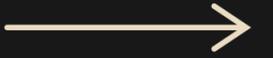




FACULTY





SPEAKERS

VIRTUE IN CHRIST

GEANNETTA BENNETT

Geannetta Bennett is from Niagara Falls, NY and has been a member of the Lord's body for over 50 years. She was married to the late Donald J. Bennett, minister of the Northside church of Christ in Hartford for 25 years. She worships with the Niagara Falls Church of Christ where Bro. Herschel Walker is the minister. Professionally, she is a life coach, career coach and the Executive Director for her non-profit organization, Heart Work. Sister Bennett has written, directed and produced several theater productions throughout the brotherhood. Giving all praises to God, her greatest hope is to be an instrument for the Master and to use her gifts for His service. Romans 11:29 - For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.



VIRTUE IN CHRIST



SYBIL KNIGHT- BURNNEY

Sister Sybil Knight-Burney was introduced to the Church of Christ by her former boyfriend, who became her husband after she was baptized into the body of Christ on May 2, 2000. Since that time, she has been active in creating a Christian drama ministry; hosting Ladies' Days; organizing Retreats for Sisters; teaching youth bible classes and vacation bible school. Sister Sybil dedicated over 30 years as a teacher, principal and educational leader and considers it an extra blessing to have completed 10 years as Superintendent of a city school district. A proud HBCU graduate, she received her Bachelors' degree from Howard University and Masters and Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Knight-Burney has received numerous awards for her commitment and service in education. She now runs her own educational consulting business: Transformational Leadership Agency. She is also blessed to celebrate Christ as a member of Sandtown Church of Christ in West Baltimore, Maryland and to participate in Bible Study with the Sisters.



VIRTUE IN CHRIST

RACHELLE JOHNSON

Baptized as a teenager at the Newark Church of Christ, Sis Rachelle Johnson has spent her life growing in faith and dedicating herself to the service of the Lord. A journalist and educator by profession, Sis Johnson is passionate about communicating truth with clarity and purpose. Whether in the classroom, through the written word, or in personal ministry, she strives to inspire others to pursue excellence, integrity, and a closer walk with God. She faithfully serves at the Church of Christ Northwest as a ladies' and children's Bible study teacher, where her greatest joy is helping women deepen their understanding of God's Word and guiding young hearts toward Christ. As the wife of Brother Ty Johnson, minister of the Northwest Church of Christ, Sister Johnson partners with him in ministry and is actively involved in supporting and strengthening the church family. Together, they are committed to fostering spiritual growth and unity within the congregation.



VIRTUE IN CHRIST

RIBERIA JONES

Sister Riberia S. Jones is a dedicated servant in the Lord's church, committed to encouraging and equipping women to live faithfully and confidently through the transforming power of God's Word. She is currently a member of and serves alongside her husband at the Oxon Hill Church of Christ in Temple Hills, Maryland, where her husband, Bro. Melvin B. Jones, serves as Minister. Over the past 30+ years, she has served as a Ladies' Bible Class Teacher, Women's Ministry Coordinator, Marriage Enrichment Co-Facilitator, Retreat Planner, and Ladies' Day Speaker. She is a Certified Family Development Credential Trainer (Cornell University Cooperative Extension), Certified Abstinence Facilitator (Sunset International Bible Institute), and Certified Family Dynamics Marriage Facilitator (Family Dynamics Institute). Her favorite scripture is Romans 12:2, and she is known for her warm spirit, strong faith, and joy in sharing the Word of God with women of all ages.





SONG LEADERS



NIKKI MARKS



Nichelle Marks started her relationship with Christ at the East Capital street Church of Christ, where at the age of four she began singing. She was baptized at the age of 13 at the 13th & Irving Street congregation. Her love for music inspired her to continue studying at the Catholic University of America. Nichelle wanted to continue singing and made a decision to sing gospel music and has been performing at many congregations. She continues to assist in directing the Mid-Atlantic Church of Christ chorus.

Pamula E. Shannon serves at the Suitland Road Church of Christ. She was added to the body at the age of 12 while attending 13th and Irving St. Church of Christ. Sister Shannon loves to sing and has been a part of several adult singing groups since the age of 17. Lifting up her voice in praise to God has been a joy. Leading sisters into song has been a privilege she does not take for granted.



