



The Messenger

March 2020



From the Pastor's Desk

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

2 Timothy 1:7

It's an understatement to say that we are living in devastatingly uncertain times. To say that we serve a God Who is more than able to see us through our present difficulties is to affirm our unrelenting faith in a loving and protective and ever-present God. These times, like no other times known to many of us, are the times when we should be making every effort to be our brothers' and our sisters' keepers. God has truly blessed all of us and I sincerely believe that it is God's desire that you and I be a blessing to others around us.

As mainstream media heralds the news of the global spread of COVID-19 infections and the rising death toll, panic is also spreading as multitudes are gripped by fear and take desperate measures to prevent themselves from contracting this deadly disease. Speculation over the source of the outbreak is rampant,

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leaving many to wonder if this was a bioweapon attack by globalists who wish to control the world's population or other such schemes. What should the Christian's reaction to all this be?

Many Christians will be tempted to say the COVID-19 pandemic is a judgment of God against an evil world. Others may be tempted to assign blame for the 'release' of the virus by wicked people looking to enslave humanity. The simple answer is that we don't know for sure. Therefore, we should not participate in the speculation and propagate salacious accusations and theories - things we don't know for certain to be the truth.

It is natural to fear when confronted with the threat of death. But the believer in Jesus Christ has been given supernatural life that responds differently than the natural person. 2 Timothy 1:7 says **“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”** Fear is not the Christian's master. If we are responding spiritually to a situation, our response will never involve embracing fear or making decisions based on fear. For many, the spread of this virus has caused fear and anxiety. Scripture is clear that God has given us a spirit of love, power, and a sound mind: not fear.

In the coming days, I pray that we would sense peace in the midst of these dire circumstances. Be well advised that this does not mean we should be careless or reactionary; but rather that we work together to serve our church and community in a way that demonstrates that we *“trust in our God Who cares for us”* and is in control. We ought to be wise and prepared and I believe that this excludes fear and anxiety. As Christians, we should use this present situation as an opportunity to share the Gospel, and be prepared to be a blessing when called upon.

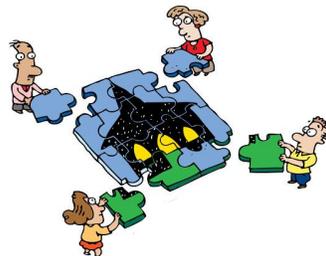
TRUSTEES' MINISTRY NEWS!

By Terrence Wilson & Dionne Ward

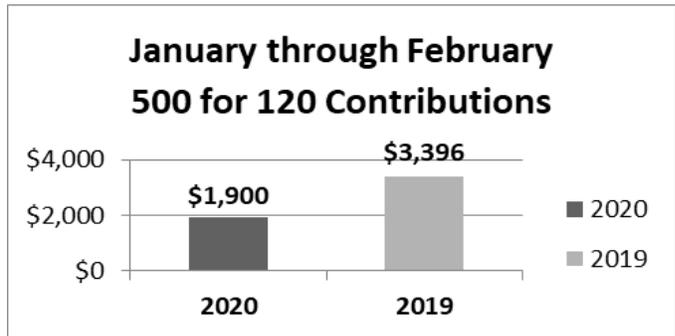


The trustees are continuously in the practice of assessing the needs of our physical building and our financial needs as it correlates to our ministries and underlying missions. As a ministry, we continue to do much in regular maintenance of the property. Most recently, new carpet was installed in certain areas on Level B and lights were replaced behind the pulpit and in other parts of the building. We are still working on finding a contractor who will replace the ceiling tiles and the lights in the sanctuary and if you know of a reputable company that would do that for us, please let us know.

