



Fruits of Joy

The True Meaning of Christmas

Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward WomEn!



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Birthday Recognitions



October

- 6 - Gail Johnson, IC
- 10 - Julia Williams, BA
- 15 - Else Larkins, IC, HC



November

- 9 - Hattie Cotton, IC
- 14 - Doretha Pettus, UMA
- 18 - Pamela Barksdale, BA, UMA
- 22 - Beverly Ellerbe, HC



Is there a Savior in the house?

December

- 4 - Jennifer P. Washington, BA
- 19 - Glenda Harden-Boston IC, UMA





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 Erica Bryant
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 Eunice Logan
 Deaconess Brenda Fields
 Anna Rowe
 Lady Sherl Streeter
 Bria Christmas
 Theatrice Stone
 Deacon Henry Sellers
 Deaconess Paulette Sellers
 Jerri Minor
 Angelia Ames
 Marion Williams
 Adell Farmer
 Mary T. Scott
 Grace Fort
 Gail Kenley

AUGUST



President Boston attended *Four Corners International Missions Mississippi Disaster Relief Banquet*. The event was held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, in Lanham, Maryland under the leadership of Bishop Charles Cato. Mississippi suffered a terrible tornado that left many without housing, food, clothing, as well as, everyday essentials. The banquet provided aid to many in the Mississippi area.

FOUR CORNERS INT'L MISSIONS PRESENTS
MISSISSIPPI DISASTER RELIEF BANQUET

AUGUST 5TH, 2023 AT 5 PM
MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5120 WHITFIELD CHAPEL RD LANHAM, MD 20706
ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL

MISSISSIPPI RECENTLY SUFFERED A TERRIBLE TORNADO THAT LEAVING MANY WITHOUT HOUSING, CLOTHING, FOOD & EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS. WE FORMALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR BANQUET AS WE COME TOGETHER TO AID IN THE DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPIAN COMMUNITY.

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1ST PRIZE - 60 INCH TV | 2ND PRIZE - 5 PIECE LUGGAGE SET |
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State President's Installation Celebration

"Sisters Growing Together in God's Grace"



This Installation Celebration for two-term, first ever State President, Minister Glenda Harden-Boston, came with a profound message for all that this is "A God Thing-Press On"! State President Boston's purpose drive mission is to ensure that the District of Columbia stay the course in ensuring that our accomplishments, goal, and objectives are known throughout the Washington metropolitan area and to ensure diversity and inclusion throughout the organization. As she continues to convey the vision for the organization by providing strategies to revitalize and increase the association's membership. She leads with confidence and commits to work faithfully and with integrity. Another part of the President's goals and objectives is to lead in partnership with outside organizations for growth and development to attract younger ministers' wives and ministers' widows, to increase revenue, as well as to increase data driven decision making.

Her leadership through the Deans of Education is led by Reverend Dr. Kathy E. Pointer, Elder Dr. Agnes Venson, and Reverend Monica Brown in developing workshops to aid and inspire women in practicums for women's conferences and speaking engagements as well as within the leadership in the organization.



Congratulations to the Recurring President-Elect!



Who We Are

We are a group of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas, established in June of 1992 by Mrs. Ruby F. Marshall. In faith in the mission of Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey, to unite women of Christian faith in order to strengthen and unify the organization.



DCAMMW

District of Columbia Association of Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows

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District of Columbia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows

Elected and Appointed Officers

Elected Officers



Minister Glenda Harden-Boston, President
Rev. Dr. Agnes Venson, 1st Vice President
Dr. Marie Bowe-Quick, 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Willetta K. Graham, 3rd Vice President
Rev. Barbie Daughtry, Recording Secretary
Elder Patricia M. Brown, Asst. Recording Secretary
Mrs. Patricia F. Brown, Asst. Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Wilson, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Julia Williams, Asst. Financial Secretary
Dr. Edna M. Owens, Parliamentarian

