

# The New Beacon

**Second Baptist Church, Moorestown, NJ**

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"One thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five shall ye flee; til ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill." Isaiah 30:17

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## Sunday Praise Schedule:

1st Sunday Gospel Choir  
2nd Sunday Male Choir and  
Praise Dancers  
3rd Sunday  
Jesus Joy Choir  
4th Sunday Senior Choir  
5th Sunday Combined Choirs

9am Sunday School  
10am Sunday Worship Service

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## Highlights In This Issue



Sunday School Book Bag Day



Friends and Family Picnic



Burlington County Church School and BTU Congress

# Men's Ministry

Photos and Article by John Bish



The Men's Fellowship Brunch was held on Saturday, June 23rd in Fellowship Hall at 10am. Brother Greg Wheeler helped make the meeting delicious with fresh fish he cleaned and helped serve! With stomachs satisfied, the discussion focused on family, community and men's relationship with God. Helping to lead the discussion was Pastor Holmes, and Pastor Dwayne Coley from Christian Harvest Worship Center in Berlin, NJ. Powerful insights led us to realize or reaffirm that improvement in self is the best way to start positive change. Learn to see the other person's point of view. Lead by example. Spend that precious time with family. Step out of your comfort zone to form special bonds with church members. Stay the course with hard work. Be transparent. Seek spiritual therapy. Look to James 1:2-8 and John 6:37 for more guidance. We loved our spiritual time together in the Lord.

## Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School had lots of students, teachers and helpers this year. Pictured are just some of the participants. Many thanks to the Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School Ministry under Reverend Wenda Clark, Anell Wheeler and committee members. This year featured an Adult Vacation Bible class as well. We are never too old to learn more about God. The theme was "Jesus, the Kingdom Builder" and each lesson focused on what Jesus would have us do to reflect his love to our fellow man.



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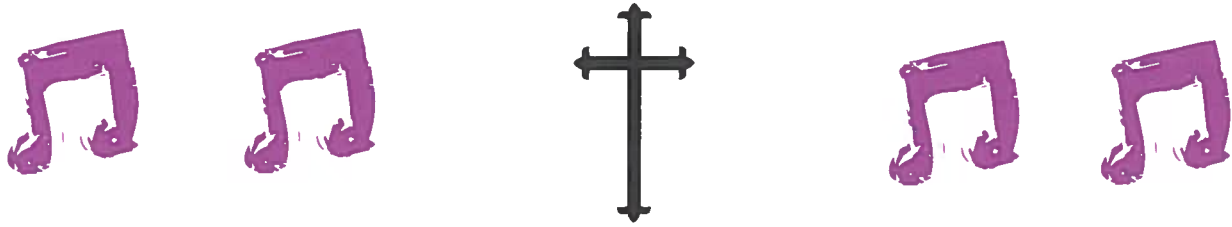




# Jazz Vespers

Article by Brothers J. Bish and G. Wheeler

Open letter to the Second Baptist Church Family



Peace and Blessings be upon you,  
This letter is to introduce you to an idea called the **Jazz Vespers Service**. Psalm 98:4 says "**Shout to the joy of the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music**". With this in mind, our prayer is to help our church become a vital piece of a music outreach community that can also be a part of social change for our youth and others we hope to serve.

Jazz Vespers came about as a "synthesis of traditions, blending the musical heritage of jazz with other African rooted music such as work songs, hymns, gospel and spiritual music. The word "vespers" is derived from the Greek "hespera" or Latin "vesper" meaning "evening".

**The idea is to bring a new dimension to the way we praise the Lord.** Second Baptist, for example, has been at the forefront of updating our worship service to include drums and a digital keyboard. We readily incorporate praise dancing into our service as we strive to fulfill "making a joyful noise". By incorporating this innovative music style to our worship service, we provide an opportunity to spread the Good News in an innovative, fresh way that can be far-reaching to souls who need to hear our message.

Our prayer is that Second Baptist will see the Jazz Vespers Service as a key piece to the puzzle of energizing, stimulating, and increasing participation in winning new members to His priceless kingdom. Please watch for more information on this topic. Amen and God Bless.

# ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL DAY

Photos and Text by Brother John Bish

On February 15, 1945 the Altar Guild was established at Second Baptist Church. Their mission is to place flowers each Sunday and provide an arrangement of flowers for the families of deceased members. They send the beautiful greeting cards to our sick and otherwise shut-in members. Dr. Valerie Stephens gave the welcome to this celebratory day with reflections by Pastor Holmes. After Sister Kaela Moore told us of the 73 year Altar Guild history, Sister Audrey Jones introduced the minister of the hour, Chris Hill, Associate Minister of Calvary Baptist Church of Morristown, NJ. The message came from the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-11 and 13. Minister Hill urged us to "put a little salt in your passion". As citizens of God's kingdom, we are to work passionately for the Lord. Two Second Baptist members of the Guild, President Audrey Jones and Sister Sheila Brooks, were presented with gifts of special recognition for their dedication and support.





# Friends and Family Weekend

Trustee Lawrence Watkins headed our Friends and Family Weekend this year and gave us a summer date, July 14th, so our college students could attend. Saturday, a picnic was held, with jump rope, food, music, games, a dessert contest, and most of all fellowship. Sunday we welcomed guests to our church service. It was a perfect Friends and Family weekend. Many thanks to each auxiliary, all the student volunteers, and all the committee members who worked diligently to make the weekend a success. Hey, cleaning those collard greens was fun, wasn't it?



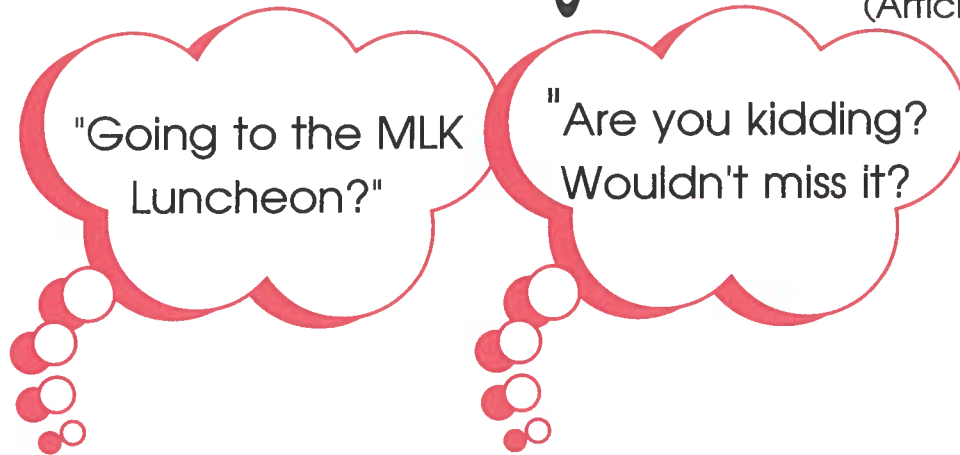
For an extra treat, the Sunday School Ministry sponsored a Dairy Queen ice cream truck for dessert and the Dessert Contest had super eats. Contest winners included Christine Smith for her Pecan Pie Bars, Pat Stafford for her Chocolate Chip Cookies and Gwen Hayes for her Chocolate Not Enough. Each winner won a \$15 gift card for their efforts. Yeah!!!





# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon

(Article by A. Wheeler)



The Education Committee is very excited about our **49Th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon!** We have chosen the theme, "Gratitude is the New Attitude". The luncheon will be held on **Saturday, November 17th, 2018** at the Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill, NJ. Pastor Shawna Adams from Word of Life Christian Center will be our guest speaker! Thanks to all of the ministries and boards of Second Baptist for nominating a member of your organization to receive our Church Christian Gratitude Award. All of the nominees will be recognized at the luncheon. Come out and be part of the celebration! Tickets for the luncheon are available from any member of the Education Committee.

## Burlington County Church School and BTU Congress

On Sunday, August 19th Second Baptist Church hosted the Baptist Training Union Congress of Burlington County. Dr. K. Malvern, Sunday School Superintendent, and Sister Linda Randolph, the current president of Burlington County Church Schools officiated. The theme was, "Love Like Jesus". Guests from the BCC School attended Sunday School with us and morning worship. Following lunch in Fellowship Hall, the committee meeting began at 1:45. Part of the program included County "Gifts and Talents". Several students and young adults shared information and their talents with the audience. The Jesus Joy Choir, Kyrah Wallace, Vincent and Vivica Thompson from our church, and several students from other Burlington County churches were featured. Many thanks to Sisters Randolph, Daniels and Ellison for presiding.  
( See next page for photos ).



## Back to School

# SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK BAG DAY

The Sunday School Council, under the direction of Dr. Kathryn Malvern, sponsored a book bag give-away as a thank you to all the students who have participated in all our programs this year. The bags were collected after the Sunday service, just in time for school in September!



