



Grace Beacon

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

Give **thanks** to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever
(1 Chron. 16:34 NIV).



CLOTHE
YOURSELVES WITH
COMPASSION,
KINDNESS,
HUMILITY,
GENTLENESS,
AND PATIENCE.

— *Colossians 3:12* —

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My favorite part of Thanksgiving is the day before Thanksgiving. These are the moments before we've donned our favorite fall-colored outfits and before the table is set with best china and the house is sparkling.

On Thanksgiving-Eve, we dress in jeans and t-shirts that are bound to get messy because it is after all a messy day (especially if you cook like I do with flour dusting the kitchen like a powdering of snow on the winter ground).

Surely messy bakers make the best cookies!

We work hard, scrubbing and cleaning, but we also laugh hard in the kitchen as we roll out the cookies and fill the pies. There was the year we forgot to bake the pre-baked pie crust for our chocolate meringue pie and just put the filling right on in there. Then, we scraped it all out, baked the pie crust like we were supposed to, and filled it back up again.

Then there's the year we did the exact same thing all over again and laughed and laughed because did we learn anything at all the year before? Not hardly. We're too busy baking and laughing to pay attention to small details like that.

And, inevitably we reach into the pantry for the next ingredient and find out we ran out a few weeks ago and didn't know it, so husbands make last-minute dashes to the Food Lion for us.

On the night before Thanksgiving, it's all about the preparation and not the presentation.

We make mistakes and we fix them. The mishaps become part of our Thanksgiving lore, just another funny story to add to years of stories.

We get covered in sugar and pie filling. We experiment with a cookie icing, find we don't like it, and then try something else.

We're comfortable with the process, comfortable with the "real" and comfortable with the learning. We're in this together as a team.

Now, I love the day of Thanksgiving also. I'm all about the family gathering and board games and story-swapping and family pictures and belly laughs and traditions. I love the beauty of it, the table set, the colorful leaves, the orange of the pumpkins.

I love the pausing and the giving thanks.

But I've been thinking lately about how hard it is to love hard-to-love people. I've been worn down by hurtfulness and pettiness in various places. It's been the kind of soul-exhausting tension that makes me want to hibernate and hide away from all human contact for a few months. I want to breathe a little easier before heading out into the big wide world of other people where I'm being too frequently trampled.

Maybe, though, maybe I need to remember that in life, we're all on the "Eve" and not quite ready for "the day."

Nobody is perfect yet and we're all in this together.

This is what we have to look forward to:

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:2 ESV).

In the meantime, though, before Jesus returns and we're seeing Him face-to-face in heaven, we're making messes in the kitchen and making last-minute runs to the grocery store for the items we've forgotten. It's better to laugh at all this than despair over it.

We're creating our own stories, our own testimonies of where we've come from and where God has brought us, and it's messy, but it's good.

Colossians 3:13 says,

Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

We're giving grace to others because we've been lavishly, extravagantly forgiven and we've been loved by God even though we don't merit that love and haven't earned His affection.

Of course, we can still take a little time away to catch our breath when others hurt us. We can set some healthy boundaries and speak some honest words in a loving way.

But we can also overlook some offenses and offer a little safe space where people don't have to be perfect because we're still in progress. This is just us reminding ourselves that we're not home yet, but we are on our way.





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

Dear Friends of The Grace Baptist Church of Germantown

As the holiday season approaches, I wanted to take a moment to share some words of inspiration and reflection with all of you. This time of year is not only a time of festive decorations and celebrations but also an opportunity to embrace the true spirit of the season.

In the midst of the holiday rush, it's important to remember the core values that anchor our church community. Love, compassion, and unity have and must always be at the heart of what we stand for. Let's continue to foster these qualities within our congregation and extend

them to those in need around us.

The holiday season can be a difficult time for some, filled with loneliness or challenges. It's our duty to reach out to those who may be struggling and offer a helping hand, a listening ear, or a warm embrace. In doing so, we exemplify the teachings of Christ and the essence of this season of giving.

Let's also take time to appreciate the blessings in our own lives and express gratitude for them. Count your family, friends, and the loving community of Grace as some of the greatest gifts we have. Together, we are a source of strength and support for one another.

As we prepare for the celebration of the season, let us remember the message of hope and renewal that it brings. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always a glimmer of light and the possibility of positive change.

I encourage all of you to join us in our holiday festivities and worship services, and to continue spreading the message of love and joy to our friends and neighbors. Let's make this holiday season a time of inspiration, kindness and community.