Appointed Officers

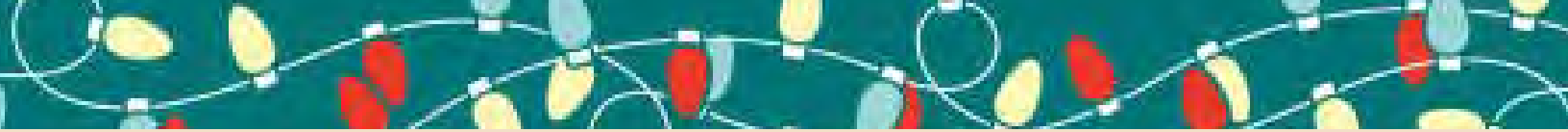
Mrs. Andrea Logan, Historian
Rev. Dr. Kathy Pointer, Dean of Education
Reverend Monica Brown, Asst. to the Dean
Reverend Dr. Agnes Venson, Asst. to the Dean
Mrs. Gloria J. Williams, Worship Leader
Rev. Gail B. Johnson, Executive Board Chair
Mrs. Willetta Graham, Public Affairs/ Media
Reverend Monica Teal, DCA Budget Chair
Evangelist Beverly Ellerbe, Husband Committee Chair
Bishop Eunice Turner, Welcome Committee /President Breakfast Chair
Lady Julia Williams, Necrology Chair

DCA Past State Presidents

Ruby Marshall, Founder
1952-1959



Mary Whitfield
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Florence Cole
Monta Taylor
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Edna M. Owens
Pamela D. Y. Barksdale
Glenda Harden-Boston
Glenda Harden-Boston



Meet the DCA Budget Chair



Lady Monica A. Teal brings to the Office of Budget Chair a heart of integrity for managing and reporting finances. Lady Monica graduated from the West Virginia Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Accounting in December 1985. Since then, she has held several positions in corporate America. Presently, she is employed as the Director of Finance with the *Baptist World Alliance* - a global fellowship consisting of 253 Baptist conventions and unions, in 130 countries and territories. In this position, she is responsible for managing day-to-day finance decisions and developing a yearly budget. “I have lived out God given moments in my vocational calling over the past 12 years. My prayer is that I can tithe back to the position of Budget Chair some of the wisdom and knowledge concerning budgeting and finances that God has allowed me to obtain through working in the non-profit sector.”

Reverend Monica A. Teal is leading lady and Minister to Women of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Washington, DC, under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Rodney A. Teal, Esq.

Meet the 3rd Vice President of the BMWWA



Mrs. Evelyn Blue is the First Lady of **St. Matthews Baptist Church** located in District Heights, Maryland. Lady Blue serves with humility and grace in many of the auxiliaries and ministries. Most recently, she played an integral role with events celebrating the Seasoned Saints at St. Matthews, the Children’s Ministry, Music & Arts Ministry and Family Fun Day. She was also installed as the Third Vice President of the Ministers Wives and Widows Association of DC & Vicinity in September 2023.

First Lady Blue works full-time at a local law firm, in the areas of trusts and estates. Lady Blue graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, Maryland and received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Lady Blue is happily married to Reverend Peter R. Blue Sr. Together they are the loving parents of four sons, Nicholas, Peter Jr. and twins, Isaiah and Isaac.



Women of God Sundays



Evening Light Christian Outreach Ministry
222 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, MD
Bishop Alton F. Pettus, Pastor
September 10, 2023



Second Sundays at Evening Light Christian Outreach Ministry have been designated for women of God to come and inspire others with a spoken word from the Lord. **Elder Dr. Agnes Venson** blessed the congregation under the leadership of Bishop Alton and Lady Doretha Pettus. "Gird up the Loins of Your Mind" taken from 1 Peter 1:13. *Prepare your minds for action.*



**SHOW
TIME**

**President Boston's Fellowship with the "Red hatters"
for their Red Hat Diva Angels Fashion Show**



Women of God Sundays



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222 Crain Highway; Upper Marlboro, MD
Bishop Alton F. Pettus, Pastor
October 8, 2023



In a year of FIRSTS for **Lady Willetta Graham**, she presented her first spoken word at the Evening Light Christian Outreach Ministry under the leadership of Bishop Alton and Lady Doretha Pettus. “Rest in His Wisdom” taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-12 and Psalms 167-8; 11. “Your safety is not in the prior warning or advanced notice, but in the wisdom of GOD.”