PAMULA SHANNON



FACILITATORS

VIRTUE IN CHRIST



PHOEBBIE BLACKWELL



Sis. Phoebbie is originally from Rochester NY where she grew up and attended the North Greece Road Church of Christ where she was baptized at the age of 12. She's married to Bro. Jerold Blackwell, and her hobbies include crafting, baking and designing cakes. She is employed by the City of Philadelphia and manages two businesses: Phoebbiecakes and SweetPeaCreations. She is involved in several ministries within the church. Teaching Sunday School, youth counselor and various sisters' ministries. She has been blessed to present at several prayer calls and ladies bible classes. Sis. Phoebbe is pleased to be a part of the Ladies of Virtue Ministry and looks forward every year to helping, both facilitating seminars and in logistics with the sisters on the team. She believes she has a story to tell. Her prayer is that God will use her to bring that story out, to help encourage, support and "love on" her fellow sisters, especially in the Mid-Atlantic and the Tri-State area, but also across the country. One of her favorite scriptures is Romans 16:1-2, "I command into you "Phoebbie" our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea..." She gets a kick out of reading her name in the bible, but it also speaks to the calling she feels she is destined to have.

VIRTUE IN CHRIST

MAE JOHNSON

Sis. Mae Clark Johnson has been a Christian for more than 50 years. She loves God's word and strives to share it with others through teaching Bible classes in groups and one to one Bible Studies. She is member of the Beltway Church of Christ. She participates in and supports various Christian focused activities such as supporting Beltway Ladies Devotion held every Tuesday at noon, the Women to Women Bible Study on Tuesday at 7 pm and Virtue In Christ Ladies Retreat. Additionally, she is active in community outreach and evangelism activities. She is married to Bro. Andrew Johnson Jr.





TUNISIA PHIFER

Sis. Tunisia Phifer was raised in Atlanta, GA. She grew up at Simpson Street Church of Christ in her early childhood. Then later, from her preteens on, her mother and she attended Greenbriar Church of Christ (now Camp Creek Church of Christ) in Atlanta Ga. Tunisia is a Falcons fan and has adopted the Ravens since moving to Maryland in 2016. She and her mother, Sis. Cynthia Phifer, are both members at Laurel Church of Christ.



LECTURERS

VIRTUE IN CHRIST



INDIA BENNETT

Sis. India Bennett was born in 1984 in Baltimore MD to the late Ronald Connor and Helen Coleman. She enjoys teaching and attending women's bible studies. Her husband, Bro. Mitchell Bennett, is the Assistant Minister at the Harford County Church of Christ in Belair MD. She has taught several youth, and marriage classes over the past several years. Although India is balancing being a full-time mom, homeschool teacher, community director, football team mom and other things, nothing compares to being a woman who fears the Lord. She believes that God has done exceedingly and abundantly in her life and she wants to give him all the glory and praise. - Eph. 3:20-21





ERICKA PAYNE

Sis Ericka S. Payne is a soldier in the kingdom of God for over 31 years and currently a member at Harford County Church of Christ in Bel Air, Maryland where Minister John Wilkie is the evangelist. Over the years, she has taught Sunday & Wednesday Bible School for young girls & adult ladies. She has spoken on special topics including mindset, temple care, nutrition, exercise, lifestyle changes workshops, community outreach, wellness workshops at the Mid-Atlantic Lectureship and online Christian wellness coaching where she helps women transform their temple, spirit, soul and body! She is a Certified Personal Trainer through American College of Sports & Medicine and Advanced Certified Temperament and Wellness Life Coach through Maryland Christian Counseling Ministry and Institute. She has worked in a number of capacities from Psychiatric Therapy, Residential Counselor, Case Management, Health Care, Security Investments, Construction Lending and Real Estate Investing. She is also an author, athlete, innovator, entrepreneur, realtor and self-care advocate. She has also been featured several times in Voyage Baltimore Magazine for Baltimore's most inspiring stories, interviewed on The Gospel Train and speaks on several health and inspiration podcasts.



