

# WHAT'S GOING ON!

## THE CHURCH VITALITY AND GROWTH

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF JESUS CHIRST APOSTOLIC OF FT.LAUDERDALE, INC**

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**Bishop E.B. Walker, Pastor**

## A Stalwart Went Home



BISHOP IZETT  
SCOTT

The First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, Ft. Lauderdale Inc. tracks back to the beginning of the 2025 year.

The year began with a vibrant “Watchnight” service. Bishop Izett Scott hosted another celebratory night as brethren and friends gathered to talk about God’s goodness specifically during the 2024 year.

Later in the month of January, our dearest, Bishop Scott became ill and before his birthday came on February 22, he transitioned.

The viewing service was held on Friday, March 14, at the church. This well attended, and disciplined crowd showed up in solidarity of bereavement with the Scott’s family. There was not enough time to talk about Bishop’s exuberant contribution to the church community. Everyone seemed to have copied notes, as they repetitiously commended his work, walk, and wisdom. On Saturday, March 15, the grand funeral service was held at Genesis Christian Center 1490 Banks Road, Margate, Florida.

That was excellent! Once again, time was limited but people crammed in just about every commendation that a well-lived human being could have earned. The voices came from as far as Nigeria with 500 persons online, eagerly watching the proceedings.

The 50-member, Izett Scott’s Mass choir led by a vibrant and talented Minister from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus, Ft. Lauderdale, stirred the congregants with the well rendered “May The Works, I’ve Done, Speak For Me.”

Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Jr., D. Min, from Transformation Church, Baltimore, Maryland eulogized the Bishop while admonishing the gathering regarding the importance of family. It was befitting of the man Bishop Scott was. The Lauderdale Lake’s city officials were present and made major contributions to the day’s program.

Madam Commissioner Hazel Rogers and her team officially pronounced March 15 “Bishop Izett Scott Day” *That, right there*, is indicative of Bishop’s amazing involvement in the community. Madam Commissioner Sharon Thomas read an Expression of Sympathy and presented the document in his honor. Other officials of the community, too numerous to mention, spoke highly of our Bishop. The repast was gorgeous! under the guidance of Sharpe Events & Designs Team, the sumptuous meals were appreciated as the crowd mingled. Hugs, smiles, and laughter accompanied this solemn occasion but most of all, vivid memories of Bishop Scott’s presence blessed the cafeteria.

On March 22 another service was held at the Transformation Church of Jesus Christ 5150 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore MD 21229. A large gathering of well wishers were present. His body was laid to rest at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens and Museleum, 200 E Padonia Rd. Lutherville Timonium, Maryland.

Ouch!! Today we are still missing his smile, great humor and tireless efforts to see to the needs of each the church community.

Now what?!

The church under the new administration led by Bishop Everton B. Walker, a seven-member board of directors including a 13-member ordained officers are committed to honor God, through the legacy of this noble man, the late Bishop Izet R. Scott, emeritus

This news feed hopes to keep Bishop’s work alive in the heart of the community he served. We are all aware that this is a tall order but with the help of the same God that our late leader served, and a greater commitment to stick-to-the-task, there is a refined resolve among us to succeed.

The mission and vision statements are the propellers for our every thrust and with God we will strengthen the things that remain.

“Then forward still ‘tis Jehovah’s will,  
With a conquering tread we will push ahead

*Author: Henry J. Zelley*



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### Consecration, Installation and Licensing of Officers

Immediately, the church began to handle its responsibilities, although with major hiccups. The grieving church struggled to understand the how, when, where and whys of the new administration. Recommendations, suggestions, revelations, dreams, commands, and so on!! Bishop Walker calmly, indiscriminately and quietly held it together.

The Board huddled around the Pastor elect, while making necessary the adjustments to favor the new administration.

The church board undertook the daunting task of sorting the many business ventures that Bishop Scott established. Some of which were *un-finalized*. The bank, the properties, the Bylaws, the books, the sister churches, and the general church needs.

The Board ratified the request for more board members and later installed three strong leders to the team. (see board members at Sunbiz.org) With this determined team along with Pastor Walker, much is being accomplished.

