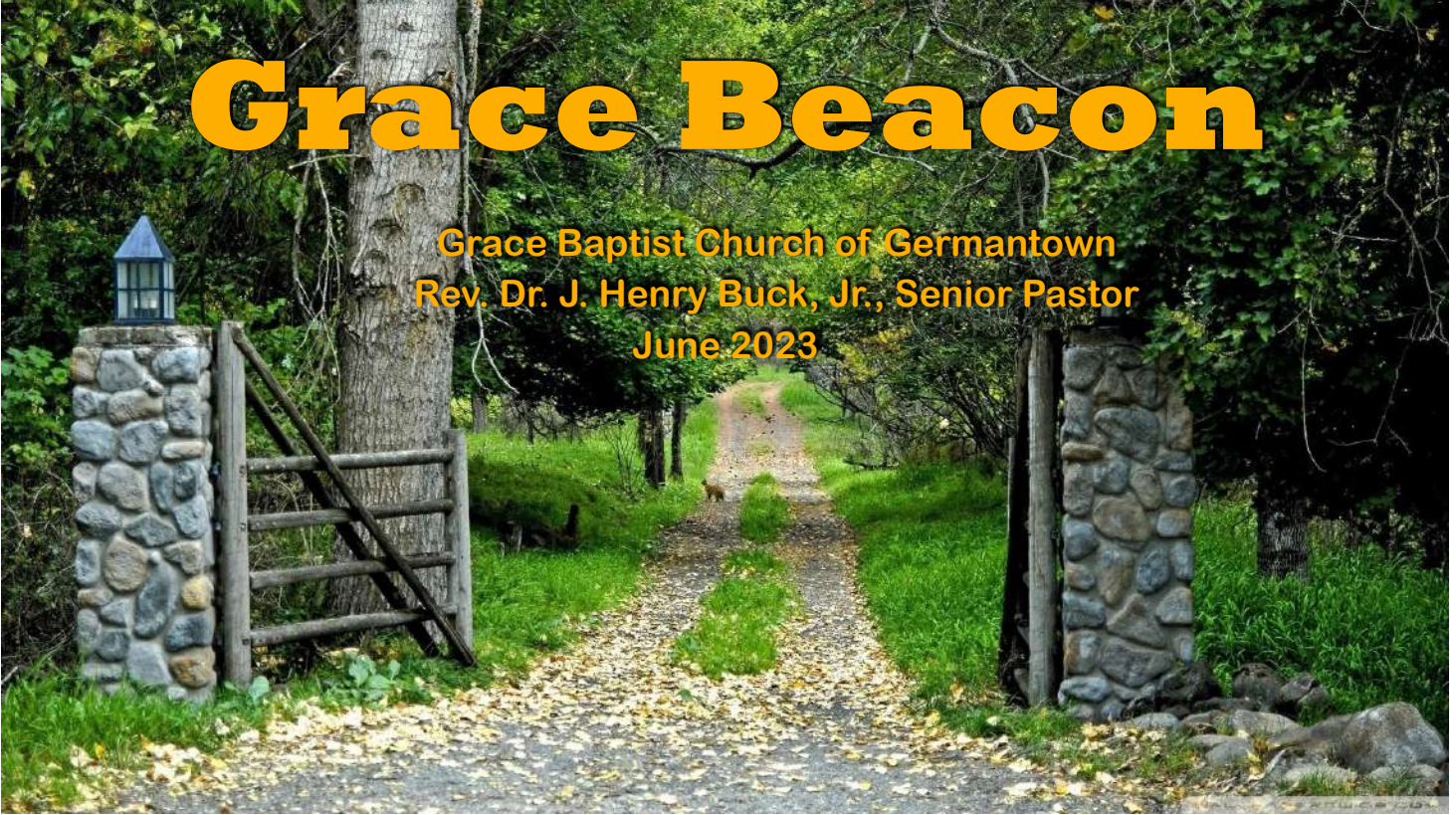


# Grace Beacon

Grace Baptist Church of Germantown  
Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr., Senior Pastor  
June 2023



## ***AN ADOPTIVE FATHER'S THOUGHTS ON FATHER'S DAY***

As father's day approaches, there are two primary thoughts that come to my mind about being a father, and about having a Heavenly Father.