RENEE WEST

Sis. Renee West, is a member of Denbigh COC in Newport News VA. She is a native of Toledo, Ohio and now lives in Hampton Virginia where she enlisted in the United States Air Force and served her country for 22 years. She loves serving her church family wherever she is needed and especially in managing women's bible studies and programs. She is also facilitator of the WeCare team at her church where the focus is on constant communication with church members. Sis. Renee has been the host of the weekly SALISI Sister's Encouragement & testimonial call since 2014. She has also been a volunteer prison ministry leader for 15 years and has also taught the Reentry program and Relapse Prevention Courses. Sis. Renee has been married to Bro. Mark West for 44 years and she is constantly seeking out opportunities to sharpen her skills to continue to help as many women as God graciously puts in her path. Her favorite scripture is from Psalm 46:10: "Be still and Know That I am God."



Ladies of Virtue
CRYSTAL & RUBY
Celebration
TEACHERS



DENISE ALLEN

Denise Allen's spiritual birthday is February 3, 1980; she just celebrated her 46th year as a servant of the Lord. She has been married to Dr. Ty Allen, Evangelist, for 43 years this past December. He is her inspiration, encourager and best friend. Ty & Denise have worked with Churches of Christ congregations across the United States. Denise has worked outside of the home in the accounting field and retired in 2010 as the Director of Accounting, Finance and Administration for a non-profit trade association in Washington DC. As an Evangelist's wife, she has worked in various areas: as the church's secretary, to the custodian of church building, and in areas wherever needed to ensure a spiritual atmosphere. She has organized ladies' day programs, most recently 9 years for the Silver Spring congregation, Vacation Bible School, and, also taught Youth and Women bible classes, in addition to, one-on-one bible studies. She has been privileged to be a guest speaker for the Aberdeen Church of Christ Ladies' Day at Camp Manatawny, and several congregations in the DMV area, as well as, taught several workshops for the Ladies of Virtue throughout the years.



LORIE ABEL-WATSON

Sis. Lori Abel-Watson's spiritual journey began July 12, 1987 in Annapolis MD when I was baptized during an outreach campaign under the leadership of the late Humphrey Foutz (Central Church of Christ, Baltimore MD). Since then, she has remained a faithful laborer and supporter at the Capital Church of Christ in Annapolis, MD, where she serves under the guidance of Evangelist Douglas Anthony Goodman. She is a member of our Women's Ministry Coordinator Team, Missing Members Team, Ladies Bible Study Teacher, and a Soul Winner for Christ, and she feels blessed to have written spiritual songs and spoken at various ladies' programs lifting spirits and sharing God's word.



ZOE BALLARD



Zoe Ballard is the daughter of Donald and Charity Ballard of the University Park church of Christ and the older sister to Titus Ballard. Zoe is in 8th grade and is very active in the youth ministry at her home congregation. Zoe is also involved in several extracurricular activities at her school and in her community. She is a cheerleader for the Upward Sports and a Girl Scout. At school, she is a safety patrol officer, peer mentor and President of student counsel while maintaining her A average. Zoe aspires to be a dermatologist when she grows up and has watched every episode of Dr. Pimple Popper. She also enjoys art, history and making music on her turntable. Zoe feels that God has been her greatest helper in learning how to deal with life's difficult people. She says, "He helps me process my feelings when they come up and know how to control myself when things test my patience." Her favorite Bible verse is John 16:33: "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."



KAREN BEALE

Karen Beale was baptized into Christ at Central Church of Christ during her teenage years. Affectionately nicknamed "Hippy" by her husband, Raymond Beale, she serves alongside him at the Inner City Church of Christ in Baltimore, where Raymond is an Assistant Minister. Their family journey has been marked by both joy and sorrow, including the loss of their eldest daughter, Sister Chanel Hinton, who was also a cherished member of the Inner City Church of Christ. Her ministry is rooted in servitude, leaving a lasting impact through youth Bible study teaching, community outreach events, door-to-door evangelism, ladies' day programs, and much more. Beyond her ministry, Karen enjoys planning and decorating events, turning visions into reality with creativity and care. She draws strength and inspiration from her favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," and finds comfort in her favorite song, "He Loved Me So."