Among Bishop Scott's dream was to officially provide credentials for every officer who is serving in a leadership role in the church. Be reminded that the First United Church Jesus Christ Apostolic, Ft.Lauderdale became an independent body in the late 2024. An independent body means that the Church is not answerable to a higher church organization. Hence, we did not have ordained members to our church clergy. The candidates were identified, interviewed and appointed. On May 14, the Consecration and installation of Bishop Everton Walker was hosted along with the licensing of 13 officers. (see list on website at <https://fucjcaftlauderdale.com>)

Additionally, three of our long-serving members received honorary titles. The titles included Lady Elect, Honorary Mother, and Honorary Evangelist. These members were selected for this official conferral based on, the status as the late pastor's wife, status as the church mother and status as an evangelist no longer active.

The service was an amazing event, filled with high worship beginning with the Sunday School at 10:00am and culminated with the Sunday evening official service. The officiants' deliberation done by Bishop Dr. C.A. Holdsworth, and assisted by Bishop Colville Webb was spiritually enriching. Bishop Webb's "Drive By" message was a master piece, thanks to God. Over 600 persons attended virtually and the church facilities were packed to full capacity. An excellent support and booster to the forward movement of this body!

The Church continues to navigate its way, under the mandate to build better for God! with more communication strategies and purposeful events we shall see positive responses from the church community. God draws people unto Him when we preserve meaningful worship services with the projected word of God to change lives.

### What is new?

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun" Ecclesiastes 1:9

The history of the early church as outlined in the Book of Acts identifies some stellar examples of excellent operation with good results. God was the center of the church's operation. Many people were healed by the hands of God through the Apostles. The apostolic leaders exhibited a level of righteous boldness that resulted in heightened challenges against religious factions.

That was not new. Today, we are empowered to display boldness and braveness. In this manner God shall be glorified.

In this era where the passion and purpose of a church's vision and mission can become obscured by the trivial details of day-to-day operations we need to be defined by a brand that is stamped "For God Only" Our church endeavors shall bear the fundamental imprint of people, people and people. People must be the target for development, and empowerment must be the results by God's grace and will. That is why Christ came. *...that we might have life abundantly.*



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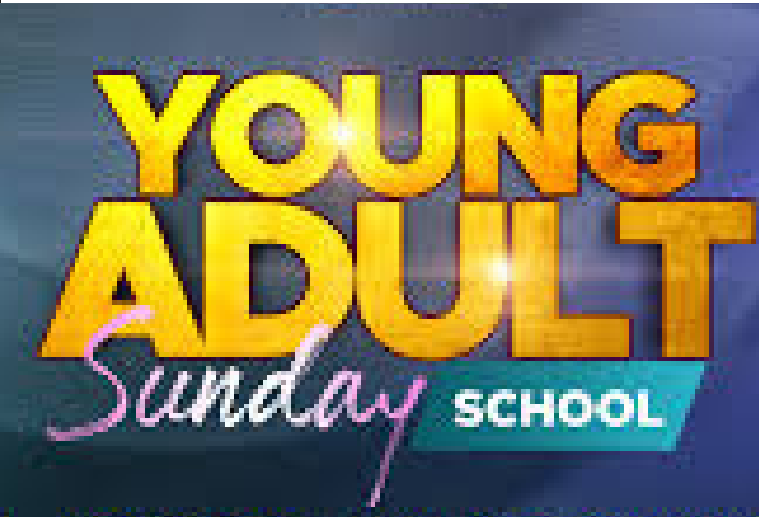
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### THE CHURCH IS MOVING ON!

#### Use of Basic Technology

Today, church operations are, by far, more structured with technology rather than remaining in the boon docks of all manual functions.

FUCJCA observed that as it population increases there will be a need for multiple access to its communication sources. Hence the church communicates its activities to the community by way of QR Code Scan. Although some members were intimidated by the opportunity to digitally spread the word about church wide activities, Sunday worship service program, birthday celebration and other important events, this move has eliminated the regular reading of notices which absorbed much time in the high session of workshop during the Sunday services. QR code SCANS are available at the ushers' desk at the church. A KIOSK for guest enrollment was installed but due to increase *ill-perceptions*, the church administration held back implementing it until the church members are comfortably educated about its use and benefits.

All announcements are now digitized. At an appropriate time during the service the announcements may be viewed on screen.

The new website is located at [www.fucjcaftlauderdale.com](http://www.fucjcaftlauderdale.com). This is a great hub for information feed. It accommodates a summary of church activities and gives in details a structure of the church operation. Documents that help to maintain a good church design are uploaded there as well as an archive of our Wednesday night Christian Education study and resource materials.

Thanks to the church's competent Technology team the operation continues to provide an archive of services and other special events.

The radio broadcast at WAVS1170 keeps the word of God live to the hearers. It is hosted by Bishop Everton Walker, the pastor and is available to listeners on internet feed as well.

