

Change is Coming and Change is Here



# The New Beacon Newsletter

## Second Baptist Church, Moorestown, NJ

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**Reverend Thomas N. Holmes, Interim Pastor**

Reverend Jeffrey Demby, Associate Minister

Reverend Wenda Clark, Ministerial Staff

Sunday Praise Schedule:

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

**9am Sunday School**

**10am Sunday Worship Service**

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In the third chapter of Ecclesiastes it tells us, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." As we know that there is a God who loves us, we know He is surely coming, and change is here. We cannot be the same and stay in Christ. Some 21 months ago, Second Baptist made a change and opened up its loving arms to receive me as your interim pastor.

I cannot express enough love, gratitude and appreciation for the love, kindness and thoughtfulness that Second Baptist Church has shown my entire family. It has been an honor to serve you, sacrifice with you and honor our faithful God in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for embracing the acronym W.O.R.S.H.I.P. (see p. 3 for a review). My prayer is that you WORSHIP in Spirit and in Truth by letting go and letting God! I have committed myself to being faithful to God and sharing with you the things the Lord has laid on my heart from fasting, praying and studying that which is revealed in my preaching, teaching and prophetic impartation. I have tried to be a humble servant. I give God all the glory for this story and I am peacock proud for many "firsts" that we have accomplished together during this transition season.

I am grateful for the leadership that made it possible to take Second Baptist into the digital age by live streaming our services on YouTube and bringing the gospel of Christ to the world. I am grateful for the work ( continued , p.10 ).....

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# SHARING/CARING

Article and Photos by Sister Delores Holden

On Saturday, August 8th, Second Baptist Ladies and Friends attended the **Bethany Baptist Association Women's Scholarship Luncheon**, "Fashion With a Purpose: Blessings in Every Season". The event was held at the Estate at Monroe in Williamstown, NJ. A wonderful time to fellowship and enjoy each other.



## "Starting With a Flood; Ending With a Fire"

Article and Photos by Sister Carol Jones



In June, an extensive fire at Philadelphia Energy Solutions, resulted in the shutdown of this 150 year-old refinery. Sister Carol Jones' husband, Bruce was employed there and was witness to the catastrophe. While investigations are still looking for the cause of the fire, and bids are going out for the site, Sister Carol makes a biblical reference, **Isaiah 43:2**, seeing that no person was killed in this catastrophe. We continue to pray for those who lost their jobs due to the shut down. We also pray for those who live near this refinery who felt physically affected by years of emissions.



Newsletter Committee: G. Williams, chairperson; Y. Bentley, editor; O. Miller, G. Wilson and J. Bish, reporters, photographers and contributors. Special contributors in this edition include Rev. T. Holmes, Rev. J. Demby, Rev. W. Clark, D. Holden, C. Jones, and R. Lovelace.



# SHARING/CARING

Article by Sister Dr. G. Williams

## "Five Things We Can Do to Make Our Church Safer"

(Reference: brotherhoodmutual.com. "Ten Easy Ways To Create a Safer Church This Sunday; 9/17/19.)

1. **Invest in two-way radios.**
2. **Remind the congregation of various exits in case of an emergency**
3. **Identify trained professionals already in our congregation, such as nurses, police officers, doctors.**
4. **Invite local law enforcement and other professionals to come and identify "trouble spots" or weak areas in our specific building.**
5. **Research to see what other area churches are doing.**

How many of these steps have we already taken? We need more people on the church security team. Signing up does not mean you will be in a line of fire! Security includes fire drills, lost children scenarios, or health emergency situations, as well as intruder scenarios. You can help in a variety of ways to make our church a safer place. Can you make phone calls? Can you visit other churches and talk to them about security? Can you do research?. Can you help with the technology needed? Can you write a report? Can you see that all entrances are free and clear? Can you give CPR? There are many ways to help. Since Old Testament times, people have protected their temple and their people inside. See 1 Chronicles 26. **We may be calling on you to help. Please say "Yes, Lord, Send me."**

