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2020 Happy New Year!

Welcome to Flight 2020!

On the first Sunday of January 2020, Rev. Pamela South stirred the congregation as she welcomed us to Flight 2020!

*We enjoyed the piece so much, we wanted to share it with you once again.
We want to make sure everyone is on board and no one misses Flight 2020!
Get your ticket and climb aboard! Your flight instructions are below.*

We are now prepared to take off into this New Year...

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position...

All self-destructive devices: pity, anger, selfishness, resentment, negativity, hurt, discouragement and unforgiveness should be turned off and put away at this time...

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down Scripture and Prayer...

Scripture will change your attitude and Faith will automatically be activated by your Prayers...

Once your Faith is activated, you may then assist other passengers...

There will be No Baggage allowed on this flight...so please check it at the door!

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off...

So, fasten your spiritual seat belts, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist and keep your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace...

Be determined not to let any turbulence shake or sway you - embrace this New Year with new joy, new hope, new love and new expectations.

Happy New Year New Beginnings, our destination is greatness!

Our church theme is: "Called to Rebuild", Isaiah 58:12...Where in your life is God calling you to rebuild? Join us on Flight 2020 and begin rebuilding today!

Puttin' On The Glitz

NBCF Celebrates The New Year in Roaring 20's Style!

If you were not able to bring in the New Year with NBCF, you missed a "Roaring 20's Good Time!"

To say we put on the glitz is an understatement! We had glitz and glamour! The theme for the evening (Puttin' On the Glitz") proved to be a wonderful way to ring in 2020. Every one was "dressed to the nines" sporting roaring 20's fashions. We saw some of everything, from zoot suits, flapper dresses, stylish brims, etc. all of which made for a truly amazing evening!

The highlight of the evening was by far the play "*I Hope, I Am*," an original play inspired by the life of Adelaide Hall, written by NBCF member Kelly Keating. The entire production was presented by NBCF's Music and Worship Arts Ministry.

Adelaide Hall was a singer with the Duke Ellington Orchestra during the Harlem Renaissance. She came from a religious family that didn't want her to pursue a career in entertainment. However, determined to follow her dreams, Adelaide went against her families wishes and pursued her dream to become a star rivaling Josephine Baker. She is also noted for being one of the first to introduce vocal scattling to the music world. Adelaide died in 1993 at the age of 92.

The play was based on her story. It took place in modern day with a young lady, Adelaide, who had the same desire and a mother who acknowledged her talent but didn't want to see her daughter struggle on such an unsure path. Our Adelaide felt strongly that God was leading her to use her gifts and become who God called her to be. But, did she dare try?

The title, "*I Hope, I Am*" represents the hope we are consulting God for in our life's path. We pray those that saw the play will take this message of hope into the New Year and new decade. If you feel a tugging to make a move in your life, seek God and He will direct your path. The time is NOW to step into your calling and purpose!

Many thanks and Kudos to the Music and Worship Arts Department and the fabulous cast, ensemble, and creatives of this production!

Cast

Andre Nellams as Pastor & Mr. Bishop
Janice Spinks as Deacon Hall - Adelaide's Mother
Sydney Coleman as Adelaide Hall (past & present)

Ensemble/Club Patrons

Lenora Alexander Nikki Brooks
Sharon Hunter Crystal Marsh
Vashti Randolph Sadiiaa Alexander
Zhanea June Adriene Miller
Elisabeth Smith

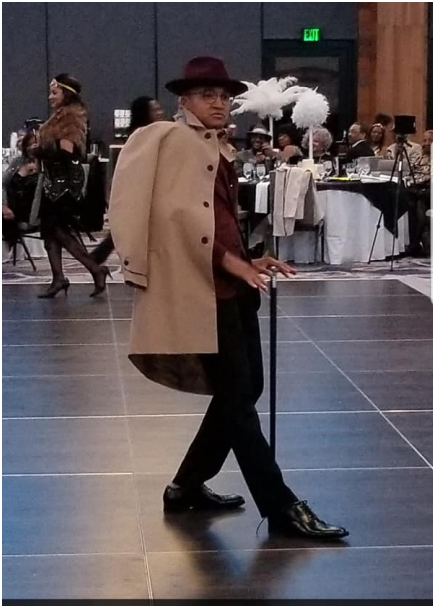
Creatives

Rev. Sam Townsend
Minister of Music & Worship Arts
Tonya Smith - Event/Play Coordinator
Danela Butler - Director
Kelly Keating - Playwright
Deneen Grant - Music Supervisor
Dotcy Isom - Band Director
Zhanea June—Music Director
Kevin Meeks - Technical Director
Kenny Odom - Videographer
Aaron Johnson - Stage Manager

Many thanks to Tonya Smith for her exceptional event planning and organizational skills. The work and dedication she put into planning and executing the evening is beyond admirable! To all those that worked alongside of her in whatever capacity, many thanks to you all as well. And it goes without saying that Ms. Jacque and the Creative Interior Design Team did their thing decorating the hall to fit the theme. And thanks to the dynamic duo, Victoria Carr-Ware and Derick Harris for emceeding the event and keeping the party going. What a time, what a time, what a time!!!!