Currently, the church tech team and other competent members are working on obtaining licensing for producing our own internet radio broadcast. That is exciting! "It is all about reaching the lost at any cost"

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### The Ancillary Departments

Ancillary departments, are groupings within the main church group. These are departments structured to facilitate the spiritual growth and development of the members of the church. Hence, these ministries are grouped as Women, Men, Youth and Sunday School. Currently, plans are underway to restructure and mobilize these departments for a greater community impact. Frequent meetings are held for each department.

#### Regular Sunday School

Sunday School Session is held beginning at 10:00am. Vibrant bible led discussions, truth of God teachings and personal testimonies are shared. The school uses a professional bible, topical teacher curriculum to guide a formal lesson but the Bible is the standard enrichment resource material used.

#### The Children's Church

The idea of the children's church is to provide a worship-friendly atmosphere where children canbe guided to a personal relationship with God, learn about God's word and develop in their christian faith. Even though the Children's Church is a work in progress our students have available to them, age- appropriate lessons, fun lesson props, rest time, snack and sing-along session.

#### The Young Adult Sunday School

Church life-style can be very daunting for a young person. The Sunday School is designed to give young adults the opportunity to be comfortable about bible discussions and lessons geared toward young adult life and spiritual development. Sunday school begins at at 10:00am and ends at 11:30.

# WHAT'S COMING ON!

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### COMMUNITY EFFORTS

#### **Bishop Izett R. Scott International Back To School Supplies Drive**

During Bishop's tenure, he provided Back to School Supplies to needy schools in Jamaica.  
**We wish to continue to support the cause.**

**July 1 - August 22, 2025 is DROP OF TIME  
DROP OFF your contributions for back to  
school.....**

**stationary, bags, socks, shoes, sneakers, belts**

at  
3280 North State Road  
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

**Sundays, 10:00am - 2:30pm  
call 954-802-8201  
for an appointment to drop off,**

Thank you for your kind support!!!

#### **July 13-19 is Healthy Week at the Church**

**-It is a mind and body experience-**

**Learn recipes, and cooking techniques from the  
professionals among us!**

Commence the week on Sunday, July 13- 11:30am  
**Worship with the Health Department.**

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Wednesday, July 16- 7:30 - 9:00pm

**"The Bible and the Body"**

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Saturday, July 19, 10:00am -1:30pm  
**Bake Display and Sale!**

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#### **Skills Day**

Saturday, September 6, 10:00-2:00pm

**"Talk with the Pro"**

- \*Learn about new skills,
- \*Talk about best practices
- \*Walk with professionals

### DISCIPLESHIP ENDEAVORS

#### **The W.H.Y.**

Women Who Yearn

hosted by the **Women's Ministry**

in the

**Sanctuary**

with

president Evangelist Patricia Campbell  
and her team with a passion to pray

**The second Saturday of each Month  
It is A Prayer Meeting Experience**

join with  
women who are passionate for change  
and spiritual development. Pray for the things  
you yearn.  
and watch them come to pass.!

#### **HEART-TO-HEART**

Have a one-on-one  
with Bishop Everton Walker,  
and the clergy!

**It is a zoom experience**

**First-come-First Serve**

*(one session per person per month)*

**Call 754-223-3112 between the hours  
of 5:00 to 7:00pm Mondays,  
Tuesday, and Fridays,  
to setup your session**

**-The people Matter-**

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#### **Christian Education Sessions**

**Wednesdays 7:30-9:30pm**

**Begin your bible study with prayer and  
worship then participate in one-and-a-  
half hours of intense chirstian life study.  
-It is best in person-**

### BABY BLESSINGS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month  
is Baby blessing.

Contact Evangelist Watkins,  
the Church Secretary to make  
arrangements and setup  
certificate prints

#### **BAPTISM**

Baptism is done, on an as  
needed basis. An ordained  
minister will assist you with  
the preliminaries of your  
christian walk, before and/or  
after your baptism

#### **RIGHTHAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

We welcome new members to  
our assembly.

Following the orientation  
process, on the First Sunday of  
each month we publicly  
announce new members, with a  
membership certificate and a  
warm welcome  
we embrace you!

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WE CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS EACH  
QUARTER.

IT IS A FAMILY-SYTTLE EXCITEMENT  
ENJOYA WELL PLANNED BIRTHDAY  
RECOGNITION WITH THE CHRUCH  
FAMILY

**HOSTED BY THE MISSIONARIES!**