My wife Liz and I have been blessed with 4 beautiful daughters, 2 biological and 2 adopted. Prior to leaving for China the first time to adopt our daughter Kate, it was really amazing to watch and participate in everything that happens for an adoption to take place. It is truly one of the most incredible rescue efforts you will ever get to experience. I thought often of Kate, lying unaware in her crib in China, with not a single thought or any awareness of the massive rescue effort taking place by literally dozens of people across the world. Everything from prayer to finances to logistics were underway to bring her home. And inevitably as a Christian you realize the massive rescue effort that our Heavenly Father has orchestrated for us. Prior to becoming believers, we are often unaware of the legions of people and angels that are working and praying and planning to bring us home. I was just like Kate – unknowing that I had a family, a Father, and that I was being pursued, so that I would have a home for eternity. Our adoption of Kate and Caroline have given me a sweet insight in God's adoption of us. And I am thankful for that.

The second thought that comes to mind as a father is how similar my presence with our children is to our Heavenly Father's presence in my life. Here is what I mean by that. I have seen a dog rush at one of my children, and I instantly snatched up my daughter, shielded her, and carried her away from the danger. I have been in crowds where one of my daughters felt uncertain and afraid, she did not need to be carried or shielded, but I just lightly place my hand on her head to let her know I am nearby and it is okay. And I have been at the park where I just watch carefully from a distance as they play. They do not know always exactly where I am and may not see me, but I always see them and I always watch for any sign of danger or anything that would require me to help them. And this always reminds me of our Heavenly Father, and how He has picked me up and raced me away from evil, and how He has at other times just gently placed His hand on me to let me know even though I am afraid and uncertain, that He is near. And when I look around and don't see Him and feel alone, it helps me to realize that sometimes my kids feel that way, but the truth is that I am always there and always watching and always ready, and it makes me again realize that our Heavenly Father is just like that, too.

**James F. Wessel – Adoptive Father**

<https://lifelinechild.org/an-adoptive-fathers-thoughts-on-fathers-day/>



## Good and Pleasant Greetings to ALL



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

It is the month of June and there are so many things happening that are blessings of uplift and encouragement. First we give God thanks for the countless times that God has raised and brought us through dangers seen and unseen. If we would look over what we have endured, there would be so much to give praises for in this season of our lives. Before we move into the reflections that are before us, we pause to recognize once again ALL the graduates and your accomplishments that have been laid at your feet. Use what God has given you and make God smile whenever God thinks about you.

We are pleased to announce that one of our very own, Mr. Rel Dowdell will be a guest on the national television show program, ***The 700 Club***, addressing the racial impact of the first African American female to play the part of the "Little Mermaid". Her name is Halle Bailey and the show will air at 9 am Philadelphia time. Make plans if you can, with your coffee and breakfast to listen in on the commentary of Mr. Rel Dowdell.

June is also the month we recognize Father's Day. Having had conversations with some of the Men's Ministry Leaders, we are eager to hear and to see what God is allowing and has birthed in them as they lead us in the celebration recognizing the contribution of Fathers. We encourage all of our men and young men to be on the lookout for that call and for the invitation to gather together as we launch forward and revive the ministry. The Laborers - HERE WE COME.

Jubilee Day, Freedom Day and Cel-Liberation Day is known to many as JUNETEENTH. On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued on January 1, 1863, was finally recognized in the state of Texas. The order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaimed freedom for slaves in Texas. Originating in Galveston, Texas, Juneteenth has since been observed and recognized annually in many parts of the United states. The recognition of Juneteenth being a federal holiday was first recognized by President Joe Biden in the year of 2021. There are many celebrations planned here in the city of Philadelphia including a community celebration planned for the Mt. Airy section of the city. We will try to include a table representing our church which will present some activities that will re-introduce Grace to an ever-changing community that's taking place around us.

