

The Grace Beacon

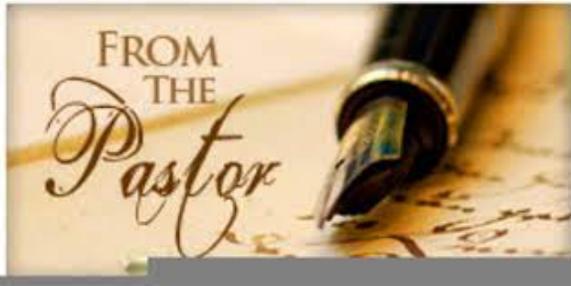
The Majesty of the Creator is seen in the Beauty of His Creation.

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

**It's Fall, Y'all!
Time To Get To Work!**



Grace and Peace,



I come to you in this moment yet again with only words of hope, compassion and encouragement. These last 19 months have truly been a testing time for all of us. It has certainly been a challenge for us all in some way, shape, form or fashion. You may have found yourself praying more, may have found yourself seeking quiet moments alone or you may have even found yourself seeking some

degree of peace in the most urgent way. I want you to know that you are not alone. We are aware, in this most uncertain time, of how much time we may have lost, but equally aware of how much time we have gained just by being alone with God. The Holy Spirit is still alive and well and is working in all of us. So in this edition of THE BEACON, I encourage you with the words of Christ "Be of good cheer for our Savior has overcome the world." Rest on the promises of God knowing "He will never leave you nor forsake you." Take courage in these words "The Lord is our light and our salvation, whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life of whom shall we be afraid"? Here is one that I really hold fast to as we are journeying through diverse realities "Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not His benefits, who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Let me invite all of you and your families, neighbors and friends to a wonderful BIBLE STUDY we are having entitled "WHAT THE CHURCH GETS RIGHT." It is my hope that you can make it a priority to join us every Wednesday for study. It is a difficult thing to follow and not know who is doing the leading. Grace we have to GROW, not only in our spiritual relationship with God, but also we have to GROW in our relationship with one another. I know that as a traditional congregation you have held on to those things that have brought you dangers seen and unseen, but I HIGHLY encourage you that God is not through with GRACE yet. Listen to these words from the prophet Isaiah "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; you do not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Here is what the Lord is conveying to us today - Church as it was is not Church as it is today. God is doing new things, new ways, with new people. Please don't miss this. Don't miss out on the blessing of revitalization and renewal all because we want to keep things the way they were. Let's be that Church that God is creating us to be and prepare ourselves for VISION.

The Lord be with you all.

Pastor B.
Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.
Senior Pastor

Virtual Lott Carey Convention

The 124th Annual Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention was held August 10 – 12, 2021. We started the convention at 6:30 AM in prayer. Dr. Cynthia Turner Wood brought the meditation “How Long” based on Psalm 82 with emphasis on verse 2, “How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked”. Greetings by Rev. Emmett Dun followed the meditation and we concluded with opening the prayer line for corporate prayer.

Having the convention on line allowed time for breakfast after Prayer and before my Mission Study class which started at 9:00 AM. The books that Lott Carey selects for the classes always challenge me to evaluate my “mission service”. This year was no different. The book this year was “To Serve This Present Age, Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church , “ authored by Danielle L. Ayers and Reginald W. Williams, Jr. Danielle L. Ayers is Minister of Social Justice at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where she has mobilized more than 1,000 individuals in the Dallas community around Jena6 and served as lead on the Annual Faith Summit on Poverty. Reginald W. Williams, Jr., is Pastor of First Baptist Church, University Park, Illinois. Previously, he served as Associate Pastor for Justice Ministries at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago under Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

The challenge for the first day of class was defining the difference between charity and justice. Charity is giving with no follow up and justice is changing or correcting. Our key words for the session were Advocacy, Psalm 82:3-4 , “Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from hand of the wicked” and Justice, Proverbs 31:8-9 “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Justice is proactive, working for change in the system that creates such needs. Charity is reactive to specific material needs.

The second day started with prayer with the meditation by Rev. Dr. Jonnel Green, “Don’t loose your voice” Joshua 1-9 and Philippians 4:13. The key word for class was “Empowerment”, Joshua 1:9. The class emphasis was “Discovering the power of relationships”. My conclusion was ministries of the church should be internally based and externally relevant. The critical components of engagement are: 1. Care of the soul. 2. Education of the congregation and community. 3. Political action and awareness. 4. Collaboration (You don’t have the reinvent the wheel or go it alone, partnership). Some of the benefits of establishing partnerships are. A. Adequate resources, B. Human capital, C. Intellectual capital. D. Visibility, E. Credibility. F. Diversity.