### Do You Love Your Church? Article by Reverend Jeffrey Demby

I read a story one time about four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody**. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done! **Now here's my question.** Are you part of the Everybody that is waiting on Somebody to do what Anybody can do, but Nobody is doing? Or, are you a Somebody who is doing what Everybody thought Anybody could do, but Nobody would have done it if you weren't doing it? We are the church, and its members are our neighbors. The scriptures say, to love your neighbor as you love yourself. If you are the church, then you ought to love your church. You ought to stand up and say, "I thank God for this church, and I love my church. I love it enough to give it my affection. I love it enough to give it my loyal allegiance. I love it enough to give it my lasting attendance. And I love it enough to nourish it, and to make sure that it survives, thrives, flourishes and accomplishes all that God has set her here to accomplish. **Do you love your church?**

## SCHOOL STARTING!!!!

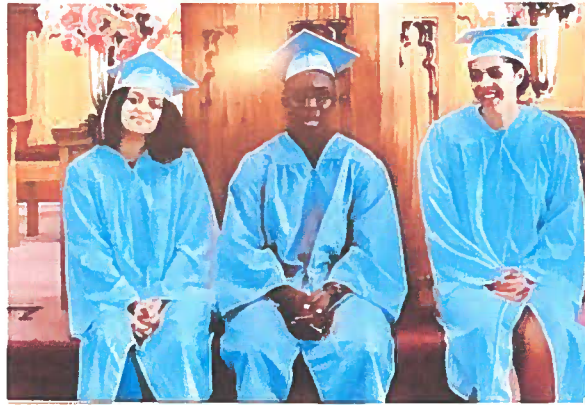
The **Sunday School Council**, under the direction of Deaconess Dr. K. Malvern, bought and stuffed with school goodies, bookbags for every school age student in our church. Sister Gladys Wilson also helped spearhead this venture. "Getting our children off to a good start is so very important", Sister Wilson commented. Thanks to all who helped make this giveaway possible, and have a great school year to all our students!



**W The Word of God**  
**O Obedience to the Word**  
**R Authentic Relationship with God**  
**S Spirit of the Lord**  
**H Holiness, pleasing to God**  
**I Our Identity in Christ**  
**P Prayer to Praise; Praise to Prayer**



# LOVING AND SUPPORTING



2019  
Graduations!  
Let the pictures  
tell the story!

See details on  
next page.





**Second Baptist Education Committee** honored several graduates this year. They include **Edward Moore, Jr.**, from Lenape High School, **Kira Key** and **Destiny Hayes**, both from Rancocas Valley Regional. **Aliyah Murray**, is our Army West Point graduate, a basketball phenomenon and soldier. The proud parents are respectively, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore, Sr., Mr. and Mrs.

Douglas Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hayes and Mr. and Mrs.

William Murray, Sr. High school senior **Kyle Kelly** (not pictured) was acknowledged from the congregation, also a high school graduate. A celebratory reception followed. Many thanks to the presenter committee members, Sister Kat Key, Sister Gladys Wilson, Sister Lana Murray, and Trustee Lucy Smith. A very special thanks to Brother Edward Moore, Senior for his slideshow presentation depicting the high school students being themselves at school, at home, with family and friends. High school senior Kira Key won the **Ruth Baylor Award** for her interest moving forward in the sciences. What a blessing to all.

## Vacation Bible School, July 8-12th

Article by **Reverend Wenda Clark, Vacation Bible School Leader**



Through the **Board of Christian Education**, young and old participated in our **Vacation Bible School** this July. The theme was **Super Training University with Jesus**, based on the scripture **Ephesians 6:11**; Put on the full armor of God. Youth classes were held from 9-12 noon and adult classes from 5:30-7pm. A robust volunteer staff of 25 led the lessons and helped register and prepare the snacks. In all, 40 students from the community participated. All students were charged to be more than conquerors and to be super heroes who master the powers of **Trust** (Genesis 39:1-23), **Prayer** (2 Kings 19:14-36), **Justice** (Exodus 3: 1-10), **Witness** (Mark 5:1-19) and **Protective Friend** (1 Samuel 19 :1-17). Some activities included games, making crafts, vegetable potting and super hero costuming. An afternoon pizza party culminated the daytime classes. Adult classes were led by different volunteers each day with meaningful follow up discussions. Many thanks to all who participated in our **Super Hero Summer University!**





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Train up the children. Many thanks to all the teachers, parents and students who are learning about the love of Our God for them.

## "Our Younger Generation" by Sister Yvonne Bentley

The fate of our future depends on our youth. We must arm them with knowledge, power and truth! Most will agree education's the main key to strive for excellence, learning from A to Z! Education is the avenue which can open the door, to life-changing careers and goals to reach for! There are many other things to consider...Might take a lifetime to correct. But for the moment may I take the time- these thoughts to interject?

