"Everywhere in the news there are reports about the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. Your church leadership is following this evolving situation closely. Please review the attached articles from our insurance agent and the State of Michigan. We are in the process of reviewing, adopting and implementing many of the recommendations outlined in the articles. Over the next few days and weeks there will be changes to our normal way of doing things. We will do our utmost to keep you updated as things change. We ask that you be patient and understanding during this difficult period. We also ask you to continue to PRAY for each other."

Message to Friendship Baptist Church Members sent March 13, 2020 from Trustee/Deacon Donald Suttles. This message would mark the end of face-to-face worship and activities for Friendship Baptist Church and the start of the teleconference worship, Sunday school and meeting protocol that would continue into the 2021 new year.



ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020, FRIENDSHIP BEGAN WORSHIPPING USING THE START MEETING TELECONFERENCING SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM BECAME THE METHOD BY WHICH WE AS A CHURCH WORSHIPPED AND DID OUR WORK IN 2020.

# Friendship Baptist Church Annual Report 2020

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# Pulling Together in Faith and By God's Grace! Message from Pastor Clyde D. Carnegie "God is Love" (1 John 4:8 KJV)

Holy Greetings,

The 2020 annual report of Friendship Baptist Church represents our discipleship and trust in the Lord.

Our members have shown that trusting in the Lord can enable us to do wonderful ministries throughout the Lansing community in carrying out the Great Commission.

In the time of a pandemic, I want to thank the congregation for their dedication to serving the Living God. The pandemic has created numerous challenges for each of us. But, everyone has pulled together in FAITH and by God's grace to work toward accomplishing the Church's VISION and MISSION.

I am blessed to serve as your Pastor. Always know that the Deaconess and I love the Lord and the members of Friendship Baptist Church.



We pray daily for the congregation and will always follow His Word. Yours in Christ,

Reverend Dr. Clyde Carnegie
Pastor

## Deacon Board Report

Deacon James Yarborough, chair of the FBC Deacon Board, shares thoughts on the 2020 Church year.

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## **Trustee Board Report**

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Friendship's elected leaders are installed for their 2020 service to the Church.

# Deacon Board Report

"And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:9 KJV

# Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Friendship Baptist Church,

The year 2020 has been a year unlike any that we have ever seen in our lifetimes.

It has been the year of the Covid-19 virus, a global pandemic from which there has been no escape.

Throughout the year, we have had to contend with the risk to our health and safety posed by this virus. We have endured stay-at-home orders issued by federal, state, and local authorities which required that we suspend all in-person gatherings including coming together for worship, Sunday School, bible study, board and auxiliary meetings, choir rehearsals, and various other activities.

When we ventured from our homes as allowed under the prevailing mandates, we were required to wear face masks, practice social distancing, and wash or sanitize our hands frequently. Throughout the community, the state, and the nation, many of us complied with the guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control – regrettably, many did not.

The coronavirus has been widespread. As we come to the end of 2020, tracking data as appears on Google shows that there have been more that 82 million cases of coronavirus reported worldwide with more than 19 million cases reported in the United States alone. So far in Michigan, there have been more than 519,000 cases reported, including cases in Greater Lansing and surrounding communities. The virus has been deadly.

In the U.S., the death toll approached 350,000 and in Michigan the death toll reached 13,000 at year's end.



Deacons Lee Alexander and Larry Griffin show that their service to the Church extends to kitchen duty on occasion. They are pictured here visiting with Sister Marilyn Crosby.

With such dreary and somber news, is there anything for us to be happy and joyous about? For Christians, the answer is a resounding YES! Please consider the following:

- We are in the midst of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We can therefore exclaim "Joy To The World" (Luke 2:10-11)."
- Despite all the pain, grief, and suffering, we know that God is still on His throne, and that Christ has claimed all power in heaven and in earth (Mathew 28:18)."
- God is our refuge and protector (Psalms 91; Proverbs 18:10).
- God is our provider and deliverer (Isaiah 41:10)
- The Lord will make a way somehow. He has given today's scientists the wherewithal to develop a vaccine to battle the covid-19 virus (Isaiah 43:15-16).
- God has made possible a change in the political leadership of our country (Titus 3:10; Psalm 37).

Throughout the year, with the covid-19 virus surging at times, God has continued to bless us.

He made teleconferencing and videoconferencing available to us so that we can come together remotely to hold worship service and Sunday School as well as board and auxiliary meetings.

