## THE HISTORIC TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Twelfth Baptist Church Senior Pastors (Updated)

1848 ~ 2021

Reverend Leonard A. Grimes	1848~1874
Reverend George W. Williams	1874~1876
Reverend William C. Dennis	1876~1880
Reverend Lemuel G. Walden	1880~1885
Reverend Robert N. Fairfax	1886~1890
Reverend H.H. Harris	1890~1891
Reverend J. Allen Kirk	1891~1894
Reverend Alfred W. Adams	1895~1898
Reverend Johnson W. Hill	1898~1899
Reverend Matthew A.N. Shaw	1899~1922
Reverend William H. Hester	1924~1964
Reverend Dr. Michael E. Haynes	1964~2004
Reverend Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.	2010~2020
Reverend Willie Bodrick, II, J.D., M.Div.	2020~Present

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# Agenda

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# **Prayers**

### **Prayer For The Annual Meeting**

Almighty and Everlasting God, We come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together for the Annual Meeting of Twelfth Baptist Church.

We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of love, joy, and enthusiasm. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice. We pray through the power of your Holy Spirit that we are sanctified and governed by you in all that we say and do.

Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that your sweet spirit resonate within us as we reach higher and farther to be the best we can be as a church.

Let us live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and stand as a church on the Solid Rock knowing that the gates of Hell will not prevail against us. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

### **Benediction**

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6~NIV



# Twelfth Baptist Church Mission

### Matthew 28~NIV

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Sprit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In view of the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, in thanksgiving for His great love for us, and in obedience to the Word of God, the mission of Twelfth Baptist Church is to extend the love of God to others through proclaiming the Good News and providing Christ-centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves; to build up the body of Christ through prayer, fellowship, teaching and exercising our faith; and to worship God in our corporate and individual lives.

# **Statistics**

Members as of December 31, 2019		696
Baptisms		004
Sheila Graham	March 04	
John Cooper	September 24	
Lauren Crockton	November 04	
Sonyia Johnson	September 24	
Christian Experience		007
Willia Cooper	September 24	
Wilma Knight	September 24	
Cheryl Norville	November 04	
Charles Obasiolu	March 04	
William Ruffin	November 04	
Carolyn Taylor	September 24	
Anat Tewari	September 24	
Re-Instatements		001
Andrea Newsome-Rooney		
Deaths		007
Elizabeth Cooper	January	
Clarence "Jeep Jones	February	
Gary Dowling	May	
Dorothy Leak-Neblett	July	
Ruby Smith	August	
Leoner Woodson	December	
Harriet Robinson	December	
Members as of December 31, 2	2020	701

## Personnel

### Clergy

Senior Pastor Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. **Associate Pastor** Reverend Willie Bodrick, II Associate Pastor Reverend Jeffrey L. Brown

### Ministerial Team

Minister Elizabeth Crockton Minister Rachel Idowu Minister Ronald Jones Reverend Phillip Ross **Reverend Bernard Spencer** Johnathan W. Singleton Dr. Joshua Bartholomew

Minister Shirley Adams

Darryl Simpson

Minister of Music Youth Minister

### **Administrative**

Assistant to the Pastor Clara T. Bell **Technology Director** Sidney H. Burton, Jr. Fiscal Coordinator Vera L. Franklin Pre School Director Sheila Graham SAMH Corp. Fiscal Coordinator Henrietta Gerald **Property Manager** Joe Hogan After School Program Coordinator

**Elective** 

Christian Education Darryl Simpson Church Clerk Beatrice Gonsahn Maurice Nobles, Jr. Deacons Ministry Chairperson Deaconess Ministry Chairperson Sharon Keyes Missions Ministry Chairperson Markel Crockton Trustees Ministry Chairperson Tommie Campbell, Sr.

Second African Meeting House

Corporation (S.A.M.H.) President Rev. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

# Annual Membership Meeting

January 26, 2020 1:02PM Qty 137

**Opening Prayer:** Unanimously read by all on page 6 of the Annual Report Booklet

Lunch was served immediately following an abbreviated morning worship service, and the Membership Meeting began at 1:05pm with a thank you from Pastor to Sister Clara Bell & Sister Marcella and Sister Lisa for their assistance in putting the annual report booklet together.