Puttin' On The Glitz!





2019 Scholarship Banquet

Thank you to all who attended our annual Future Leaders Scholarship Banquet, held on Saturday, November 9, 2019. We are grateful to Jesse Jones, KIRO News Consumer Advocate for being our emcee, to Estella Ortega and King County Councilmember Larry Gossett for being our Beloved Community Lifetime Achievement award recipients for the evening. We give an extra special thanks to our keynote speaker, Dr. Herman Felton, President of Wiley College and his illustrious wife Katherine Felton, for their support of the evening. Of course, this event could not happen without all of the volunteers and ministry contributors who help make it extra special; including but not limited to, our Greeting and Usher ministries, Food Services, volunteer youth servers, Set Up and Break Down, Security, Creative Design and Music and Worship Arts, with a special shout out to our Audio-Visual team. Thank you, as well, to our Scholarship and Educational Empowerment Ministries.

This is our largest fundraising event for scholarship funds throughout the year and helps raise the bulk of our scholarship award dollars. We thank all of those who have supported and given generously, including those who give as a form of company matching. Here is a complete list of our event and table sponsors. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude and we hope you will support the ministry again next year.



2019 Scholarship Banquet Sponsors

Silver Sponsors:

Legacy7 Recruiting (Owen Lawson)
Carriage Square Bar & Grill (Rushaad & Khalil Tate)
Keith Bazemore
The NBCF Deacon Ministry
Michael Parham & Hyeok Kim

Table Sponsors:

Dr. Charles and Shauna Weatherby
Ernest and Marilyn Young
Rev. Dr. Leslie and Shelia Braxton
Andrew and Elaine Jones
Treaous Moreland
Wille and Edna Stubbs
Bobby and Min. Janice Clements
Dr. Tracy Kelly
Claude and Lenora Alexander
Robert Kelly and Lisa Kelly
Cecilia Johnson
Ollray (Raye) Stevenson
Robert Kelly and Linda Sagare
Vincent Coby
Michael and Rev. Victoria Carr- Ware
Maxine Pascal and Adriene Miller
Deacon Joe and Mona Lake-Jones
Rena and Robert Cann
The Yeadon Family
Perry and Rhonda Wilkerson
Richard Hicks

Ministry Partners:

The NBCF Outreach Ministry (Darice Johnson)
North End Connections (Deacon Gabriel and Dr. Margaret Towolawi)
The NBCF Deacons
Educational Empowerment
The NBCF Senior Ministry

Business Partners:

Auto Center Northwest Ministry
Legacy7 Recruiting (Owen Lawson)
Carriage Square Bar & Grill (Rushaad and Khalil Tate)

Community Partners:

El Centro de la Raza



Evergreen Association of Baptist Churches Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM

New Beginnings Christian Fellowship

Worship & Family life Center

19300 108th Ave SE – Kent, WA 98031



Special Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton

Pastor- The Open Church of Maryland

Interim Director of Diversity

St. Luke's School, New York, NY

Dr. Braxton will also be the Special

Guest Preacher For Worship on

Sunday Morning January 19th

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



MEMBER NEWS



Years Young!
Happy Birthday

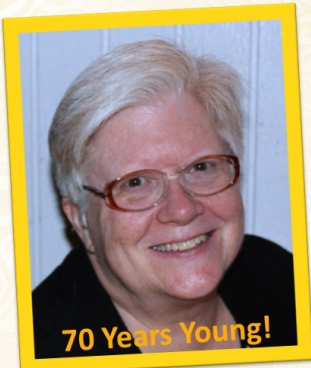
Claudette Nash



Happy Birthday

75 Years
Young!

*Cheryl
Tolbert*



Happy Birthday

Rev. Marcia Patton



70 Years Young!



NBCF Seniors enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship, food & Smooth Jazz at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley

In Loving Memory



Donovan MacDonald



Got A Milestone Birthday or Anniversary Coming Up?

If you have a Milestone Birthday (65 years and older at 5 year increments) and or a Milestone

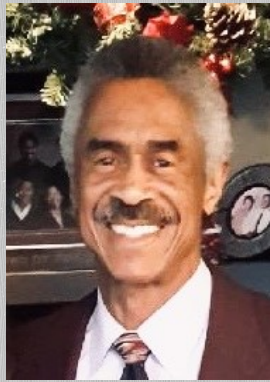
Anniversary (40 years with 5 year increments) and want to be recognized, The NBCF Senior Ministry would like to celebrate and honor you! This means your picture will be displayed on the media screen during Sunday Worship Services and will be included in the quarterly newsletter).

Please submit you Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries and contact information to the Senior Ministry at: seniorministry@thenbcf.org.