He made a way for us to add music to our services which has been a welcomed enhancement.

He made communion kits available so that we can conveniently carry out the Lord's Supper.

He made it possible for FBC to again host the community food pantry, for the Outreach Mission to again prepare and distribute Thanksgiving baskets, and for Mission #4 to distribute holiday poinsettias just to name a few activities.

There's no telling what God has in store for 2021.

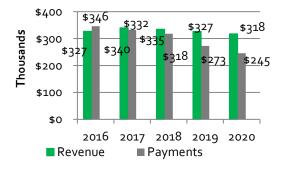
But, this we do know:

He has given us a Vision and a Mission. He has given us hope, faith, and perseverance. And, He sustains us through His riches.

We must continually pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit and to be prepared to do all that we can to carry out His Holy Will as it is revealed to us.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Deacon Board Deacon James C. Yarborough, Chairman

# 2020 FRIENDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT



## From the Financial Secretary

For the fourth year in a row, Friendship Baptist Church's revenues exceeded our payments.

The revenue and payments reported exclude Insurance deposits for church repair expense incurred during the year 2020.

Total payments significantly decreased due to limitation on ministries during the pandemic. Revenue decreased also but not significantly.

Friendship's total revenue of \$317,522 exceeded our payments (\$245,346) by \$72,176.

Our year over year financial position has improved once again. God deserves the praise and the glory for His wonderful works. In times like these, we need an anchor and God has truly been that for Friendship.

Deaconess Marsie Douglas Financial Secretary

## 2020 FBC Assets

The chart below illustrates the breakdown of total equity and liabilities of Friendship Baptist Church. The fixed and current assets include property, cash and reserves. The liabilities consist of the mortgage on the Church building. Friendship's equity and liabilities total \$3.52 million.

FAST FRIENDSHIP FINANCE FACTS

65% Total Equity

35% Liabilities

As of December 31, 2020

# Trustee Board Report

"Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5 KJV

## Fiscal Year End 2020

This has been a most trying year for our church, our local communities, our nation and our world.

Our country is experiencing high unemployment, hunger, racial strife, climate change, political unrest and unprecedented worldwide pandemic.

This year our church experienced a couple of significant events in the life of our church: Since March we were not able to convene in person due to the pandemic and in April we experienced a major roof leak over our sanctuary resulting in a \$192,000 insurance claim.

Through it all we can rest assured that God is still on his throne. The Trustees instituted plans to repair the roof and interior damage. Ninety-nine percent of the work is completed.

The Trustees also developed and implemented plans to maintain the operations of the church. Plans were put in place to continue Sunday School, Worship Services and Business Meetings via teleconference and video conference.

Our office staff has been doing a phenomenal job of managing our financial and day to day operations.

With God's grace and your generous financial contributions, we ended the year with a positive fund balance enabling us to meet our loan covenant with our mortgage banker.

We thank the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Keep looking up and remember when prayers go up blessings come down.

# Mortgage Liquidation Progress

At the end of 2020 our mortgage loan balance was \$1,190,753.00.

In June of 2018 we were required to refinance our mortgage balance of \$1,408,030. The Trustees researched several banking institutions to get the best interest rate and terms for the loan.

We received the best terms from Horizon Bank of Lansing Michigan who required us to pay down the loan amount to \$1,337,000. At the end of 2019, our mortgage balance was \$1,255,519.00.

Since refinancing, we have been able to reduce the mortgage by \$217,277.

We will be required to refinance the new loan balance in August 2023.

We thank the Lord for making it possible to lower our mortgage payments.

With God's grace and your continued support, we will continue to make our mortgage payments as scheduled and pay all our bills.

Let's continue to give God all the glory!

## Deacon/ Trustee Donald E. Suttles Chairman, Trustee Board



Major repairs to the Church building's roof and subsequent leak damage were accomplished by the trustees in 2020.

"So that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. And I pray that you being rooted and established in love may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"

Ephesians 3:17-18 NIV

# 2020 Reports from Friendship Auxiliaries, Boards and Committees

## **Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council updated the pastoral evaluation standards for the period beginning January 1, 2020. These revised standards were developed to inform the pastoral evaluation process for years to come. They were presented to the congregation in February 2020, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, there has not been a business meeting for the congregation to confirm standards. Pastor Carnegie has agreed to use the revised standards as guidance for his Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2021 contract period.