Motion to accept Minutes: 1st Deacon Nobles; 2nd Deaconess Woodson.

### **Review of Financial Reports:**

### Balance Sheet:

**Motion to accept report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brother Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deaconess Nobles **Summary:** Reviewed statements. Although we weren't at the target we were aiming for many cost saving/reduction efforts to helped in minimizing the deficit seen in 2019. It was also announced to the church that the Pastoral Health Fund is now the TBC Contingency fund.

**Readiness:** Majority in favor via Amen Motion carries.

### Income & Expense:

Motion to accept report: 1st Brother Burton; 2nd Brother Simpson

**Summary:** Reviewed statements. We are not in a critical period due to the conservative efforts in tracking expenses yet we still need to be mindful of our expenses due to where we are with our tithes and offering.

**Readiness:** Majority in favor via Amen Motion carries.

### Preschool Balance & Expense:

Motion to accept report: 1st Sister Nord; 2nd Sister Matthews

**Summary:** Reviewed statements. Sister Graham provided a summary of Preschool and Pastor thanked Sister Graham and all the preschool staff and our Bookkeeper for their service and superb collection of payments. Pre School also continues to repay the church from a previous loan.

Readiness: Majority in favor via Amen Motion carries.

**Summary:** Reviewed statements. Q&A around balances due, overview of write-offs, bad debt ensued. Thank you to the grant writers form Pastor for the funds brought in.

Readiness: Majority in favor via Amen Motion carries.

# **Annual Meeting Minutes**

### Continued

Second African Meeting House (SAMH) Corporation Balance Sheet:

Motion to accept report: 1st Sister Burton; 2nd Deaconess Stewart

**Summary:** Reviewed statements. Q&A around balances due, overview of write-offs, bad debt ensued. Thank you to the grant writers from Pastor for the funds brought in.

**Readiness:** Majority in favor via Amen Motion carries.

### **Budget Projections for 2020**

2020 Budget was reviewed.

### **Presentation on Current Expenses:**

Review of current expenses with the Financial Officers of the Trustee Ministry. The presentation outlined how the church's checking account to pay current expenses is greatly impacted by received tithes and offerings week over week. It is suggested that for those who follow a guideline to designating where their tithes go, consider having 80%-85% of your tithe go to current and 15%-20% missions.

### **Nomination Committee Presentation**

Deaconesses Ministry, Trustees Ministry, Missions Ministry and Christian Education Ministry. Nominees were presented and completed ballots were collected by the nominating committee.

### **Deacon's Announcement & Pastoral Update**

Deacon Nobles presented and announced the Resignation of Pastor Gerald effective 12/31/2020.

It is with great humility and appreciation that the Deacon's on behalf of Twelfth Baptist accept this resignation.

Pastor Gerald read the letter to the membership with additional context around his activities as he works through 12/31/2020 like the Dawson Family Kitchen.

A copy of the resignation letter was provided to the Church Clerk

Motion to adjourn moved by Pastor; 2:57 PM unanimously accepted.

**Closing Prayer & Benediction**: Read by Reverend Willie on page 6 of the Annual Report Booklet

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Gonsahn, Church Clerk

### The Thirteenth Senior Pastor

'This is my Bible and this has been my guide to living'!

The Bible says in Joshua 24:15:

And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell- But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

For the last sixteen years I have served as your Interim Pastor (5  $\frac{1}{2}$  years) and Senior Pastor (10  $\frac{1}{2}$  years). This has been God's divine calling and my honor and privilege to serve my Twelfth Baptist Church family.

