



GOD'S FRIENDLY CHURCH

LILYDALE FIRST

BAPTIST CHURCHSM

LFBC CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

A Publication of Lilydale First Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Alvin Love, Pastor / Executive Editor



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY & BLESSED
NEW YEAR!**

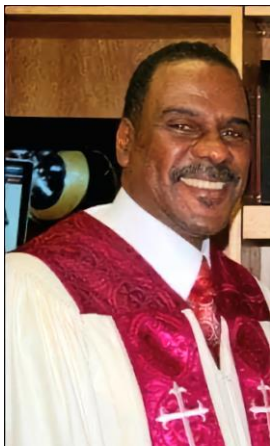
INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Message From the Pastor	Page 2
Tamaine Hills on Spotlight Chicago	Page 3
Congratulations to Teneshia Owens	Page 3
Men's Day Worship	Page 4
Family & Friends Day	Page 4
Outreach Ministry Fall Festival of Fun	Page 5
Blessing of the Veazey Children	Page 5
Blessing of Baby James Lucas Ball, III	Page 6
The 40 th Landmark Anniversary	Page 6
Special Bible Study Season of Hope	Page 7
Who Am I Brain Teaser	Page 7
Winter Wonderland	Page 8
Contact Us	Page 9



GOD'S FRIENDLY CHURCH

LILYDALE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCHSM



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Welcome to 2024!

God has blessed us to embark upon a new journey in a new year. I believe that in this new year, God has more FOR us and He expects more FROM us.

We do not know what this newly minted year may bring. But we do know that if God brings us to it, He will surely bring us through it!

My prayer is that God will bless your families with health, prosperity and peace. I also pray that this year will be a year of re-commitment and dedication to the work of the Lord.

May God bless us as we seek
"more in 2024!"



To Our Sick, Shut-In and Bereaved Families:

We do not always see how God is working in our lives. However, we can place our confidence and assurance that He is there on our [your] behalf.

The writer of Hebrews penned, "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Heb. 11:1, NIV).

We serve a God who is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all knowing) and omnipresent (everywhere).

Continue trusting in God. His faithfulness is unending!

God Bless You!

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP



**TAMAINE HILLS ON SPOTLIGHT
CHICAGO WGN 9**



Tamaine Hills, a sophomore at DePaul University, was featured on Spotlight Chicago, WGN Television on September 21, 2023, along with Dr. Toinette Gunn, President and CEO of LINK Unlimited Scholars. This is an organization inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King that mentors and provides resources for high-potential black students to advance to college and beyond by changing the trajectory of their future.

WGN News Clip

Please copy & paste this link into your browser to view

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=G9yhw0yUZy4&si=oqkyScMcSOGdNBHT>

AWESOME JOB TAMAINE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sis. Teneshia Thomas for being one of the honorees of the Unit Church Ushers League-South End Zone during their 12th Annual Luncheon held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Lilydale First Baptist Legacy Campus. Sis. Teneshia has been an usher from the age of five years old. She has held positions on the local, state, regional and national levels. Sis. Thomas is currently 2nd Vice President of South End Zone. She loves God and serving others.

Sis. Vermay Taylor



LFBC Young Adult Male Ushers on Their Post for Men's Day!



MEN'S DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 15, 2023
Theme: *"Encouraging One Another"*
1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11

Chairman: Deacon Eric Smith



8:00 AM Speaker (L) – Minister Anthony Jones
11:00 AM Speaker (R) – Dr. Carsie E. Barnes, III
Pastor of Antioch Bapt. Church, Chicago



Deacon Odell McCarthy – "Joshua Award" Recipient

FAMILY and FRIENDS DAY
CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sponsored by the General Mission Union
Sis. Pamela L. Jenkins, President



8:00 AM Speaker – Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Washington, DC - North American President of the World Council of Churches

11:00 AM

**S
P
E
A
K
E
R**



Rev. Dr. Rickey Bragg, Pastor
Abundant Life Church
Kansas City, Kansas



OUTREACH MINISTRY / FALL FESTIVAL OF FUN

The Junior, Youth and Young Adult Ushers continue to provide a safe haven where children can come dressed up in their favorite costumes, play games and fill their treat bags with assorted goodies.