Let us not forget what we as a people have achieved; let us not forget the accomplishments that our people have made, but most of all let us not forget that we are NOT DONE YET. In the words of our great poetic historian, learn to commit these words to action:

"Lift ever voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven rings,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea,  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,



felt in the when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered.  
We have come treading the path through the blood of the slaughtered.  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last,  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on thine way;  
Thou who has by thine might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in they path is what we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places our God where we met thee,  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee,  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,  
True to our God and true to our native land.”

Pastor Buck



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Bloom Modal  
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## Dear Graduate

A significant journey is ending for you. No doubt you are eager to get going on the next one. But go ahead, savor the moment. Such clear rites of passage don't come often in life. And thank God. Education is a profound gift.

And on behalf of your parents (as a parent of a graduating child myself), be gracious with their nostalgia and tears. It's rite of passage for them too.

You're probably receiving a lot of advice. But before you set off down the winding road before you, here are a few travel notes from my own journey. They may help you navigate what lies ahead.

### The Road to Joy Is Hard

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” (Matthew 7:13–14)

This road of life you're gazing down is a road *to* life, but only if you follow the Way (John 14:6). The road is going to get very hard at times. Other roads will look very appealing to you when you are weary, discouraged, confused, angry, tempted by some desire, or grieving. They will appear much easier. Beware. The path of least resistance is the path of least reward. Jesus goes much further: A path like this leads to destruction.

**“The path of least resistance is the path of least reward.”**

Don't let anyone tell you that life is all about the journey. It's not true. The journey is all about the *destination*. What matters most is where you end up. You will have to forego many short-term pleasures and refrain from many “life experiences” in order to reach “that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19). Go for joy. Be a thoroughgoing Christian Hedonist. Seek the greatest treasure which gives the highest pleasure. Even though the road to it is hardest. Don't settle for piddly pleasures. If God is your treasure, you'll gain everything. If he's not, you'll lose it all.

**Trust God's Promises, Not Your Perceptions**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5–6)

Know the Book. Do not neglect the Book. Memorize the Book. Store the Book in your heart (Psalm 119:11).

Daily Bible reading has nothing to do with your performing a ritual for God's approval, but has everything to do with your spiritual survival. The Book will keep you sane, because the Book tells you what's real. What you perceive with your senses, how you interpret your perceptions, and how your emotions respond are unreliable indicators of reality. They will frequently not tell you the truth. And when they do, their reports will often be faulty because they are based on a very thin slice of reality. They can't tell you the big picture. You need to know what God says is true and stand there.

**“Life is not all about the journey. The journey is all about the destination.”**

Many, many times it will look to you like God's promises are not real or will not come true. At those moments — I can't stress this enough — *don't trust your perceptions*. I have learned this lesson over the past 30 years in many different, and at times severe, ways. I tell you the truth: Not once have God's promises failed me, but my perceptions have failed me again and again.

So, live in the Book and it will help you live.

### **Pray “Whatever It Takes” Prayers**

“And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” (Luke 11:9)

Ask God for everything. The world tells you that you are the master of your fate and must fend for yourself. But God wants you to believe that you “cannot receive even one thing unless it is given [you] from heaven” (John 3:27) and that “apart from [Jesus] you can do nothing” (John 15:5). Jesus invites you to ask, seek, and knock. Take him up on it.

And when praying for your own heart, don't be afraid to pray, “whatever it takes.” God loves those kinds of prayers. He takes them seriously and answers them. You will not always recognize the answers initially, because they will come in ways you don't expect. And they will often be harder than you expect. Because of this reality, some people fear praying in this way. Don't be afraid. You will not regret such prayers. Through them God will reveal himself in ways you never knew before and you will receive some of the best gifts of this life.

### **Be You**

“Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” (John 21:21–22)

Always remember, Jesus wants you to be you. He wants you to become a more sanctified, excellent you (1 Thessalonians 4:3). But he doesn't want you to be anyone else. You bear God's image in a unique way. You have a unique calling on your life.

You will be tempted all along the way to compare yourself with others. Sometimes you will feel the pride of superiority; sometimes you will feel the pride of inferiority. In all your comparisons, Jesus's word to you will be, “What is that to you? You follow me.”

At the end of your journey, the status and achievements the world most admires will mean nothing. All that will matter is whether or not you faithfully stewarded what Jesus entrusted to you.