Sisters in Fellowship

Sisters, **Rev. Barbara Daughtry** and **Pastor Gail Johnson** attended Tody's Dinner Theater in Columbia, Maryland to see "Sister Act". It was a feel-good amazing musical comedy based on the smash 1992 hit film that has audiences jumping to their feet to sing and dance.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS, INC.
DR. MARGARET BROWN PAYTON, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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March 22-23, 2024



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Reverend Dr. Kathy Pointer Speaks During the Danville Sisterhood's Annual Prayer Breakfast Program.



“By Faith...there is a clarion call to those who can hear, to take God at His Word. Our faith demands that we stand on the strong conviction that we believe God to be who He has shown us over and over to be and that His promises will forever stand true...” What a Word!





Women's Empowerment Conference



The Women's Ministry of the **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Lanham, MD** (Senior Pastor, Bishop Charles E. Cato & First Lady Cindy Cato) hosted their Annual Women's Empowerment Conference, November 3-4, 2023. The coordinator for the conference was Minister Jean Proctor with the Women's Ministry Committee, Reverend Beverly Mitchell, Minister Linda Twyman (Culinary Ministry), Sister Francina Bell, and Reverend Dr. Fernrono Wood, the Assistant Pastor to Women.

The conference theme was, **Kingdom Women Breaking the Chains "One Mind, One Accord"** (Philippians 2:1-5). The Lord blessed the entire conference with the services well attended.

The speakers were phenomenal women led by:

Keynote Speaker - Pastor Gail Brown-Johnson, Child of the King, LLC
Friday Night Worship - November 3, 7-9pm

The Sister Circle Forum - Sister Linda Collins, Sister Amanda Twyman, and Minister Imogene Burke
Saturday, November 4, 9-12pm



In Loving Memory of Mrs. Sally A. Ladson



A Celebration of Life

Mrs. Sally Ann Ladson

March 27, 1926 - November 16, 2023



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

WAKE: 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

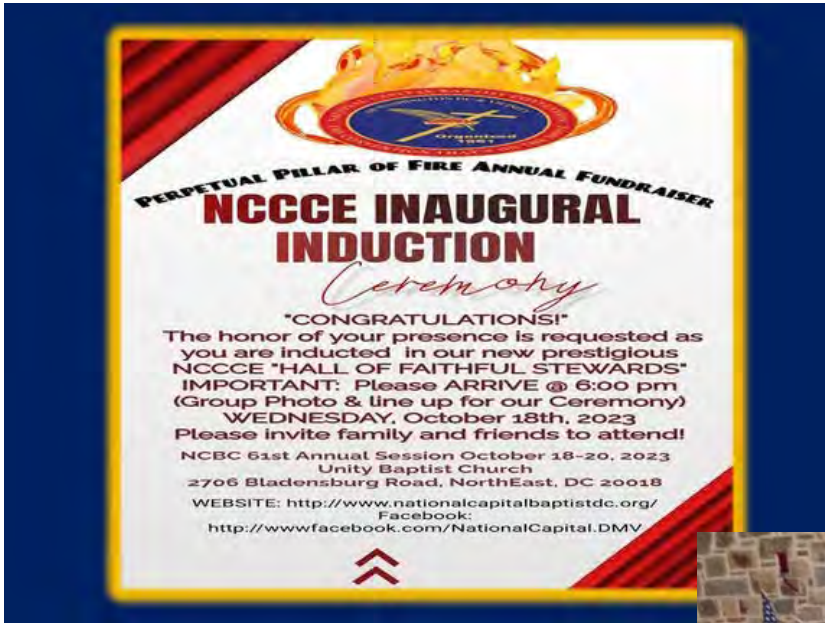
HOME GOING SERVICE - 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 PM

Mrs. Sally A. Ladson was a faithful sister and beloved friend to many. She served as the 42nd local President to the **Interdenominational Council of MWMW of Washington, DC and Vicinity**. Her work and dedication to the MWMW organizations was legendary, serving over 50 years to the sisterhood. She also served in the State of New York as a Local President. She was so proud to be a member of this distinguished organization by demonstrating her love and financial support to its mission.