## **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild ministry published the 2020 Liturgical Colors calendar to inform members and auxiliaries of the changes in the Christian seasons. Paraments in the Sanctuary were changed to align with the Liturgical Calendar through the close of face-to-face worship in March 2020.

## **Benevolence Committee**

Friendship extended \$1,231.50 in benevolence support and assistance to individuals and families in need in 2020. Support helped to provide emergency overnight accommodations, rent, food and utilities support. This and additional support were made possible by the generosity of Deacons, Church Secretaries, Missionary Members and the Lenten offering contributed by Friendship members.

# **Board of Christian Education Bible Institute**

In 2020, Bible Institute participants continued study of the prophecies in the Old and New Testament until study was suspended in March.

## **Sunday School Department**

The Sunday School Department continued to feature activities to help advance its teaching ministry and its connection with the community and our Church community. We enjoyed two spirited Black history programs with attendance and participation by Shiloh Baptist Church and its Pastor Kevin Brown. The Black History committee had many invited guests from the community.

Among them were guest dancers and singers. While the numbers of children have decreased numerically, they were still picked up and still arrived for breakfast prepared by an able and organized kitchen staff through early March 2020.

Our Sunday School staff is still seeking the help of our Church community to add to the number of attendees. The pandemic restrictions resulted in the close of our Church building and our Sunday School like the rest of the Church services are on teleconference. We have been blessed that our numbers of Sunday School participants have increased significantly.

Two of our God -fearing teachers bring us the lessons each Sunday and they create excitement in our discussion. We thank God for our rich blessings and may we all trust and live the Word.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School was not held in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions for face-to-face gatherings.

## **Budget Committee**

The Budget Committee completed and presented the 2020 annual operating budget of \$288,862.72 which was approved unanimously at the February2020 business meeting.

## **Church Anniversary**

Friendship Baptist Church celebrated its 86th Church Anniversary virtually on Sunday, December 13, 2020.

We were again honored to have Reverend Michael Jones, assistant minister at Union Missionary Baptist Church, return as our guest speaker.

This year has been such a challenging year for everyone, causing us to reflect on our 86th Anniversary Theme: "In Times Like These" based on NKJV Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

## **Communications Committee**

The Communications Committee kept the Church informed in 2020 of upcoming programs, memorial notifications, the virtual annual meeting notice and details on church closures and the restart of Church activities virtually.

## MEMBERS IN ACTION



## Remembering Sister Pinkie!

Friendship lost Sister Claudine (Pinkie) Walker on July 19, 2020. Sister Walker served as a tenured member of the Chancel Choir and provided service to reimaging the vision and mission of Friendship Baptist Church as a member of the FBC Volunteers for Change. Her bright light will be missed, but she was remembered in honor with this wreath hung at the Church's entrance by Sister Patricia Fitzpatrick and Trustee Al Henry.



## Trumpet and Sax Bring Praise!

Deacon Dr. Eugene Pernell and Deacon Amel Eiland bring wind and horn to Sunday worship Service. Their accompaniment is greatly appreciated by Pastor Carnegie, Reverend Johnson, Reverend. Douglas and the Friendship congregation.



## Brother Zion Ready to Serve!

When you are one of just a few teens in the Church, you get called on a lot. Yet, Brother Zion Owens is always ready to serve. Shown here taking direction from Sister Norma Champion-Jones and Deacon Robert Owens.

## Constitution and Bylaws Committee

There were no Constitution and Bylaws updates made in 2020.

## **Deaconess Board**

The Deaconess Board prepared Communion Service each First Sunday through the first quarter of 2020 (January, February and March).

For the remaining first Sundays of 2020, the FBC Deacon Board distributed Communion Kits to the congregation via pickup at the Church on the Wednesday prior to the respective first Sunday of the month and during the Lenten season.

The Deaconess Board also continued to connect with Deaconesses who were sick and shut-in through phone calls.

## **General Missionary Society**

Through the efforts of our four mission groups, we have been successful in our efforts to take Christ into the community. Friendship has embraced Mission as a lifestyle. We always try to meet the needs of the people outside the church. These are the services the missions have rendered to the community in 2019:

## Laymen's League

The Laymen are a group of Christian men whose mission is to serve the Church, the community and to bring the unchurched to Christ. In 2020, the Laymen had to delay several projects until 2021 because of the Pandemic. However, the Laymen participated and assisted the Reachout Mission, Circle # 4, and the Youth Mission Seekers with their projects (The Lansing Food Bank, Thanksgiving Baskets and the Sick and Shut in Poinsettias project). The Laymen work with all Church missionary groups to assist them with their mission projects.