# A Black History Moment



Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in [Galveston, Texas](#) in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after [the signing](#) of the [Emancipation Proclamation](#). Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it [officially became a federal holiday](#).

Confederate General [Robert E. Lee](#) had surrendered at [Appomattox Court House](#) two months earlier in Virginia, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas—until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President [Abraham Lincoln](#) on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in [Confederate states](#) in rebellion against the Union “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.”

But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn’t instantly free any enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind in this illustration. The Juneteenth holiday honors the effective end of slavery in the United States.

The year following 1865, freedmen in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of “Jubilee Day” on June 19. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, barbecues, prayer services and other activities, and as Black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country the Juneteenth tradition spread.

In 1979, [Texas became the first state](#) to make Juneteenth an official holiday; several others followed suit over the years. In June 2021, Congress passed a resolution establishing Juneteenth as a national holiday; President Biden signed it into law on June 17, 2021.

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# WELLNESS MINISTRY'S JUNE "DID YOU KNOW?"



## June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Did you know....  
that 55 million people live with Alzheimer's

the early signs of the disease include memory loss, challenges in problem solving  
difficulty completing tasks and changes in character

that there is a global call-to-action to join the fight to end Alzheimer's on the  
summer solstice, the day with the most light which is called the "Longest Day"

Now that you know, if you need/want to know more about Alzheimer's, you can call the hotline 24/7 at  
1-800-272-3900 or go directly to the website [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

## June is National Men's Health Month

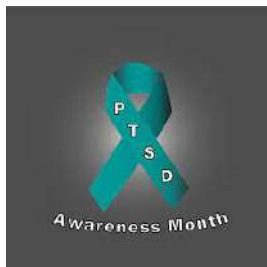
Did you know...

that National Men's Health Month is to highlight preventable physical and mental  
health problems among males and encourage early detection and treatment of  
diseases

Men's Health Week is celebrated June 13 - 19, 2023  
that you can wear blue to support men's health awareness

that African American men suffer from heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer  
at higher numbers than other men.

Now that you know, please talk with your primary doctor about how you can possibly prevent becoming ill with those  
diseases that affect men in record numbers.



## June is PTSD Awareness Month

Did you know...

approximately 8 million U.S. citizens live with post traumatic stress disorder(PTSD)  
and is most common in females

PTSD is a mental health condition that develops following a  
traumatic event characterized by intrusive thoughts about the incident, recurrent  
distress and anxiety, flashbacks and avoidance of similar situations

PTSD is treatable by a medical professional which often requires lab tests or  
imaging

Now that you know, speak with your primary doctor to get a referral for a psychologist or psychiatrist if you think you  
are or someone you know is suffering from this condition

Minister Carolyn M. Blackson



## **GIRL SCOUTS HARD AT WORK**

Brownie and Girl Scout Troops #91058 and #91486 have been working on their Philanthropy Badge by exploring themes that challenge them to examine the world round them and to see where they can help. They hosted a World Thinking Day and completed their Global Action Badge. On May 27, they watched a video and listened to Deacon Sandie Jordan-Gordon's presentation on her mission trip to Kampala and surrounding villages in Uganda. At the end of the presentation they presented Deacon JG with over a dozen tied-dyed pillowcases to be turned into dresses for the next mission trip. Komlavi Ekouevi, Brownie Scout Naimah's father, spoke to the girls about the Save Our Villages Project in Togo, Africa.



Scouts listen to presentations from the Uganda Mission Project and the Togo Save Our Villages Project.

Pillowcases presented to the Uganda Mission Project

Putting on the final touches.





**From the keyboard of the editor**

## THANK GOD FOR THE ANTS!

Isn't it funny how God sends us lessons for strengthening our faith in the smallest and seemingly most insignificant of life's situations? Recently I walked into my living room, happy and satisfied after being away for a few days. Opening the front window, something caught my eye as light flooded the carpet. There were bug carcasses all across the floor. Pulling out the vacuum cleaner and cleaning them up, I looked to see what they were and where they came from. No trace of any living ones, and those that were dead disintegrated as they were sucked up. So, okay, all traces of whatever they were gone and the issue was past..or so I thought. Two days later I began seeing winged bugs climbing my window, sill and curtains. "Oh, my God," I thought. "I have termites!" It was Sunday - no point in trying to get an specialized exterminator today, so I grabbed my insect spray and doused the window! A momentary solution, but it gave me hope! Monday morning came and went with no fresh signs of the bugs. I went out hoping I had solved the problem without having to spend tons of money on extermination. When I returned, they had returned! I had to call a professional who couldn't come until the next day, I grabbed my insect spay and did battle once again. I thought about my budget for the month. Lord, it certainly did not include termite treatment! "Please help, Lord." was my prayer.