MEMBER NEWS



HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday
Terri Bean




HAPPY BIRTHDAY
70 Years Young
Dennis Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY




Katie Love-Davis
80 Years Young!

Happy Birthday




Happy 70th Birthday
Cynthia Bascomb



Happy Birthday
80
Thomas Pope
80 Years Young!



Years Young!
Happy Birthday
Yvonne Newsome



HAPPY 85 BIRTHDAY
Johnnie Adams
85 Years Young!

80 Years Young!
Happy Birthday



Erma Evans



Gone But Not Forgotten

Members We Lost In 2019



In Loving Memory

*Deacon
Jimmie Turner*

November 21, 1933 – March 16, 2019



In Loving Memory

Maryann Ramirez

November 7, 1982 – August 3, 2019



In Loving Memory

Ronald Lee Burke, II

Sunrise August 27, 1979 Sunset April 13, 2019



In Loving Memory

*Mother
Lilly Virginia Collins*

Dec 23, 1923 – Aug 26, 2019



In Loving Memory

Andre Daniel

Sunrise January 17, 1954 Sunset June 7, 2019



In Loving Memory

Peggy Lee White Colbert

Sunrise January 22, 1952 Sunset September 9, 2019



In Loving Memory

*Deacon
John M. Pargoud*

Sunrise November 19, 1938 Sunset July 19, 2019



In Loving Memory

Daniel McDowell

July 2, 1937 – September 30, 2019

Gone But Not Forgotten



It's Their Deacon-Versary!!

On January 31, 2010, Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton ordained these 12 candidates to the NBCF Diaconate Ministry. Join us in celebrating and honoring the 10th Anniversary of NBCF's very first Diaconate class!

We thank God for their 10 years of service and faithfulness to NBCF and God. We honor the memory of Deacon John Pargoud who faithfully served until his death in 2019.



Top row (left to right): Gabe Towolawi, Ida Ames, Beverly Gayton, Dennis Williams, Delores Mack, Tonya Smith, James Clements

Bottom row (left to right): Brenda Clements, Marc Oliver, Ernestine Robinson, John Pargoud, Elizabeth Williams

Veterans Honored with Special Quilts

It's always an honor to recognize and celebrate the service of the men and women of NBCF that served in the armed services. We thank each and every Veteran for their tireless service to our Country and pray God's continued covering over their lives.

One of the highlights of this past Veteran's Day reception was the presentation of quilts made and presented by Quilts of Valor.

The 2019 Recipients Were:

- Robert Corprew
- Ponce Delon Durr
- Janice Hunter-Dennis
- Thomas Pope
- John Wayne Fuller



Educational Empowerment Ministry #TheReason4TheSeason

What a privilege what a joy divine! What an exciting eventful-service-filled year the Educational Empowerment Ministry produced in 2019!

We would like to specifically thank our ministry members for the collaborative efforts in executing and following through on our 2019 goals and objectives! The Jumpstart Your January Workshop, Graduate Recognition Celebrations, March Madness (Goal Setting) Workshop, and E2M Care-Packages helped us meet the needs of our students and lifelong learners throughout the year. Special thanks and shoutout to our committed Ministry Workers...we could not have accomplished our goals without their willing spirit!

Iris Hardin	Linda Sagare
Jackie Spears	Donna Williams
Lylia Nichols	Frankie White
Ron Bennett	Debra Brooks
Raye Stevenson	Latraia Daniel
Owen and Yulanda Lawson	

We are elated to welcome new members that believe in the cause and more importantly believe in each other and the work that God has blessed us to do.

To end the year, we welcomed our college students home for the holidays with sweet treats and took plenty of photos to capture the smiling faces, joyful hearts, and loving spirit of our college students and Ministry members. We wanted to make sure everyone felt loved, valued and appreciated by being present at NBCF. The pictures we managed to capture inspired someone in our Ministry to affectionately nickname us "A Tribe Called Blessed"....a play on one of their favorite 90's Hip Hop Groups.

We are enthusiastic to welcome the 2020 Ministry year and can't wait to share what we have in store for our students and life-long learners! Educational Empowerment welcomes you to join us in our 2020 festivities to "grow, glow and go" for Christ! Follow us on Facebook on our NBCF Educational Empowerment Ministry page, Instagram @Edu2Empower or you can just go 'ol school and email us for more information at EducationalEmpowerment@thenbcf.org. However you do it, JUST DO IT! Connect with us as we pursue God's vision for our learning, our work, and our giving.

We are the Educational Empowerment Ministry! We Educate! We Empower! and We Minister to the needs of our Lifelong Learners!

