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**LFBC CONNECTION NEWSLETTER**

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**COMING:  
LILYDALE FIRST  
BAPTIST  
ONLINE CAMPUS**



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

As we enter the Fall season, our hearts and minds turn toward returning to church. Outdoor activities are winding down. Vacations are almost over and we look forward to joining our brothers and sisters, once again, in corporate worship.

I am excited about what God will do in this final quarter of 2023. To be sure, we will face our share of challenges, but our God is able! I pray for the opportunities that He will provide: of fellowship; of outreach; and of service to our communities.

I hope you had a great summer. Now, let's get back to church!

*Reverend Alvin Love*



**EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP**

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

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 famously says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*

*We are going to have wintry seasons. Continue to praise God.*

*The hymnologist says,*

*"Be not dismayed what e'er betide,  
Beneath His wings of love abide,*

*"No matter what may be the test,  
lean, weary one, upon His breast,*

*"God will take care of you."*

*Know that in God's hands, seasons  
are purposeful things, and His grace  
is everlasting.*

*God Bless You!*



**LFBC GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023**



Pre-Kindergarten to Postgraduates

On Sunday, July 23, the Christian Education Committee presented the Graduating Class of 2023 to the Church.

The ceremony was held during our 11 a.m. Worship Service at the Legacy Campus in Park Forest. Pastor, wearing his Doctorate ensemble, led the processional of our glamorous grads into the sanctuary followed by Director Carrie Wyatt and the Christian Ed. Committee.

Each of our 11 graduates EXCELLED in their respective fields of study. Every graduate, with the exception of our Pre-K grad, who is still growing in faith, values their personal relationship with Jesus.

The graduates are as follows:

- ☺ **Unique Downey**...Pre-K, Stages Academy  
*Parents:* Dominique Boston and Roland Downey;
- ☺ **Andrew Gates**...Heritage Middle School  
*Parents:* Alma Gates and Michael Johnson;
- ☺ **Carlie Moncure**...Heritage Leadership Academy, **Graduated Class Valedictorian**  
*Parent:* Adrienne Moncure;

- ☺ **Journei Sanaa Reeves**...O.W. Huth Middle School  
*Parents:* Dr. Joi Love and Shun Reeves;
- ☺ **Ajani Kincaid Sutherland**...St. Thomas the Apostle School - *Parent:* Tenetia Sutherland;
- ☺ **Malachi Amari Brewer**...Stagg High School  
*Parent:* DeShavon Brewer  
*Grandparents:* DeMyron and Gloria Brewer;
- ☺ **Cameron Jackson**...Kenwood Academy  
*Parents:* Anthony Jackson and Temecca Jackson;
- ☺ **Andre Kellum, Jr.**...Beecher High School  
*Parents:* Rev. Andre and Tiffany Kellum;
- ☺ **Timothy A. Coffey**...Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Rehabilitation, Jackson State Univ., Jackson, MS. - *Parents:* Fred and Adelle Coffey;
- ☺ **Kelly Nicole Cook**...Master of Science in Nursing & Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate (PMHNP) from Leach Nursing School @ the University of St. Francis-Joliet  
*Parents:* Karen Cook Turner and the late Tranondus Cook;
- ☺ **Amanda Henderson**....Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) & Master of Science (MS) from Relay Graduate School  
*Parents:* The late John and Brenda Henderson

We are very proud of our graduates. May their next chapter in life flourish with seeds of fruit for those coming up behind them. ■



**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS 2023**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Under the auspices of the Sunday School Department, the Vacation Bible School was held the week of July 10-14, 2023, virtually, with morning and evening sessions.

**Class Enrollment:** 45, with special guests

**Study Topic:** The Book of Esther

**References:** The Holy Bible, study book “Be Committed” by Warren Wm. Wiersbe

**Instructors:** Rev. Mary Momon, *Morning Session*, Sunday School Superintendent  
 Sis. Vikki McKenzie, *Evening Session*

The study pointed to the providence of God, who is not mentioned in the Book of Esther.

Students were very active in class. Interesting points were lifted up regarding King Ahasuerus’ banquets that led to varied imaginative observations.

The last day of class included discussing homework assignments and unscrambling a word puzzle.

It was a fun and wonderful Vacation Bible School.