## Mission Circle No. 4

The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and CDC guidelines beginning the end of February significantly curtailed our normal participation and contributions to the community by restricting gatherings to protect others, ourselves, and our families. In light of that, Mission Circle #4 accomplished the following:

1. Coordinated with the Greater Lansing Food Bank to collect 292 pounds of food for those in need. This equated to 243 meals in January.

- 2. Volunteered 16 hours at the Greater
  Lansing Food Bank sorting and boxing food
  for distribution to families and seniors.
  3. Volunteered approximately 20 hours at the
  Lansing City Rescue Mission Thrift Store in
  January and February tagging and pricing
  clothing for those in need. We also donated
  food and personal hygiened.
- 4. Coordinated with the Red Cross to host a community wide blood drive scheduled for February 13, 2020 that was canceled due to a lack of donor registration and participation. The coordination effort, organization and hard work cannot go unrecognized.
- 5. Assisted other auxiliaries with programs such as the Mobile Food Pantry and provided support to the office during staffing shortages.
- 6. Ordered and organized delivery of 13 6½ -inch poinsettias for the sick and shut in for Christmas and one for Pastor and Deaconess Carnegie.
- 7. Made calls to the Friendship family of members to ensure they were well and had an emotional connection to the Church to combat feelings of isolation and reduced human contact brought on by the pandemic.

## **Reachout Mission Circle**

"Dear children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but our actions and true caring."

Reachout Missionary continues to make serving the spiritual and physical needs of our members and the community our main focus. Due to the COVID 19 Virus, most of our reach out services were put on hold for the year. However, our annual Thanksgiving Baskets project was very successful. We provided over 30 families with food baskets for their Thanksgiving dinner. We thank the Laymen and Deacons for their help in our endeavor. We've gone through the storm and rain, had some rough roads to cross and situations to deal with, but look at God and His mercy. We were able to study God's word through our Teleconference call each Monday at 5:00 pm. Our purpose is to serve the membership and the community as we promote Christ in our actions.

## **Youth Mission Seekers**

Our goal is to reach out into the community with efforts to bring youth into our church family. We do not have nor want an age limit. All of God's children of any age are welcome into our group.

The group supported the Food Bank and the Christmas Program during the isolation of this unforgettable year of 2020.

. Prayerfully, we will have a stronger 2021.

# Music Department Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir, directed by Sister Dr. Gloria S. Smith, sings traditional hymns and anthems on second Sundays. This service was provided live in the first three months of the year and then transitioned to recorded music for the balance of 2020.

## **Inspirational Choir**

The Inspirational Choir provided traditional gospel choral music for the first and third Sundays of January, February and March 2020. For the remainder of Year 2020, the FBC Music Department provided music for the 11:00 AM Sunday Teleconference Worship Service.

#### Musicians

Brother Joseph Washington served as the primary church pianist during face-to-face worship in 2020. The Church's volunteer musicians include: Sister Rise' Alexander, sign artist; Deacon Amel Eiland, saxophonist and percussionist; Deacon Adell Flourry, Jr., organist; Deacon Dr. Eugene Pernell, trombonist; Sister Dr. Gloria Smith, pianist; Sister Yvonne Pernell, pianist and Trustee Algie Watkins, pianist.

#### Voices of Praise

The Voices of Praise Choir (VOP), provides choir music for the fourth and fifth Sunday worship services. This ministry was suspended in 2020 due to the pandemic.

## **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee recruited and provided the 2021 FBC officer slate that was presented for election at the November 21, 2020 Annual Business meeting. The ballot was elected by unanimous vote.

## **Ushers and Greeters Board**

The Ushers and Greeters Board began 2020 with great hope that God had new and great things in store for Friendship. The first few months we dutifully carried out our responsibilities. Despite our small numbers we were able to cover all worship services and special programs. However, by the middle of March it was clear that God had a different plan for us. The church closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With no reference for comparison, words can't adequately capture all that we have experienced and witnessed. We can see God's hand in all of this.