LaTraia Daniel



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT ANY NBCF
MINISTRY VISIT THE
INFORMATION BOOTH**

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT - 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

Connections Ministry

The Connections Ministry is a weekly small, in-home group study of the Bible and Sunday sermons, fellowship, and prayer. We desire to connect the newest members of NBCF with smaller groups where they can discover their spiritual gifts and be launched into other ministries in the church. Currently there are active Connections groups in Kent, Auburn, Renton, Seattle Central District, University Place/Tacoma, Shoreline/North end, Fircrest/Tacoma, and NBCF Daytime/Senior.

Celebrate Recovery Ministry

This is a Christ centered ministry based on eight principles from what is commonly known as the Beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. (Matt. 5:3-12). This ministry provides encouragement to help in those in their recovery journey and/or with their hurts, habits and hang-ups.

2019 Accomplishments

- Provided services to approximately 30 people
- The weekly meeting attendance ranged from eight to twelve persons
- Two of the ministry leaders attended the Celebrate Recovery summit in California for training. As a result of the training, the quality of the services provided by the ministry have expanded and improved
- Implemented the Angel Tree Campaign that provided Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated parents, which are given in the parent's name.

2020 Objectives

- Promote and advertise the Ministry so more people can benefit from what this ministry has to offer. Very few people know the ministry also addresses Hurts, Habits, and Hang-ups. Ministry leaders will attend the annual Celebrate Recovery Summit for continued training
- Implement the Angel Tree Campaign to provide Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated parents

Homeless Outreach Ministry

This Ministry provides meals, words of encouragement, and hope to homeless men and women.

2019 Accomplishments

- Provided approximately 1,200 dinners to homeless men and women in Renton
- Hosted an overnight men's shelter at NBCF in July
- Distributed 300 sack lunches to homeless men, women, and children in Kent and downtown Seattle
- Hosted a hot food cookout for the homeless in Renton

2020 Objectives

- Provide 1,900 to 2,400 dinners to homeless in Renton
- Host an overnight men's shelter at NBCF in July
- Distribute sack lunches quarterly to the homeless in various communities
- Continue the annual hot food cookout for the homeless in Renton

Global Discipleship Ministry

This ministry was launched in September with the goal of providing monetary resources and words of encouragement to aid in freeing Haitian children from poverty.

2019 Accomplishments

- Partnered with Compassion International to bring the Compassion Experience weekend to the NBCF congregation.
- As a result of the Compassion Experience, the NBCF family released 60 children from poverty via new sponsorship commitments.
- NBCF sponsored 40 children and provided a check to Compassion International for \$18,230.
- Secured 40 individuals (Global Village Disciples) to serve as correspondents for the 40 children being sponsored by NBCF

2020 Objectives

- Host letter writing sessions for the NBCF Global Village Disciples, providing the tools needed to freely write to their children.
- Plan the 2020 Compassion Experience weekend.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35-40



1,293 Visitors to the Compassion Experience

45 New Sponsorships From CE Visitors

15 New NBCF Sponsors

40 Sponsorships supported by NBCF

100 Total New Sponsorships!

Compassion Weekend 2019 Results



Outreach Ministry- Providing Meals to Homeless Persons



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY 2019 YEAR END ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued support participation and assistance within all NBCF ministries as needed.
- Provided Baptism support for 31 Members
- Six Infant Dedications
- Added and trained new Junior Deacons
- Continued increased Benevolence services and funds to NBCF members. Continued assistance to non-members
- Utilized church media via publications, announcements and emails to congregation to promote services provided by Congregational Care
- Increased participation of leadership from other ministries had a positive impact on the growth and strength of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry
- Successful 24 hour Prayer Vigils in June and October



Happy New Year from Behind the Scenes

New Members Ministry Team

One of my favorite quotes by Mother Teresa is, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." Serving in the New Members Ministry is a fun and exciting way to be a light in the life of our newest members. Each member is unique and comes with a zeal to serve the Lord and use their gifts to grow the kingdom of God.

I currently teach the 2nd (Spiritual Gifts) and 4th (Meet & Greet) classes and I enjoy every minute of it. Our new family members are excited to share their stories and find ministries to get involved in. There is so much joy and laughter with each new group of members! I love serving alongside Rev. Pamela South and Deacon Rodelia Gray. The three of us are a dynamic trio and do our very best to show each new member the love of God.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Deacon Delores Mack

I love my church family and I love welcoming our new members to our church family. I take pride in getting our new family members connected to the ministries that they are passionate about.

Wishing everyone all the best in the New Year!

Deacon Rodelia Gray



Care Callers Ministry

As the Care Callers ministry lead, it is my passion to be able to reach out to the visitors, thanking them for coming to worship with NBCF, inviting them to come again, and praying with those who have a specific prayer request and desire prayer from one of the Care Callers. It brings joy to the first time visitor and warms the heart of the Care Caller to be that extension of love.

The Care Callers Ministry wants to wish our NBCF family a blessed and joyful New Year!