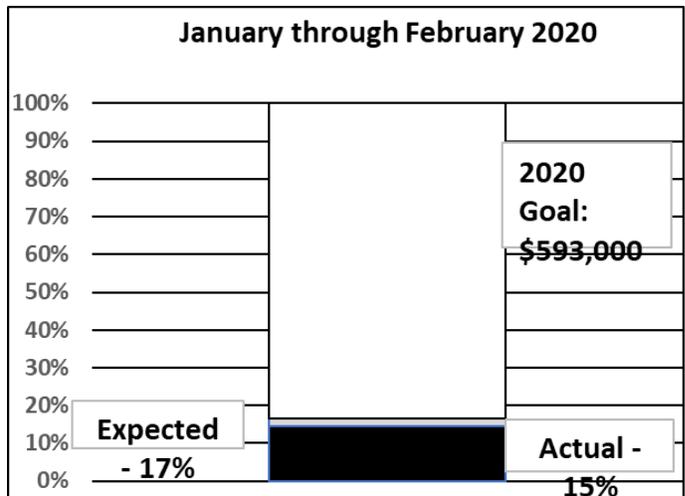
Please know that it takes a lot to maintain a facility the size of our church and we thank you for your continued support. We encourage you to continue to be faithful servants through your tithes and offerings and through your talents. Also, volunteers are always needed to assist with some of the work needed around the church, especially with keeping the landscape beautiful, driving the bus, and helping to keep areas of the church neat and orderly. If you are able to help in any way, please let a trustee know!



500 for 120 Update:



Tithes and Offerings Update:



God is great!

The Trustees' Ministry encourages you to continue to be faithful through your offerings.

We have received almost \$2,000 in 500 for 120 contributions for 2020!

We have also collected 15% of tithes and offerings for 2020.

Continue to give God praise as we glorify God's name.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Patricia Dickerson

The joy of allowing God to order our steps in His Word in our everyday living, as servants of the Lord, is very amazing. The MOCE takes this time to share with you exciting news of our ministry: Deacon Hester Brown is the new Chairperson of the Deacons' Ministry, and Willy Barr Davis, who is now an Ordained Deacon, will serve as Secretary. Trustee Tanya Brice will lead Vacation Bible School starting June 2020, under the direction of the Rev. Lawrencine Smith.

We thank God for our servants and His help in bringing us to the understanding that by being servants and helping others, we reflect God and become God's love at work. We give God all the glory.

The Mission of Good Shepherd Baptist Church which is "to respond to the call of God by providing a place where God's truths are taught and practiced in an effort to nurture the needs and aspirations of our members and the community," will be the focus of the MOCE Ministry in 2020. The Ministry has reached out to the congregation for help in making this a church-wide joint effort. We are requesting suggestions for a logo and color for the GSBC Mission Statement banner. A pink and white suggestion box has been placed in the vestibule, and we encourage members to participate by filling it with suggestions. The deadline for suggesting a logo and color is April 1, 2020.

The Ministry of Christian Education reminds everyone not to live in fear, but to be very careful in protecting yourself and others as we deal with the coronavirus. Please follow guidelines that are provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our church.

Trusting in the God Who Cares
Proverbs 3: 1-12

DEACONESSES MINISTRY

By Wilhelmina Davis and
Arlene Garnett

The Deaconesses' Ministry greets you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Deaconesses' Ministry started the New Year with new leadership namely, Arlene Garnett, President; Wilhelmina Davis, Vice President; Karen Denise Harris, Secretary; Gloria Watford, Assistant Secretary and Carolyn Friend, Chaplin. Under the leadership of Deaconess Garnett, the year has started bright with the full support of 17 active deaconesses. We are also grateful to have two Deaconesses in Training, Veronica Crump and Shirley Rodgers, who accepted the call without hesitation.

We are certainly appreciative of all the deaconesses who are willing to work to assist the congregation and the Pastor as we uplift God's Kingdom.

Our hearts are also heavy as we mourn, with the families, the loss of two of our Senior deaconesses during the first part of the year. They are Laura Goode and Mae Georgia Johnson. The Deaconesses' Ministry was faithful in visitation with our Senior Deaconesses and their wisdom and guidance will certainly be missed by the Deaconesses' Ministry.