## 2020 Friendship Baptist Church Auxiliaries, Boards and Committees

Rev. Dr. Clyde D. Carnegie, Pastor Rev. James Douglas, Senior Associate Rev. Samuel Johnson, Associate

#### Deacons

Dea. James Yarborough Chairperson Dea. Robert Owens, Vice Chairperson Dea. George Maki Dea. Lee Alexander Dea. Amel Eiland Dea./Tte. Dr. Lonnie Eiland Dea. Adell Flourry, Jr. Dea. Larry Griffin Dea. Jerry McIntyre Dea. Dr. Eugene Pernell Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles Dea. Julian VanDyke Dea./Tte. Karl Wilson

#### **Trustees**

Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles, Chairperson Tte. Algie Watkins, Vice-Chairperson Tte. Tommie Culpepper Dea./Tte. Dr. Lonnie Eiland Tte. Theo Fulwiley Tte. Dr. David Green Tte. Albert Henry Tte. Jokay Maxie Tte. Deborah Sudduth Dea./Tte. Karl Wilson

## **Deaconess Board**

Tte. Xavier Yarborough

Deas. Sallie Flanders, Chairperson Deas. Pearl Welch Vice-Chairperson Deas. Cynthia Carnegie Deas. Zeferonia Demps Deas. Marsie Douglas Deas. Roslin Griffin Deas, Terri Johnson Deas. Diane Owens

#### **Advisory Council**

Sis. Cheryl Howell, Chairperson Sis. Rise' Alexander, Vice-Chairperson Sis. Mildred Duke-Cain Sis. Marilyn Crosby Deas. Sallie Flanders Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick Sis. Norma Champion-Jones Tte. Jokay Maxie Dea. Robert Owens Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles Bro. Frank Warren Dea. James Yarborough

## **Altar Guild**

Sis. Edith Suttles, Chairperson Rev. Dr. Clyde Carnegie Deas. Sallie Flanders

## Altar Guild

(continued) Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick Sis. Cheryl Howell Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles

#### **Announcement Clerks**

Sis. Rise' Alexander, Clerk Tte. Deborah Sudduth, Assistant

## **Budget Committee**

Dea. Robert Owens, Chairperson Dea. Lee Alexander Tte. Tommie Culpepper Sis. Evelyn Green Deas. Roslin Griffin Tte. Albert Henry Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles

## **Board of Christian** Education

Rev. Dr. Clyde Carnegie Deas. Zeferonia Demps Dea. Larry Griffin Dea. Robert Owens Dea. Dr. Eugene Pernell Sis. Vivian Tansil

## Bible Institute

Dea. Larry Griffin Dea. Robert Owens Dea. Dr. Eugene Pernell Sis. Vivian Tansil

## Sunday School Department

Dea. Dr. Eugene Pernell, Superintendent Dea. Robert Owens, Asst. Superintendent Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick, Asst. Superintendent Dea. Lee Alexander, Treasurer Sis. Rise' Alexander Sis. Nona Brown Rev. Dr. Clyde Carnegie Sis. Norma Champion-Jones Deas. Zeferonia Demps Deas. Sallie Flanders Rev. Samuel Johnson Sis. Yvonne Pernell Dea/Tte. Donald Suttles Sis. Danielle Rhodes Dea. Julian VanDyke Bro. Frank Warren

#### Vacation Bible School

Pastor Clyde Carnegie Deas. Zeferonia Demps, **VBS** Director Dea. Eugene Pernell, Dea. Lee Alexander Sis. Risé Alexander Sis. Ann Beard Bro. Herman Beard Sis. Nona Brown Bro. Charles Cain Sis. Mildred Duke-Cain