BRENDA BETHEA



Sis. Brenda Bethea is a member of the East Baltimore Church of Christ, where she has served alongside her husband, Bro. Kevin G. Bethea for the past 30 years. From January 2012-2014 she served as co-coordinator of the Mid Atlantic Minister's wives. For several years she coordinated the Annual Ladies Day Tea, hosted by the East Baltimore Church of Christ. In the past and occasionally she works with her husband in marriage counseling and marriage retreats. In 2015 together with a host of sisters from the Mid-Atlantic area, Sis. Bethea served as the local co-chair for the Churches of Christ National Ladies Lectureship Retreat, where they hosted over 2,000 ladies from throughout the U.S. Over the years she has served on the Ladies of Virtue committee in the area of concentration, hospitality and volunteers. She is the recipient of the Women of Virtue Award in 2020. One of her favorite scriptures is Philippians 4:6-7 - "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."



SAPPHIRE BOONE

Sis. Sapphire Boone has been a member of the body of Christ since the age of 15, when her church family played an instrumental role in her baptism and spiritual growth. Sapphire currently worships at the East Baltimore Church of Christ and has been married to Brother LaFayette Boone Jr. for eight years. She has a deep love for working with youth, has served faithfully through teaching Sunday school, supporting youth ministry initiatives, and mentoring young people in their spiritual walk. She has attended and worked at Camp Manatawny, serves as a member of Harmonies of Heaven, and collaborates with Kim Hamilton in supporting Blended Voices, the Mid-Atlantic youth chorus. Sapphire also treasures the opportunity to teach and present at the VirtueRetreat, where she encourages women to walk boldly in their faith. Professionally, Sister Boone is also the proud owner of Advance Social Work Solutions, where she provides professional development and licensure preparation support. Aboveall, Sapphire strives to use every platform—professional and spiritual—to glorify God and serve His people.

VIRTUE IN CHRIST

CARRIE BROWN

Sis. Carrie Brown has served for the last 8 years at the Aberdeen church of Christ in Aberdeen MD, where her husband, Bro. Will Brown is the minister. Carrie is originally from Arkansas and she is involved with many ministries at her congregation. She teaches Sunday morning classes and Wednesday Bible classes, helps with teaching the Thursday Night Ladies class, and Lads to Leaders.





ADRIENNE CALHOUN



Sis. Adrienne Calhoun is a member of the East Baltimore Church of Christ and has been a member of the Lord's body since 1990. Her love for the Lord has taken her down many paths of service including working in the women's ministry as bible class teacher and workshop presenter. In addition to her work in the women's ministry, she has served as a teacher for the youth in the Sunday morning bible class program and currently coordinates the Cradle Roll ministry. When she is not teaching in church, she can be found tending the church's gardens and landscaping, carefully designing and crafting flower beds that reflect the beauty of God's kingdom. Sister Calhoun teaches in the Montgomery County Public School System. She believes that the greatest service we can yield to our Lord and Savior is the service we give in yielding to his will for our lives and living a life that is faithful and fruitful.



JAMIA EATON

Born in White Plains, New York, Jamia Eaton is a Christian wife, mother, educator, and part-time fashion model, who serves with the Silver Spring Church of Christ and is thankful God has used her messes for His glory! Baptized in February 2004 alongside her husband at the 13th Street Church of Christ, she believes in the importance of encouraging women of all ages as they reflect the gospel and fulfill their potential in Christ to an unapologetically observant world. Jamia endeavors to support partnerships that inspire children in their love of learning while embracing culture and diversity as well as mindful living. As an educator, for the last 10+ years, she has served at Kids and Culture Camp, LLC as co-founder and Deputy Director of Camp Operations and Marketing. Currently, she directs a 7th grade classical homeschool program with Classical Conversations and uses her talents serving Bible classes to school aged children at her home congregation.