At the Annual Church Meeting of 2020, the Lord placed it upon my heart to announce to our membership that I would be retiring as your Senior Pastor. As the year progressed, we moved the Pastoral Study Committee to the Pastoral Search Committee, under the oversight of Deacon Maurice Nobles, Jr, Chairperson. The Pastoral Search Committee determined that it would conduct an internal search and if not successful, would conduct a nationwide search. By the grace of God, only one internal candidate applied and was presented to the church and said candidate was presented to the church for a ballot vote. Of the over 400 members of the church who voted, only two votes were recorded in the negative. This resulted in over 99% of the voting members voting affirmatively for the Reverend Willie Bodrick, II as the 14th Pastor of the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston. This was not only God ordained but also historic and has allowed the church to move forward to new pastoral leadership without rancor, bitterness or strife! Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

As 2020 moved forward to conclusion, the church prepared for a peaceful and providential transition of pastoral leadership! As I conclude my tenure in pastoral leadership for this historic church, I am grateful and thankful for all that has transpired; the good, the not so good and the difficult which has caused me to reach out to God and depend upon Him more because without Him I never would have made it! I am so grateful to my family and far too many others to name, who walked with me, walked beside me and undergirded me. But more importantly, I am grateful to those who prayed for me and had me on their minds and in their hearts for they shall remain in my prayers and in my heart forever! With this report the baton of pastoral leadership has been passed from your thirteenth pastor to your fourteenth pastor.

May God bless you, Pastor Bodrick, my pastor, and keep you and your family as you lead The Historic Twelfth Baptist Church to the Promised Land!
Respectfully and Humbly Submitted,

Your Thirteenth Pastor Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

## ~ Reverend Dr. Arthur Thomas Gerald, Jr. Announces Retirement Plans~



Reverend Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.



Reverend Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. and Associate Pastor Willie Bodrick , II



Deacon Maurice Nobles, Jr., Deacon Markel Crockton, Sr. Pastor Arthur T. Gerald , Jr. & Rev. Willie Bodrick, II



Deacon Nobles, Deacon Crockton and Associate Pastor Bodrick, II support Pastor Gerald

### ~The First Family~



Mrs. Devin Cromartie Bodrick, Willie "Tre" Bodrick, III, Willie Bodrick, II, Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. & Mrs. Henrietta Gerald



Arthur Michael Gerald, Alana Gerald, Mrs. Henrietta Gerald and & Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.



Trustee Arthur Michael Gerald, Assistant Treasurer



Reverend Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr., Alana Gerald and Arthur Michael Gerald



Mrs. Devin Cromartie Bodrick, M.D., Willie Bodrick, III and Reverend Willie Bodrick, II, J.D., M. Div.



Willie Bodrick, III and Reverend Willie Bodrick, II



A LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR REV. WILLIE BODRICK, II, J.D., M.Div.

### Dear Brothers & Sisters:

I first give honor to God, who through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, has brought us by His grace into 2021. I am humbled and thankful that God has called me to serve as the fourteenth (14th) Senior Pastor of the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church ("TBC") as we charge into this next era of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, worshipping, and serving our community. What a privilege it is to serve in a pastoral chair that has been passed down by such great church leaders as Thomas Paul, George Black, Leonard Grimes, George Washington Williams, Matthew AN. Shaw, William Hunter Hester, Michael E. Haynes, and my beloved predecessor, Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. First Lady Dr. Devin Cromartie Bodrick, Willie "Tre" Bodrick, III, and I love each of you and look forward to growing with you.

We have now smoothly transitioned from the thirteenth pastor to the fourteenth pastor, but I will be forever grateful to our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr., Lady Gerald, and their children, A. Michael and Alana. Their love, care, and concern for TBC and my family are ties that bind. I thank God for Rev. Gerald's sixty plus years of service to our church and I pray for him as God uses him in his next endeavors.

TBC, we have faced some very difficult times in 2020 where were plagued by COVID-19 and I thank you for your resilience, faith, patience, and most importantly your prayers. This year came with both loss and recovery to the body at TBC. We were forced, as so many churches and institutions were, to make drastic changes in response to the virus. Though these were unprecedented times, I was vested with the task of leading the congregation through the COVID-19 pandemic, which required various operational and fiscal implementations, and a manifold of executive decisions. We enabled the church to fully function on various online platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Zoom, Tithe.ly, and PayPal.

