preparation for the DCBC Budget of 2020. We have been having a good budget year, and we hope to continue to do so. One of the challenges is that the long-term lessee of the Johnenning Baptist Community Center is leaving that building at the end of July. It appears that another lessee will move into the building, but all change brings some awareness of the uncertainty of the future. We thank God that we are in God's hands! Pray that this transitional time. Further prayers should be offered simply for the work of building the structure of the 2020 Budget, for this is the time that the Treasurer, the Executive Director/Minister and the Stewardship Committee works upon it. Planning of goals, objectives and events occurred at the Annual Staff Retreat held at the facilities of First Baptist Church in Silver Spring during May. Now the budget is formed to support these proposed efforts. Give thanks for the good support through Stewardship which the churches of the DCBC have shown this year and pray for the continued ministry this supports.

On June 9, Saturday afternoon, the Burmese Cultural Celebration will be held at the Pathways Baptist Church from two o'clock to five o'clock in the afternoon. This is in support of the partnership mission project of the DCBC with the Myanmar Baptist Convention. The project of the Burma Work Group began three years ago and saw its first overseas expression this past February and March. We hope that this celebration will help more people to know about the Burma Work Group and the efforts of the DCBC in partnership with the Baptists In Myanmar. Already we are thankful that other Baptists have seen these effort and noticed what they can do to meet the mission needs of our friends in Myanmar.



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• For it is by grace you have been saved through faith - and this not from yourselves it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. - Eph.2:8-9 • From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. - John 1:16 • For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that you through his poverty might become rich. - 2 Cor.8:9 • But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. - 2 Cor.12:9 • And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. - 2 Cor.9:8

Grace, which comes from the Greek New Testament word *charis*, is God's unmerited favor. It is kindness from God that we don't deserve. There is nothing we have done, nor can ever do to earn this favor. It is a gift from God. Grace is divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration (rebirth) or sanctification; a virtue coming from God; a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine favor.

Webster's New World College Dictionary provides this theological definition of grace: "The unmerited love and favor of God toward human beings; divine influence acting in a person to make the person pure, morally strong; the condition of a person brought to God's favor through this influence; a special virtue, gift, or help given to a person by God."

God's Grace and Mercy

In Christianity, God's grace and God's mercy are often confused. Although they are similar expressions of his favor and love, they possess a clear distinction. When we experience God's grace, we *receive favor* that we *do not* deserve. When we experience God's mercy, we are *spared punishment* that we *do* deserve.

Amazing Grace

God's grace is truly amazing. Not only does it provide for our salvation, it enables us to live an abundant life in Jesus Christ:

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (ESV)

God's grace is available to us at all times, for every problem and need we face. God's grace frees us from slavery to sin, guilt, and shame. God's grace allows us to pursue good works. God's grace enables us to be all that God intends us to be. God's grace is amazing indeed.

Examples of Grace in the Bible

John 1:16-17

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (ESV)

Romans 6:14

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (ESV)