#### Vacation Bible School (Continued)

Sis. Mildred Duke-Cain Sis. Gloria Cannon Sis. Norma Champion-Jones

Bro. Ronald Cooke Sis. R. Jean Davis Deas. Marsie Douglas

Sis. Cheryl Dudley Sis.Treyna Duke Dea. Amel Eiland

Sis.Johnnie Eiland Dea/Tte. Dr. Lonnie Eiland

Sis Dee Evans Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick

Deas. Sallie Flanders Sis. Zena Flanders Sis. Lori Fluker

Sis.Tamera Fluker Sis. Evelyn Green

Dea. Larry Griffin Deas. Roslin Griffin

Tte. Albert Henry Sis. Teresa Jackson

Sis. Gloria Jones Dea. George Maki

Sis. Malekka Maki Sis. Royce Mathis

Sis. Sarah Reed Dea. Donald Suttles

Sis. Edith Suttles Sis. Vivian Tansil Dea. Robert Owens

Sis. Yvonne Pernell Bro. Frank Warren

Sis. Lorraine Watkins Sis. Connie Wilson

Dea./Tte. Karl Wilson Sis. Bernice Yarborough Dea. James Yarborough

## Church Clerk

Sis. Cheryl Howell Sis. Edith Suttles, Assistant

## **Church Secretary**

Sis. Connie Wilson Sis. Mildred Duke-Cain, Assistant Dea. Zeferonia Demps, Assistant Sis. Edith Suttles, Assistant

## **Church Treasurer**

Deas. Roslin Griffin Tte. Jokay Maxie, Assistant

#### **Church Anniversary** Committee

Tte. Deborah Sudduth, Chairperson Sis. Rise' Alexander Sis. Jean Davis Sis. Norma Champion-Jones Deas. Roslin Griffin Dea. Robert Owens Dea. Donald Suttles Sis. Edith Suttles Dea. Karl Wilson Sis. Bernice Yarborough Dea. James Yarborough

#### Communications Committee

Sis. Vivian Tansil, Chairperson Sis. R. Jean Davis (photography) Deas. Roslin Griffin (bulletin) Tte. Deborah Sudduth Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles Sis. Edith Suttles Sis. Lorraine Watkins (photography)

## Constitution and **Bylaws Committee**

Dea. Dr. Eugene Pernell, Chairperson Deas, Zeferonia Demps Deas. Sallie Flanders Sis. Cheryl Howell Dea. Robert Owens Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles Sis Vivian Tansil Tte. Algie Watkins Dea. James Yarborough

## **Facilities Use** Committee

Dea./Tte. Karl Wilson, Chair Tte. Jokay Maxie

## **Financial Secretary**

Deas. Marsie Douglas Bro. Jeff Champion, Assistant

## **General Missionary** Society

Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick, President

and Corresponding Secretary

#### Circle No. 4 Sis. Ruby Daniel, Chairperson

Sis. Linda Daniel.

Vice-Chairperson and **Devotional Leader** Sis. Rise' Alexander, Teacher Sis. Ida Dulaney, Secretary/ Recorder/Hospitality Sis. Norma Champion-Jones, Assistant Corresponding Secretary Sis. Mildred Duke-Cain, Assistant Recording Secretary Sis. Velma DeMyers Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick Sis. Yvonne Pernell Sis. Rosemary Reed

## Sis. Willa Williams Layman's League

Sis. Jackie Warren

Bro. Frank Warren. President Dea. Lee Alexander Bro. Herman Beard Bro Charles Cain Rev. Dr. Clyde Carnegie Bro. Ronald Cooke Tte. Tommie Culpepper Dea. Amel Eiland Dea./Tte. Dr. Lonnie Eiland

## Layman's League

(Continued) Bro. Theo Fulwiley Dea. Larry Griffin Tte. Albert Henry Bro. Jayson Howell Rev. Samuel Johnson Dea./Tte. George Maki Dea. Robert Owens Dea.. Dr. Eugene Pernell Bro. Fonnie Price Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles Bro. Fred Whiting Dea./Tte. Karl Wilson Dea. James Yarborough Tte. Xavier Yarborough Bro. Thomas Yarrell

**Reachout Mission Circle** Sis. Gloria Jones, Chairperson Deas. Zeferonia Demps, Vice-Chairperson Deas. Marsie Douglas, Secretary Sis. Nona Brown,

Corresponding Secretary Sis. Sarah Reed, Treasurer

Sis. Leon Bounds Sis. Ashley Brown

Sis. Adella Christian

Sis. Marilyn Crosby

Sis. Treyna Duke Sis. Temekia Gibbs

Sis. Mary Ann Graham

Sis. Evelyn Green

Deas. Roslin Griffin Sis. Teresa Jackson

Sis. Elise Kaufman

Tte. Jokay Maxie

Sis Diane Owens

Sis. Pauline VanDyke

Sis. Lorraine Watkins

Sis. Connie Wilson

Sis. Bernice Yarborough

## **Youth Mission Seekers**

Sis. Denise Evans, Chairperson Sis. Lori Fluker, Vice-Chair Sis. Nyla Hughes, Secretary Dea. Lee Alexander, Deacon Liaison Sis. Rise' Alexander Sis Dr Danielle Filand