Wishing you all a blessed and joy-filled holiday season.

With warm regards.

Pastor J. Henry Buck, Jr.



From the keyboard of the editor

This morning during my morning prayer call, Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque asked us to look again at the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10. She suggested that prepositions are important as we search the message of this passage. Why was Mary's choice better than Martha's? It boils down to the prepositions "for" and "from". Martha was busy preparing **for** Jesus... Mary, on the other hand, sat at His feet gathering all she could **from** Jesus. Disciples of Jesus must remember that gathering **from** the Lord is necessary for us to successfully work **for** the Lord.

Immediately after the prayer the spirit dropped the thought that we need to come to Him as "empty pitchers before a full fountain" when we talk to God about anything. We often think of empty as being something bad, but when worldly cares and woes has drained us so that there is nothing left, being able to approach God with empty pitchers allows Him to fill us with new mercies to face our daily trials.

In the last *Beacon* I promised to look ahead at Grace and the upcoming holiday season and share more information about some things. I shared some things in the September *Beacon*, and would you believe people asked me about the same things and looked at me in confusion when I said "They are in the *Beacon*," which brings me to an aside question. **Does Grace even read *The Beacon*?** I know some people do, and I'm grateful to those of you who let me know that you appreciate the newsletter. Thank you for your thank you's.

Anyway November and December, the holiday season, is right round the corner. Once again we will be sharing **Thanksgiving Baskets** with our sick and shut in so that they know we continue thinking about and praying for them. We will pack baskets on **Saturday, November 18 beginning at 9:00 am. in the Social Hall.** We can use all the help we can get. Here is another opportunity to get involved in service to others and outreach.

We will begin our **Advent food collection on the first Sunday, December 3.** Below is list of the items we would like to have. In the past ministries, well as individuals, have prepared boxes. This year, we will share our collections with those families and individuals who will join us at the Christmas Eve Luncheon Theater (more on that shortly), and with our own food pantry. If you can't do an entire box, but want to contribute an item or two, we will have boxes labeled "Advent Calendar Food" in the Narthex and in the Education Building.

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. ON

We will have our **"Deck the Halls" Party on Saturday, December 2, beginning at 10:00 am.** Our church is beautiful when it is in full holiday regalia. We invite all of you creative people out there to come help decorate. Our sanctuary, the outside doors, balcony

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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and social hall will all need the creative touch this year. Yes, we do serve light refreshments, so bring your creative juices and join us!

Our **Angel Tree** will be set up in the Narthex by the **first Sunday, December 3**. The Angel Tree supplies new clothing or toys to special children. This year's recipients will be the families who are invited to join us at our Christmas Eve celebration. Because some of the past Angel Tree requests were somewhat outrageous, we are limiting the requests to no more than \$25 per gift and no more than 3 gifts per child. Tags with the requests and child's information will be hanging on the tree. Simply pick a tag from the tree, purchase and wrap the gift with the child's name on it, and bring it to church. The Deacon's Auxiliary will be directing this activity this year.

Our **Christmas Eve worship will be on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 10:00 am**. It is Drama Ministry's turn to participate in Christmas Eve Worship. This year we invite you to celebrate Jesus by **coming together for a meal and a Drama Presentation** reaching out, not only to the members of our congregation, but also to some of the "least of these" as Jesus asks His followers to do. This will take place immediately following morning service. We anticipate the time to be **11:45-12:00 noon**.

This project will need help from many in our congregation to be successful. I have included the names of those who'll chair each portion of the project. After you decide where you want to get involved, please see the person listed in parentheses, so they will know how many people will help with that area.

Committees needed include:

Culinary Arts	Purchase and cook food (Mrs. Diane Bates, Chair)
Set Up/ Clean Up	With directions from Culinary Arts, set tables before hand and clean up after event
Social Hall Decorations	Design, purchase supplies and prepare decorations for venue and tables (15 tables) (Mrs. Brenda Norman, Chair)
Research	Find and get the names and addresses of those invited from the community and church (Mrs. Murine Chandler and Rev. Carmen Watson, Co-Chairs)
Hospitality	Send out the invitations to community guests, and create reservation list of Grace members
Transportation	Getting community guests and Seniors needing transportation to and from Grace via Grace van, establishing carpools, checking with sending organizations about their ability to transport their clients
Angel Tree Committee	Set Up the Gift Tree, collect and distribute gifts(Deacons' Auxiliary, Chair)
Food Baskets	Prepare and wrap give away boxes from Advent collection and other sources (Friday Food Packers Ministry)

Do YOU see somewhere you can be of service? I hope so.