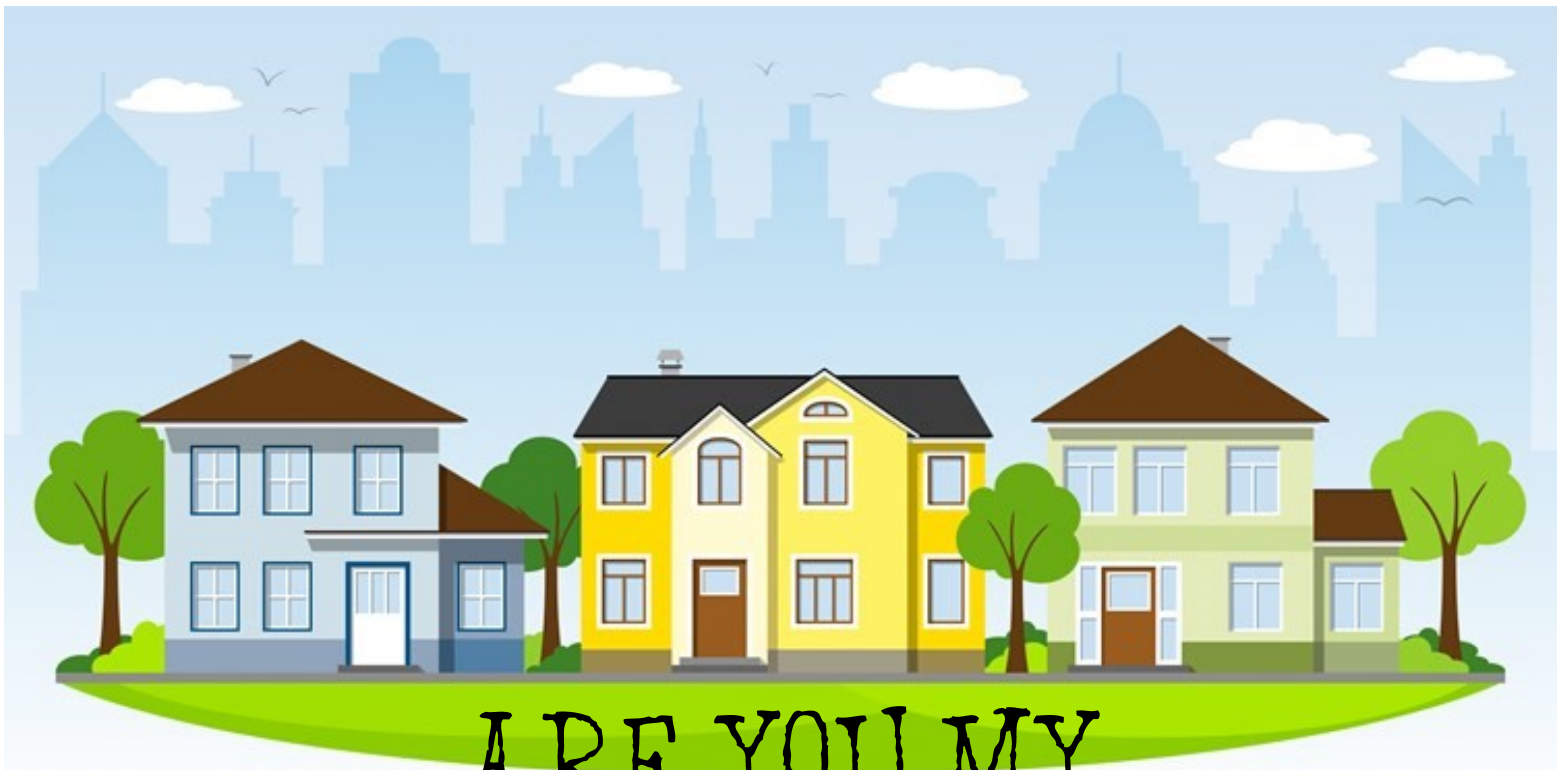
Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ... (ESV)

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people ... (ESV)

Fairchild, Mary. "What God's Grace Means to Christians." Learn Religions, Apr. 17, 2019, [learnreligions.com/meaning-of-gods-grace-for-christians-700723](https://www.learnreligions.com/meaning-of-gods-grace-for-christians-700723).



ARE YOU MY NEIGHBOR?

By Starlette Thomas, Minister to Empower Congregations

The Office of Empowering Congregations (OEPC) is inviting member churches of the D.C. Baptist Convention to build community. In step with the liturgical calendar and continuously inspired by the commonality expressed by the early church in the book of Acts, our office seeks to strengthen the ties that bind us together. With mini-grants for neighborhood cleanup, community gardens and laundry days, health clinics and book drives as well as resources and supports that aid in our collective understanding of community building, the goal is to cultivate a deeper and richer Christ-consciousness. God is with us in Christ Jesus, but God is also working with us.

God's hands are dirty— not pristine, not scrubbed clean. Dirty nails, brown clay, the Potter is hands on. God leaves heaven; surely, we can leave our homes. Jesus walked among us for thirty - three years; so, we can spare a week-end. He shows up again and again after the crucifixion to teach, cook and commission. He has been through more than any of us, for all of us. Does anything really stop us from practicing his ministry?