INEZ EATON-MARTINEZ

Inez Ruth Eaton-Martinez, affectionately known to friends and family as "Nezzy", is an ambitious TEENAGER, who lives in MD as a twin in a family of 6 where she has established her position as the "little princess" who is very affectionate, sensitive, and passionate about her love for the Lord. Further developing her oratory skills, Inez was first introduced to publicly sharing the love of her praise at the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes conference at the age of 4. For the first time in 2019, she teamed up with her mom and big sister, to speak at 13th Street's Ladies Day, and the following month, proclaimed the importance of the Bible in the lives of humanity as she closed with the plan of salvation at Silver Spring coC Ladies Inspiration Day. She has also spoken numerous times at the Ladies of Virtue Retreat. Now she seeks opportunities to share God's Word to inspire and encourage other young girls and ladies whenever she can. Though she has dreams, shortcomings, and great victories, like any other kid; she is well aware of God's presence within her life and enjoying the training it takes to become God's Proverbial Woman.



MELBA FORD



Sis. Melba Ford is a proud native of Gunnison, Mississippi, a small rural town in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, and a devoted servant of the Lord. She is married to Robert Ford. For more than 40 years, Melba has faithfully worshipped and served at the Beltway Church of Christ in Camp Springs, Maryland. Throughout her years of service, she has used her spiritual gifts to further the work of the Kingdom. Her ministry service includes teaching Sunday School, serving as Co-Chair of the Ladies Ministry, acting as Secretary of the Beltway High School Scholarship Fund, coordinating the Graduation Sunday Celebration, and supporting the Breakfast, Youth, and Benevolence Ministries. In June 2020, she retired after 37 years of dedicated federal service as a senior engineer. She remains active in several professional and civic organizations. In her personal time, Melba enjoys supporting church and community initiatives, attending Church of Christ lectureship and retreat, mentoring young girls in STEM programs, traveling, spending time with her grandchildren, and cheering for the Washington Football Team. Anchored by her favorite scriptures, Philippians 1:6 and 4:13, Melba lives with confidence that the God who began a good work in her will faithfully strengthen her in all things and bring it to completion. Her life reflects a steadfast commitment to live on purpose—for His purpose.



ABA FUAH

Sis. Nancy Aba Fuaah is the daughter of an evangelist, now retired elder, and was baptized into Christ in 1995 in the Gambia, West Africa. She has been a Sunday school teacher since 2001, when she started teaching the teens at the Alabaster church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama. Born and raised in the Gambia, Aba has also lived in Alabama, Ghana, and metropolitan Washington DC. Aba delights in delving into the scriptures, exploring relevant tangents, and making connections. Aba holds bachelor's degrees in Industrial Distribution and Marketing, and an MBA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has worked in the higher Ed, Health, and nonprofit fields. She is currently a member of the Laurel church of Christ and enjoys singing to make God's praise glorious. One of her favorite scriptures is 1John 5:4: "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world - our faith."



ERICA GROSS

Sis. Erica is happily married to Bro. Eric Gross, and she is the oldest child of Minister Eric Lorick & his wife Sis. Andrea Lorick. She currently has two higher education degrees and is employed at Harford County Public Library as Senior Human Resource Generalist. I am currently a member of the Inner City Church of Christ, and has also served at the East Baltimore Church of Christ for several years. Sis. Gross's ministry service includes: Sunday School and Adult Women's Class Instructor, Evangelism Ministry, and Worship Fellowship. She has also taught at the Ladies of Virtue and Mother Daughter Luncheon. Her favorite Bible scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



CHARVONNE HAMILTON

Sis. Charvonne Hamilton has been a faithful member of the Church of Christ for over 30 years. She enjoys singing, teaching children's classes, and nurturing the next generation through her love for ministry and service. Above all, she cherishes being a mother to her four daughters. Charvonne is the wife of Lee Hamilton Jr., who serves as the minister at the Easton Church of Christ in Easton, Maryland, and she continues to support the congregation and community alongside him.