Because this event will include our friends and neighbors as well as our congregation, We are asking **members of the congregation to make reservations between December 3 and December 15.** Someone will be in the Narthex to take your reservations. This will help us purchase and prepare the correct amount of food and layout the Social Hall for the greatest use of space. We anticipate being finished by 3:00 pm. so that we all may enjoy family time on Christmas Eve.

The Drama Ministry has already begun working on the play for the luncheon. It is called "Cookin' Up Christmas". You, our audience, will be participating in judging the results of this "Cook-Off". By the way, The Drama Ministry is not "closed". If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, contact Sandi Johnson or Deacon Jace Jones, our current president. We will begin working on our spring presentation right after the holidays. Come join us!

While Kwanzaa begins on December 26, there is no program pending for Kwanzaa at Grace this year, according to Ms. Henry, President of GBCOG, AAHM .

Our year will end on December 31 with Watch Night Service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Let us gather together to thank God for the blessings of 2023 and to pray for His continued love and guidance in 2024.

Well, there you have it! Of course there are things happening all the time that involve us and our community. *The Beacon* includes fliers with special announcements in case you miss them on the other Grace channels of communication. Be sure to check them out.

Peace, Sandi

Health and Wellness Ministry's "Did You Know" for November American Diabetes Month

Did you know...

*The symptoms for diabetes vary from urinating often, feeling very thirsty and hungry although you are eating, extreme fatigue and blurry vision

*There are several ways you can be tested for diabetes

A1C test which measures your average blood glucose for the past 2-3 months (there is no need to fast)
Normal level is less than 5.79 Pre-diabetes level is 5.7 to 6.4 Diabetes level is 6.5 or higher

*Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG) test checks fasting blood glucose levels which means the patient doesn't eat or drink anything other than water for at least 8 hours prior to taking the test this test is usually done in the morning for the best results Normal level is less than 100 mg/dl Pre-diabetes level is 100 mg/dl to 125 mg/dl Diabetes level is 126 mg/dl or higher

*Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) is a 2 hour test given to check blood sugar before and after the patient has been given a sweet drink this tells the doctor how the patient's body processes sugar
Normal level is less than 140 mg/dl Pre-diabetes level is 140 mg/dl to 199 mg/dl Diabetes level is 200 mg/dl or higher

Now that you know if you have any of the symptoms listed above please make an appointment with your primary care doctor to be tested.

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Did you know...

*That Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disorder not a normal part of aging

*There are more than 6.2 million Americans living with Alzheimer's

*The number of Americans with Alzheimer's is projected to surpass 14 million by 2026

*There are 10 steps for Healthy Aging

Eat well Stop smoking and limit alcohol

Stay active Stay connected

Learn new things Know your blood pressure

Get enough sleep See your doctor

Mind your meds Get a memory screening

Now that you know you can get more information and support by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) at 1-866-8484 or go to the website at alzfdn.org

Minister Carolvn M/ Blackson

131st Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, the Ministers' Ministry served as Hosts and Hostesses for our church's celebration of 131 years of worship and service in the surrounding community and city. The theme "Embracing Hope, Pressing Forward"- Philippians 3:12-16 was encouraged by the guest preacher Reverend Dr. James E. Victor, Jr., Senior Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church of Arlington, Virginia. New Grace members were once again welcomed and celebrated as part of the morning service. At the conclusion of the worship service the celebration continued in the James B. Murray Social Hall with a delicious luncheon and fellowship of church members' families and friends.





Deacons/Trustees Leadership Summit

The **Deacons** were instrumental in organizing and leading the 1st Leadership Summit for Trustees and Deacons held at the United Lutheran Seminary on September 23, 2023.

The Summit was a successful event where everyone was able to participate in team activities to enhance their abilities to be more efficient church leaders. Both the Deacons and the Trustees were given valuable tips on current relevant leadership skills and how to smoothly work together as one body to improve the atmosphere and revitalization of the church and congregation using scripture their models. Each Trustee or Deacon had ample opportunities to make suggestions and/or give their opinion on the various summit topics.

The Leadership Summit was blessed to have Pastor Buck and Reverend Carmen Watson in attendance as participants and to add their expertise when needed. A follow-up Summit is being planned before the year is over.