Venia Bowman
Care Callers Lead

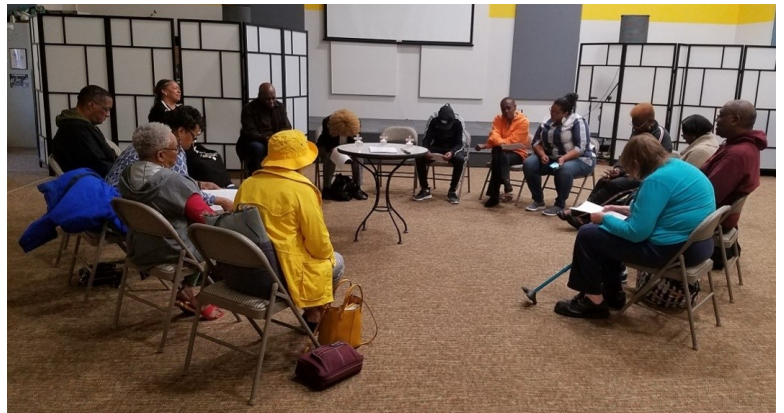


Care Callers Team Members
Monica Akers, Antoinette Cook, Christina Frost,
Jetti Weeden- Ishman, and Betty Wilkins

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry has been blessed to pray for members and nonmembers this year. Prayer is always in season!

You may request prayer via the
24 Hour Prayer Line (206) 723-3336
or e-mail: prayer@thenbcf.org.



Spotlight on an Awana Leader

Sister Vivian Grice has spent over ten years dedicating her time, talent and treasure helping to build a strong spiritual foundation in children at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship. She has ministered in the Early Childhood Center and Awana Club since their formation at NBCF.



She remains a dedicated, awesome Awana Leader to this day. Working full-time as an educator in the Seattle Public School District for twenty-one years she has touched the lives of hundreds of children.

We are thankful to Sister Vivian's daughter, Ali, for inviting this woman of God with a heart for children to New Beginnings. It is evident that Sister Vivian lives her faith and her belief in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it." Both Sister Vivian's daughters were Awana Clubbers when Jackie & Al Spears introduced Awana Club to NBCF. It was through their leadership that Sister Vivian answered the call to help clubbers memorize scripture and direct group sessions, working with the Sparks Club (Kindergarten through 2nd grade), which is the club she remains with today. She recalled how at the time our space was limited, to say the least. The unfinished gym had different types of floors and levels, a mixed-use space with stored items and ladders. But alas, space was carved out for the children and God's word was taught. Sparks often met in the halls; by the church office entrance or by the bathrooms. How time has changed!

What keeps Sister Vivian committed is her satisfaction and desire in seeing little ones develop and grow in love for The Lord. She emphasizes that with the condition of the world, now more than ever, we need to be able to call on the Name of The Lord. We need Him 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is with sorrow she sees so many people who are ashamed when God The Father and His Precious Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's are glorified!

She believes children need to know their Creator and His Son, Jesus Christ who is "The Word" in John 1:1" In



the beginning was The Word and The Word was with God and The Word was God." John 1:14 "And The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of The Father,) full of grace and truth." We must teach our children to pray, read His Word, and apply scripture in their daily lives. If they stray, they know they can call on the Name of The Lord to get back on the right path.

Over the years it has been a joy for Sister Vivian to see young children grow in their knowledge and relationship to Jesus. Watching them flourish is a blessing. She appreciates parent support and welcomes their love in sharing an evening or more to witness the testament of Jesus Christ in their little ones' lives!

Awana truly appreciates the longstanding love, commitment, and dedication of Sister Vivian Grice!

A promotional graphic for Awana Clubs. It features the text "Join Us For" in red, followed by "Games" in a blue circle, "Group Sessions" in a green rectangle, and "Book Time" in a yellow triangle. Below this is the "Awana Clubs" logo. To the right, a cartoon character holds a sign that says "Approved Upbrinkmen Are Not Ashamed". A purple box contains the text "Every Thursday 7:00 PM". Below that, it lists the "Registration Fee: \$40 per child or \$30 per child for 3 or more". At the bottom, it says "For Children 2 years - 5th Grade" and "For More Information Contact: Christina Humburgs, Club Commander at: Awana@thenbcf.org".

Join Us For Games Group Sessions Book Time

Every Thursday 7:00 PM

Registration Fee:
\$40 per child or
\$30 per child for 3 or more

For Children 2 years - 5th Grade

For More Information Contact:
Christina Humburgs, Club Commander at: Awana@thenbcf.org

NBCF Strategic Plan Charting the Vision Path 2019-2021



Then the Lord said, "Write the vision, And make it plain upon on tablets, That he may run who reads it." Habakkuk 2:2

Happy 2020! With the start of a New Year and new decade, the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Vision Team is excited to begin work on the church's strategic plan. After the vision work is concluded in 2021, NBCF will have a 'roadmap' to guide ministries, events, program operations and facility needs for the next decade.