"I have fought the good, fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

We ask continually for God's grace and mercy on all in our congregation as we seek to spread goodwill and the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

JOINT USHER MINISTRY

By LaVerne Jones

The Joint Usher Ministry is preparing for its Anniversary Weekend, March 21-22, 2020. The theme is "Ushers: Honoring God Through Service."

The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to be facilitated by the Reverend Paul Pleasants. The topic will be "Commitment." Are you committed in your ministry? All are invited to attend. On Sunday we will receive a message from the Reverend Ricardo Brown of Fifth Baptist Church. Please come out and help us to celebrate.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By Florence Jones

The Women's Fellowship Ministry meets on the 1st Saturday of each month at 11:45 a.m., except when a church-wide event is happening. All women of Good Shepherd are automatically members, even when they do not actively participate. Take a look below at all of the wonderful events and fun you missed last year if you were not in attendance. We are expecting more exciting events in 2020.

Dramatical Presentations

"Nobody Knows The Trouble I See," a Black History skit written and performed by our Good Shepherd Women's Fellowship Actors

A Black History event, "From Tragedy to Triumph: The Martha Ann Fields Story" Dramatist, Ms. Valerie Davis

"Handmade Women Molded by the Potter—God" written and performed by our Good Shepherd WF Actors at our 2019 Retreat

Health and Educational Topics

Eight Tips on How to Prevent Heart Disease

Stress Information

Holistic Wellness and Diabetes

Suicide Information

The meaning of Ash Wednesday and celebration of the Mardi Gras

Fellowship

Visit to the Glenburnie Rehab Center

Visit to the Elizabeth Crump Nursing Facility

Discussion on the Importance of Sisterhood

Feeding the Homeless

Food and Games

Spiritual

Attended a Prayer Breakfast at Manna Christian Fellowship Church

Women's Fellowship Bible Classes of Richmond & Vicinity hosted by Moore Street B.C., Mt. Calvary B.C., and GSBC

Some events you can look forward to this year are a fabulous Rainbow Tea to be presented on April 4, 2020, and our annual Woman's Retreat which will be held July 31 - August 2, 2020 at Good Shepherd. This year's theme for the retreat is "Covered by God's Feathers." Please come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship, as you learn more about the love of God.



PRAYER MINISTRY

By Lynne Rozier

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

“When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us . . . Forgive us . . . And lead us . . .’”

— Luke 11:2-4

Throughout Jesus’ entire ministry, he was preparing his disciples for the time when he would die on the cross. They may not have known what was coming, but Jesus knew he would soon leave them. Each day, Christ taught them by his example and equipped them for life after his death and resurrection. Part of this was teaching them how to pray.

Both Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke recorded Jesus’ famous prayer lesson for his disciples. Today, many people know this prayer from memory. In worship, believers often recite it in unison. We call it “The Lord’s Prayer,” but it could also be called “The Disciples’ Prayer.”

Even before Jesus begins this prayer, Luke makes an important point. “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.” His disciples saw that Jesus was a man of prayer. And they knew he could teach them.

The disciples wanted to know how to connect with God when they were alone with him. Interestingly, Jesus doesn’t say, “Just memorize this brief prayer.” Nor does he claim that it covers all we should ask of our Father. But it does convey the essence of prayer and is well worth memorizing.

Notice that the first petition doesn’t ask anything for ourselves, but only for God’s honor: “Make your name holy” (“hallowed”). Above all, true disciples seek to uphold God’s holiness and pray that his kingdom will come.

After that come requests for the basics: daily needs; forgiveness as we forgive; and leading away from evil to full life in God’s kingdom.

Do you want to be more like Jesus? Do you want to prepare your heart during this Lenten season? Start with this simple prayer.