Many thanks to both instructors for letting the Spirit use them in a mighty way. ■



**EDWARD EASON**

**“VIRTUAL” LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**

On behalf of the entire Christian Education Committee, we thank the members who joined us in study during the Edward Eason Virtual Leadership School the week of September 25, 2023. It was a great success. Glory to God!

Seventy-two students registered for school. Fifty students qualified for Course Cards. Thirteen churches were represented from across seven districts:

- Greater New Era District
- Salem District
- Lakeshore Baptist District
- Southside Christian Fellowship District
- New Salem District
- Christian Unity Baptist District
- Northern Indiana MB District.

Student demographics included Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Louisiana and Wisconsin.

As the Dean of School, I visited each classroom for observations: **Survey of Job**/Sis. Cynthia Draper Hill, instructor, **Survey of John**/Rev. Ronald Brown, instructor, **Leadership in the Local Church**/ Dr. Cora Suddoth-Gore, instructor, and the **BYF Workshop**/Director LaKisha Brown, instructor. The students were active participants and the instructors loved it.

It is the Christian Ed. Committee’s prayer that each of you will become regular students in our Virtual Leadership Schools, to help deepen your affection for our Lord Jesus. The next school will be held in the Spring of 2024. ■

Sis. Ruby M. Cooper, Dean of School  
 Sis. Carrie M. Wyatt, Dean/Director of Christian Ed.



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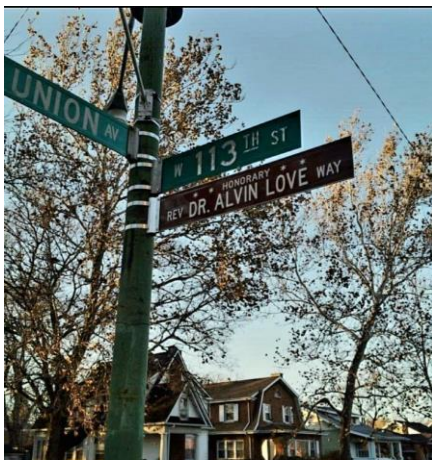
**THE BAPTIST YOUTH  
FELLOWSHIP  
On The Rise for Jesus!**



Contact: Director Lakisha Brown  
For more information.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY  
BLOCK CLUB PARTY**

Our youth participated in the Roseland Community Block Club Party on Friday, August 4, 2023, outside of our Heritage Campus in Chicago, located on the corner of 113<sup>th</sup> and Union Ave., a.k.a. Rev. Dr. Alvin Love Way. ■



**WHO AM I?**

*Brain Teasers..... By Sis. Carolyn Comer*

1. In modern times, I have been called a thug, but “God, set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me, and was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles. My immediate response was not to consult any human being, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas. I saw none of the other apostles – only James, the Lord’s brother.” *(Scripture edited for space)* **Who Am I?**

2. I left my beautiful wife to go into battle. While I was gone, my next door neighbor took advantage of her but I did not know it. When I was called out of battle to come home, I could not enjoy the comfort of my wife and home while my countrymen were still fighting, so I slept at the palace entrance with my master’s servants. Then, I received new orders to report to the front lines, where I was killed. **Who Am I?**

3. I am a servant in Mark’s house. It is not unusual for people to meet here to pray. Tonight, many have gathered to pray for Peter, who is in prison and scheduled for execution. Suddenly, I heard knocking and a voice that I recognized! I was so excited, I forgot to open the door. I ran to tell the others that Peter was knocking but they did not believe me. The knocking continued and they finally opened the door and realized what I told them was true. **Who Am I?**

ANSWERS: (1) Apostle Paul; (2) Uriah; (3) Rhoda



**The Annual Church Picnic** was held at the Legacy Campus in Park Forest on Saturday, August 26. It was the third picnic on church grounds. All sorts of games and other activities were set up for all ages. Seemingly, the big hit was the 360 Photo booth. You must check out the LFBC Facebook page to see Pastor and First Lady on it. Pastor kept saying, *"This is all you gonna get!"* First Lady got some moves. Sis. Leilani Howell was also a winner for the 360 Photo booth.

Special guests at the picnic were Park Forest Mayor, Joseph Woods and Village Trustee, Theresa Settles, along with three other community families with children.

Chef Andre Kellum of "That's My Rib BBQ" mastered the grill. Food trucks were lined up with many delectable dishes and desserts. DJ Reggie Williams kept the music going.