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

25 W. JOHNSON STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144

Presents

It's Time We Talk "First Friday"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

James B. Murray Fellowship Hall from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



Topic: Black Health

Moderator: Jessica Richmond, M.D.

Professor - Copper Medical School

Primary Care Physician – Copper Medical Center

Meet and mix with Black Professionals in the Philadelphia Vicinity every First Friday of the month for culturally responsive discussions in the Black Community. We will serve food and drinks.

To Register: Please use link to register for the event <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J9X82PI>.
This is an 'Invitation Only' Event. Contact Rev. Dr. Dianne Faust for additional information.

Dear Grace Baptist Church of Germantown;

We need to talk! The Black Church has always been what saved Black American families. But today, we find Church membership failing throughout the country, which should be no surprise to anyone, especially since the pandemic hit and caused us to go into our homes and seek shelter.

But, these Black Churches have given us a liberating Jesus, hope in our despair, dignity as human beings, fictive relatives, sustained our families, voting rights, educational opportunities, jobs, housing, and so much more. Well, if we can, it's time to return from our homes, surfing virtual Churches from here to yonder. We must be more committed to our beloved Grace, who has held us together and knitted us into the community for 131 years.

No one lives under a rock and should see our membership and financial pledges plummet over the years. However, all is not lost. We all can still pitch in to do our part. Typically, worshippers only walk through the doors if they are invited and feel welcome once they arrive. Infrequently, our neighbors or people passing by may notice our building from the street and drop in, but this is a rare occurrence. Therefore, we must be more proactive and intentional about inviting others into our sacred space to make disciples for Christ and grow the body of GBCOG.

In looking for ways to grow our capacity; by now, many of you should have heard about the event hosted here at GBCOG under "It's Time We Talk: First Friday." This event is one of the initiatives I am working on to bring millennial Black professionals to GBCOG. Although it is designed to reach out to the community, no one is excluded from the event. Please help me help our Church survive these difficult times by sharing this event with others you know in the community. Everyone "must" register to make preparations for the food being served.

I'm sure the wheels are turning for many of our members who know the strength of the Black Church and where we will land if it were to go away. If you have ideas and suggestions for reaching the masses, please share your ideas with me.

Yours in Faith,

Dr. Dianne Faust

Director of Social Concerns and Community Outreach

Black History Bytes by GBCOG, AAHM

How Black Community feel about Thanksgiving

About 62 percent of the African-American community say that they don't think about the tragic history of Thanksgiving while celebrating.

(Source:)

By Zsana Hoskins,
Howard University News Service

[Thanksgiving](#) has a tragic history, yet many Black people across the nation still choose to celebrate it in their own way. Some reframe it as a day to spend time with family, while others shop.

[In an informal poll for this article, 45 percent of Black respondents, ages 13 to 60,](#) shared that they love celebrating Thanksgiving.

“Our culture understands the falsehoods behind the holiday, but we enjoy connecting with family and use it as an opportunity to do



so,” one respondent said.

About 62 percent say they do not think about the history of Thanksgiving while celebrating.

“The true history of it is something I make sure my children are aware of, but we focus on the positive aspects of it as we gather with family,” an individual said.

“Sort of like Halloween and Christmas, each holiday has issues,” one person shared. “I choose to celebrate time with family and community instead of worrying about their origin.”

“It makes me sad,” another respondent said. “So, I try to think about the family part of Thanksgiving.”

David Silverman, author of [“This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving,”](#) told the [Smithsonian](#) that “the myth is that friendly Indians, unidentified by tribe, welcome the Pilgrims to America, teach them how to live in this new place, sit down to dinner with them and then disappear.”

According to the [African American Registry](#), President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation establishing the Thanksgiving holiday in 1863. This was just months after he approved the Emancipation Proclamation. Thanksgiving used to be a time when slaves would frequently attempt to escape, because it was the end of the crop season. However, with the new rule, it changed into a time where newly liberated Blacks could gather. Then, Black Americans began celebrating Thanksgiving through the church.

Silverman, a professor at George Washington University, said the Thanksgiving myth attempts to overshadow the nation’s attacks against Native Americans, who had been here 12,000 years before the Pilgrims, as well as oppression against people of African descent who were captured, brought here against their will and enslaved.

“Depicting the Pilgrims as the epitome of colonial America,” Silverman said in his book, “also served to minimize the country’s long-standing history of racial oppression at a time when Jim Crow was

working to return Blacks in the South to as close a state of slavery as possible, and racial segregation was becoming the norm nearly everywhere else.”