With God on our side, we were able to both continue our ministries and services, as well as increase our viewership and engagement to over a thousand weekly viewers from across the country and the world. Because of these changes we were able to sustain TBC beyond our expectations and end our fiscal year in the black because God provided in the face of this pandemic.

I know that we miss hugging and sharing in person, but we will continue to have a limited capacity services until it is safe to gather at full capacity again. Nevertheless, we are thankful and excited for all the new ways that we will continue to do the work of God. I want to especially thank our Audio Visual Ministry (NV), Central Office, Financial Office, Ministerial Staff, Music Ministry, Diaconate, Missions, Trustees, Ushers, Kingdom Keepers, and every ministry of TBC for serving to the Glory of God. We would not have made it without each of you.

Also, we were blessed to be a blessing to others and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. First, I want to give a special shout out to Food Pantry that weekly feed upward 200 families per week since the beginning of the pandemic. We were able to continue our missions work in Rotan, Honduras and bless the orphanage that we have been sponsoring for the last few years with food, clothing, and other resources as they faced recovery from the pandemic and a hurricane. Also, during this difficult time we were able were able to give over \$250,000 to community members and organizations during this pandemic and host the Sustained In the Shutdown efforts to address housing, food, job insecurity, and as well to assist in healthcare needs.

Last, as we journey together, I pray that you keep God first in all that you do and continue to prioritize TBC. I pray that we as a church embrace a spirit of grace and flexibility as we continue to monitor safety protocols and church operations. Pray for our meeting today and for the new officers that will be chosen to lead in this body in 2021.

Together, let us begin this year knowing that God is doing a new thing at TBC even in challenging times. More importantly, let us remain faithful knowing that God is on our side and His presence is with us. So my prayer for every member of TBC is found in the words of the Lord to Moses in Numbers 6:24-26,

"The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance

upon you, And give you peace."

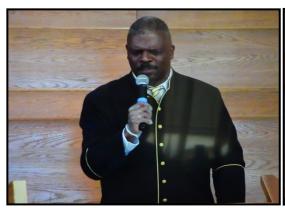
Yours in the abundant love of Jesus Christ,

Rev. Willie Bodrick, II

Senior Pastor

**Historic Twelfth Baptist Church** 

## ~Ministerial~















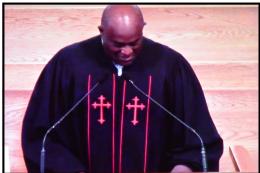




Minister Elizabeth Crockton

Minister Rachael Idowu





Reverend Jeffrey Brown

Reverend Bernard Spencer



Dr. Joshua Bartholomew & Reverend Willie Bodrick, II



Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Reverend Willie Bodrick, II, Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. & Reverend Jeffrey Brown



Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.



Mrs. Henrietta Gerald & Mrs. Janyce Murray

# **Deacons Ministry**

### 1 Corinthians 1~NIV

<sup>4</sup>I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup>For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all you're speaking and in all your knowledge. <sup>6</sup>Because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup>He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord is faithful.

### Mission

To build on the foundation of Jesus Christ by modeling a life acceptable to God and the church, and that is worthy of imitation by other Christians.

To extend the love of God to our Pastor by assisting him in providing Christ centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves. (1Thessalonians 5:11)

To build up the body of Christ by modeling for the church members, God's compassion, kindness, mercy and love. (Colossians 2:9-10)

To help lead the Church in worshipping God in our corporate and individual lives. (John 4:23)

### Activities

The Deacons Ministry continues to support Pastor Gerald in fulfilling the mission statement of the church.

As the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) changed the social norm of the church, the Diaconate stood with the Pastor, as he reformed the way the church and its ministries worship and also helped to assure that the spiritual welfare of the church stayed strong in the Lord.

Relationships between the deacons and the deaconesses continue to strengthen as we ask God's blessings on the harmony, love, and support shown to each other.

# **Deacons Ministry**

### Continued

The chair continues to encourage the Diaconate to reach out to our shepherding teams and the church at-large during these uncertain times.