Sally was a no-nonsense type of sister who said what she meant and meant what she said. She was either going to do it or she was not and would tell you immediately what her actions would be. Her sense of humor was candid and always on point. She wore the finest of clothes with hats, purses, and gloves to match. She always looked like she just stepped out of a magazine and was headed to a tea party. We are truly going to miss our dear sister because we know when God made Sally, He truly broke the mold. She was a genuine and one-of-a-kind lady.

State President Boston attended the celebration of life services and gave reflections of their friendship and acknowledgements from the DCAMWMW State sisterhood.

NCBC Perpetual Pillar of Fire Student Scholarship Fundraiser



The NCBC Perpetual Pillar of Fire Student Scholarship is for the Rafe M. Taylor Scholarship Fund. The event raised \$15,000.00 to support students attending colleges, universities, trade schools and certifications programs.

NCBC Perpetual Pillar of Fire Student Scholarship Fundraiser was coordinated and named by the DCAMWMW Executive Chair, Reverend Gail B. Johnson.

President Boston received a certificate and Pillar of Fire Pin for her donation of \$300.





Thankful Thursday "Giving Back"



True Deliverance Church of God Ministries was honored by the Bradbury Heights Elementary School for its focus on GIVING, and their tremendous impact on the community. Students made cards, posters, etc. The activity helped students to strengthen their writing skills while giving them the freedom to use their creativity.



Bishop Alvin and Co-Pastor Agnes Venson



Honoree: Missionary Juanita Walker





EXTENDED LOCATIONS



True Deliverance Church of God
Manassas, VA

Pastor Charles and
Evangelist Beverly Ellerbe



True Deliverance Church of God
Pakistan (South Asia)

Pastor-Elect Faryad and
Lady Ribqa Younas



True Deliverance Church of God
Bealeton, VA

Pastor John and
First Lady Kisha Hawkins

Feed Fauquier 2023

True Deliverance BEALTON and MANASSAS locations
working together to feed the hungry!





“She believed she could, So she did.”

The IAMWMW Founder’s Weekend took on the Nation’s Capital! Hundreds gathered to remember our founder, **Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey** and celebrate the women of today for their contributions made, as well as meet the candidates running for President and Vice President at Large. *Living a Legacy of Faith, Love, and Prayer* is what sustains us as we find ways to gather and extend the sisterhood. The District of Columbia is where Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey attended her last National Convention; and also, where our ninth and current President, Dr. Margaret Brown Payton, attended her last Founder’s Day, as International President, before her administration closes out at the annual convention in Houston, Texas, June 2024.

Who would have predicted the turnout would be so great? There were close to 300 people to participate in the National African American Museum tour on that Friday, December 1; while close to 600 people attended the Awards Luncheon on that Saturday.

OUR HISTORY MATTERS... A DAY AT THE MUSEUM!

Group pictures were taken according to Regions



Mid-Southwest



Western



Intercontinental



Central



Southeast



Northeast



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The Husbands



Virginia Sisterhood





FOUNDER'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

"REMEMBERING A LEGACY
OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PRAYER"







**FOUNDER'S DAY
LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

**"LIVING A LEGACY OF
FAITH, LOVE, AND PRAYER"**





The Bouey Award
Lady Maya M. Brown, PA



The Beloved Sister Award
Dr. Mary L. Benn, MD









Annual Founder's Day Luncheon Blessing of the Food

Oh, what a fellowship, oh what a joy divine leaning and depending on the everlasting arms of Jesus!

Let us pray,

Our Father and our God, we come before your presence this afternoon with hearts of Thanksgiving!

**Thanking you Lord God for another opportunity to be a part of this Founder's Day
Weekend Celebration!**

Thank you for your safe travel, by your grace and mercy.