PRAYER: *Father, hallow your name in my life! Provide all I need so that I can be the person you call me to be for your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus, Amen.*

Written by [Norman Brown](#)



The Journey

By Royston

Through the streets on a donkey Jesus rode
on that long and lonely Calvary road,
to the cross upon Golgotha’s hill,
determined salvation's plan to fulfil.

Ride on Lord, and complete your life’s journey
to climb up that steep hill at Calvary,
where with your nail pierced hands and thorn
crowned head
you were whipped and scourged as for me you
bled.

It was for me Lord Jesus that you died.
It was for me Lord Jesus that you cried;
“Father forgive, they know not what they do”
as spear and the nails were banged into you.

Only you, Jesus would do such a thing.
Only you, Jesus could bear the whips sting.
No one else could ever love me like you
No one else would have seen that journey
through.

CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY

By Gladys Archer

The Clothes Closet Ministry continues to serve the needs of our community, and this past Christmas we provided clothing and gifts to a single mother and her 4 children that live in a neighboring county. One of our members brought the need to our attention. In the Month of February, we sent more clothing for the children.

A single mother, and her 17-month old baby girl lost everything in a house fire. We provided clothing for the mother and child.

A single mother with 3 teenage sons would like to pass on her gratitude to Pastor and Mrs. Smith as well as the Carter family for the clothing and sneakers they provided for her sons when they started school in September 2019.

Thank you to all members and friends for your continued donations to this ministry. Some of our members bring new clothing when they hear that there is a special need. Without you, we could not meet these needs.

Special thanks to Rev. Arthur Blackwell who has volunteered his assistance with extra tasks going forward.

If you are interested in volunteering one Saturday a month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, please contact Esther Evans - 804-643-1218 or Gladys Archer - 804-218-7566.



DORCAS MINISTRY

By Ellen Johnson

The Dorcas volunteer ministry has been faithful in supporting the children and staff at Woodville Elementary School. We have even supported Micah financially with a donation and attended several of their meetings.

Half the school year has gone by quickly, and we are still as active as ever at Woodville. We happily attribute our service to doing the Lord's work. The Lord has blessed the Dorcas Ministry with willing workers and volunteers, who have proven to be cheerful givers of their time, money, and service. These individuals have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their services at Woodville Elementary, and it seems as though they are not tired yet.

Our volunteers are still mentoring and tutoring the students at Woodville, as well as assisting the teachers with whatever is needed, such as helping students one on one, adopting a class by giving supplies and assisting with special events.

At Thanksgiving, the volunteers gave five baskets with a complete Thanksgiving dinner in each. Several volunteers gave coats and other items for the students to have a wonderful Christmas. A volunteer sent a couple of cakes to the school with the recipes for Christmas. In January, we gave a variety of supplies for the fourth and fifth graders, along with incentive pencils. We are sure that such items were the highlight of some child's day.

I would like to thank all of you who have given of your time, money and service to inspire the students at Woodville Elementary School. We are here to share our love of Jesus Christ through our service to others.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SCOUTS

By Julie Shell

Good Shepherd Baptist Church hosts a plethora of successful organizations which includes Boy Scout Troop 432. The Troop recently celebrated Boy Scout Sunday on February 16, 2020, and their achievements are cause for celebration.

Did you know Troop 432 has hosted an Eagle Scout ceremony every year since 2017! *What an accomplishment.* The Troop re-chartered in 2013 and the achievements started rolling in. The first Eagle Scout ceremony following the re-chartering was Malik Williams (2017), now a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Several Scouts followed his success - Zachary Howard (2018), Zareon Pettiford (2019) and Nicholas Howard (2020).



In addition to Eagle Scout Nicholas Howard, Troop 432 will host two more Eagle ceremonies this year. Scouts Stanley Kersey and Jaylen Coleman have met all the technical requirements and project completions for the rank of Eagle and are in the process of planning their official ceremonies. What a record-setting 2020 for Boy Scout Troop 432, three Eagle Scout ceremonies in one year.

