

As we continued to move forward with our five-year theme in 2019 MOBILIZING FOR MINISTRY, REFRESHING THE OLD AND EMERGIING THE NEW WITH WORD, WORSHIP AND WITNESS preparing for 2020 with a church calendar and church yearbook fir 2020, coronavirus 2019 began and was shared with us in the United States early 2020. As a church, we were forced to close our doors to the sanctuary. No in person services at Sixth Baptist were held in the sanctuary from February 2020 to the Sunday before Easter, 2022. Covid 19 was a killer virus.

In the United Sates alone as of July 1st, 2023, total reported cases: 99, 534,791. Total deaths in the United States as of July 1st, 2023, from Coronavirus is 1,103,547.

From March 2020 Pastor Bibbs always had a worship service on Sunday mornings via You tube, face book. Trustee Howard Glen provided worship music by way of previously recorded SBC Choirs, Soloists, and media choices. Pastor Bibbs preached and taught from her computer in her home study and never missed again a Sunday and served communion virtually every fourth Sunday. Rev. Tracy Clark our Minister of Communications and Church Music Lead made various marketing flyers to share on our website, www.sixthbaptistchurch.org every week and still doing the same in 2023. Because of the love and support of the Deacons, many of them participated in worship and studies virtually as though we were in person along with our ministerial staff.

The virus made us recognize that God is everywhere and should be honored first in everything within our lives. God revealed his will for the world by reminding us that HE IS THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END. GOD REMINDED THE WORLD, THAT HE IS STILL IN CHARGE. AS A CHURCH FAMILY WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

We held outside PARK AND PRAISE Sunday worship, and they continued even after the Coronavirus pandemic in the church parking lot as the weather permits along with a DJ paying selected music by our music ministry.

Church School never missed a Sunday as well. We changed our service time to 10 a.m. and church school for all ages to 7:30 A.M. Classes are still going strong same in in 2023 even though we are worshipping by live streaming and in person in the church sanctuary.

THE CHURCH SANCTUARY DOORS WE CLOSED, BUT WE NEVER CLOSED OR STOPPED HAVING SERVICES. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

Still going strong, BIBLE REFLECTION EVERY MONDAY BY REV. JOE YOUNG OUR MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT 7 p.m, BIBLE READING EVERY TUESDAY AT 12:00 NOON BY MRS. PATRICIA FLEMING, MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS ON WEDNESDAYS BY PASTOR BIBBS ON FACEBOOK, ETC., BIBLE STUDY AT 7:00 BY REV, RACHEL SATTERFILED OUR MINISTER OF MISSIONS AND MINISTSRY EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 p.m. and all studies are still going blessed by teleconference. Chaplain Dr. Andrea Kelly our director of Congregation and Spiritual Care Ministry leads us in prayer on Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon. The Ministers and Deacons join in for a midweek open celebration of prayer and meditation led by Chaplain Kelly. Thanks to our Board Chair Deacon Douglas Hicks who recommended us uniting in prayer weekly. What a great prayer warrior is he and she. Chaplain Kelly also leads the congregation church-wide prayer service every Saturday at 7 with an opening congregational meditation moment. Church School lessons were taught again weekly during the 3-year covid 19 and still are going strong. They are: Deacon Edward Greenhill,

Deacon Ronnie West, Deacon Oscar Taylor, Deacon Mary Lou Brent, Deaconess Patricia Campbell, Sister Mae Gabbin, Rev. Rachel Satterfield and Christian Ed leader Rev. Joe Young and Rev. Tracy Clark Substitutes.

IN ADDITION, these are some OTHER things we were able to do during the pandemic from 2020 and still WITH GOD'S DIRECTION:

1. Renovate and open up the SIXTH BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY MISSION CENTER, 2204 IDLEWOOD AVENUE. Dedication to God in October 2020.
2. Appoint, Rev. Tracy Clark as the Director of the Center
3. Hire a Pastor and Church Assistant, Ms. Mia Eley
4. Celebrate the Pastor's 20th anniversary with a parade and festivities held on the church parking lot in May 2021.
5. January 2023, first combined ushers' anniversary since 2020. Speaker, Rev. Gina Whitaker. Morning Service
6. February. 2023 Gospel Chorus celebrated their Anniversary during morning service.
7. Senior Choir celebrated their Anniversary during morning service with singers from other choirs uniting in March 2023
8. Fleming Memorial Male Chorus celebrated their Anniversary during a morning service in March.2023
9. First Easter Service in the church Sanctuary, April 2023 since Covid 19.
10. Pastor's 22nd Anniversary Celebration with Rev. Dr. Lester Frye, son of the church May, 2023 morning worship
11. Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Anniversary, 2023 with Rev. Tommy Drayton, son of the church morning worship
12. WE ARE IN OUR 100TH CHURCH YEAR, 1923 – 2023