Now Father God, we thank you for this food that we are about to receive.

**May it nourish and give strength to every nerve and vessel and restore our energy as your
Word gives strength to our souls.**

May what we drink replenish our dry bones as your promises refresh our minds.

**May this food make us healthy and strong. As your word encourages us to persevere,
to run on to see what the end shall be.**

Bless it and sanctify it in the matchless name of Jesus the Christ we pray. AMEN.





**INDUCTIONS INTO THE HALL OF HONOR
PRESENTED BY**

Dr. Jannie Daniels, Vice President at Large

Lady Hattie C. Blackmon, VA

Elder Dr. Lynette Galloway Branch, VA

Dr. Loretta H. Dennis, VA

Evangelist Sophronia Maxwell McClendon, GA

Lady Pauline M. Moore, PA

Lady Sherl L. Streeter, DC

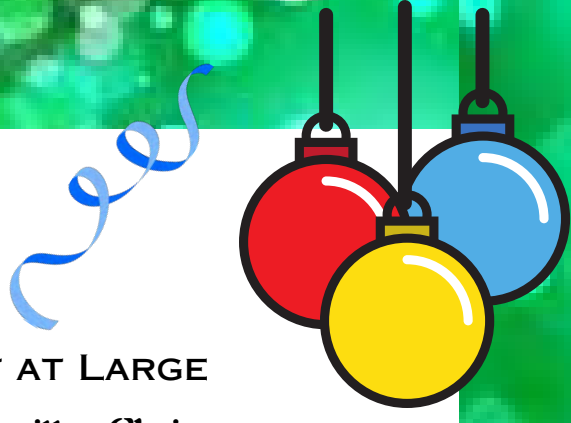
Lady Betty Tucker, SC

Lady Barbara Watkins, CA

Dr. Gwendolyn O. Young, MD

2023 HONOREES





CANDIDATES FOR
 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE
 Lady Barbara Boulware, Nominating Committee Chair



(From left to right)

Vice President at Large

- Lady Anita Barnes
- Lady Sherl Streeter
- Lady Lisa Johnson
- Lady Melva Bruton

President

- Elder Vernita Josey
- Dr. Cheryl R. Evans
- Dr. Jannie Daniels





The True Meaning of Christmas



Some might argue that Christmas means “candles burning low, lots of mistletoe, lots of snow and ice, and choirs singing outside their door.” But for most Christians, we like Stevie Wonder fancy, all those things of the season and more; however, the true meaning of Christmas as we know, can never be lost in secular traditions of Hallmark movies, shopping, cookie bakes, candy canes, and gift exchanges. Oh, what fun it all is though!

We are reminded in Titus 3 of the power of God’s love. Paul reminds us of who and what we were before God appeared. Verse 3 states, “For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.” The power of God’s love is so great that it was demonstrated in God coming to earth through his Son to change us, to save us, to make us over.

Christmas is about the kindness and love of God that appeared through Christ Jesus. It is about the power of God’s love for us. A love so great that a sinless Savior would be born only to die. A love so great that it can change the stony hearts of mankind back towards its creator. A love so great that it draws us as it did thousands of years ago, when Jesus told Nicodemus that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.

The true meaning of Christmas is the demonstration of the power of God’s love in that God sent his Son for a dying world. The true meaning of Christmas is also about the beauty of God’s grace. “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us; not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:4-5 ESV

I hope you, like I enjoyed cookies, candy canes, candles, mistletoe and perhaps even a choir at your door; but greater still, I hope you rejoice in the God of our salvation who has appeared as the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Kim Trice
Abyssinia Baptist Church, Capital Heights, MD



Celebrations



The BMWWA and UMA local chapters joined together in a Christmas fellowship at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant. During the party, they recognized Lady Sherl Streeter for receiving an *honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Leadership from Restoration International University*; as well as being inducted into the IAMWMW Hall of Honor during the annual Founder's Day Weekend. **Congratulations Dr. Sherl L. Streeter!**