We must **motivate, encourage and train our youth**. Help them develop their individual potential. Create stimuli for all levels of education. Establish a fair system to identify aptitudes, as well as, latent skills. Through mentoring programs, offer counseling for higher scholastic objectives. Direct them to opportunities for advancement in specific fields of interest. Forums for social and economic platforms should be held.

We must set good examples; and encourage positive aspects of daily living. Emphasize the importance of everyone's self-esteem. Help them to understand how imperative moral values are in one's life. Advocate that respect, honesty, and a "love thy neighbor as thyself" code of conduct should be the norm for all to practice. Without being judgmental or prejudicial, the positive and negative aspects of different environments should be discussed. We must salvage the good; and diminish or eradicate the bad. Teach them to support what's right; and defeat what's wrong! We must instill within the youngest mind that the prize of educational attainment for every student, is worth all the endeavors one can muster for the assurance of a better world and society in the coming years!

While we are the adults in this venue, let us avow that we are truly committed to our youth, by preparing them for taking their rightful role in the future, which will be our legacy!



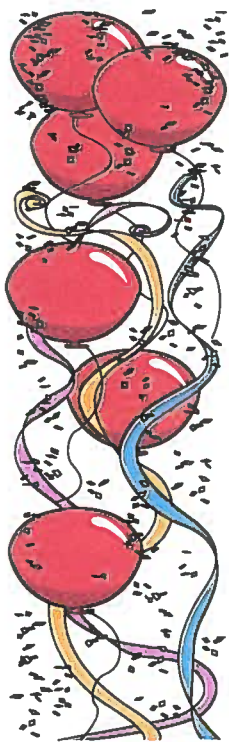
# SBC FELLOWSHIP

Friends and Family Annual Church Picnic, July 13th

Our annual event was so seamlessly orchestrated, with everyone doing their part, it was difficult to identify one person for the credit! But it was **Sister Christine Smith and all the auxiliaries and committees working together for the good cause! Thanks so much!** Our event included the "Bounce" for the children and face painting, a steel drum duo for music, an ice cream truck donated from the Sunday School and our fabulous baking contest. Thanks to our resident photographers we got pictures to take home the next day! Let's not forget the fellowship and food! Sunday we invited our friends back for praise and prayer. **What a wonderful weekend.**







## October

Yvonne Bentley 13  
John Bish 23  
Arianna Corbett 4  
Lela May Hudson  
Robert H. Jones, II 4  
Elaine Joy 26  
Douglass Key 31  
Odette Miller 13  
Darlene Mims 28  
William Murray 6  
Lawrence Watkins, Sr. 5  
Geraldine West 30  
Randall West 14  
Jamison Williams 6  
Fern Wilson 5

## November

Linda Ellis El 7  
Jeff Fisher 12  
Madison Gross 1  
Kathryn Hall 6  
Booker Harris 29  
Claudette Harris 4  
Gwendolyn Hayes 17  
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

Linda Anthony 29  
Gail Bish 31  
Mary Bradley 22  
Carly Calhoun 29  
Emily Chatman 7  
Carlton Clark 4  
Pricilla Dawson 25  
Quincey Jones 28  
Sharon Jones 28  
Jillian Keitt 14  
Lauren Kelly 18  
Gwendolyn Layne 1  
Gregory Malvern 1  
Lisa Murray 13  
Rhonda Peterson 24  
Leslie Robinson 11  
Marcus Stephens 31  
Victoria Turner 31  
Bertina Watkins 13  
Gwendolyn Williams 16

**OH, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**LOVINGLY**

We mark the passing of Francis Burnette, Sr. on Friday, September 6, 2019. ( 11/7/33- 9/6/19 )

## Music, Maestro, Please!

Article by Sister Carol Jones

On August 25th, the last day of his 10-day visit to the area to promote his new CD "Renaissance Renewed", Alfredo Bouza made a stop at Second Baptist. It was important for him to visit the church he held so dear. During morning worship he blessed us with his beautiful piano renditions of "Blessed Assurance" and "It is Well With My Soul".

