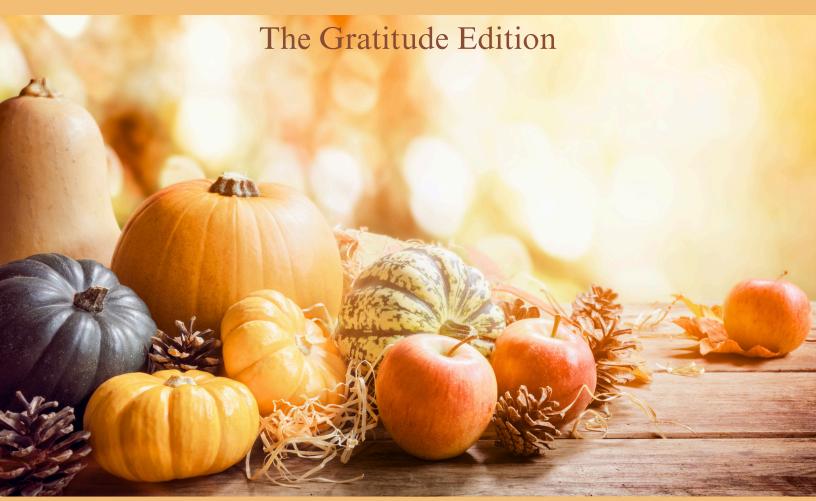
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THEWITNESS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SIXTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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



Week in the WORD

- Church School
 Sunday Morning
- Bible Reflection Mondays at 7:00pm
- Bible Reading
 Tuesday at Noon
- Midweek Motivational Moment Wednesdays email
- Bible Study with Rev. Satterfield
 Thursdays at 7:00pm

Pastor Bibbs will be the guest preacher at the Thanksgiving Worship Service at First Baptist Church @ Ironbridge (Pastor Dwight & Derik Jones) on Tuesday, November 25th @ 7:00 p.m. The entire congregation is invited to support our Pastor.

GIVING THANKS BY SERVING OTHERS



Our Great Teacher, Jesus Christ served other people. Do you like it when someone does something for you? Well, other people like it when someone does something for them too. We all do. The great teacher knew that, and he was always doing things for people. He said, "I come not to be served, but to serve. Matthew 20:28. So, if we want to be like the Great Teacher, what must we do? We must stay CONNECTED and serve others. We must do good things for them.

It is true, many people do not do this. In fact, many people want others to serve them. At one time even Jesus' followers felt that way. Each one wanted to be the most important. Jesus knew that it was not right for them to think that way. So, one day he gave them a lesson that they will never forget.

While they were having a meal together, Jesus got up from the table. He took a water basin and put water into it. As they watched, Jesus went around to each one of them, bent down and washed their feet. Then he dried their feet with a towel. Just think of that! What if you had been there and Jesus had washed your feet? How would you have felt? His followers did not feel it was right for the great teacher to serve him in this way. I would suggest they felt embarrassed. In fact, one of them was not going to let Jesus do this lowly service for him. But Jesus said it was important for him to do it.

Our great teacher, Jesus Christ, showed that he wanted his followers to serve one another. He didn't want them to think only about themselves. He did not want them to think they were so important that others should always serve them. HE WANTED THEM TO BE WILLING TO SERVE OTHERS.

After Jesus took his place at the table again, he asked the disciples DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I DID TO YOU? Jesus said, YOU CALL ME TEACHER AND LORD AND YOU ARE RIGHT. BUT IF I, YOUR TEACHER AND LORD WASHED YOUR FEET, THEN YOU SHOULD WASH THE FEET OF ONE ANOTHER. John 13: 2-1 .THINK ABOUT IT SBC FAMILY! PROUD OF YOU! LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Pastor Bibbs

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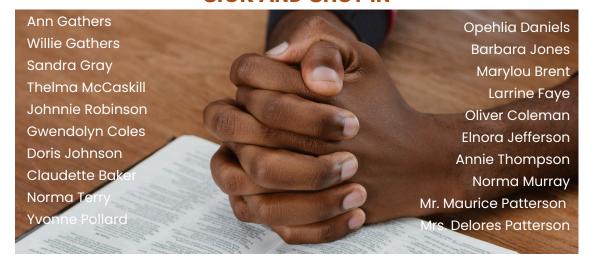
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UPDATED DIACONATE MINISTRY PLAN

K - L Marilyn Freeman- 307-5405 M-N Esteletta Davis -938-2784 O - Q Lorraine Vincent -737-7267 R- Ronnie West, Jr.- 272-5169 S- Mae Gabbin -252-6292 T -Joseph Bell- 932-4515 U - Z Jacob Scott -980-0263

SICK AND SHUT IN



Our condolences to the Jackson & Hicks Family Norman, Norma, and Katrina on the loss of their sister, Doris.