The Lott Carey 21/22 Budget was shared by Board Chairman, John Alexander, in the afternoon session. It has income of \$2,245,949 and expenses of \$2,129,809. Special prayers were requested for all lost because of Covid-19, especially in India where we lost several people who work alongside Lott Carey. Lott Carey continues to provide assistance to partners around the world. It has provided \$66,000;00 for disaster relief in the United States, safe drinking water in Liberia, medication and medical supplies and has been able to touch lives with transforming love around the world.

The evening session featured Dr. Tannika Sheppard, Executive Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church, Miami Garden, Florida. Dr. Sheppard can be considered as a “daughter” of Lott Carey after previously serving in the International Youth Department. Her scripture was Mark 5:24-34. Dr. Sheppard used the story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus garment to demonstrate empowerment.

Thursday was started with the 6:30 AM “Son Rise Prayer Service”. The meditation was brought by Dr. Dionne Boneshin and was entitled “Get up, take Jesus and Go” based on Matthew 28:16-20. The theme for my mission class was “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”. In the afternoon session, our partners from South Africa and Haiti shared from a pastoral perspective pandemic pastoring. Our partner from Haiti, Dr. Claude Jeudy, related how during the shutdown services were conducted via smart phones. Once the churches were opened, he found it was hard to get people to wear masks and resist shaking hands. Other difficulties were shortage of food and hygiene materials, lack of trust in the government due to the recent assassination of their president which created mistrust of the government. Lesson learned was to have a plan for emergencies. They have now received vaccines that will only supply less than 20% of the population. Approximately 16,000 have been vaccinated and they are having difficulty in conserving the vaccine.

Thursday evening closing session was highlighted with the installation of Dr. Gina Stewart as the first female President of Lott Carey . Dr. Stewart is the pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. A contingent of Lott Carey officials attended the in person celebration in Atlanta, Georgia and were able to witness this historic event. Attending the Lott Carey Conventions down through the years has always made me re-evaluate my commitment to missions and this year was no different. Even though I did not attend the convention in person and missed the opportunity to fellowship with people I have met at the conventions down through the years, I was still able to renew my commitment to work in missions.

Lunita Williams



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Lott Carey at Prayer

Churches, individuals, and organizations are invited to join us as we pray for the Lott Carey family around the world.

Focus country

Ethiopia

All are invited to join us in prayer for Ethiopia and our partners in the East African nation.

Lott Carey projects in Ethiopia include:

- HIV/AIDS education, prevention, care, and support
- HIV/AIDS mobile testing centers
- Victims of sexual slavery

"COVID-19 has made it very difficult for people to come to us, so the mobile testing centers have allowed us to go to them. Thus, the mobile testing ministry have become absolutely lifesaving!"

--Elleni Gebreamlak, President, AAI



From the All Africa Conference of Churches

"We are deeply concerned about the growing tension and danger in Ethiopia as the military continues operations in the Tigray Region where thousands of people are affected and devastated in one way or the other. We have continued to follow media reports and other platforms of information sharing where we have heard of killing and massive displacement forcing many citizens to take refuge outside their homes, including in a neighbor country of Sudan. We are called into the mission of God to work for peace, and to advocate and sustain the vision of the fullness of life."

To Donate go to <https://lottcarey.org/donate>

Prayer for Ethiopia

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

We pray for:

Lott Carey Mission Partners

§ African AIDS Initiative International (AAII)

The churches, people, and government of Ethiopia

In solidarity with the millions of innocent people of Ethiopia, we invite you to commit the nation of Ethiopia in prayers. Please pray for:

- The Prince of Peace to prevail in Ethiopia and give wisdom to the leaders as they discern ways towards resolving the current crisis by rejecting the temptation of continuing violence.
- All the leaders across the country to engage in dialogue as a path to peace, stability and wellbeing of the people.
- The people that have fled and now classified as refugees and internally displaced people for God's comfort and provision through humanitarian organizations.
- The ecclesial churches in Ethiopia to remain prophetic in their engagements with all the leaders and people towards peace, healing, reconciliation and restoration.

May the God of life hear our petitions and supplications for Ethiopia, Amen.

Adapted from the Methodist Church, United Kingdom

Other prayer opportunities and concerns

Victims of Hurricane Ida

Let us pray for and give our support to victims of Hurricane Ida in the Caribbean and the United States.

Haiti

The nation of Haiti, as it grapples with the after effects of an earthquake, hurricanes, assassination of its president, political instability, and the impact and effect of Covid-19 and other diseases.

WISE Prayer call and 31 Days of Prayer

Lott Carey Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) Monthly Prayer Call the first day of each month, 6:30 a.m. EST.