### **Comments**

Through all the changing scenes of 2020 in trouble or in joy, God has continued to remain faithful to the Deacons as well as the church, and our Pastor. We are grateful for God's continual grace and mercy as we face a pandemic. The Deacon Ministry continues to remain strong and steadfast as we uplift our Pastor's hands in praise during this time.

Even though we were saddened to receive the letter of retirement from our Pastor, in unison we lift our voices to say well done good and faithful servant. Praise God for whom all blessings flow.

His blessings continue to flow with the election of the Pastor Elect, Willie Bodrick, II. Our hearts are forever grateful and God has shown us that surely goodness and mercy will continue to follow us, and his compassions they fail not.

Officers: Maurice Nobles, Jr., Chair

Michael Brathwaite, Vice Chair Warren Montgomery, Secretary

**Deacons:** Markel Crockton

Learie Blackwell

Sherman Bartholomew

Howard Henry James Grant

**Honorary Deacons**: Edwin Wright

Hozel Murray

Emerson Brathwaite.

# **Deaconess Ministry**

### Colossians 4~ASV

<sup>6</sup>Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

### Ecclesiastes 3~ASV

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup>a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

### **Activities**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 describes the challenges we all had to face this year. Through these challenges, we have re-examined what is important and we must continue to pray without ceasing.

The Deaconess Ministry stepped up to the plate in learning how to use technology to communicate and conduct our monthly meetings. I am *very* proud of the Deaconess Ministry. I would like to thank our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Gerald, in scheduling training for the leaders to learn the new norm, and to continue to work in our ministries.

Here are a few highlights from the Deaconess Ministry for 2020:

- ◆ April First Virtual Zoom Monthly Meeting on April 11
- June Deaconesses sent an orchid to Deaconess Hazel Stevens.

# **Deaconess Ministry**

### Continued

• October A virtual retreat was held on October 3. The theme was

"Redeeming Time". It was chaired by Deaconess Callie

Walters and Deaconess Flora Trotman.

November The Deaconesses gave tributes to First Lady Gerald on

November 14 and held a virtual tea honoring her.

December A virtual Christmas Party was chaired by Deaconess

Charlotte Harris and Deaconess Mildred Rogers. Deaconesses dressed in holiday fashions, sang

Christmas carols and recited poems. It was a wonderful

day to end the year.

• December On December 19, our beloved prayer warrior and song

bird, Deaconess Leoner Woodson, transitioned from earth

to glory. She will be truly missed by our Deaconess

Ministry. Well done, good and faithful servant.

The Deaconess Ministry continues to send cards to our

sick & shut-in.

**Deaconesses** Deaconess Callie Walters, Deaconess Stephanie Janey

Deaconess Rayann Batchelder

Officers Deaconess Sharon Keyes, Chairperson

Deaconess Flora Trotman, Co-Chairperson

Deaconess Robin Cook-Nobles, Secretary

Deaconess Gwendolyn Stewart, Assistant Secretary

Deaconess Charlotte Harris, Corresponding Secretary

Deaconess Mildred Rogers, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

Deaconess Sharon C. Keyes, Chairperson

# Trustees Ministry

Proverbs 16:3~ESV

<sup>4</sup>Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

### Mission

The Trustee Ministry serves with the purpose of efficiently managing the liquid and fixed assets of the Church to financially meet the goals and objectives of the church body. The Trustee Ministry oversees the financial matters of the church according to God's design for handling the resources He provides for His Church. Trustees are assigned to Trustee Standing Committees and responsible for preparing the necessary reports for the Church body.

### **Activities**

◆ God continues to be faithful to the church as witnessed by an increase in donations, grants, tithes and offerings. Income is up and expenses are down. Our on-line congregation has grown and have made significant financial contributions to the Church. We continue to give thanks to God for his faithfulness as we continue to address the necessary capital improvements for the building and grounds of Twelfth Baptist Church.

Projects that have been completed this year include the following:

- In house computer system installation of new software and server
- Updated telephone system
- New boiler conversion from oil to gas heating at MLK House
- 142 Warren Street heating system was addressed
- Contract signed to repair damage to the fascia board
- Continued contract for snow removal

### **Comments**

The Trustees greatly appreciated the assistance and support received from the Central Office and Fiscal Coordinator staff. Isiah Floyd and Skip Janey resigned as members of the Trustees.