While many Black Americans do not think about how Thanksgiving came to be, some individuals do not agree with the holiday’s origins. One person shared that they do not connect with the historical aspect of the holiday.

“Thanksgiving, like Independence Day, is a holiday I must reframe every year to fit my worldview and value system as an African American. These days are not holy, but patriotic to ideals that are conflicting to me as a descendant of enslaved Africans. In short, they insult my humanity and are offensive as they reinforce the ideals of white supremacy year after year.”

Another person said: “It’s a made-up holiday to justify the exploitation of millions of indigenous peoples of this country. I’m not a fan.”

Black Americans spend their time in different ways on Thanksgiving, but most use the time to be with their loved ones. Ninety-five percent of the Black Americans surveyed said they spend time with family during the holiday, 22.5 percent said they shop and 10 percent said they spend the day grieving.

While the day has since evolved in many ways for the Black community, many still use it as a day to give thanks and be grateful for family and loved ones.

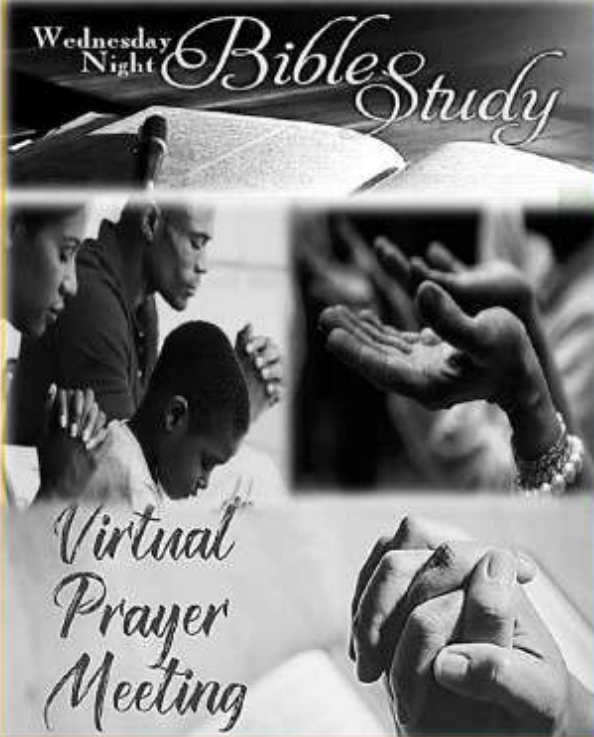
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Prayer Line:

Every Day - Mondays thru Fridays @ 10:00 AM

Dial -In# 727-731-8137

Bible Study:

Every Wednesday Evening @ 6:00 PM

In-person (Chapel) or via Zoom/Facebook

Virtual Prayer Meeting:

Starting Soon - Wednesday Evening @ 7:00 PM

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<https://zoom.us/j/7599267727?pwd=dGFtLScyLzY3pxRHF4WkErUzQ1eVU1Zr09>

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Effective 10/1/2023

GBC Pre-Revival Week of Prayer @ 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM:

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Mon., Nov. 13, 2023

Tues., Nov. 14, 2023

Wed., Nov. 15, 2023

Thurs., Nov. 16, 2023

Fri., Nov. 17, 2023

Min. Karol A. Mason

Min. Dr. Clifford Stanley

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Rev. Dr. Dianne Faust &

Rev. Kenneth Woodson

Min. Carolyn M. Blackson



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FALL REVIVAL

In-person & Online

Visit: <http://www.gracebaptistgtn.org> " Click on "Watch Live"

THEME: "THANKFUL! GRATEFUL! BLESSED!"

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)



Saturday, November 18, 2023
3:00 PM

Rev. G. Lamar Stewart, Sr., Pastor
Taylor Memorial Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA



Sunday, November 19, 2023
10:00 AM

Rev. Brian R. Wallace, Assoc. Min.
Grace Baptist Church of Gtn.
Philadelphia, PA



Monday, November 20, 2023
7:00 PM

Rev. Crystal Jennings, Pastor
Second Baptist Church of Gtn.
Philadelphia, PA



Tuesday, November 21, 2023
7:00 PM

Rev. Cean R. James, Sr., Pastor
Salt and Light Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA

THANKFUL & GRATEFUL PROJECT: Bring a can good/non-perishable item(s) for the GBC Thanksgiving Basket Project!