Consequently, this is an invitation to not simply raise your hands because this is not a numbers game but we are counting on you to put our hands in. While our politics and our cultural perspectives would divide us, we are all called to Christ's bleeding side. Distracted by our phones, Jesus calls our attention back to him and in so doing, back to each other.

For the past year, I have been walking alongside the Rev. Clarence Jordan, one of the founders of the Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia. It was an intentional Christian community founded in 1942. Before the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, he was challenging segregationist laws and unfair living wages. Jordan was crossing cultures and paying the price for it. Kicked out of his own church, his business boycotted, his life threatened, Jordan paid the price for fellowship.

Because the question is not, "Who are you?" or "Why are you here?" but "Are you my neighbor?" And the answer is always, "Yes." Join the Amen corner and the psalmist who sings, *"The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof, the world and the people who dwell*

therein" (24.1).

So, open the doors of your church and love your neighbor "like you love yourself. Swing open the doors and your arms to fully accept yourself in them. Let the world in and bear witness to the God who "so loved the world" (John 3.16). Pete Morales of the Unitarian Universalist tradition agrees. He writes,

"Hospitality is not something to be proclaimed; it must be lived. Hospitality is both a spiritual discipline and an expression of spiritual health. If I feel angry, hurt, unloved, or alienated I cannot offer a warm welcome. Conversely, if I am at peace, filled with joy at being alive, aware of those around me with compassion in my heart, then hospitality flows naturally and inevitably from the depths of my being.

What is true of an individual is also true of a community. A congregation in which people do not genuinely love each other is not likely to exude warmth. A congregation that is self-absorbed and disconnected from its community cannot offer religious hospitality. Hospitality is love in action."

Neighboring is a spiritual discipline, an expression of hospitality first to self and then to others. More than mission projects and outreach opportunities, this is not limited to feel good moments and photos with bright smiles at the end. This is an opportunity to begin to love deeply, to listen authentically, to live more fully into the gospel of Jesus Christ, who moved into the earth and became our neighbor



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Rodney Ragwan, director of Mission Mobilization, at

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www.internationalministries.org/hear-the-call/.