The exterminator came on schedule. I showed him the situation. He looked at the dead bugs and smiled. He said, "This is good for you, but not for me. You have ants! These are the flyers." Flying ants?! Of course, I had questions. Where did they come from? Why and how did they get in here? What can I do to get rid of them? How can you tell that they are not termites? He said, "You don't have to do anything. They will move on as quickly as they came." Then he gave me a lesson in how to tell the difference the I will share with you here. When I asked him about the charge for the visit, he smiled again and said, "No charge!" Was he right? Yep, in two days, they were completely gone, and that has been at least two weeks. My faith lesson? God is the expert in every one of life's situations, big or small...and there is never a charge! You just have to have faith. Thank God for the ants!

Congratulations to our graduates. I am looking forward to celebrating them on June 25. They are a blessing and they are blessed!

Happy Father's Day to all Dads, Grandpas, Dad substitutes, Uncles, etc. In this crazy world of ours, we need more Dads...not just more Fathers! Enjoy your Day.

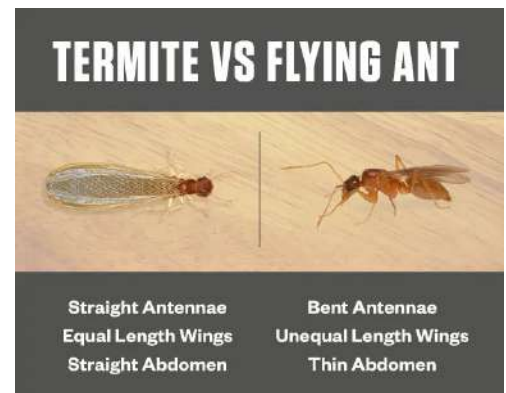
Don't forget Vacation Bible School. We are working on our Children's Ministries. Come enjoy the Food Truck Party. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the Education Building on the table next to the Nurses' Office. Yes, there are adults classes available also. See you there.

It's been a good year in spite of our challenges. God continues to bless us in ways we don't even perceive sometimes, Grace. Yes, He is good and I thank him for summer vacation. This is the last Beacon until September. I am going to find some "green pastures and still waters" for restoration. I hope each of you is able to do likewise.

I'm told that in Montana, it is illegal for married women to go fishing alone on Sundays, and it is illegal for unmarried women to fish alone at all.

Thank God I don't live in Montana!

Have a blessed summer and stay safe!  
Sandi





**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**

25 W. Johnson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144

# Health & Wellness Day

**Saturday, June 10, 2023  
10:00am-2:00pm**

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

**You are invited to a day focused on Reconciliation, Restoration  
and Relaxation. Sponsored by Grace's Wellness Ministry.**

- \* Relaxation Techniques
- \* Healthy Eating Tips
- \* Health Screenings
- \* Children's Activities
- \* Light refreshments

**For more details:**

ph: 215.438.3215

w: [gracebaptistgtn.org](http://gracebaptistgtn.org)







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BAPTIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

*presents*

# The Chancel Choir in Concert



THEME: "I WILL SING PRAISES"

Sunday, June 4, 2023 @ 4:00 PM

Sanctuary

Dr. Sara C. Blanford, Director

*'Come join us for a spirit-filled afternoon!!!!'*

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*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest of others." Philippians 2:3-4*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.....