CHARLEE, JORDYN, LEEYAH, MICAH HAMILTON



Charlee Hamilton (18), Leeyah Hamilton (18), Micah Hamilton (16), and Jordyn Hamilton (14) have all attended church since birth and are members of Easton Church of Christ. Charlee and Leeyah are both seniors at Old Mill High School graduating this summer of 2026. Micah is a Junior at Old Mill High School and Jordyn is an 8th grader attending Old Mill Middle School. They have all been growing their relationships with God for many years now and apply their faith in all aspects of their lives. They co-own a snowball business called Twice As Nice Shaved Ice, which they run in the summertime. Most of their time is spent doing school work or participating in the sports of soccer, basketball, and volleyball.



LORI HARVIN



Sis. Lori A. Harvin, the “baby” of six children, was baptized at a young age and reared at the Central Church of Christ in Baltimore, Maryland. She is thankful for her parents Viola and Clarence Bowens who introduced her to the Lord and emphasized the importance of a relationship with God. She has a true love for her church family and serves alongside her husband Kenneth Harvin, committed to doing her part in fostering spiritual, mental, and physical well-being at her home congregation. She serves as a health consultant to the leadership and coordinates health events to serve the needs of the congregation and the surrounding community. In addition, Sis. Harvin serves as one of the Tuesday Night Ladies Class teachers. She has been blessed to speak at several ladies’ events. Sis. Harvin is a strong believer in lifelong learning and is always searching for opportunities to improve herself and bring out the best in others. She owes all that she has become and all that she will become to God, and her favorite scripture: Philippians 3:13-15.



TE'A JOHNSON

Sis. Te'a Johnson, 14, recently took a bold step in her faith through baptism and is committed to continuing her spiritual growth as a member of Northwest Church of Christ. She is passionate about athletics, and currently plays center and defense for the local flag football team. She will also play goalie for the high school team in the fall. Te'a approaches both sports and her relationship with God with determination and heart. As a member of Blended Voices, a mid-Atlantic chorus and her middle school choir, Te'a strives to represent Christ on and off the field. By walking in discipline, integrity, and faith, she strives to live a life worthy of the calling. At this retreat, she hopes to experience what the Lord has waiting for her.



CONSTANCE JONES



Sis. Connie Jones was born in Winston Salem NC, grew up in Brooklyn, NY and currently lives in Falls Church VA. Though she is a retired registered nurse and veteran of the US Air Force, she considers her greatest accomplishment as being the proud mother of two and grandmother of eight. In her 45 years as a servant in the Lord's church, Sister Jones has served in various capacities: bible school teacher for all age levels, prison ministry team, homeless outreach team, VBS chair/coordinator and ladies ministry including speaking at various COC ladies programs around the country. She currently worships and serves with the family at Prince George's COC in Landover, MD where she teaches the 2-5-year-old Sunday school class. She also develops and writes the lesson plans for PGCOC Children's Church for ages 2-10. Throughout her Christian walk, there have been many passages of scriptures that has sustained her and were her "favorites" at any given time. But there are two that sum them all up for her - Isaiah 40:28-31: "Waiting on the Lord knowing there is no problem or need that I have or could possibly have that exceeds the power of God" and Ephesians 3:20. "I have access to that power always thru His Spirit that resides in me!"

VIRTUE IN CHRIST

JALAYCIA LEWIS

Born and raised in Lakeland, Florida, Sis. Jalaycia Lewis was baptized into Christ on March 30, 2008, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ congregation. Since that time, deepening her faith has remained a central priority in her life. Jalaycia is a servant leader and community builder dedicated to uplifting others. By profession, she is a social worker whose work has expanded into economic development, allowing her to bridge compassion with strategy to strengthen communities. With a heart for service, she uses her gifts to teach youth Bible classes, assist with youth events, and support the overall work of the Church of Christ in Silver Spring, Maryland. One of her favorite quotes is, "This too shall pass."





MARY MADDOX

Sis. Mary Maddox became a Christian, at the age of twelve, 64 years ago. She taught her first Bible class the following year, 63 years ago. She is the wife of Bro. Eugene Maddox and they have been married for 30 years. While at the Newark Church of Christ, she teamed with 4 other teachers to present seminars at many of the churches in DE, NJ, PA, on how to teach and enhance technique. Sis. Maddox is a member of the University Park Church of Christ in Adelphi MD, and she has been involved in many activities while a part of the congregation: teaching, food service, social worker, pantry keeper, Ladies Day Speaker, advocate and friend. Each year, she prepares materials for Vacation Bible School classes.



