

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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COMING SOON!
SBC BASKETBALL TEAM

Sixth Baptist Church is organizing a basketball team. The ages are middle school boys and girls. We will possibly add grades 9-12. If interested please sign in the Centennial Youth Center this Sunday. Practice begins in September. More info when you sign up.



SBC BASKETBALL TEAM
COACHES NEEDED
PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED ALSO

If you are interested in coaching or volunteering for the SBC Basketball Team, please send an email of interest to communications@sixthbaptistchurch.org



SCAM ALERT

Presenter:
Sabrina Guerin, CCUFC
Senior Financial Education
Specialist, (Adults)
Virginia Credit Union

All of SBC is invited to attend. Don't forget to invite your family and friends.

Fellowship with the SBC Senior Trailblazers on
Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 1:00pm in the
Lower Worship Center for a special presentation.

Don't let scammers win. Get the facts and stay protected.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM
Facebook, Instagram, Substack, X
(formerly Twitter) and Snapchat

Are you interested in spreading the Good News of Jesus, content creation, engagement and interaction, or promotion and outreach? If so, send an email of interest to: communications@sixthbaptistchurch.org

Weekly Schedule

(Check email for all call in and zoom info)

Monday- Bible Study with Rev. Joe

*Tuesday- Bible Stories with Patricia Fleming

Wednesday- Mid-Week Motivational Moments with Pastor Bibbs

Thursday- Bible Study with Rev. Rachel

*Saturday-Family Prayer

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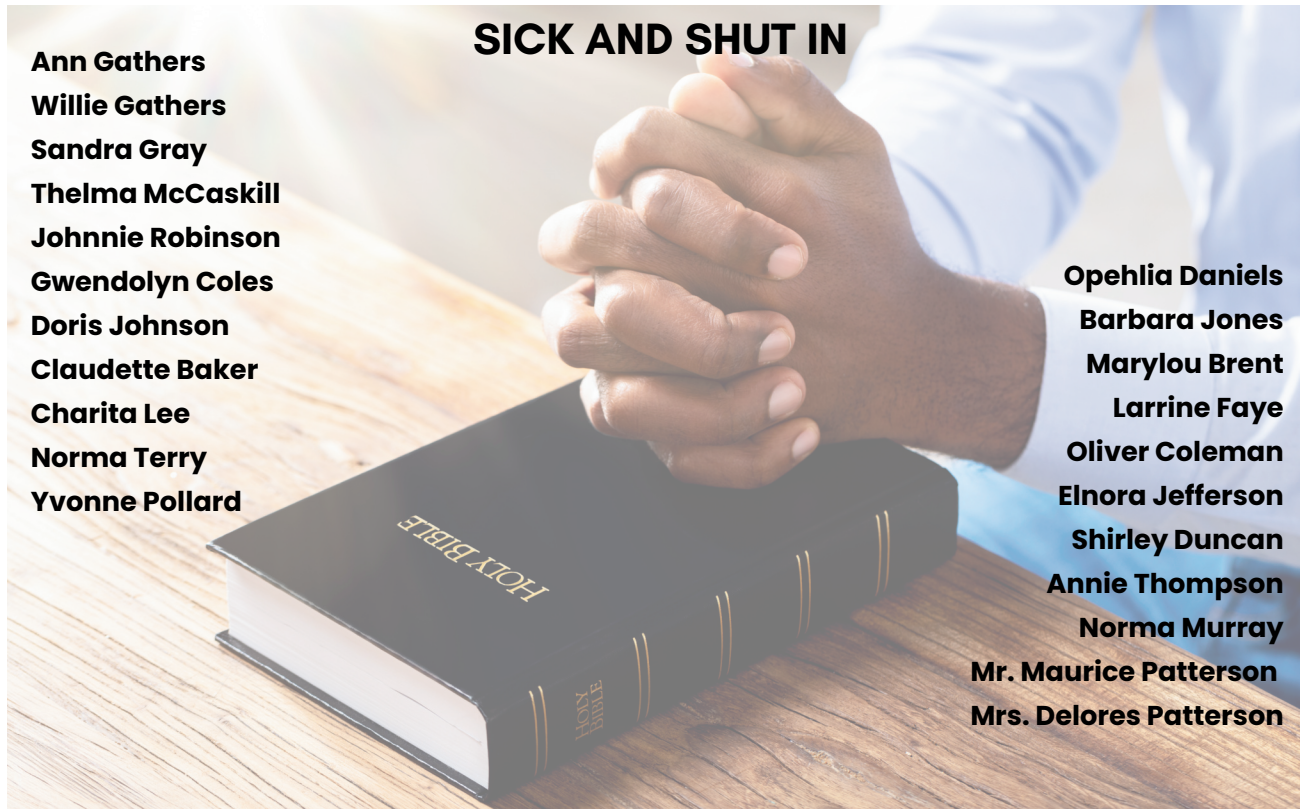
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SICK AND SHUT IN