**Newsletter Committee SHOUT-OUT!** Many thanks to contributing reporters and photographers this quarter. Committee Members: Chairperson, Gwen Gay Williams; Editor, Yvonne Bentley; Reporters, Photographers and Assistants, John Bish, Odette Miller, Gladys Wilson; Special thanks to Deaconess Ruth Johnson and Sister Doris Emerson, who always help us.





# Birthdays, Transitions and More

## October

Yvonne Bentley 13  
John Bish 23  
Omar Holden 13  
Elaine Joy 26  
Douglass Key 31  
Carmen Leary 3  
Odette Miller 13  
Darlene Mims 28  
William Murray 6  
Katrina Myrick 24  
Kemar Zion Reid, Jr. 1  
Lawrence Watkins, Sr. 5  
Geraldine West 30  
Randall West 14  
Jamison Williams 6  
Fern Wilson 5

## November

Francis Burnette 7  
Carlton Clark 14  
Linda Ellis El 7  
Jeff Fisher 12  
Madison Gross 1  
Malinda Gross 1  
Kathryn Hall 6  
Booker Harris 29  
Claudette Harris 4  
Gwendolyn Hayes 17  
Tylor Hayes 22  
Carol Jones 12  
Pamela King 9  
Richard Lovelace, Sr. 22  
Kathryn Malvern 12  
Tariq Murray 10  
Montique Nash 13  
George Peterson 11  
Edwin Rhodes 25  
Lydia Smith 15  
Barbara Walden 28  
Gregory Wheeler 26

## December

Gail Bish 31  
Mary Bradley 22  
Agnes Brown 30  
Carly Calhoun 29  
Emily Chatman 7  
Pricilla Dawson 25  
Quincey Jones 29  
Jillian Keitt 14  
Lauren Kelly 18  
Gwendolyn Layne 1  
Gregory Malvern 1  
Lisa Murray 13  
Rhonda Peterson 24  
Linda Richardson 29  
Leslie Robinson 11  
Marcus Stephens 31  
Victoria Turner 31  
Bertina Watkins 13  
Gwendolyn Williams 16



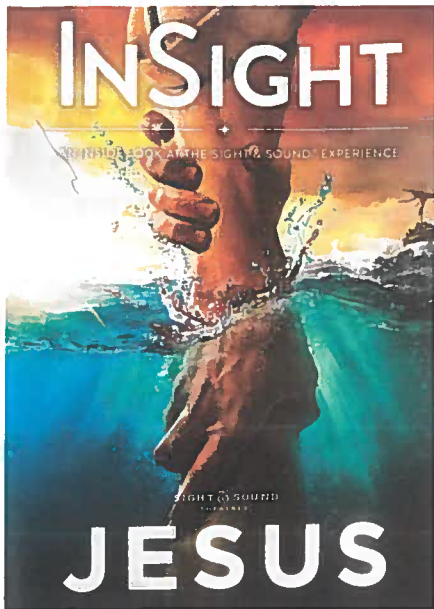
IN MEMORY OF Jeanette Smith-Phillips  
(July 26, 1946- July 17, 2018)

IN MEMORY OF Audrey Garr-Jones  
( February 27, 1953 - September 13, 2018 )

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**GOT YOUR TICKET YET FOR THE 125TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY?  
DECEMBER 9TH, 2018 WILL SOON BE HERE. SEE REV. DEMBY FOR  
MORE INFORMATION.**





Several church members took a bus trip to Lancaster, Pa. to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Jesus", sponsored by the **Altar Guild**. Have you ever seen doves, pigs, goats, horses, sheep and a camel on the same stage, moving in and out on queue? Jesus does walk on water in this theatre and angels fly across the theatre sky! WOW! Great reenactment and portrayal of Our Lord and his last days on earth. We thank God for Sister Chatman's recovery and healing process, which occurred during the trip. Many blessings.



(Article by Sister Gladys Wilson)

The **Willingboro Public Library** is a terrific place for educational and cultural experiences. Please visit the website ([www.willingboro.org](http://www.willingboro.org)) or call (609-877-6668) to find out what adventures await you! Remember, you can **DECIDE** to improve your mental, physical, and spiritual condition with learning and reading.

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Some Key Up-Coming Events to put on Your Calendar!

### September

Revival Dates Fall Revival 27, 28, 29

### October

Sunday School Promotion Luncheon 21  
Hallelujah Harvest Night 31

### November

MLK, Jr Luncheon 17  
Volunteer Working Team Annual 18

**DON'T FORGET TO PUT DECEMBER 9TH ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. IT'S AT THE MERION IN CINNAMINSON, NJ. SEE REV. DEMBY FOR TICKETS.** p.10