NBCF members will have an opportunity to participate in the vision process, working with the Vision Team through various roles; serving in the capacity of an Ambassador (ministry/sub-committee work, Intercessor), NBCF Staff (technical advisors), Elder Advisor (prior vision team experience), and as a Congregant (through surveys, meetings, and focus groups, to name a few).

Pastor Leslie D. Braxton will continue to guide and gird us as Spiritual Advisor through sermons, Bible

Study and pastoral care; and working closely with the Vision Team as a consultant is Philip C. Bergey, Ph.D.

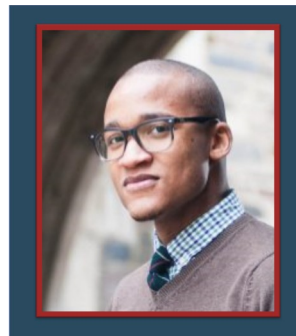
The Vision Team requests your prayers as we seek to discern God's direction for NBCF over the months to come. Pray also that God will lead YOU to embrace the vision process and the willingness to become engaged in the work where help is needed.

Members of the 2019-2021 NBCF Vision Team pictured below

The Vision Team



Aaron Malveaux
Media Services
Shift Conference
Psalmist Choir



Rev. Derick Harris
Adult Discipleship Dept. Head
(New Members, Adult Bible Study, Teacher
Training, Leadership Development)



Adriene Miller
Psalmist & Women's Choirs
Students Ministry



Dotcy Isom, III
Men's Chorus Director
Couples Ministry
NBCF Band Director



Jacquie Cowling
 F.R.E.S.H. Youth Ministry
 Sisters in Spirit (S.I.S.)
 Shift Conference



Rev. Victoria Carr-Ware
 Associate Pastor
 Worship Leader
 Gender Audit Chair



Nikki Ward
 Students Ministry
 Gender Audit



Yecenia Harris
 Women's Choir
 Adult Discipleship
 Gender Audit



Karissa Braxton
 Young Adult Ministry Lead
 Young Adult Ensemble
 Shift Conference Coordinator



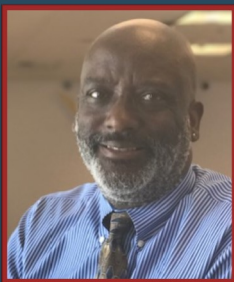
Yulanda Lawson
 Scholarship Ministry Lead
 Rising Star Bookstore Manager
 Church School Registration



Deacon Roland Bradley
 Deacons Ministry
 Outreach Ministry Dept Head
 (Homeless, Connections
 & Celebrate Recovery)



Deacon Barbara Bryant
 Deacons Ministry
 Adult Discipleship
 Vision Team Lead



Tony Warren
 Counselor – Vacation Bible Camp
 R.A.I.S.E., INC
 (Feeding, Mentoring, Life Skills)
 Rise Above
 (Healthy living for Native Youth)



Ann Branch
 Senior Council
 Connections Lead
 Psalmist & Women's Choirs



Donate Invite & Participate

What is Ministry?

The definition of ministry is 'the work or vocation of a minister of religion.' Ministry is not about ritualistic or routine servanthood, but a living relationship with God, measured not by numerical growth but by spiritual growth.

Ministry and service are innately linked. To us, service is the willingness to sacrifice our time, talent and treasure to help satisfy God's command of spreading His word through many actions.

In past generations, the best and the brightest young Christians often went into ministry. Today, some never even think of ministry, prompting us to ask ourselves questions like:

- What is the reason for the change?
- Why is ministry not as attractive?
- Are people that much busier nowadays that there is no time for God?
- What would happen if more got involved?

We believe a person's gifting is from God. Therefore, it only makes sense for God to use a person's gifts to work out His plans.

Are we waiting to be called to ministry? Do we think God only calls the equipped? We know He specializes in doing extraordinary things through ordinary people. In the eyes of this world, we are all ordinary people. So, we are all called to do the good works of a ministry.

Please help expand the life and reach of this church by expanding your spiritual growth in community.

Join a Ministry!

Kevin Meeks

Media Services Coordinator



Celebrate Recovery and the Angel Tree

In and out of prison, God is making all things new. Partnering in this renewal, the Prison Fellowship works with Celebrate Recovery (CR), a biblically based program that guides men and women in overcoming hurts, habits and hang-ups. Meeting prisoners' families where they are with the love of Christ, CR promotes Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree © program through CR chapters at churches and groups nationwide. Every Christmas, participating chapters deliver Angel Tree gifts and the Gospel message, creating pathways to heal and restore the bonds of incarcerated parents and their children.

New Beginnings, It hurts, God Heals, and It is a Process. Also know that CR joined forces with the Diaconate Charity Ministry and the Outreach Ministry to sponsor the Angel Tree, soliciting gifts for more than 90 children. Our members took to the task with enthusiasm giving the children quality gifts, and an abundance of toys, underwear, pajamas, and socks. The parents were overjoyed to be able to choose their child's gift, which also came with candy canes and hot apple cider.