Alfredo began his music career as a young adult, classically trained in piano in his native country, Cuba. Soon he moved with his family to the USA where he obtained his certification in classical piano and music theory at the Piano Guild of the American College of Music. After starting a family of his own, he, his wife and two little daughters landed in an apartment on Main Street in Moorestown. While taking a walk in the neighborhood on June 11th, 2011, Alfredo heard beautiful singing. He followed the sound right to our church! He entered and sat in the back, When the service was over, he introduced himself to Brother Frisby, our minister of music. Soon Alfredo was playing the piano and Brother Frisby was singing! One month later Alfredo had a position playing at Second Baptist. He served as a musician on staff from that point on until the summer of 2013. His reputation as a gifted musician spread, and a multitude of opportunities came his way. (continued on the next page)





# Maestro Alfredo...



Alfredo now owns the Linden Music School in his new hometown of Linden, Tennessee, where he teaches children to play musical instruments. A true master of his craft, Alfredo anointed and blessed us as he transformed a congregational hymn, as Brother Frisby led the choir, singing, "It is Well". It was truly a "Renaissance Renewed!"

During the two years Alfredo was with us, we were truly blessed by his energy, passion and contagious enthusiasm for music. We thank him for sharing his journey with us. Thank God for Brother Alfredo Bouza, the Master's Maestro.

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## Edner Antenor, (We get to keep him!)

We ALMOST said our goodbyes to our gifted pianist Edner Antenor, who plays for the **Male Choir**, the **Praise Team** and the **Jesus' Joy** choir. He blesses us with his musical talents during special services at Christmas, Easter and other select events. We thought his schedule would not allow him to continue, but to God be the Glory, his schedule now allows him to continue to play for us. Pictured here with his wife, Angeli, we offer our gratitude for his services.



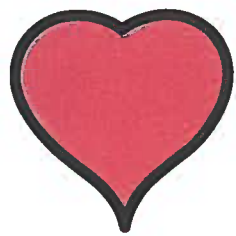
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## An Article a Long Time Coming. Article by Dr. G. Williams

Pictured here with Deaconess Mims after a church service, **Brother Jamison Williams**, has his eyes closed, but his ears and mind are open to the love she imparts! This article is an **important alert** to parents of school age children, especially boys who are very active in sports. In 1993, our son was playing on the Moorestown Soccer team, the William Allen Middle School soccer team, and the travelling team! He was known for his speed and agility. What we did not know was that at age 13, he would drop dead in his tracks. It happened on the soccer field, but it could have occurred anywhere. Although we never received a diagnosis from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, we would years later learn he was one of many young boys who suddenly, and often without warning, drop and die. He had hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM). Today, doctors identify and treat this condition. They did not back then. God used my husband and a nurse who were present to bring him back to life that Palm Sunday. (continued on next page)







(continued from p. 9) His heart was restarted, but his airway was blocked. Jamison's condition is a result of lack of oxygen to his brain for about twenty minutes. We are so thankful to God that he survived, but of course now all our lives have taken a new course. We just want to **alert all parents and guardians** to make sure you get a **full and complete "Back to School Checkup"** and if you fall into this described category of a very active young male, get a cardiac checkup as well. We know three young, black males that died from this condition! Today they may prescribe medication or even a transplant if they find problems. THE MORE YOU KNOW...

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### Message from Reverend Holmes (continued from p1.)

of the Anniversary Committee and the production of the souvenir journal that is a witness of God's grace. Change has come to SBC. I am thankful to God for the church disciples who participated in Moorestown Day for the first time in the history of the church over these last two years. I am most pleased with the saints who have attended Bible Studies during the week where the Lord showed up and blessed us with a Christ buffet! I am very excited about the upcoming Revival, whose theme is "Walking in Obedience to God" This word came to me from **Jeremiah 7:23** during a bible study session. It is so important to be obedient to God. That is why coming together in prayer and fasting are important. My prayer is that the CHURCH will receive the shepard that God has already appointed and the church stands up in a loving way for God's will to be done. It is simple, **OBEY GOD!** Despite all the battles, suffering and frustrations, I have endured in pastoring, nothing compares to the blessings, friendships and love that my family and I have received when interceding and serving you. After this season, many of us will remain dear friends for our hearts are knitted together and that is a good thing, as I reflect on this bittersweet moment. Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up. Change is coming, and change is here. Keep the faith, love each other and live in Christ.

**Lovingly, Pastor Thomas Holmes and First Lady Minister Regina Holmes.**

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