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

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Rev. 21:4



To David, Tonya and the entire Thompson Family, your church family will continue to keep you in prayer since the passing of your loved one, Sister Doris. We mourn her loss with you. We pray for your continued comfort and peace during this difficult time.

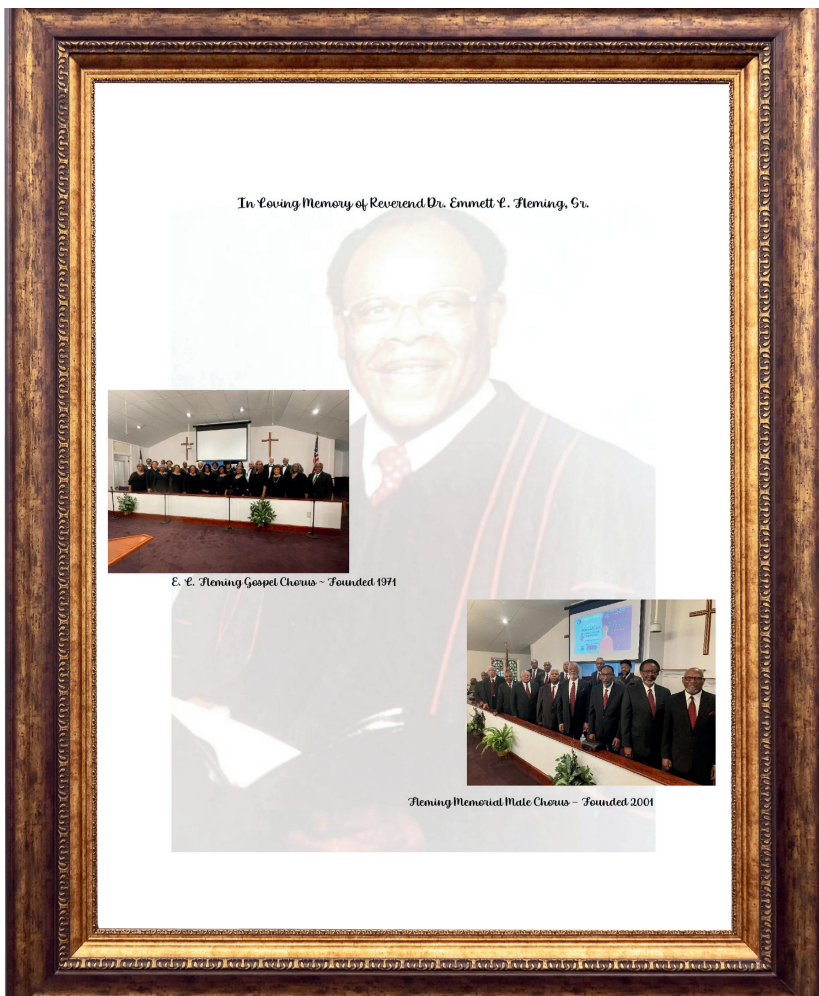


**SAVE
THE
DATE**



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! This is our chance to surround our pastor with love, gratitude, and encouragement for all the ways she pours into our lives. Let's come together as a church family to celebrate her and make October extra special!

Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th is Homecoming Weekend & Family and Friends Day. Stay tuned for more information. Check your emails and calling posts in the coming days.



The E.L. Fleming Gospel Chorus and the Fleming Memorial Male Chorus are two choirs, connected by one name.

This image was created by Rhonda Pleasants and presented to the Fleming Family during the Memorial Concert.

THE MEMORIAL CONCERT A SUCCESS!



Photo Credit:
Valerie Pullen



SBC Family and Friends,
It's a wonderful day to give thanks.

It is with gratitude and appreciation that I extend to each and every one a big THANK YOU for your presence and support on last Sunday afternoon for the Memorial Concert honoring and to celebrate the legacy of the late Rev. Dr. E.L. Fleming.



Fleming Family images
provided by
Major Fleming

To the Family of Dr. E. L Fleming, we extend our love and know that his legacy will always be a part of us.

So, on behalf of the E. L. Fleming Gospel Chorus, the Fleming Memorial Male Chorus and our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs, we say, God is Great and Greatly to Be Praised.



Dorothy Fells, Program Chair
Virginia Johnson, President, E.L. Fleming Gospel Chorus
Victor Herbert, President, Fleming Memorial Male Chorus



*Submitted by Chaplain Dr. Andrea Kelly,
Minister of Congregational & Spiritual Care*

Luke 6:27-28 But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

This scripture verse serves as a reminder that love is powerful than hate. Hatred and division have always been present, but now both seem to be claiming center stage. But as Christians, we know love is the antidote to hatred and the path to reconciliation. Just because we live amongst the weeds does not mean we forget who dwells within and owns us. Thus, to carry such behavior and mindset in ourselves speaks volumes that we are not of God.

Child of God, love those who divide us. We, too, were like them, but now we should no longer have such a heart. Stay in His Word. Stay in Prayer so you may stay in His presence and walk righteously despite hatred swirling around us.

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE MINISTRY 2025



Back to School Shoe Ministry 2025 was a huge success. SBC because of you we collected 205 shoes. Total shoes collected from 10 churches/synagogue was 1,969. Total shoes distributed on August 16th was 963. Total shoes given to 19 schools -1,016. Thank you to each person who contributed in some way.

Thank you, Trustees Bracey and Murray!



Walk a mile in someone else's shoes

BACK TO SCHOOL

Submitted by Wanda West

The 2025-26 school year is now in full swing! Students have had the opportunity to meet their teachers, to get accustomed to the daily routine, to make new friends and to reconnect with old ones. School officials have spent most of the summer collaborating and planning so as to be sure that each student begins the year on the path to a productive and successful year.

Parents, guardians, and other family members, you have an extremely important role in your child's school experience as well. Here are a few ways you can help make the journey easier.

- Establish a daily routine at home and try to stick with it! Encourage your child to prepare for school the night before by getting clothes ready, placing homework in his/her backpack, etc. - anything to eliminate any morning stress. Have your child at the bus stop a few minutes early. Remain with younger children until the bus arrives.
- Review behavioral and academic expectations with your child daily. Address any concerns with the teacher.
- Establish a method to communicate with your child's teacher. Attend the school's Back To School Night or make an appointment to meet the teacher(s) ASAP. Be sure that you know teacher's name and grade. Request a copy of your child's daily schedule.
- Try to set appointments with dentists, doctors, etc., for days when schools are closed, early mornings, or late afternoons to avoid or limit interruptions to your child's day. Regular, prompt attendance is crucial and helps to assure a level of success for your child. Frequent absences, tardies, and early dismissals may cause your child to have gaps in learning that are often difficult to regain and may even result in retention.

When the week is finally over, don't forget to allow your child to re-fuel with adequate rest, recreation, and certainly spiritual development.

Remember: You, the teacher, and the entire school staff are on your child's ACADEMIC team during the week, and your SBC family stands ready to help support his/her SPIRITUAL growth. "Teamwork Makes The Dream Work"!