Sis. Zena Flanders Rev. Samuel Johnson

Sis. Danielle Rhodes

Sis. Ra'chal Rhodes

Tte. Xavier Yarborough

## Kitchen Committee

Sis. Norma Champion-Jones Sis. Nona Brown Sis. Ethel Culpepper

Deas, Zeferonia Demps Deas. Roslin Griffin

Sis. Gloria Jones

Sis. Sarah Reed

Sis. Edith Suttles

Sis. Connie Wilson

Sis. Bernice Yarborough

#### Moderator

Sis. Vivian Tansil

#### **Music Department**

Sis. Rise' Alexander Dea. Amel Eiland Deas. Sallie Flanders Dea. Adell Flourry, Jr., Sis. Dorothy Hudson Dea. Dr. Eugene Pernell Sis. Yvonne Pernell Sis. Dr. Gloria Smith Bro. Joseph Washington

#### **Chancel Choir**

Tte. Algie Watkins

Dea. James Yarborough

Sis. Dr. Gloria Smith, Director Sis. Rise' Alexander, President Sis. Norma Champion-Jones Sis. Johnnie Eiland Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick, Chaplain Deas. Sallie Flanders Dea. Adell Flourry, Jr. Deas. Terri Johnson

Sis. Dolly Singleton (in memoriam) Sis. Claudine Walker (in memoriam)

#### Inspirational Choir

Dea. James Yarborough, Director Deas. Sallie Flanders, President Deas. Roslin Griffin. Vice-President Sis. R. Jean Davis, Secretary Sis. Velma DeMyers Dea. Adell Flourry, Jr., Sis. Dr. Evelyn Gladney Tte. Albert Henry, Librarian Sis. Yvonne Pernell Sis. Rosemary Reed Sis. Dolly Singleton (in memoriam) Tte. Deborah Sudduth, Communications Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles

## Bro. Frank Warren Voices of Praise

Sis. Edith Suttles

Deas. Roslin Griffin Tte. Albert Henry Sis. Marilyn James Crosby Sis. Lori Fluker Dea./Tte. George Maki Sis. Malekka Maki Tte. JoKay Maxie Tte. Deborah Sudduth Sis. Edith Suttles Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles Sis. Vivian Tansil Sis. Bernice Yarborough Dea. James Yarborough

## **Nominating Committee**

Sis. Mildred Duke Cain, Chair Dea. Lee Alexander Sis. Linda Daniel Dea.Larry Griffin Tte. Albert Henry Sis Gloria Iones Dea. Robert Owens Sis. Sarah Reed Dea. Karl Wilson

## Scholarship Committee

Sis. Jacqueline Warren, Chairperson Sis. Norma Champion-Jones Sis. Ida Dulaney Sis. Patricia Fitzpatrick Deas. Terri Johnson Sis. Rosemary Reed

#### Sound Board Technicians

Tte. Jokay Maxie, lead Tte. Tommie Culpepper Bro. David Duke Tte. Albert Henry Bro. Zion Owens Bro. Harold Singleton Dea./Tte. Donald Suttles

#### **Transportation Ministry**

Bro. Jeff Champion Tte. Tommie Culpepper Sis. Ruby Daniel Dea. Adell Flourry, Jr. Rev. Samuel Johnson Bro. Fonnie Price Sis. Ra'chal Rhodes Dea. Julian Van Dyke Sis. Pauline Van Dyke

Tte. Xavier Yarborough

Rev. Dr. Clyde Carnegie

## **Usher Board**

**Greeter Ministry** Sis. Eula "Ann" Beard Bro. Herman Beard Sis. Ethel Culpepper Sis. Tink Fulwiley Sis. Gloria Jones Sis. Temekia Logue Sis. Sarah Reed

## Junior Usher Board

Sis. Anastasia Douglas Sis. Ashlyn Douglas Bro. Devon Fulwiley Sis. Asa Hill Bro. Eric Lilly II Sis. Channing Lucas Sis Rhionnon Lucas Sis. Zaria Williams

#### Senior Usher Board

Sis. Evelyn Green, President and Youth Coordinator Sis. Marilyn James Crosby, Secretary Sis. Sarah Reed, Usher-in-Charge and Youth Coordinator Sis. Pauline Anderson Sis. Mildred Duke-Cain

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Sis. Yvonne Pernell

## MEMBERS IN FELLOWSHIP



## Happy 100th Sister Nelson!

The Friendship Family joined the Reverend and Deaconess Douglas and their Family to celebrate Sister Willa Mae Nelson's centennial birthday on August 30, 2020 with a drive-by birthday parade.