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Thank You for Caring and Sharing

From Deacon JG



Thank you Grace members and friends. The Uganda Mission drop off Saturday, October the 14th, was a wonderful success. Toiletries, shoes, pillow cases, sheets and materials were dropped off between the hours of 10 and 1:00 and all week long. The goal is 250-300 dresses and as many personal toiletry kits as possible before the scheduled February trip to Kampala, Uganda. Feel free to donate if you missed the drop off.

God bless you and never forget as the writer of Proverbs says, whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him or her for their deed. (Proverbs 19:17)

CINDY BASS
8TH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

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To Our Beloved Community at Grace Baptist Church of Germantown

In this short 2-minute survey, I am looking for ways to start the 2nd phase of the Memory Cafe. To better serve you at the Memory Cafe, I would like to know more about your opinion and the best way to set up the event. My goal is to serve you better by listening to your feedback about services and improvements you would like to see, which would give you more satisfaction on your visit to the Memory Cafe. I'm always looking for ways to improve, so I'd appreciate it if you could take this survey. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to complete this short survey. In faith,
Dr. Dianne Faust

Click here to participate in the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GJ9VK6>



Annual PBA Mission Banquet



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

Saturday, November 11, 2023
Drexelbrook Catering & Special Events Center
(4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill PA 19026)
11:30 am – 3:00 pm

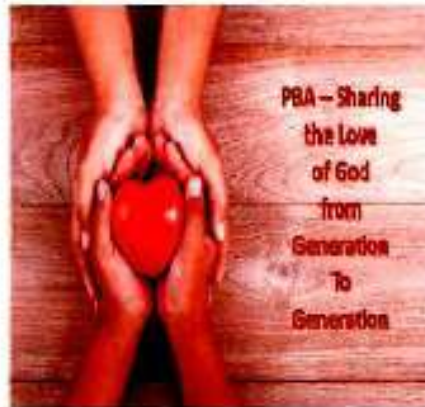
Registration Deadline:

October 23, 2023
(Registrations not accepted after
October 30th)

Ticket Cost: \$45.00/Adult
\$25.00/Child



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October 20, 2023
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October 27th)

Ad Costs: Full Page --- \$100.00
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Our Guest Speaker



Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods is currently serving as General Secretary for American Baptist Churches USA. Previous roles include serving as Interim General Secretary, as Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries and serving as the Executive Minister for ABC of Ohio. He also served four pastorates within the ABC Region of Indiana-Kentucky including nine years as Senior Pastor of the FBC of Rushville.

2023 Award Recipients:

Sharing the love of God to each generation through music and the arts

- ✦ Robert Balfour-Austin – Second Baptist Church of Germantown
- ✦ Lawrence Bass, Sr. – Grace Baptist Church of Germantown
- ✦ Charmolia Bond – Peoples Baptist Church
- ✦ Charles Cromwell – Canaan Baptist Church
- ✦ Sam Dason – First Baptist Church of Philadelphia
- ✦ Rodney Dickerson – Providence Baptist Church
- ✦ Constance Dorsey – Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Halmesburg
- ✦ Dwayne Dunham – First Baptist Church, Huntingdon Valley
- ✦ David Fattah – Greater Eron Missionary Baptist Church
- ✦ Cannon Franks – First Baptist Church, Wayne
- ✦ Charles James – Forty Sixth Street Baptist Church
- ✦ Shadonna Jones – Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Germantown

- ✦ Robert Ladaon – Pinn Memorial Baptist Church
- ✦ Erin Maher – Central Baptist Church Wayne
- ✦ Dean Mallory – Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore
- ✦ Renee Emilia Peters – North Wales Baptist Church
- ✦ Christy Taylor – Shalom Baptist Church, Wilmington
- ✦ Drew Thompson – Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia
- ✦ Johnny Thompson – Greater Eron Missionary Baptist Church
- ✦ Sean Tripline – Bethlehem Baptist Church
- ✦ Tom Webster – Pinn Memorial Baptist Church
- ✦ Russell Weekley – Greater Eron Missionary Baptist Church
- ✦ Michele Williams – The Green Church

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- M 04 Edna Bolden
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- B 04 Nancy Mifflin
- B 05 Joshua Monts
- M 06 Viola Stallings
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- B 10 Sheila Blackman
- B 10 ChrisMy Vertreace
- M 12 Maude E. Baker
- B 13 Autumn Quinn Everett
- M 14 LeRoy Wallace
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- B 16 Deacon James T. Jones
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- B 23 Deja E. Logan
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- B 24 Susanne H. Kershaw
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