Have a blessed school year!



It is easier to build
strong children than to
repair broken men.
-Frederick Douglass

Grand Opening

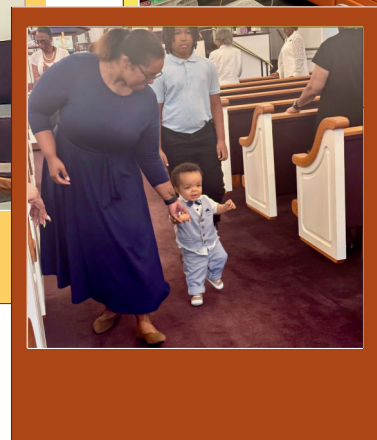
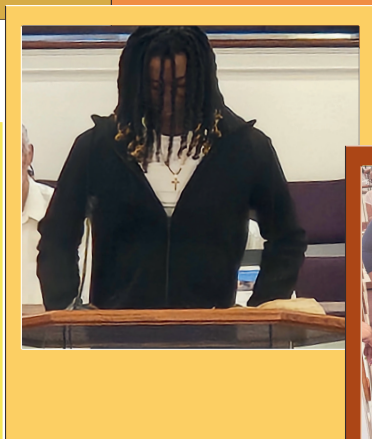
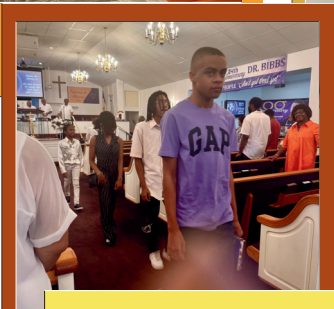
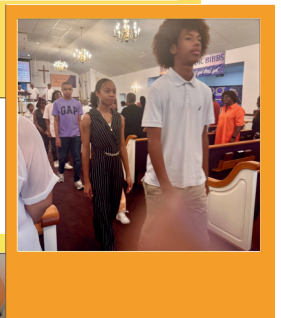
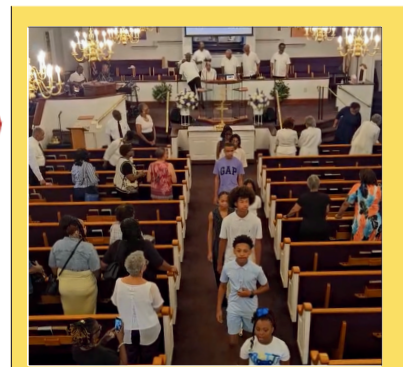


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Grand Opening of the Centennial Youth Center. Recessional lead by the children, and youth of SBC





SEPTEMBER!

"The more you praise and
celebrate your life, the
more there is in life to
celebrate."
— Oprah Winfrey

Harry Holmes -1
Sharonda Lindsay- 3
Patricia Solomon -3
Robert Macklin -4
Jianna Young -4
Lincoln Campbell- 4
Mae Gabbin -5
Chesterfield Moat- 5
Joseph Young III -5
Russelyne Smith -6
Arianna Mallory - 6
Charlotte Greenhill- 8
Tonya Parker -8
Louise Dandridge -10
Emmanuel Key -10
Carl Scott -10
Daniel Jenkins-10

Patricia Coward -12
Douglas Owens -14
Jerry Parker -14
Lynette Satterfield -14
Alvert Henley -15
Carolyn Williams -18
E Battle -20
Ophelia Daniels -21
Alice Black -25
Marie Jones -25
Gazelle Chappelle -25
Kyla West -25
Shirley Sparks -26
Kamari Stokes -28
Andrew Taylor -28
Garvey Murray -29

Where was
Solomon's temple
located?
**On the side of his
head.**

Why is Abraham
considered the
smartest person in the
Bible?
He knew a Lot.

Why couldn't Jonah
trust the ocean?
**He knew there was
something fishy
about it.**

What kind of
man was Boaz
before he
married Ruth?

Ruthless



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submission to
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