All Eagle Scouts must complete their Eagle project before reaching age eighteen. After its completion, the Eagle candidate will receive a congratulatory letter from Council informing them they have advanced to the Eagle Rank. While some perceive this as the official Eagle Scout date, most people consider the moment during the Eagle Scout ceremony when Scoutmaster Alan Meekins recites the words "Welcome to the Brotherhood of Eagle Scouts" that most remember as the official moment. It is a moment the Scout, their families and all attendees never forget. In the United States, less than four percent of Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle with less than one percent of African American Scouts achieving this rank, so this Troop's continued success is admirable and rare.

If you would like to spend some time helping in the development of our youth in a positive way, please consider joining the Boy Scouts of America. Scoutmaster Alan Meekins and the Committee will be glad to accept any time, service, or donation you are willing to provide.



SENIOR CENTER AT GSBC

By Ellen Johnson

The Good Shepherd Senior Center is available to all seniors of Good Shepherd Baptist Church and non-members who live in the community. The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p. m. It provides a delicious meal to eligible persons in a good atmosphere of seniors enjoying being seniors. Some of the enjoyment comes from those who ride the van to and from the center. They just have a ball fellowshiping while on their way to and from the Center.

Each week is filled with fun activities in which the seniors can participate. Each Monday and Wednesday, a facilitator from the YMCA leads a low energy exercise program. Tuesday, the seniors have Bible Study with members from other churches of the City of Richmond and vicinity. Throughout the week, they can play games, including dominoes, bingo and checkers, do crafts, and discuss issues of the world. They know that they cannot solve the issues, but they have the freedom of speech to express their feelings about anything.

There are times when eating out is appropriate and the seniors enjoy eating at other places. Seniors enjoy movie time at Good Shepherd, and sometimes at cinemas. Other churches invite seniors to attend an informative program, or for the Proclamation of the Word, with a delicious meal served afterwards. Events at recreational centers offer seniors a variety of experiences: games, food ventures, literature for seniors, and fun with the oldies, but goodies, songs from yesteryear. Many of the seniors enjoy the events with other senior citizen groups, while dancing and fellowshiping with old classmates and new friends. Sometimes they even win a prize for naming that song.

Since our cafe is with the Senior Connections program, some of the outside activities are arranged by Senior Connections to inform and

to enhance the health and well-being of the seniors, along with having fun. They also arrange for the Older American Day once a year. This day is really enjoyable. The seniors get all kind of household items, literature for health and safety, home health care and information for the caregiver. The police department serves the seniors. There is music, dancing and just good old-fashioned fellowship.

A couple of weeks ago, the seniors enjoyed an informative performance about Coretta Scott King, a Black History program at Fifth Baptist Church. This kind of activity is enjoyed by the seniors.

We invite seniors of Good Shepherd Baptist Church and seniors within the community to join us at the Senior Center for fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal. And please bring your ideas about improvements or enhancements of our senior program with you. If you need any information about the Senior Center or to complete your enrollment process, contact the church office or the center director.



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

By Wanda Hunt

Practicing Gratitude When Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's/Dementia

This time of the year can be overwhelming with expectations around the holidays and, caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or any form of dementia, doesn't make it any easier. One way to find some relief from the pressure and stress of caregiving is to focus on gratitude. You might find gratefulness in a glimmer of beauty, a positive emotion, someone's smile, or a favorite show. Finding something to be thankful for, whether great or small, can help calm your mind and lift your mood.

Research shows that in general, an attitude of gratitude may benefit one's daily well-being, and not just in psychological ways. Some study results even indicate that thankfulness may support physical health as well – improving sleep and heart health. Research still has many questions to answer. Are grateful people healthier? Or are healthier people just more grateful? Perhaps people with a thankful perspective on the world are more likely to eat a healthy diet, exercise, follow their doctor's recommendations, or less likely to smoke? Even with all of the questions that still exist about the impact of gratitude, thankfulness does seem to be connected with a better quality of life.