Many of the stories we heard were heart wrenching. One young man received Avengers Legos and an Avengers charac-

ter. He excitedly screamed, "How did they know!" Another little one opened two of the five of his gifts and saved the others for Christmas. When he was told to read the card from his father, he asked if the card was really from his father. When he was told, "love you to the moon and back and hope to see you soon", was a direct quote from his father, he cried. His mother said he had been keeping his feelings bottled up for her sake, and seeing him so emotional, she vowed to take him to counselling with her. Another young lady could hardly believe it when she received a \$50 Claire's gift certificate and a backpack purse. The joy on her face was palpable.

For the volunteers, travelling to Centralia was a life altering experience, which was followed up with an event at New Beginnings for the Kent children.

Special thanks to Carl our driver, all of the families who chose a child, the ushers who came through, the Charity Ministry, the Outreach Ministry, and the volunteers from Celebrate Recovery.

Deacon Beverly Ervin
Celebrate Recovery Ministry



2019 Angel Tree Outreach



Educational Empowerment Ministry Presents

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

For High School Students and Adults

Learn practical lessons and sound Christian principled practices for managing money, possessions, and your approach to giving

Space Is Limited

Tuition is \$10.00 per person (Scholarships grants are available)

**Monday, January 27, 2020
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

For More Information:

Visit the Educational Empowerment Ministry Table in the Narthex

or email us at: EducationalEmpowerment@thenbcf.org

TACTICAL TRAINING WEEKEND

Friday - Saturday ~ January 24th & 25th

Friday – 10:00 AM (6-8 hours)

For all NBCF Staff, Diaconate, Ushers, Greeters, Youth workers, Security Team and all other NBCF ministry workers

Violence Prevention and Response training will include:

- De-Escalation
- Understanding Aggression
- Situational Awareness
- Move, Evade, Defend

Friday – 7:00 PM (2 hours)

For all NBCF members, family and friends

Violence Prevention and Response and introduction to strategies that can be used anywhere.

Q&A Session to Follow

Saturday 9:00AM – 5:00PM

For all NBCF Security Team Members

All sessions will be taught by professionals and promise to be educational, informative and engaging!

- Control Tactics/ Defensive Tactics
- Use of Force, restraint/escort, and control tactics
- Hidden weapons recognition
- Techniques: what to use, when and how to use it.
- Teamwork

Sponsored By
The NBCF Security Ministry

Please Register at the Information Booth
For more information email: security@thenbcf.org

**NEW YEAR
RENEWED YOU**

Winter Church School Class

Experience God's renewal & turn resolutions into realities.

January 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 7:00 PM

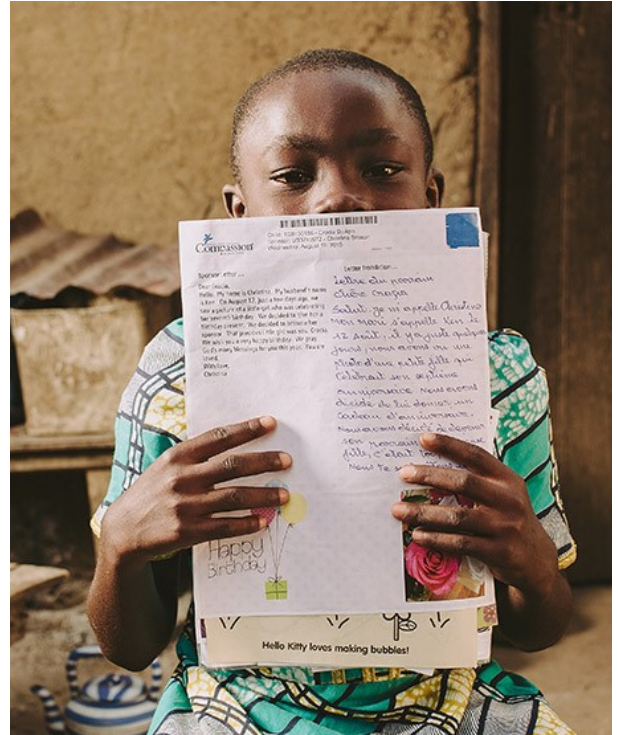
Global Discipleship Ministry

The Global Discipleship Ministry will host a Letter Writing Orientation on Sunday January 26, 2020 immediately following second service in the Youth Sanctuary for the Global Village Disciple Team.

If you signed up to correspond with the one of the children with Compassion International being sponsored by NBCF, you are invited to attend this event. During this time together, we will discuss the importance of writing to the children and provide ideas for writing letters of encouragement and hope.

Please join us as we launch this program to bring a ray of sunshine, love and hope to impoverished children in Haiti. You can RSVP for the event at the Information Booth. Current Compassion sponsors are welcome to attend as well, just let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly. Also, a light lunch will be served.