## A Break and A Smile!

It's nice to see Sister Connie Wilson and Sister Rise' Alexander, two of Friendship's many hardworking women, take a break to share a smile!



## FBC Men Share a Chuckle!

Not certain who the joke was on, but these FBC men were enjoying it! Pictured I to r: Deacon Robert Owens; Deacon Karl Wilson; Brother Frank Warren; Trustee Xavier Yarborough.

## Remembering Those We Lost in 2020

Brother Thomas C. Merchant

February 15, 1935 to October 5, 2020

Sister Louise Katherine Rush

October 15, 1928 to November 27, 2020

Sister Dolly Mary Singleton

November 16, 1938 to October 16, 2020

Sister Claudine Walker

September 3, 1933 to July 19, 2020

**Brother Herman Watts** 

March 01, 1927 to November 2, 2020

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> Worship in Person: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday School by Phone: Dial: 605-468-8725 Access Code: 953202#

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## About the **Annual Report**

The Friendship Baptist **Church Annual Report** is a publication of the Advisory Council.

The report documents for the membership the work of the Church in its fiscal year.

The content reflects a compilation of the annual reports submitted by the officers, auxiliaries, boards, and committees of the Church for the 2020 operating year.

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## 2021 FBC Annual Calendar

MARCH

20 Saturday Church Business Meeting

21 Sunday Youth Sunday 28 Sunday Palm Sunday

**Quarterly Special Giving** 

**APRIL** 

1 Thursday Maundy Thursday Service 2 Friday Good Friday Service

3 Saturday Holy Saturday Easter Sunday 4 Sunday

17 Saturday Church Business Meeting

25 Sunday Youth Sunday

MAY

15 Saturday Church Business Meeting

23 Sunday Youth Sunday

JUNE

19 Saturday Church Business Meeting

21 Monday- 116TH National Baptist Congress of Christian Education 26 Friday

Pilgrim Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska

27 Sunday Youth Sunday

Quarterly Special Giving

JULY

17 Saturday Church Business Meeting

25 Sunday Youth Sunday

**AUGUST** 

8 Sunday Ushers and Greeters Annual Day

21 Saturday Church Business Meeting

Youth Sunday 22 Sunday

**SEPTEMBER** 

TBD 141st Annual Session of the

National Baptist Convention, USA

18 Saturday Church Business Meeting

Officer Nominations Due

26 Sunday Youth Sunday

Quarterly Special Giving

**OCTOBER** 

9 Saturday Church Business Meeting

16 Saturday FBC Host Lansing Mobile

Food Pantry

Youth Sunday 24 Sunday

**NOVEMBER** 

14 Sunday Annual Mission Day

20 Saturday Church Annual Meeting and

Election of 2021 Officers

22 Monday Mission Delivers Thanksgiving

**Baskets** 

25 Thursday Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

28 Sunday Youth Sunday

**DECEMBER** 

12 Sunday 87th Church Anniversary

Quarterly Special Giving

18 Saturday Church Business Meeting

19 Sunday Sunday School Christmas Program 25 Saturday Christmas Day Worship Service

26 Sunday Youth Sunday

## FBC Standing Meetings

WEEKLY

Monday @ 5 p.m. Reachout Mission

@ 6 p.m. Inspirational Choir

@ 6 p.m. Bible Institute Tuesday Thursday

@ 11 a.m. Circle No.4

@ 12:30 p.m. Bible Study

@ 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

@6:30 p.m. Voices of Praise

@ 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

@ 11 a.m. Worship Service and

Children and Youth Church

MONTHLY

Sunday

Second Wednesday @ 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting

@ 6:30 p.m. Deacon Board

Second Saturday

 Noon Trustee Board @1 p.m. Youth Mission Seekers

Second Sunday

Third Saturday @ 9a.m. Laymen's League

@ 10 a.m. Church Business

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Fourth Saturday

@ 12:30 p.m. Advisory Council

## **OUR VISION**

A Church of love who helps people know Jesus!

## **OUR MISSION**

To grow in Christ and in service to the Community!