Some days, caring for someone with Alzheimer's/dementia can make it hard to feel thankful. Managing a loved one's needs and symptoms may be draining and make it harder to find time for yourself. Like most things in life, gratitude can get easier with practice. Setting aside time to practice gratitude can help you get in the habit of looking for things to be thankful for.

Here are some practical ways you can increase positivity in your life:

- Keep a gratitude journal. Each day, spend five minutes writing about three things that went well for you and why you think they happened.
- Send thank you notes for gifts or kind acts.
- For someone special to you, write a letter of gratitude detailing all the ways you are thankful for them.
- Engage in spiritual acts such as counting blessings or giving thanks.
- List a few important, positive events in your life and reflect on what life would have been like without them.
- Take a short break from a favorite thing – a dessert, a beverage, a type of music, a show – and then when you come back to it again, remember how much you love it.

Imagine a jar where you could place thoughts of gratitude each day. What are you grateful for?



What are you grateful for today?

HEALTH & WELLNESS

By Bedford Thaxton

How to Help Prevent Heart Disease at Any Age (American Heart Association)

Preventing heart disease (and all cardiovascular diseases) means making smart choices now that will pay off the rest of your life. Lack of exercise, a poor diet and other unhealthy habits can take their toll over the years. Anyone at any age can benefit from simple steps to keep their heart healthy during each decade of life. Here's how:

All Age Groups - No matter what your age, everyone can benefit from a healthy diet and adequate physical activity.

Choose a healthy eating plan. The food you eat can decrease your risk of heart disease and stroke. Choose foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, and sodium. As part of a healthy diet, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, fiber-rich whole grains, fish (preferably oily fish-at least twice per week), nuts, legumes and seeds and try eating some meals without meat.

Be physically active. It's a lot easier to be active and stay active if you start at a young age. "If you're accustomed to physical activity, you'll sustain it."

Don't smoke and avoid secondhand smoke. Exposure to secondhand smoke poses a serious health hazard. Nonsmokers are up to 30 percent more likely to develop heart disease or lung cancer from secondhand smoke exposure at home or work, according to a U.S. Surgeon General report.

In Your 20s - Getting smart about your heart early on puts you far ahead of the curve. The things you do — and don't—are a tell-tale sign of how long and how well you're going to live.

Find a doctor and have regular wellness exams. Healthy people need doctors, too. Establishing a relationship with a physician means you can start heart-health screenings now. Talk to your doctor about your diet, lifestyle and checking your blood pressure, cholesterol, heart rate, blood sugar and body mass index. You may also need your blood sugar checked if you

are pregnant, overweight or have diabetes. Knowing where your numbers stand early makes it easier to spot a possible change in the future.

In Your 30s - Juggling family and career leaves many adults with little time to worry about their hearts. Here are some ways to balance all three.

Make heart-healthy living a family affair. Create and sustain heart-healthy habits in your kids and you'll reap the benefits, too. Spend less time on the couch and more time on the move. Explore a nearby park on foot or bike. Shoot some hoops or walk the dog.

Know your family history. Shake down your family tree to learn about heart health. Having a relative with heart disease increases your risk, and more so if the relative is a parent or sibling. That means you need to focus on risk factors you can control by maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, not smoking and eating healthier. Also, keep your doctor informed about any heart problems you learn about in your family.

Tame your stress. Long-term stress causes an increase in heart rate and blood pressure that may damage the artery walls. Learning stress management techniques not only benefits your body, but also your quality of life. Try deep breathing exercises and find time each day to do something you enjoy. Giving back through volunteering also does wonders for knocking out stress.

