

# Christmas Newsletter

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## GOD HAS BLESSED US!

This year has been full of memories, growth, and milestones. As we wrap up 2025, may we be grateful for all that God has done in the life of SBC.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Anniversary Goal**  
Each member is being asked to give: \$100.00  
Church Goal: \$10,000.00

*The tithe is the debt we owe.  
The offerings are the gifts we bring.*

Pastor Bibbs will bring the Anniversary message.

## The Witness

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*You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. Acts 22:15*

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**SIXTH BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs, Pastor

WE CONNECT FOR OUR

**102<sup>ND</sup> CHURCH Anniversary**

FEATURING THE INaugural DANCE MINISTRY OF OUR WE CONNECT YOUTH PRAISE DANCERS

Sunday  
December 21st | 10:00 a.m.

400 S. ADDISON ST. RICHMOND, VA 23220  
www.sixthbaptistchurch.org

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**DIACONATE  
MINISTRY PLAN**

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Ann Gathers  
Willie Gathers  
Sandra Gray  
Thelma McCaskill  
Johnnie Robinson  
Gwendolyn Coles  
Doris Johnson  
Claudette Baker  
Norma Terry  
Yvonne Pollard  
Steve Lewis

**SICK AND SHUT IN**



Opehlia Daniels  
Barbara Jones  
Marylou Brent  
Lorraine Faye  
Oliver Coleman  
Elnora Jefferson  
Annie Thompson  
Norma Murray  
Mr. Maurice Patterson  
Mrs. Delores Patterson

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

*James 5:14*



## SENIOR TRAILBLAZERS



The Senior Trailblazers under the leadership of Edwina Richmond, and hosted by Dorothy Fells, created holiday mugs and 24 gift bags for the sick and shut in members.



SIXTH BAPTIST CHURCH "LADIES OF FAITH"  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY IS SPONSORING A TRIP TO SEE

**JOSHUA**  
LIVE ON STAGE

Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight and Sound Theatres.

Lancaster, PA  
May 6-7, 2026  
Sight & Sound Theatre

The entire SBC church family is invited!

FOR DETAILS OR RESERVATIONS  
Contact Katrina Hicks at 804-519-7253 or Wilhemina Elliott at 804-307-5215 or Anne West @ 804-305-3628 for additional information.

Seats are going fast! Get your tickets soon!  
See Katrina Hicks, Deac. Wilhemina Elliott or Anne West.

Several members are not pictured.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A  
LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!



### IT'S THE JOY IN KNOWING By DOROTHY FELLS

**One Silent Night, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**  
that our Savior, sweet little Jesus was born.  
**O Holy Night**, the stars did shine bright.  
Imagine a great host of angels declaring Hallelujah and Glory in the highest. It's the joy in knowing. Jesus is our salvation. This time of the season is **Joy to the World** and we must still **Go Tell It On the Mountain**  
that Jesus is the true reason for the season.



Jonathan sharing opening remarks before sermon. First sermon given outside of his church in Detroit.



Grateful for the mighty Word delivered on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> by our very own, Min. Jonathan Bibbs. Thank you for preaching with power, clarity, and a heart tuned to God's voice. We were blessed.



What a great Thanksgiving Blessing!

Some of our Deaconess (Patricia Coward, Geneva Turner and Carolyn Solomon) as well as a Mission Center volunteer, Virginia Johnson, assembled boxes and a few of our Deacons transported Thanksgiving boxes to our sick and shut in members. Each box came complete with a turkey, yams, green beans, corn, potatoes, cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese, stove top stuffing, rolls and sweet potato or pumpkin pies. A special thank you to all who contributed to each box. You are appreciated.



Submitted By: Chaplain Dr. Andrea Kelly  
Minister of Congregational & Spiritual Care

John 3:16 (ESV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

This Scripture verse reminds us of an incredible gift.

This is the season for gift-giving, and many search high and low for the perfect gift. But God didn't have to go and search for that gift. He knew precisely the right gift to meet the needs of His children, and that gift was Jesus Christ. Thus, the birth of our Savior is God's incredible gift of grace freely given to us so we may experience the love and hope in Christ.

Child of God, receive the gift of love and hope; let your lives honor His sacrifice to walk amongst us and lead us back to God, the Father.

SELAH! MEDITATE ON THIS!!!!



*Thank You*

Thank you to the Diaconate and members of SBC who came out to First Baptist Church, Ironbridge campus for their Thanksgiving service. What a mighty service it was. Your presence was appreciated.

YJB



Deacon's Christmas fellowship with  
Pastor Bibbs.  
(Deac. Wilhemina Elliott taking picture)



An SBC thanks to Olivia Macklin for her weekly dedication to the care of our church marquee. Her welcoming messages are boldly shared for the community to see.



"I'm thankful for life, family and blessings received".

~ Joyce Green



"I am thankful to God for Jesus. Without Jesus what would we have to be thankful for? I'm thankful for God's peace".

~Deacon Jacob Scott



"I am thankful for health, family and friends."

~ Virginia Johnson



*Leave with unspeakable inner joy. We connect. We celebrate Christmas by connect with God, and family and friends.*



“Winter Wonderland”



Our new **“We Connect Youth Praise Dancers”**, will dance during our 102nd Church Anniversary. This will be their inaugural performance to the glory of God. Please bring your families and invite as many friends as you can. Pastor Bibbs will be preaching.



## Announcements





*December!*

CARLA CROISSANT 1

KELVIN HILL 3

GENEVA TURNER 5

RONNIE PRICE 6

BERNARD BIBBS 6

MAJESTY WILKERSON 6

PATRICIA FLEMING 7

KIRSTEN JONES 7

VICTOR HERBERT 8

WHITNEY COLEY 10

PAMELA FORBES 11

WILHEMINA ELLIOTT 12

JA'JON CARY 13

JARON MATHIS 14

LYNETTE HENLEY 15

JORDAN MASON 15

WINONA FLEMING 16

DIANE THOMPSON 17

ESTELLETA DAVIS 18

TONLYA SCRUGGS 18

ANTHONY JACKSON 20

CHANCE ALEXANDER 21

SENORA JONES 22

IMARI GOODE THOMPSON 23

JACOB SCOTT 23

STANLEY EVANS 23

ANGELA WATKINS 23

GWENDOLYN COLES 24

JULIAN THOMAS 24

ALFLONZO JOYNER 25

WILBERT CURTIS 25

ANDREE' ABOITE 26

MARIE HARRIS 26

PATRICIA DANDRIDGE 29

TRUDY COLEMAN 30

FELICIA TURNER 31

PATRICIA RUFFIN 31