This year, “3” different events were held:

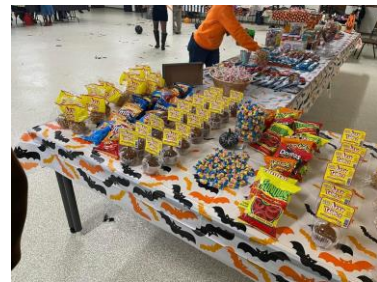
Friday, October 27 – Trunk or Treat (new) held after school at the Talala Elementary School in Park Forest;

Sunday, October 29 – Fall Festival of Fun held after 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Legacy Campus, Park Forest;

Tuesday, October 31 – Fall Festival of Fun held after school at the Heritage Campus, Chicago.

The committee provided 500 treat bags. During each event, the adults had opportunities to engage in conversations with non-Lilydale members. The Talala School principal and staff were very appreciative of LFBC’s outpouring of love.

Many thanks to Sis. Pat (Mama) Owens, First Lady Love, Sis. Tiffany McKenzie, the ushers and other committee members for ensuring that children could safely enjoy a Fall Festival of Fun. Thank you for your labor of love. **Glory to God!**



BLESSING OF THE VEAZEY CHILDREN...November 12 @ 8:00 am



Ariadne Veazey, age 6 years old
Alexei Veazey, age 9 months
Parents: Mr. Shannon & Mrs. Lenita Veazey



GOD'S FRIENDLY CHURCH

LILYDALE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCHSM

BLESSING OF BABY JAMES BALL, III AGE 5 MONTHS



Parents: Ms. Tyja Marnee Burns & Mr. James Ball II
Grandparents: Mr. Carl & Mrs. Valerie Burns

Bellwood, IL. For the 11:00 a.m. Worship at the Legacy Campus, the Word of God was delivered by Rev. Edward “Buff” Jackson, Jr., Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York. Both Preachers are Pastor Love’s sons in ministry and delivered powerful sermons.

LFBC is very thankful to God for having an under-shepherd such as Rev. Alvin Love who is, **“God’s Servant Walking By Faith”** and for our First Family.

Many thanks to the Landmark Anniversary Committee for their labor of love and for bringing our Church back together in social fellowship.

May God richly bless our First Family!

40TH LANDMARK ANNIVERSARY

The LFBC honored and celebrated Pastor Love, First Lady Love, and son Brandon during The 40th Pastoral Landmark Anniversary.

The celebrations included two *Painting Parties* honoring First Lady Love, a *Musical Tribute* honoring Brandon Love, and a *Gala Sneaker Ball* honoring Pastor Love that was held on Saturday, November 18, at Chateau Del Mar in Hickory Hills, IL. Each event was exquisitely planned and an amazing time was had by those in attendance. For many, it was their *first time wearing sneakers* to a gala event.

The celebrations culminated in a Sunday Worship Service on November 19, 2023. During the 8:00 a.m. Worship at the Heritage Campus, the Word of God was delivered by Rev. Stevie Powell, Pastor of Believers Fellowship Baptist Church, →





**“VIRTUAL” BIBLE STUDY
SEASON OF HOPE**

Wednesday Nights, 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Ruth Anne Love, Instructor

Course Description: Review the prophecy of the Messiah. Examine the promise of eternal life from God the Father. Rejoice in the birth of Christ. Investigate the New Testament Church expectation of Christ's Second Coming. Review the history of modern-day Christmas traditions and celebrations.

Expectations and Goals: Reignite the hope and expectation of the Christmas Season. Build confidence in the gift and promise of eternal life because of the salvific work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Course of Study:

- Dec. 6 – *Promise of Hope* – Isaiah 9:6-10
- Dec. 13 – *Faith and Waiting* – Isaiah 40:10, 11
- Dec. 20 – *Joy of Christ's Birth* – Matthew 2:1-6
- Dec. 27 – *Love, Light, Everlasting Life* – John 3:14-21
- Jan. 3 – *History of Christmas* – History.com
- Jan. 10 – *Epiphany* (Beg. Jan. 6) – Matt. 2:1, 7-12
- Jan. 17 – *Feasts of Tabernacles*
 - Luke 2:7
 - Leviticus 23:33-44
 - Numbers 29:11-40

Click on Link to join us in this great study:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82052319526?pwd=ZmKvcml1ZHpKZkRnQ3I5MFFhMHdjZz09>

WHO AM I?