In Your 40s - If heart health hasn't been a priority, don't worry. Healthy choices you make now can strengthen your heart for the long haul. Understand why you need to make a lifestyle change and have the confidence to make it. Then, tackle them one at a time. "Each success makes you more confident to take on the next one."

Watch your weight. You may notice your metabolism slowing down in your 40s. But you can avoid weight gain by following a heart-healthy diet and getting plenty of exercise. The trick is to find a workout routine you enjoy. If you need motivation to get moving, find a workout buddy.

Have your blood sugar level checked. In addition to blood pressure checks and other heart-health screenings, you should have a fasting blood glucose test by the time you're 45. This first test serves as a baseline for future tests, which you

should have every three years. Testing may be done earlier or more often if you are overweight, diabetic or at risk for becoming diabetic.

Don't brush off snoring. Listen to your sleeping partner's complaints about your snoring. One in five adults has at least mild sleep apnea, a condition that causes pauses in breathing during sleep. If not properly treated, sleep apnea can contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

In Your 50s - Unlike the emergence of wrinkles and gray hair, what you can't see as you get older is the impact aging has on your heart. So starting in the 50s, you need to take extra steps.

Eat a healthy diet. It's easy to slip into some unhealthy eating habits, so refresh your eating habits by eating plenty of fruits and vegetables, fiber-rich whole grains, fish (preferably oily fish-at least twice per week), nuts, legumes and seeds and try eating some meals without meat.

Learn the warning signs of a heart attack and stroke. Now is the time to get savvy about symptoms. Not everyone experiences sudden numbness with a stroke or severe chest pain with a heart attack. And heart attack symptoms in women can be different than men.

Follow your treatment plan. By now, you may have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or other conditions that increase your risk for heart disease or stroke. Lower your risk by following your prescribed treatment plan, including medications and lifestyle and diet changes.

In Your 60s+ With age comes an increased risk for heart disease. Your blood pressure, cholesterol and other heart-related numbers tend to rise. Watching your numbers closely and managing any health problems that arise — along with the requisite healthy eating and exercise — can help you live longer and better.

Have an ankle-brachial index test. Starting in your 60s, it's a good idea to get an ankle-brachial index test as part of a physical exam. The test assesses the pulses in the feet to help diagnose

peripheral artery disease (PAD), a lesser-known cardiovascular disease in which plaque builds up in the leg arteries.

Watch your weight. Your body needs fewer calories as you get older. Excess weight causes your heart to work harder and increases the risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol. Exercising regularly and eating smaller portions of nutrient-rich foods may help you maintain a healthy weight.

Learn the warning signs of a heart attack and stroke. Heart attack symptoms in women can be different than men. Knowing when you're having a heart attack or stroke means you're more likely to get immediate help. Quick treatment can save your life and prevent serious disability.

Our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. Make lifestyle changes now to protect your health and continue the quality of life that you desire.

For more information, visit the American Heart Association website at Heart.org.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome persons who joined our fellowship from December 1, 2019 – March 17, 2020.

BAPTISM

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Arren Lee
DaVonya Lee
Amina Wilkins

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Alonzo Walton

RESTORATION

Tarika Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Lenten Service, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 8 Lenten Service, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 10 Seven Last Expressions of Christ, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Egg Hung, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Resurrection Sunday
- 12 Church School Resurrection Sunday Program
- 26 Volunteer Recognition Sunday for All Volunteers

MAY

- 1 Family Night Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Family Worship Day/*Prove the Tithes Sunday*
- 10 Mother's Day
- 16 Community Carnival, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 17 Children's Day/Dedication of Infants
- 24 Young Adults/Senior Citizen's Day; Cyclists' Sunday
- 25 Memorial Day
- 31 Women's Day

JUNE

- 7 Men's Day
- 8 – 12 Hampton Ministers' Conference
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 20 Dementia Support Group Activity, Level B
- 21 Father's Day/High School Seniors' Recognition Day
- 28 Pastor Smith's 26th Anniversary Observed

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