# Trustees Ministry

### Continued

Officers: Tommie Campbell, Chairman

Clarence W. Bell, Jr., Vice Chairman

Winston Bodrick, Clerk

Bobbie Boykin, Financial Secretary Marcella Dix-Brown, Assistant Clerk A. Michael Gerald, Assistant Treasurer

Sandra Hines, Treasurer

Trustees: Robert Dennis

Isiah Floyd

Allen Gentle

Jeffrey Jackman

**Arthur James** 

William (Skip) Janey

Paul Locker

Anthony Lopez, IV

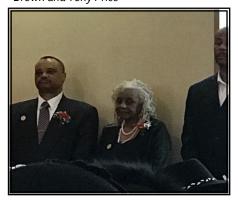
Michel Morency

Jay O'Neal

Tony Price

Michelle Spratling

Trustees Tony Lopez IV, Marcella Dix-Brown and Tony Price



Installation of Trustees and Diaconate



Deacons Sherman Bartholomew, Learie



# Missions Ministry

### Galatians 6~NIV

<sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

### Proverbs 3~NRSV

<sup>27</sup>Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

### Missions

The ministry is committed to prayerful outreach to individuals communities and organizations, by proclaiming the resurrected Jesus Christ and helping to meet the temporal needs of others.

### **Activities**

Our focus has been on responding to the needs presented to us on the local, national and international level. We are reminded to share the blessings God has bestowed upon us and encourage the work of others beyond the walls of Twelfth Baptist Church.

Some of the areas of concentration for Missions in 2020 were:

- Supported and collaborated with Deaconess Sharon Keyes with her mission campaign to Honduras under the leadership of Rev. Rupert Solomon. The barrel shipped included food items, clothing Bibles, Christmas cards, and a monetary gift for each young male in the amount of twenty dollars. Sister Keyes was able to ship one barrel to Honduras in December. Prior to the shipment of the barrel, a monetary gift of two hundred dollars was donated to the orphanage.
- Participated in monthly meetings with the Honduras Missions committee, together with Reverend Rupert Solomon around ways we can support the orphanage as well as plans for the upcoming mission trip to Honduras.

# Missions Ministry

Continued

### Angle Tree Celebration

The Missions Ministry held its annual Angel Tree social distancing gift distribution on Saturday December 12. The Covid-19 Pandemic did not allow us to mingle with families, make arts and crafts, sing Christmas songs, or treat families to a sit down meal at the end of the program. Although the children received their gifts, we had to socially distant, allowing a few families at a time into the building. Based on the list we received from Prison Fellowship, we were assigned 80 children, but only sponsored 71 children, with a total of 40 families from the Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan area. We were able to reach out to 35 families, with 4 families unable to contact.

In spite of the rainy Saturday morning, 25 families came to receive their gifts with additional gifts donated by Rev. Bodrick's fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, Inc. For those families who were unable to attend the event, phone calls were made to set up a time to pick up their gifts at the church or have the gifts delivered to their homes. Moreover, several attempts were made to contact families we were unable to reach by phone. The Missions Ministry would like to thank TBC members for their support by helping to share Christ's love with the families of incarcerated parents.

### 2021 Initiatives

- Continue to maintain, support and strengthen Home, Community and Global initiatives
- Continue to support and strengthen the needs of the food pantry especially during the pandemic
- Continue to support the financial and spiritual needs of the church and members
- Continue to support the orphanage in Honduras (i.e. shipment of barrel with food, clothing, and other miscellaneous items)

# Missions Ministry Continued

- Continue to participate in monthly meetings with the Honduras Missions Committee, to plan for the upcoming missions trip to Honduras, at the Majken Broby Children's Home
- **Revamp Prison Ministry**

### Membership

Markel Crockton, Chair Marlene M. Gibbs. Co-Chair Violet Britton, Secretary Stacey Isles Brako, Correspondence Secretary Dorritt Marshall, Assistant Secretary Marylyn Blackwell, Treasurer Shirley Johnson, Assistant Treasurer Ramona Irving Eslyn Williams