Global Discipleship Ministry Team



2020 Ministry Leaders

Congratulations to all of the 2020 officers that were recently installed. We thank God for their commitment and willingness to serve the Ministries of NBCF. Let us keep these individuals lifted in prayer as they go forth to carry out the work God has called each of them to do.

NOTE: If your name is on this list, the following announcement is for you!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STANDING OFFICERS

President,
Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Braxton
(Senior Pastor)

Vice-President
Deacon Lydia Reynolds-Jones
(Deacon Chair)

One Year Term

Joseph Yeadon
Jim Gill
Andres Montgomery
Cynthia Maccotan
Terrance Wilson
Vanessa Isom
Rasche Boston
Joseph Todd
Dennis Williams, Jr.
Raynard Grant
Brandon Bynum
Deacon Jerry Reed
Serita Williams

Corporate Secretary

Ollary Stevenson

Corporate Treasurer

Mary Reed



NEW BEGINNINGS
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

leadership retreat



Saturday January 25, 2020
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

At New Hope Church
Fireside Room
(Just South of NBCF)

*Required For All Officers & Ministry
Leaders and Anyone Interested in
Leadership at NBCF*

2020 Church Officers

PASTORAL NOMINATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership

Rev. Pamela South (New Members)
Mary Reed (Treasurer)
Shelia Braxton (at-large)
Deacon Sarah Gray (Deacons)

Finance

Mary Reed (Treasurer)
Dennis Williams, Jr. (BOD)
James Gill (BOD)
Joseph Yeadon (BOD)

Budget

Deacon Lydia Jones-Reynolds
Jim Gill (BOD)

Mary Reed (Treasurer)
Pastor Leslie D. Braxton

Nominating Committee

Connie Bown
Rev. Pamela South
Deacon Sarah Gray
Mary Reed, Treasurer

Pastoral Relations

Deacon Barbara Bryant
Deacon Stephen Gray
Deacon Tonya Smith
Deacon Beverley Ervin
Deacon Mark Oliver
Deacon Ron Haley

Human Resources

Cynthia Maccotan
Andres Montgomery
Andre Nellums
Deneen Grant

DEPARTMENT HEADS

(Appointed by Sr. Pastor)

Congregational Care

Deacon Lydia Reynold-Jones, Chair
Deacon Sarah Gray, Vice-Chair

Adult Discipleship

Rev. Derrick Harris, *staff*

Children & Youth

Ladonna Perkins

Operations

Deacon. Clarence Williams, *staff*

Music & Worship Arts

.Rev. Sam Townsend, Jr., *staff*

Outreach

Deacon Roland Bradley

Congregational Development

Deacon Tonya Smith

Media Services

Kevin Meeks, *staff*

Note: Staff persons are hired per the written personnel policies and procedures and NOT elected through the established election procedures.

Membership Update

Attention: All NBCF Members!

If you have had any personal contact information changes in 2019 (i.e. name change, address change, email address change, telephone number change), please take a moment to complete a Membership Change Request card, located at the Information Desk; or you may email changes to newmembers@thenbcf.org. This will help ensure the accuracy of our database, and reduce the amount of mail returned as undeliverable. Also, we do not want you to miss important communications. Once completed you may leave the card at the Information Desk or drop it in the offering mail box located inside the sanctuary.

NOTE: [Membership contact information is held private and confidential in accordance with state and federal laws.]



NEW BEGINNINGS
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

a church of
Vision
Vitality
And Hope

Welcome To Our Newest Members

September 2019

Marissa Corley
Vicky Montgomery Timmons
Bruce Sims

October 2019

Aaron Leftwich
Cynthia Leftwich
Della Harrison
Debra Adams
Myriam Alladen

November 2019

Monica Haule
Thea White

December 2019

No Class

WELCOME

New Members Class
Sunday
9:45 AM

Up-Coming Events

January 2020

20 MLK, Jr. Worship & Celebration

25 Leadership Retreat

February 2020

16 Walla Walla College Visit

26 Ash Wednesday Service

March 2020

5 Lent Bible Study Class Begins

15 Women's History Month Sunday

April 2020

9 Maundy Thursday

10 Good Friday

12 Easter Sunday

15 Senior's Feast After The Fast

All Events Are Subject To Change Please Check For Up-Dates Often



NEW BEGINNINGS

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Mail: PO Box 940

Renton, WA 98057

Phone: (425) 282-6220

Fax: (253) 398-2019

Come Worship With Us!

At The NBCF Worship & Family Life Center

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

19300 108th Avenue SE

Kent, WA 98031



Sign Language Interpretation

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday

Watch Us LIVE Sunday Mornings

8:00 & 10:30 AM Each Sunday

Link From Our Home Page: www.thenbcf.org

Thrilling Thursdays

Chew & Chat 6:00 PM

F.R.E.S.H. 7:00 PM

for Middle & High School Youth

New Members Class 6:45 PM

Adult Bible Study 6:45 PM

Awana 7:00 PM

Ages 2 Years—5th Grade



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