Committee Chairlady, Sis. Sherece Brown and Co-Chairs, Sis. Amanda Henderson and Bro. Michael Eason outdid themselves. We are looking forward to next year's picnic, and so should you! ■



**PICTURED:**  
**Pastor with Park Forest Mayor, Joseph Woods, and Village Trustee, Theresa Settles.**

**SKYWAY BOWL AWARD**



Congratulations to Mrs. Brunetta Hill-Corley, proprietor of Skyway Bowl. Skyway was awarded the designation of Legacy Business for the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Small Business Administration on Monday, August 21, 2023.

The family are long standing members of LFBC. Brunetta is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Hill (seated) and the Late Mr. Johnny Hill. Mr. Hill had a car wash on 79<sup>th</sup> & Vincennes in Chicago. Church members frequent his business for a car wash or detailing work.

Mr. Hill had also owned the Bowling Lane on 117<sup>th</sup> and Halsted where the Church's Bowling League met there for one season.

The Hills are pillars of society with extensive business savvy. If you enjoy bowling, why not take your game to Skyway Bowl, located at 9915 S. Torrence Avenue, Chicago. ■

**CONGRATULATIONS LILYDALE FIRST BAPTIST ON YOUR 109<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY!**

***A FRESH BEGINNING***

On Sunday, July 23, during our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Ms. Jeanee Evans gave her life to Christ. She has made a fresh beginning with God, having received the gift of salvation that assures her [us] eternal life in His loving presence. She is eternally redeemed “justified by faith” and now has “peace with God through Christ” (Romans 5:1).



On Sunday, August 27, 2023, following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sis. Jeanee Evans was baptized. ■

***GLORY TO GOD!***

**UPCOMING: MEN'S DAY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023**  
**8:00 A.M. SPEAKER, MINISTER**  
**ANTHONY JONES**  
**11:00 A.M. SPEAKER, DR. CARSIE**  
**E. BARNES, II**  
**Color: Brown**

**OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
**“POP-UP SHOP”**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service at the Legacy Campus, students both in the Church and in the Park Forest Community received back-to-school supplies. This church-wide ministry was coordinated by the Sunday School Ministry. ■

Sis. Vikki McKenzie, Superintendent





**ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023**



The Women of Lilydale First Baptist resumed their Annual Women's Day Celebration on Sunday September 19, 2023, after being shut-in from the Covid pandemic.

It was a glorious celebration, and the women were beautifully dressed in white and green. Sis. Teneshia Owens, the 8:00 a.m. Speaker, and First Lady Carolyn Love, the 11:00 a.m. Speaker, both spoke profoundly on the theme, *"Through It All: My Commitment Endures"* Ruth 2:12.

During the 8:00 a.m. Worship, Sis. Amanda Henderson blessed the congregation in singing Great Is Thy Faithfulness. The Good Samaritans Plus One, also ministered to the congregation in songs, during the 11:00 a.m. Worship.

A combined Sunday School class was held following the 8:00 a.m. service with a continental breakfast served by the Brotherhood. Superintendent Sis. McKenzie, facilitated the lesson period. ■

Sis. LeDeidre Turner, Chairlady  
 Sis. Terri Jones, Co-Chair

LILYDALE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO AND PARK FOREST CELEBRATES

*Forty Years of Leadership with Faith and Family*  
**REV. DR. ALVIN LOVE & LADY CAROLYN LOVE**

<b>SNEAKER BALL GALA</b>	<b>SUNDAY CELEBRATION</b>
SAT., NOVEMBER 18, 2023	SUN., NOVEMBER 19, 2023
CHATEAU DEL MAR	8:00 A.M.
8301 WEST 95TH STREET	HERITAGE CAMPUS
HICKORY HILLS, IL 60457	GUEST SPEAKER:
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	PASTOR STEVIE POWELL
ADULTS: \$75	11:00 A.M.
CHILDREN 11 & UNDER: \$50	LEGACY CAMPUS
ZELLE: LFB649@GMAIL.COM	GUEST SPEAKER:
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH: 773.785.8623

**Deadline for Purchasing Tickets is  
 Sunday, October 29, 2023.**







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**Sunday School**

In-Person & on Zoom each Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Sister Vikki McKenzie, Superintendent



**WORSHIP**  
**YouTube:**  
**Lilydale First Baptist**

**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#

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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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Heritage Campus Worship – 8:00 a.m.

Legacy Campus Worship – 11:00 a.m.