## MIN. CLIFFORD L. STANLEY'S FAMILY APPRECIATION DINNER

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

JAMES B. MURRAY SOCIAL HALL  
25 W. JOHNSON STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144

*With the above Scripture in mind, my prayer is that each of us will continue to learn to love as God wants us to love. This seminary degree is merely a platform upon which to continue to build. My Scriptural education and Biblical application would mean nothing without you.*

*From the depths of my heart, thank you for your prayers and support. You are an important part of the kingdom I seek to serve and honor God. This dinner is but a small token of mine and my family's appreciation.*

*In His Service,*

**Minister Clifford L. Stanley**  
Associate Minister  
Grace Baptist Church of Germantown





**Vacation Bible School**  
**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Sunday, June 11, 2023 - Dedication of Vacation Bible School Workers**

**Sunday, June 11, 2023 - Vacation Bible School Offering**

**Friday, June 23, 2023 - Decision Day / T-Shirt Day / Food Truck (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)**  
**(Please come to the J.B. Murray Social Hall @ 12:00 PM)**

**Saturday, June 24, 2023 - Closing Program / Awards (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)**  
**Lunch, Reflection & Games**

**To Be Announced - Potluck Fellowship for all Vacation Bible School Staff**  
**(11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**

***KEEP US IN PRAYER!!!!***

***Deacon Beverly Terrence, Director***  
***215-514-7090***

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Hello, Esteemed Grace Baptist Church Members.

I hope all is well and blessed with everyone. I will be on the global show **The 700 Club**, this **Friday, June 2** speaking in a story about the impact of Disney casting an African-American actress (Halle Bailey) in the lead role in the new blockbuster remake of **The Little Mermaid**. I was approached to be on the show due to my extensive background in film studies and filmmaking. Please make sure to tune in, or make sure to DVR the episode, so you can see it. The segment turned out extremely well. **Please see what time the show comes on in your area**. It usually comes on at 9am in most cities. Below is a still photo taken from the segment. Lastly, please be so kind as to spread the word about this landmark interview to others.

I look forward to hearing everyone's feedback on this interview. of note.

Best to all,  
Rel Dowdell





## ***GBC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023***

**25 West Johnson Street \*\* Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - Saturday, June 24, 2023**

**10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**(Children and Adults)**



**Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - Friday, June 23, 2023**

**6:00 PM (Adults Only)**

**In-person or via ZOOM**

<https://zoom.us/j/7599267727?pwd=dGFtLSGtLY3pxRHF4WkEzUzQ1cVU1Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 759 926 7727 \*\*\* Passcode: 869858**





# **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS JUNE 25, 2023**

**ARE YOU GRADUATING OR DID YOU GRADUATE EARLIER THIS YEAR? CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR CHURCH FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE YOU ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25 AT THE 10:15 WORSHIP SERVICE. PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP MAILBOX IN THE FIRST FLOOR OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME, THE SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU ARE GRADUATING, AND WHAT YOUR FUTURE PLANS ARE NO LATER THAN JUNE 16.**



**That Sunday will be very Special...our graduates will lead us in worship! We look forward to seeing you as we encourage and support our graduates in having finished what they started with jobs well done.**



## Sick & Shut-in List

### OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Dr. K. Wesley Alford  
Mrs. Dorothy Allen  
Ms. Joyce Allen  
Deacon Robert Berkley  
Mrs. Luvonia Bivens  
Ms. Dolores J. Bouldin  
Mr. Leonard Carter  
Mrs. Shirley Carter  
Trustee Em. Ruben Collins  
Mr. Fred Corbett  
Mrs. Claudia Cuyler  
Mrs. Juanita Dade  
Mrs. Carol Daley  
Trustee Em. Sidney Estes  
Mrs. Liller B. Green  
Mrs. Brenda Hinson  
Mrs. Florence Jenkins  
Mrs. Deborah Steward-Johnson  
Mr. Darryl Jones  
Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson  
Mrs. Elayne King  
Mrs. Patricia Lomax  
Ms. Celesta McLean  
Mrs. Helene Morris  
Mr. James Napoleon  
Mr. Joseph Norman  
Mrs. Florence Palmer  
Ms. Ida Reeder  
Mrs. Dorothy Wint-Ryan  
Miss Aileen K. Scroggins  
Mrs. Beulah Steward  
Mrs. Virginia Thomas  
Ms. Alice Whitaker  
Ms. Sandra White  
Ms. Audrey Wright