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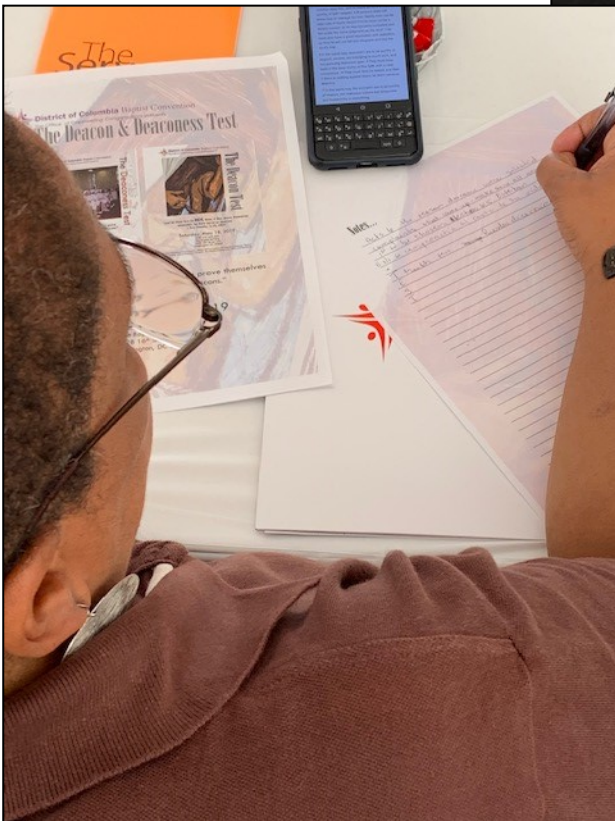
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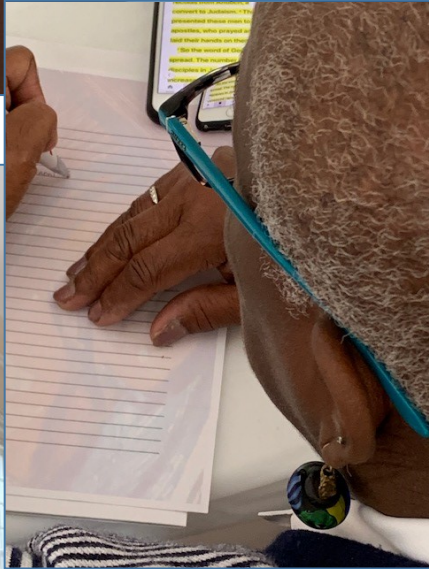
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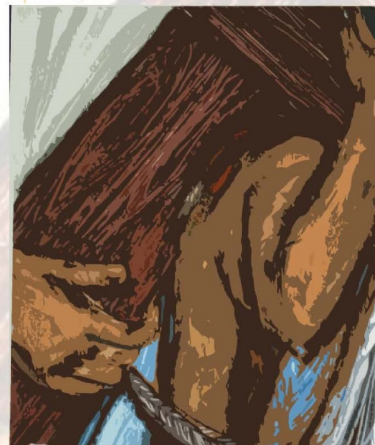
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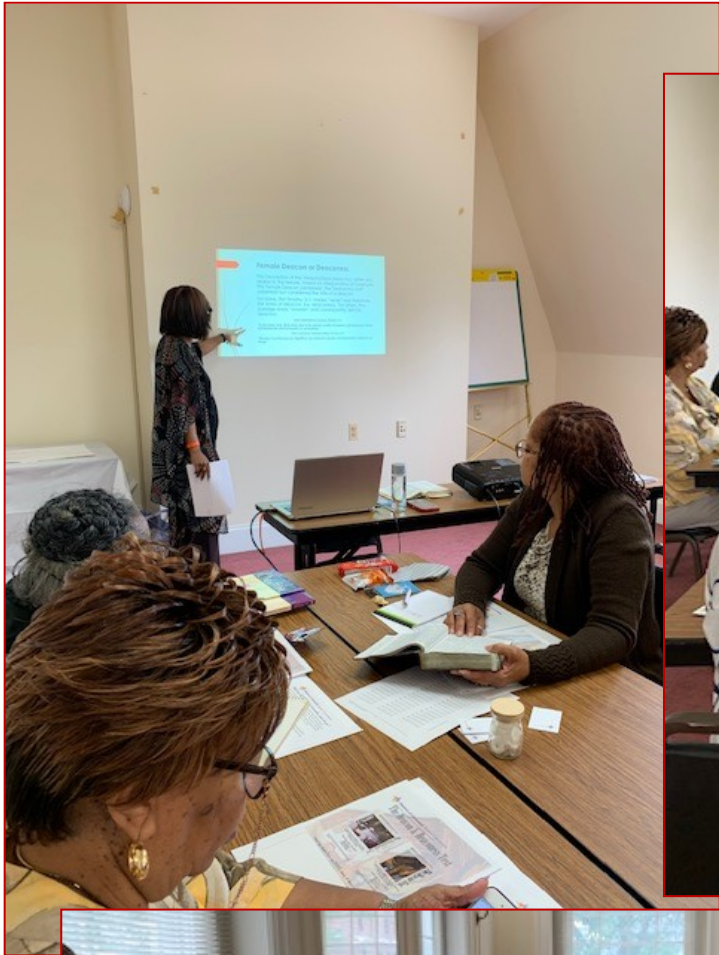
The Deacon Test

"And let them first be **tested**; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons."
| First Timothy 3.10, NRSV

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PROVERBS 22:6



RESPOND WITH
SENSITIVITY TO
THEIR WEAKNESSES.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



ALLOW THEM AN
OUTLET TO BE
CANDID WITH YOU.

HEBREWS 12:15



COMMUNICATE
FORGIVENESS WHEN
THEY MAKE MISTAKES.

