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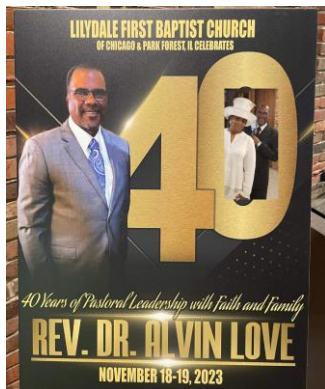
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## LFBC CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Blessings in the strong and mighty name of Jesus our Christ!

Welcome to another edition of our church newsletter.

As we officially enter the summer season, I pray that you will be blessed as we begin to move more personal activities outdoors. I know that many of you will be traveling this summer. I pray for your safety.

Let's not forget to pray for and support our church during this season. I am praying for you.

*Praying  
for  
You*

*Rev. Alvin Love, Pastor*

EVANGELISM  
+  
DISCIPLESHIP  
=  
KINGDOM BUILDING

*To Our Sick, Shut-In, and Bereaved Families,*

*Be assured that our God is not far away from you. God is so near that He invites us to, "cast [ing] all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (1Peter 5:7).*

*When no one knows your pain, God knows! When no one hears your cries, God hears!*

*You can rest assured knowing that God loves and delights in you.*

*This is what the prophet Isaiah says about the Lord, "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am." (58:9).*

*God Bless You!*



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## THE OBAMA SCHOLARS AT LFBC



On May 11, 2023, Pastor Love hosted the Obama Scholars at our Heritage Campus.

During the meeting, Mr. Obama stated that "Visiting the Lilydale First Baptist Church (LFBC) took me back to my time as a Community Organizer. This is the neighborhood where I began."

Pastor Love and Mr. Obama's relationship covers a period of 30+ years that includes, but is not limited to, community planning and organizing; Mr. Obama, then Senator, bringing greetings to Pastor Love's Installation Ceremony as the President of Baptist General State Convention of IL, Inc. 2002; Pastor Love appearing on both national and global television, speaking on his friendship with Mr. Obama and much more.

Because of Mr. Obama and Pastor Love's profound friendship, the Lilydale First Baptist Church is now part of history.

May Mr. Barack and Mrs. Michelle Obama's entire family be richly rewarded by the Master, for the work they have done and continue to do.

## Spring Leadership School

Throughout the nearly three years of being in a COVID pandemic, the Christian Education Committee continued to offer Virtual Christian Leadership Schools, endorsed by the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) of the Sunday School Publishing Board, NBC, USA, Inc.

On Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Leadership School was in session with Director Carrie M. Wyatt, serving as Dean. The school was very successful.

There were 36 registered students with 33 of them receiving course cards. The demographics included students from across the State of Illinois, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, and Wisconsin.

The Christian Ed. Committee encourages you, your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join them in study. The apostle Paul says, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (2 Timothy 2:15).

It is the practice of the Deans to offer courses that best benefit the church body as a whole. However, if an auxiliary has a course of interest, it should be shared with a Christian Ed. Committee member.

Stay tuned for the September Edward Eason Leadership School.

Blessings!



**GREATER NEW ERA 78<sup>TH</sup>  
 ANNUAL SESSION**

During the week of May 22-25, 2023, the LFBC hosted the Greater New Era 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Session at the Legacy Campus in Park Forest. Morning and evening sessions were held. A hot and delicious lunch was provided each day with homemade desserts coordinated by First Lady Carolyn Love and Sis. Paula Milroe. A few of the congregants stayed over from the morning to the evening sessions.

LFBC is very well known in the District. Pastor Love served as the 10<sup>th</sup> Moderator, and there are 12 members who either hold offices in the District or are cabinet members to an officer.

Pastor Love, First Lady Love and many other members kept the LFBC banner flying high as *God's Friendly Church*.

Each morning offered a lecture/preaching series by Rev. George Waddles, Jr., Pastor of the Second Bapt. Church, Ypsilanti, MI. Annual Addresses were given during the evening hours. Approximately 300 congregants in total attended the Annual Session. All sessions can be viewed on the LFBC YouTube Channel.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
 SIS. LAKISHA BROWN, Greater New Era  
 District Director of Young People  
 On her 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Address**

Tuesday Night, May 22, 2023, during the  
 Greater New Era 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.