MYRA NUTON

Sis. Myra Olivia Nuton has been a Christian for 38 years, having obeyed the gospel at the tender age of eight. She was nurtured in the faith under the leadership of Brother Douglas Anthony Goodman at the Capital Church of Christ in Annapolis MD, where her spiritual foundation was firmly established. Myra is the devoted wife of Brother Norman J. Nuton Jr., Senior Minister of the Central Church of Christ in Baltimore MD. Throughout her Christian journey, God has opened many doors for Myra to serve His people. She has led and assisted in Ladies Bible Classes, spoken at Ladies Day programs, encouraged women through retreats and spiritual gatherings, and joyfully assists in the Ladies Ministry and will faithfully serve wherever her heart and hands are needed as she continues to grow alongside her new church family. Professionally, Myra is a Registered Nurse with extensive experience across multiple healthcare disciplines and leadership roles. Above all accomplishments, Myra finds her greatest joy in supporting her husband in ministry, loving and nurturing her children and family, and encouraging Christian women and girls to grow stronger in their faith by the grace of God. Her life is guided by her favorite scripture, Proverbs 3:5–6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

VIRTUE IN CHRIST

BRENDA LANE OLIVER



Sis. Brenda Lane Oliver, PhDc, is an Executive Health Coach and doctoral candidate specializing in neuroplasticity-based lifestyle interventions for obesity and metabolic disease. She integrates behavioral science, root cause analysis, and evidence-based lifestyle medicine to help individuals and groups achieve sustainable health transformation—beginning with the brain. She is a Member of the Obesity Medicine Association and served as a Commissioner on the Maryland Board of Pharmacy from 2018–2025. She was also a 2023 Alternate Delegate for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Brenda is the Founder and President of Starr Leadership Academy in Nottingham, Maryland, a summer leadership and empowerment program for girls ages 9–17. Brenda is a Member of East Baltimore Church of Christ and is passionate about helping individuals honor their bodies through whole-person wellness—mind, body, and spirit. Her mission is to empower others to make sustainable lifestyle changes that reflect both scientific understanding and faith-driven purpose.

VIRTUE IN CHRIST



LAURETTA PRIDGEN



Sis. Laretta Pridgen is a devoted servant leader whose life reflects faith, family, and faithful service. In 1971, Laretta relocated to Washington, DC, where she began a distinguished career in federal service with the United States Agency for International Development. She later continued her service with the United States Department of State, retiring in 2004 to lovingly care for her ailing mother. In 1981, Laretta married her husband, Carl Pridgen, whose faith journey led her to the Church of Christ, where she was baptized. For 45 years, she has faithfully served alongside her husband, building a legacy rooted in devotion to Christ. At the District Heights Church of Christ, Laretta serves faithfully as a Bible school teacher for children ages 5–8, supports the Senior Saints Ministry, welcomes members and visitors as a greeter, and contributes to the hospitality committee. Her heart for service and her dedication to nurturing others spiritually have made a lasting impact across generations. Laretta's greatest joy is serving the Lord and her fellow Christian brothers and sisters. She considers it a blessing and honor to serve God daily, living out her faith with gratitude, humility, and love.



TINA PRINCE

Sis. Tina Prince's focus is to make God proud and to make God known. She has been married to Bro. Prince for 14 years, and together they are the proud parents of two children, along with three bonus children.

She serves faithfully at the Clinton Church of Christ, where she has coordinated the Ladies Ministry, taught Bible classes, spoken at women's events, and supported youth through the education ministry. She has also been blessed to speak at Ladies Tea, Ladies Devotionals, Ladies Day, and the Ladies of Virtue conference. Her passion lies in Christ, sharing His good news and growing in Him daily.

Professionally, Sister Prince is a Dental Office Manager, overseeing daily operations, organization, and administrative support, and a Registered Dental Hygienist specializing in clinical care. Her prayer is to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord" (Colossians 1:9–10).