EPHESIANS 4:32



EXPRESS YOUR LOVE
CONSISTENTLY AND
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1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A



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Saturday
JULY 27, 2019
9:00AM - 1:00 PM



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1325 Maryland Ave, NE
Washington, DC



EQUIPPING LEADERS PRAYER NEWSLETTER

The D.C. Baptist Convention is experiencing a number of pastoral changes. Churches need your prayer support as they close out loving and long-standing relationships with pastors, prepare to search for new pastors and begin to engage newly-called pastors. We have several churches at varied steps in the process named above. These churches include:

Pray for these churches, their ministry staffs and their lay leaders as they work to call their next pastor to lead the church.

Normally at this time of the year, the work of the Commission for Ordination picks up due to the graduation of students who are completing seminary degrees. This year, however, that has not yet been the case. We do have two pastors: Dr. Donald Kelly of Olive Branch Community Church in Montgomery County, MD and Dr. Charles Collins, transitional pastor for National Baptist Memorial Church who are seeking recognition of the ordination by the American Baptist Churches, USA. Pray for these two men as they work with the Commission for Ordination to move through this process of recognition.

We had over the last month the passing of two persons who have affected the families of two of our pastors. The earliest of these was the passing of a young man Jermaine Blaske, the grandson. Dr. Marion Criddle, pastor of Rivers of Joy. This has been a tragic death as Jermaine was on the cusp of completing the school year. The second passing to glory was that of Rev. Dr. John Cheek of Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church who suffered a fatal event after his return from an air flight, returning from travel. Pray for both of the pastoral families as they work through their grief as well as for the churches that loved these two well.

As we experience these losses through death, so also we are moving toward the losses of several pastors through retirements. We have heard of several of these lately including: the coming retirement of Rev. Dr. Ishmael Shaw of Paramount Baptist Church, that of Rev. Dr. Michael Bledsoe of Riverside Baptist Church, that of Rev. Joel Hawthorne of Montgomery Hills Baptist Church and that of Rev. James Crosson of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. Additionally, we have learned recently that Rev. Leonard Massie has retired from his work at Resurrection Baptist Church in upper Montgomery County. Clearly, we can expect retirements from long-serving ministers, especially in light of the aging Baby Boomers, although all of those mentioned above are not Baby Boomers. Give thanks for these who have ministered well. Pray for them as they enter the next phase of their ministry which is retirement. Pray for the congregations that they serve as these conclude their service. We hope some of these, if not all, will enter the ministry of mentoring young ministers, new to service in the DCBC and the metropolitan area.

The Equipping Leaders Team is working on the provision of a Retreat for Clergy Couples Check-ups during the month of September. This is part of the emphasis through the NCAMO/The Blessing Offering of 2018. The retreat is to be held on Friday and Saturday of September - at the Clagett Center in Frederick County. The leaders of the retreat will be Dr. Donald Kelly of Olive Branch Community Church and Rev. Lisa Banks-Williams of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Pray for these two leaders as they prepare their materials for the retreat. Give thanks for their willingness to help establish this

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NEWSLETTER

In our leadership efforts we continue to work with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV), Northstar Church Network in northern Virginia and the John Leland Center for Theological Education. The John Leland Center, now under the leadership of Dr. William (Bill) Smith had its graduation of students on the first day of June. Give thanks for the continued ministry of this school. DCBC, the BGAV and NorthStar have been partners in the ministry and in the support of the John Leland Center for approximately 20 years. Give thanks both for the partnership with other Baptist groups that brings positive