Our condolences to Stacey Lee and the Family on the passing of your mother Charita Lee.

Our condolences to the Duncan Family on the passing of Mrs. Shirley Duncan.



And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18









Iota Phi Lambda, Sorority, Inc. Gamma Delta Chapter, represented by Val Pullen and Virginia Johnson, distributed wellness kits to the SBC congregation. The "Good Health Wins" campaign promoted wellness, early detection and community care. Thank you Iota Phi Lambda for spreading the word and your act of kindness.





Sunday, November 9th, we joyfully celebrated Veterans Day, honoring the brave men and women who have served our country with courage and sacrifice. We also gave thanks to God for the Gospel Truth's 46th Anniversary, celebrating nearly half a century of faith, fellowship, and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through song. What a blessed day of gratitude, both for those who fought for our freedom and for the enduring truth that makes us free.

Gratitude

Submitted By Rev. Tracy Clark

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 SBC dedicated the Community Mission Center with a grand opening ceremony in the parking lot of the church. According to an article in the Free Press, Pastor Bibbs stated that she "envisions the community center as a beacon of light to uplift people during a challenging time with distribution of food, personal protective equipment and spiritual nourishment during the pandemic.". The Gospel Truth and Rev. Almeta Ingram-Miller provided the music ministry for the occasion. Wow, what a grand day it was!

From the moment the Community Mission Center opened its doors we knew God was doing something awesome. What began as a simple vision to meet needs has grown into a ministry that feeds bodies, uplifts hearts, and reminds our community that hope is still alive. We didn't know exactly how things would unfold, but we trusted that if we showed up with faith, God would handle the rest, and He surely has. From those early days of organizing shelves and sorting, to the steady rhythm of serving families and individuals biweekly. We continue to witness God's faithfulness in action. For every volunteer who's shown up with a smile, every donor who's quietly blessed us, and every prayer that's been whispered on our behalf, thank you. Thank you, Pastor Bibbs, for your vision back in 2020 at the height of the pandemic. Thank you to the Deacons, under the leadership of Deacon Douglas Hicks, who continue to take countless meals to members every Tuesday, as well as Trustee Mike Pearson and his team who transport meals and boxes of food to several families throughout the Richmond area weekly.

And to you, my SBC family, thank you for how you help us help others. As so many of you continue to place non- perishable items into the boxes in the vestibule each week, those who stop by the center and drop off bags of food, and most recently, to the Deaconess, who have decided to take on the Mission Center as a monthly project, thank you, for your generosity.

Together, we're not just meeting needs, we're making a difference and showing what God's compassion looks like in action.





Non-perishable food items are always appreciated:

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Rice, Oatmeal, Pastas
Beans & Soups
Ramen Noodles
Jello & Puddings
Canned Vegetables
Cereal, Crackers, Complete Pancake
Mix



What are you thankful for?

I am thankful for God's dynamic duo, grace and mercy. This year has been an interesting chapter, professionally and personally, for me and I'm so thankful that God's grace and mercy has covered me throughout this journey.

Trustee Felicia Bracey

I am thankful for all of the people that God placed in my life and especially for His promises, provision, peace and protection.

Wanda West

I'm thankful and grateful for God's Grace and mercy upon me.

Vanessa Harris

I am thankful for my health, kids, grandkids and great grand kids.

Kenneth Stallings

I'm thankful for waking up every morning and talking to my father God and mother and father for watching over me and my kids, grandkids and also my Sixth Baptist Church family who I love so much. I am blessed.

Sabrina Taylor

I am thankful for health, strength, loving family and thoughtful friends.

Edwina Richmond

I am thankful for stepping out on faith with my new business.

Katrina Yates

I am thankful for my husband, family and a church family. God has been so good to me. I'm so thankful for it all.

Cherylyn Toast

I am thankful for Life, Good Health and my family.