TRACY RAMLALL-DECAIRES



Sis. Tracy Ramlall-DeCaires was born in Guyana, known as the “Land of Many Waters.” She was raised in the church, where her deep love for God and passion for serving others were nurtured from an early age. Her faith has remained her constant guide, and in moments of trial or uncertainty, she continually seeks the Lord for strength, wisdom, and peace. Her professional achievements reflect not only her dedication and leadership but also her unwavering commitment to integrity and service, values deeply rooted in her walk with Christ. Tracy is a devoted and faithful servant of the Lord. She has actively led and organized numerous youth and ladies’ ministry events, both in her home country of Guyana and within the congregations she has served across various locations as a proud military spouse. Her vision and devotion have helped strengthen the faith and fellowship of many, inspiring others to draw closer to God. Tracy has been happily married for over thirteen years to Bro. Lester DeCaires, who is also a devoted servant of the Lord. Together, they continue to serve faithfully, sharing God’s love through ministry, compassion, and example. She believes that as our love for the Lord deepens, His love will flow through us, guiding our hearts to love one another with the same grace, mercy, and compassion that He so freely gives.



NAOMI WAMBLE



Sis. Naomi Wamble was born and raised in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. In 1975, she was baptized at the Eastside church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas, after growing up as a Baptist. A year later, she married Carl D. Wamble, whom she had met in college. She always dreamed of getting as far away from the farm as possible to see the rest of the world that God had created, and this dream came true as she traveled to various duty stations with her husband in the US Navy for 31 years. She has worked as a bible school teacher in all the places where she has lived, taught bible classes for ladies, helped plan various church events including Vacation Bible School in Jamaica, and spoken at Ladies Day Programs. She currently works as a Substitute Teacher in the Montgomery County Public School System. Sis. Wamble thanks God always for her husband of 49 years of marriage and the journey the Lord has blessed them to experience in this Christian life.



AMBER WILLIAMS

Amber Williams is a Christian, wife, and mother who was baptized into Christ in 2008 at the Springhill Road Church of Christ in Tallahassee, Florida, after being taught the gospel by her then-boyfriend, who later became her husband, Bro. Errol Williams, in 2012. She is a member of the Silver Spring Church of Christ in Silver Spring, Maryland, where she serves as a youth Bible class teacher, Bible Bowl coach, and one of the coordinators for Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes. She is deeply passionate about mentoring the next generation of Christian women and actively supports both youth and young adult development within the church. Alongside her husband, Amber also serves in the evangelism ministry, working to share the gospel and reach those seeking the truth. Amber has attended the Ladies of Virtue Conference since 2012 and has enjoyed the opportunity to teach both adult women and teen girls over the years. Her favorite scripture is James 1:2–4: “Count it all joy when ye fall into various trials; knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” Professionally, Amber is a writer, speaker, and the founder of Amber Williams Co., a beauty brand consultancy.



ENOMI WORLEY

Sis. Enomi Worley was added to the Body of Christ in 2017 at the age of 13. Since then she has served tirelessly in the Sandtown Church of Christ where her father, Bro. Davis Worley, is the senior minister. She works on backpack, clothing, and food giveaways, and with children. A student at Morgan State University, Enomi serves as the vice president of the Morgan chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management. She is a neo-abstract expressionist painter who uses her brush and canvas to create expansive abstract etchings and mixed media renderings. Enomi facilitates Painting with a Purpose, a creative session revolving around scripture and meditation, at the Ladies of Virtue and congregations around the mid-Atlantic.



TRACY WORLEY

Sis. Tracy L.F. Worley is a wife, mother, and strong Christian woman. In 2005, she obeyed the Gospel at the church of Christ in Aberdeen MD. Since then she has worked tirelessly in evangelism and women's ministry, collaborating with her husband, Brother Davis Worley, on evangelism training and the Ladies of Virtue retreat. Sister Worley is also the Women's and Children's Ministries coordinator at the Church of Christ in Sandtown, West Baltimore MD. Sister Worley's credo is failure is not an option. She trusts God for all that she does, always abiding in the love of God and Christ, which she tries to share with everyone she encounters. Her favorite passage of scripture is 1 Corinthians 13 – and the greatest of these is love.



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