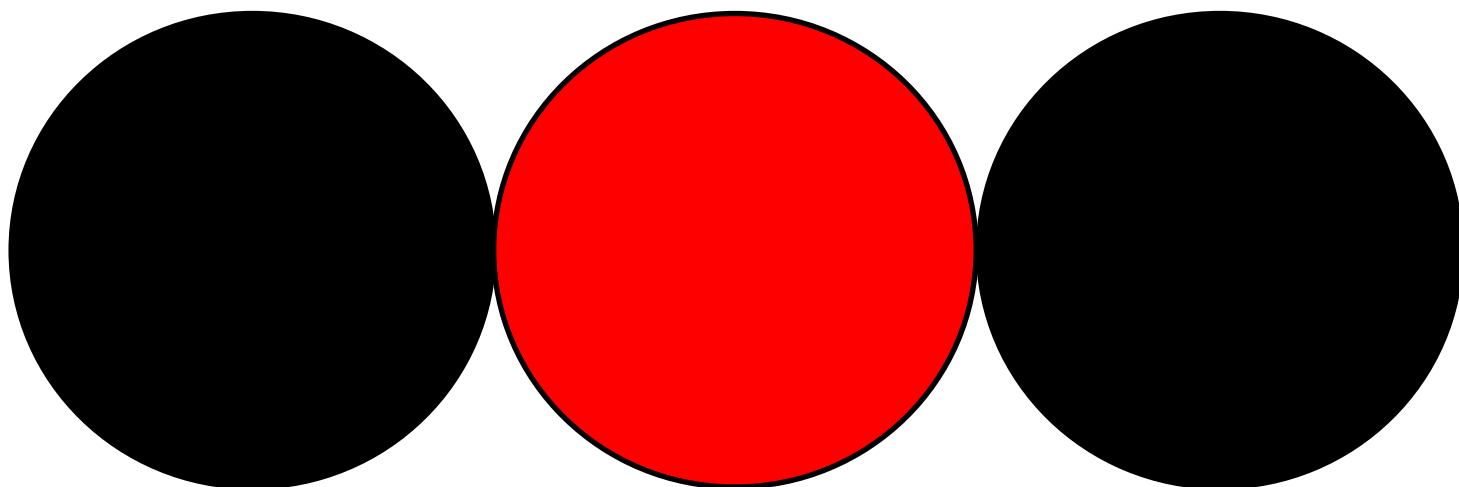
ministry results and also for the ministry of this school to students from DCBC churches and from other churches located in the metropolitan area.

This past month, Pathways Baptist Church of Gaithersburg, MD installed Dr. Ed Williams as its pastoral leader on its staff. Many will recall that Dr. Williams once served as the pastor of First Baptist Church of Wheaton and during that time led that church to relocate to Olney, MD becoming known as Streams of Hope. Streams of Hope later merged with First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg becoming known as Pathways Baptist Church. Pray now for the merged congregation with its new name for a fresh vision from God and for Dr. Williams as he becomes their leader. Give thanks for the past of these two congregations and pray for their future together.

Remember to pray for all the young people and the young adults who have graduated these past weeks or who will graduate in the coming days. Ask God to lead and guide these excited young people in the direction that they will go as they start this new phase of life. May God bless them and lead them to be productive in society and a blessing to many.

A final loss that we should note is the passing of Dr. Denton Lotz, once the General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA). During some of the time that he worked with the BWA, Dr. Lotz had his office on one of the floors that we know as the Baptist Building, a building which DCBC once owned as a partner with the BWA. Give thanks for Dr. Lotz, for his commitment to the mission of Christ and the unity of Christian witness as well as for the influence that he had on D.C. Baptists through his presence and his ministry.

Pray for the leaders who will be gathering for the Mission Summit of the American Baptist Churches, USA during the third week of June as well as for those leaders who will gather in Birmingham, AL for the meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship at about the same time. Pray for the Progressive National Baptist Convention as they prepare to meet together during the month of August.



ST. Mary's Baptist Church



5th Sunday **Women's Hats & Pearls Fellowship**

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Rev. Daryl M. Washington - Senior Pastor



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10:00AM - 1:00PM



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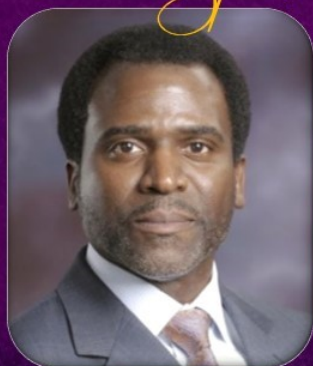
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