Tamisha Abedu

I am grateful for God's keeping power, God's grace, divine healing and provisions. **Mia Eley** I am especially thankful for my relationship with God, His love and all of His many blessings including love for my family and friends.

Deaconess Pat Coward

I am thankful for my Mom for raising me to be the person I am today.

DeShaun Key

I am truly thankful for my family and friends and their unconditional love and support.

Leasa Johnson

I'm thankful for my family's spiritual and physical health.

Erle Robinson

I am very thankful for everything and pray for all as well.

Archie Johnson

I'm thankful for health and strength and thankful for life.

Cassie Moody

I am thankful for my family and friends and for SBC, my extended family.

Deacon Ronnie West

I am thankful for good health and family.

Major Fleming



By Cynthia Hill

African Americans have a significantly higher prevalence of diabetes compared to other racial groups in the United States. According to Centers for Disease Control (CDC), about 12.1% of non-Hispanic black adults have diabetes, compared to 7.4% of non-Hispanic white adults.

Contributing factors are related to Genetics, Social determinants of health, and Lifestyle factors. Diabetes can lead to serious complications, including Heart Disease, Stroke, Kidney Failure, Eye problems, and Nerve Damage.

Early detection and management of diabetes are crucial for reducing complications. Get regular checkups. Maintain healthy weights, engage in regular physical activity, follow a nutritious diet free of complex sugars and carbohydrates, and manage stress.

Resources: Centers for Disease Control, American Diabetes Association and National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

I'm thankful we are still functioning as a church family!

Chuck Pleasants

I am thankful for the love of family and friends.

Curtis Drayton

I am thankful for God's healing power and His grace.

Bernard Bibbs

Thankful for God's grace and faithfulness in spite of my shortcomings!!!

Deacon Mary Cooper

I am thankful for having my three sisters in my life.

Frances Bell

I'm thankful for God's grace and mercy.

Juanita Baines

I am thankful for all of God's blessings.

Olivia Macklin

I am thankful for the village that raised me.

Rev. Joe Young

I'm thankful, grateful and blessed for every day the Lord allows me to see another day to do his work.

Eric McCutchen

I am thankful for God always providing new mercies every morning, and His amazing love for everyone.

Deacon Wilhemina Elliott

I'm so thankful for both my personal family and my church family.

Deacon Ed Greenhill

I am grateful for the intentional love of my family and friends.

Deacon Marilyn Freeman

I am thankful to God for giving me friends and family, for granting me health and strength, for providing me with food and shelter, and for blessing me with His grace and mercy.

Trustee Chioke Murray

I'm thankful for Jesus our Savior, for waking me up starting me on my way in my right mind and just allowing me to start over every day what I couldn't get right the day before!

Brian Johnson



- 1-Meta Staten
- 2- Miles Hill
- 2- Thelma Gathers
- 3- Irene Jackson
- 4-Barbara Jones
- 4- Marilyn Bibbs
- 5-Tslis Meekins
- 5-L. Meekins
- 5-Mya Daniels
- 8-Latrell Layton
- 9-Roger Johnson
- 11- Faith Howell
- 12- Alicia Cannon
- 13- Mary Lou Brent
- 13- Stephanie Mayo
- 14-Terrell Marshall
- 14- Nyla Campbell



16- Antoine Satterfield

17- Mary P. Hudson

19- Sierra Fleming

21-Gale Staten

22- Jerome Drayton

26- Tiffany Parker

26- Agatha Jackson Marshall

27- Melvina Brooks

I am thankful for blessings of the joy of life, family, and the glory of God.

> Rev. Rachel Satterfield

I am thankful for health and strength and to be able to help others.

Deaconess Ernestine Bennett I am grateful for the season of abundance.
Abundance of blessings, God's covering, His protection and waking up on a new morning with praise.

Deaconess Carolyn Solomon Every day is a day of Thanksgiving!!
I'm so blessed and thankful to enjoy the pleasures of the day with family and friends.

Deaconess Ellen Bracey

I am thankful for my family and God.

Kavon Sellars

I am thankful for my video games.

Jayden Wilkins

Thankful to God for letting me live to see and experience true forgiveness, unconditional love, and the calmness of real peace!

Dawn McNeil

I'm thankful and grateful God shows me his daily grace and mercy in so many ways.

Waking me up in the morning, giving me strength to journey through the day; sight to see the beauty of the season.

How great is our God.

Remember: Don't repay kindness but pass it on.

Dorothy Fells