Dial in 267-807-9611

Access Code 172051



Make a donation to Lott Carey

About Lott Carey

Established in 1897, Lott Carey has networks in 27 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America.

Based in the Washington DC Metro Area, Lott Carey provides financial support and technical assistance in leadership development, education, training, healthcare, advocacy, disaster relief, and other services.





Help Us Help Haiti...
create a giving circle today!

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Get Ten Women
to
Ask Ten Friends
to
Give Ten Dollars

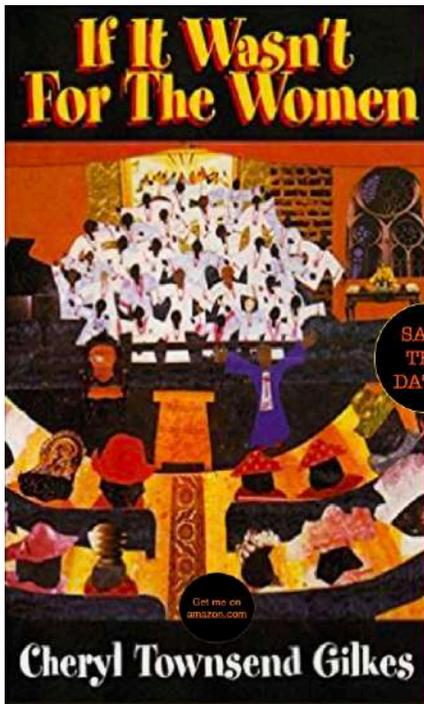
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*God has prepared us for a time
such as this*

WISE

Let's Get Started!!!

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2021 Lott Carey WISE Literary Circle
Three Thursdays in October
the 14th-21st-28th @ 7PM

Week One: Chapters 1&2
Week Two: Chapter 5
Week Three: Chapters 8,9 &11



Dr. Jaqueline Madison- McCreary, Pastor
First Baptist Church of New Market
Piscataway, NJ



Dr. Marilyn Harris, Pastor
First Baptist Church of Teaneck
Teaneck, NJ

2021 Lott Carey WISE MasterClass
One Thursday in November
the 11th @ 7PM

This Little Light of Mine: Gospel Gaslighting



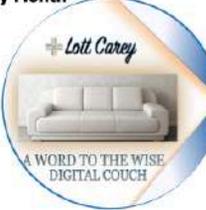
Dr. TaNikka Sheppard, Executive Pastor
The Fountain Church
Miami Gardens, FL



Dr. Jonnel Green, Pastor
Bethesda Baptist Church
Jersey City, NJ

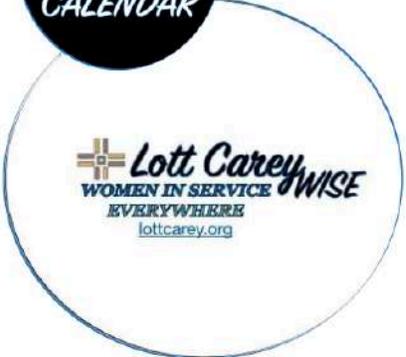


The First Thursday
of Every Month



April 1, 2021 &
August 1, 2021





The First of Every Month



Standing Against GBV



Preparing for the 31 Days of Prayer in March

**A Candid Conversation:
Being Made In The Image of God**

**Literary Circle
Oct. 14th, 21st & 28th
If It Wasn't For The Women**

**MasterClass
Nov. 11th
If It Wasn't For The Women**




**The Lott Carey
WISE SALT
Volunteer Guide
can be
accessed at
lottcarey.org**

Skirts for Uganda

The Sewing Circle at Grace heeded the emergency call to make pillowcase skirts for girls at an orphanage in Kampala, Uganda. The pandemic has kept these ladies out of the church where they sit and sew together, but it didn't stop them from making 95 different length skirts from pillowcases and summer material to be shipped with other essentials to children at Kare Africa Orphanage. In addition, Grace Friends to Uganda donated

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brand new underwear to be distributed with the skirts. Many Thanks to sewers Linda Gooding, Brenda Norman, Janet Sampson, Deacon Emeritus Barbara Woodard and Deacon Sandie Jordan-Gordon. Special thanks to Selena Gillespie, Lorraine Gaines Elliott and Geraldine Lamar for the underwear donation.

WANTED

ITEMS FOR THE UGANDA MISSION PROJECT

- * Any size cotton pillow cases. Any colors and patterns preferred. Please! No micro fiber pillow cases.
- * Spring/summer material
- * Toothbrushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, men and women's deodorant.
- * Hotel toiletry samples
- * Slightly used bras
- * Children's shoes
- * Neck ties

Hold on to your donation. A drop-off date will be announced soon.

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”
 Matthew 25: 34-40 KJV