After sharing her testimony on being broken, Sis. Brown spoke emphatically on the theme of, "Graciously Broken," with scriptural reference taken from Jeremiah 24:6-7.

Sis. Brown's points were:

- 1) God will break you to realign you;
- 2) God will break you to reposition you; and
- 3) God will break you to redesign you.

The LFBC family is very proud of its Youth Director, Sis. LaKisha Brown.



**Sis. Ruby M. Cooper, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Greater New Era District Women's Auxiliary  
 Sis. Pamela L. Jenkins, Local Mission President**





**BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
 (BYF)**

The Baptist Youth Fellowship/Young People worked on an "Identity Tree." On this tree they posted *things, people, places, emotions* and *values* to help create and mold their identity.

Then the group compared and discussed their views of themselves to help better understand how God sees them.

The tree trunk was created by Carlie Moncure.

*By Sis. LaKisha Brown, Youth Director*



**40<sup>th</sup> PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY  
 KICK-OFF CELEBRATION**

The kick-off Celebration for Pastor Alvin Love's 40<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary was a "Paint & Praise Party" on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, honoring all Mothers and First Lady Carolyn Love. The celebration was held at the Heritage Campus in Chicago. It was an incredible afternoon of fun, PAINTING, PRAISING and EATING while sipping sparkling non-alcoholic beverages from a champagne flute. Indeed, a first-class celebration. Approximately 70+ people were in attendance. Many of them were *first-time painters!*

First Lady Love was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love shown towards her. Pastor Love marveled at the turnout.

Much Love and Many Blessings to First Lady Carolyn Knowlton Love!

Mother Adrienne Henton, Marketing Director.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY  
 Mother's Day Ham Give-A-Way**

One hundred spiral hams along with 100 boxes of fresh vegetables were given out to residents of the Greater Roseland Community Area, for Mother's Day. This effort came to fruition through the networking of Bro. Lenell Eskridge, First Lady Carolyn Love, and Ms. L. Marie Asad from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**Glory to God!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIOR USHERS ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY!**



**FIRST POST-PANDEMIC BAPTISM  
 FIRST BAPTISM @ THE LEGACY  
 CAMPUS**

On Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, the first post-pandemic baptism was held at the Legacy Campus. It was also the first baptism held in the Legacy Campus.

It was an emotional and glorious sight to witness the outward conversion of a new person in Christ, Ms. Debbie Jones.

The hymn, *“Take Me to the Water,”* seemingly vibrated from the four walls.

On the following First Sunday, a New Member’s Fellowship was held for all members who united with Lilydale First Baptist Church during the pandemic.

***To God Be the Glory!***



**The MOTHER LENNICE RIALS  
 PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Was held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Legacy Campus, with a hot delicious breakfast prepared by Chef Minister Anthony Jones and staff.

It was an amazing sweet time of fellowship with songs and prayers being lifted up for:

Thanksgiving	<i>Sis. Altee Crocker</i>
The Church	<i>Sis. Brenda Perry</i>
Healing	<i>Sis. Maresa Williams</i>
The Family	<i>Sis. CaReese Mukulu</i>
The Youth	<i>Sis. Quralyn Milroe</i>
Elected Officials	<i>Deac. Thomas Savage, Sr.</i>

Lady Allison Funches, from the St. Paul MBC in Freeport, brought a mighty and profound message with the sub-theme, *“Admonished to Serve, Understanding the Assignment.”* Scriptural references: Matthew 25:35-39 and Romans 12:2.

Over 100 people were in attendance. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with formal decor.

Mother Adrienne Henton served as Mistress of Ceremony.

Sis. Pamela L. Jenkins, Mission President.



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**Sunday School**  
 In-Person & on Zoom each Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Sister Vikki McKenzie, Superintendent



**YouTube:**  
**Lilydale First Baptist**  
*God's Friendly Church*

**Prayer Meeting**  
 Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
  
**Intercessory Prayer Line**  
 Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.  
  
**Prayer Line:** 1-605-313-5109  
**Access Code:** 535544#

**UPCOMING EVENTS | July 2023**  
  
**July 10-14** Vacation Bible School  
  
**Virtual / 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon**  
**Virtual / 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**



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 a Prayer  
 Request**

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*We pray that this publication will strengthen our CONNECTION with one another as we labor together in God's vineyard.*

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