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

1. I heard about a baby being born that was supposed to be a king. I was beside myself at the idea that someone might take my throne. Well, after this so-called king was born, these very distinguished travelers who practiced astrology came from far away. When I heard they were looking for an heir to the throne, I asked the travelers to find him and let me know where he is, so that I could pay my respects. When those men never came back, I knew I had been hoodwinked. I just lost my mind and had every boy 2 years and under killed. **WHO AM I?**

2. My wife and I recently had a baby and it seemed to get quite a few people upset. I had to take my wife and son to Egypt, where we could take cover and blend in. We stayed there until the king died because he was downright homicidal. After this, an angel told us to go to Israel. When we got there, the crazy king's son was the new ruler. Then I was warned in a dream to take my family and settled in Galilee. **WHO AM I?**

3. My wife and I are getting on in years and she is unable to have children. I'm a priest and we live God-honoring lives. One day, when I was serving in the temple, an angel appeared who said our prayers were answered and my wife would have a son. How could I believe that, as old as we are? Well, because I doubted what he said, the angel made me unable to speak until our baby was born. At the circumcision and naming, everyone insisted he should be named after me, according to tradition. But the angel already told us to name him John. I wrote it down, then I regained my voice. **WHO AM I?**

ANSWERS: (1) King Herod; (2) Joseph; (3) Zechariah



WINTER WONDERLAND OUTREACH MINISTRY

The LFBC General Mission Union continues to share the joy of Christmas in their Winter Wonderland Outreach Ministry, chaired by First Lady Carolyn Love, to struggling families in the Greater Roseland Community Area.

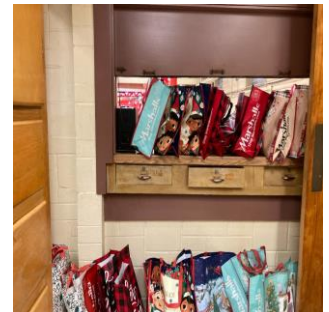
This year, 144 gifts were given out to 26 boys, and 22 girls. Each child received 3 gifts: an outfit, pajamas, and a toy in 21 households. The parent from each household received a gift card and groceries.

The program included Pastor Love sharing the true meaning of Christmas and the 21st Ward Alderman Ronnie Mosely and State Representative Justin Slaughter greeting the children and parents. A hot meal was provided to the families and games for the children to play.

The twinkling eyes and wide grins on the children's faces were priceless, and their parents were very appreciative for all the kindness shown to them.

ISN'T THIS IS WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT? Spreading earthly joy with a heavenly meaning to others.

Many thanks to First Lady Love, the elves, and the Brotherhood Ministry for making this a glorious event.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



GOD'S FRIENDLY CHURCH
LILYDALE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCHSM

CONTACT US – Email: LFBSecretary@gmail.com

Heritage Campus

649 West 113th Street
Chicago, IL 60628-4701

1-773-785-8623 / Office
1-773-928-5683 / Fax

Legacy Campus

424 Indianwood Blvd.
Park Forest, IL 60466

1-708-898-2794 / Office
1-708-964-2183 / Fax

Sunday School

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

Sister Vikki McKenzie, Superintendent



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#



WORSHIP
YouTube:
Lilydale First Baptist



**Text Us
a Prayer
Request**
833-833-9895

The LFBC “CONNECTION” Newsletter

Is the official publication of the Lilydale First Baptist Church. All articles/information for publication should be submitted electronically to:

rubbycooper03@yahoo.com



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

Sis. Ruby M. Cooper,
Director of Publication | Author



Sis. Carolyn R. Comer,
Copy Editor



Sis. YoLynda Jamison
Admin. Assistant

Reverend Dr. Alvin Love, Pastor