### OUR NURSING HOME & REHABILITATION

#### RESIDENTS:

Mrs. Catherine Willie, **Terrace at Chestnut Hill**  
Trustee Em. Kenneth Jackson, Sr., **Complete Rehab at Harston Hall**  
Mrs. Pearl Montgomery, **Genesis Healthcare Nursing & Rehab**  
Deacon Em. William Ballou, Jr., **Germantown Home**  
Miss Ms. Ellen Corbett, **Phoebe Wyncote**  
Mr. George Beach, **ProMedica Total Rehab+**,  
Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Ludell Roberts, **Springfield Crossings Rehab and Health Care.**  
Mrs. Marian Davis, **Wesley Enhanced Living at Stapeley**  
Mrs. Barbara Hutchinson, **Wesley Enhanced Living at Stapley**

Ms. Keisha Way, **Towne Manor East**

#### PRAYER LIST:

Ms. Linda Lawrence, **sister**, of Mrs. Barbara Autry  
Mr. Kevin Barlow, **son** of Mrs. Cora P. Barlow  
Ms. Annette M. Jackson and Mrs. Shirley Macon, **sisters** of Mrs. Cora Barlow and Mrs. Theresa Smith  
Ms. Joanne Evans, **friend** of Mrs. Patricia Beach  
Ms. Karen Beyers and Mr. Eugene Beyers  
Mrs. Shyolanda Nichols-Brown of Denver, CO  
Mrs. Norma Birckett  
Ms. Juan Clairbourne of Las Vegas, NV, **cousin** of Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.  
Aeesha Butts, mother and Teesha Butts, **daughter**  
Mr. Adelbert Bush  
Ms. Janey Martin, **mother** of Mrs. Betty J. Coleman  
Mr. Robert Corbett, **brother** of Mr. Fred Corbett & Ms. Ellen Corbett  
Ms. Elizabeth Corbett  
Mrs. Helena Dennis, 125 E. McIver Road, Darlington, SC 29532, **mother** of Ms. Lisa Dennis  
Mrs. Marlene Diggs  
Mrs. Mildred Elliott  
Mr. Willie Evans, **father of** Ms. Tiffany Evans  
Mrs. Parthenia Gardner, **sister** and Mr. Tyrone Randolph, **son** of Mrs. Geraldine V. Gilmore  
Mrs. Geraldine V. Randolph-Gilmore  
Mrs. Carolyn McLean of Raeford, NC, **sister** of Ms. Vera Graham  
Mrs. Ethel Johnson  
Mr. Richard Kydd  
Mr. Edmund McLaurin, Jr. **nephew** of Ms. Joanne Johnson  
Mrs. Christina Pleasants-Johnson  
Mr. Christopher H. Vinson, **son** of Mrs. Geraldine Lamar  
Ms. Yvonne Love, **sister** of Ms. Vinnette Love  
Mrs. Florence Lucas, **sister-in-law**, Mr. Robert Lucas, **brother** and Mrs. Dorothy Ripley, **sister** of Trustee William & Adele Lucas  
Mrs. Jacqueline (Garden) Marshall  
Mr. Roger Lee Jenkins (NC), **uncle** and Ms. Yolanda Bailey, **cousin** of Deacon Prince & Lorraine Massey  
Rev. Victoria Monts and Master Joshua Monts  
The Moody Family  
Mrs. Lillian V. McClanahan-Nunn  
Mrs. Marlene Patterson  
Mrs. Jennie Robinson  
Ms. Alice Vaughn (GA), **niece** and Mrs. Vira Dennis, **friend** of Rev. Arnold C. Storr  
Mr. Vito Scutti  
Mr. Kevin Turner, of Durham, NC, **son** of Mrs. Elayne Turner  
Mrs. Matilda Simmons, **sister** of Ms. Alice Whitaker & Mr. Landon Whitby  
Mrs. Lisa Williams, **wife** of Mr. Anthony Williams  
Mrs. Ellen L. Williams  
Mrs. Mae F. Williams

## JUNE CALENDAR

**\*Birthday**

**\*Anniversary**

**\*Memorial**

M 02	Fredra Gaines
M 02	Richard C. Smith
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