Local Presidents

Deaconess Jennifer P. Washington (BMWWA) and Dr. Edna Owens (UMA)

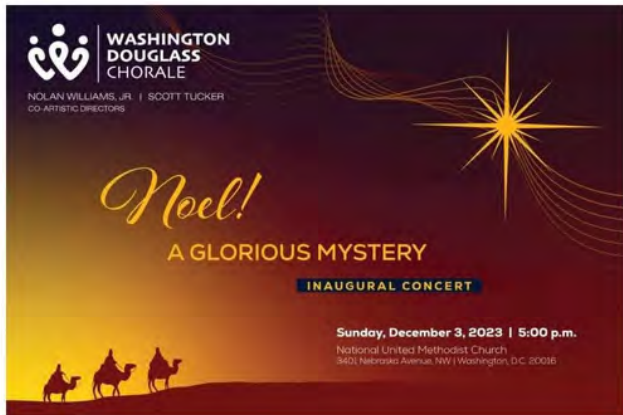


PKs all Grown Up and Taking Action!

Damion Wilson, grandson of **Lady Julia Williams (BMWWA)**, DCAMWMW's 2023 Scholarship Graduate from the University of Salisbury



Reverend Nolan Williams Jr., son of **Lady Gloria J. Williams (IC, BMWWA)**, Co-Artistic Director of the *Washington Douglass Chorale (WDC)*, enjoyed an inaugural debut on **Sunday, December 3, 2023** at the National United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW; Washington, DC. What a glorious concert!





HAPPY
Birthday



Blessings to the District of Columbia
State President

Minister Glenda Harden-Boston!

May the Joy of the Lord remain your
strength and be with you Forevermore!!

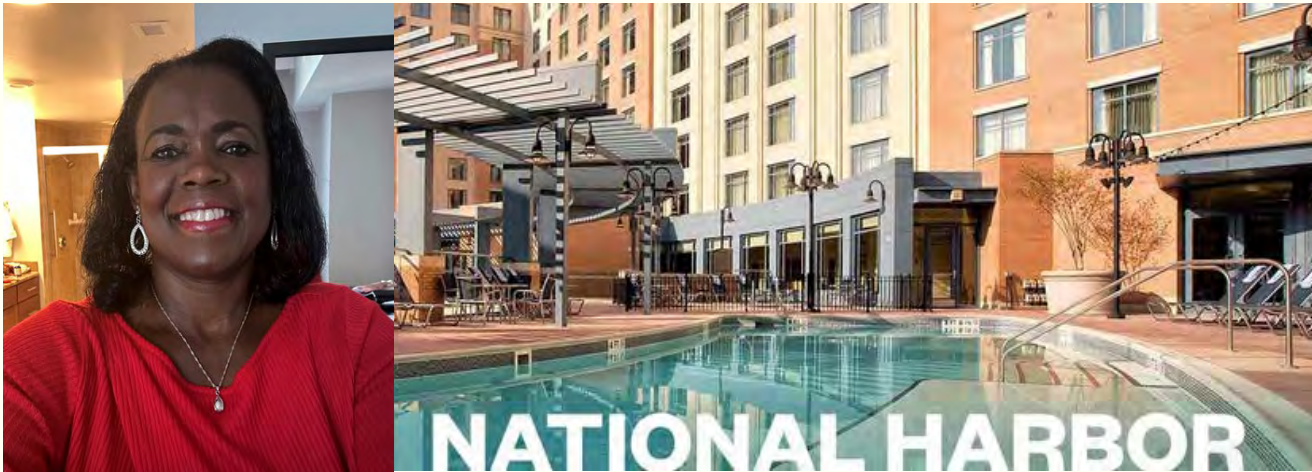


December Nineteenth





Christmas “Open House” Fellowship with the State President at the National Harbor. Donations received are to support the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Washington, DC.



If you know of any ministers' wives or ministers' widows within your church or civil organizations who would like to join any one of the four local chapters, please have them contact the State President at info@dcamwmw.org for more information.

If you are interested in submitting content for the newsletter, please contact the editor at willettak.graham@gmail.com.