Humbly Submitted, Marlene M. Gibbs, Co-Chair





TBC Food Pantry Distribution



TBC Donations to Community



Reverend Bodrick, II and Reverend Jeffery Brown (c)

# Second African Meeting House Corporation

Affordable Housing • After School/Summer Enrichment • Community & Youth Outreach

The Second African Meeting House Corporation (SAMH) is committed to offering decent, affordable housing and outreach to members of our community. Our complex consists of 16 units, 140 – 148 Warren Street, 3-5 Moreland Street and 23 Moreland Street. There are 4 one bedrooms, 2 two bedrooms, 9 three bedrooms, 1 five bedrooms and 3 commercial units.

Despite the pandemic of 2020, The Board of Directors of Second African Meeting House Corporation was able to meet monthly. All the meetings from April through December were held via Zoom. At each meeting, the board members were updated regarding the different entities. After School Program/Summer Programs, Property Manager, President, and Financial Reports.

### 2020 Highlights

Property Manager – Most of the year, we had no vacancies. One 3-bedroom apartment was vacant for 8 months. As of December 31, the complex was fully occupied. We have begun installing new windows in all apartments. Two assistant property managers, who live in apartments in the complex, have been hired to assist Joe Hogan, the Property Manager. Mr. Hogan was thinking about retiring and moving out of state. The assistants are William Ruffin, a union plumber and Gerald Green, a general contractor. Throughout the year, minor repairs were made in some apartments; and all apartments continued with an extermination program. Long term goals – replacing pipes in the basement; continue installing new windows; looking at replacing the apartment gas stoves with electric stoves which may end up saving the corporation money.

President's Report - As of now, Pastor Gerald will remain the President of SAMH Corporation for the next few years. This will give Pastor Bodrick a chance to concentrate on being the Senior Pastor of Twelfth Baptist Church. Pastor Bodrick will remain Vice President of the corporation. Mr. John (Jack) Cooper, a new member of Twelfth Baptist Church, has joined the SAMH Board. He has expertise in the area of housing. During the pandemic, we will not be evicting tenants for nonpayment of rent. We will suggest organizations to them which may help them with back rent. Most of our tenants are current with their rent.

## Second African Meeting House Corporation

### Continued

Boston Southwest Association donated a scholarship grant for children from Warren Gardens to attend either the After School Program and Preschool. The Spot, for our young people, in MLK House was renovated. But due to the pandemic, it did not get much use in 2020. Our biggest disappointment was that our Summer Program was unable to get approval from EEC (Early Education and Child Care) to open. Paperwork was not submitted in a timely manner. In addition, the After School Program lost about \$8,000.00 for the year. Had we been open one day in July, we would have been paid for the entire summer through Child Care Choices of Boston. This was very unfortunate. It was the first time in 20-30 years that we did not have a summer program for children in our community.

After School/Summer Programs - We are working on the relicensing of the program. The Program was however able to reopen in October under the EEC Reopening guidelines. Currently there are 7 children attending the program. Some children attend a full day daily, some children are on a hybrid model and some children are on an after school schedule. Children Care Choices of Boston is paying the children's tuition and has extended the tuition payments for the entire school year. The program is practicing social distancing and all children must wear masks. Each child has a "private" work station, computer/tablet and earphones. Coach Darryl Simpson monitors the children's school work, interacts with their teachers and assists children with homework. The program follows the Boston Public School schedule. The program is open 8:30 A.M. until 3:20 P.M. with after care to 6:00 P.M. Dr. Joshua Bartholomew and Coach Simpson are working to increase the number of children attending the program. They are also working on a Summer Program schedule.

Financial - The Corporation is in a good financial position. We have been able to pay our bills and remain current on all of our liabilities. Even during the Pandemic, our tenants were paying their rents and because of this, we have a strong balance sheet.

# Second African Meeting House Corporation

### Continued

Most of the programs under SAMH's umbrella made money - Housing, Community Outreach, Youth Ministry Outreach. As mentioned previously, the Summer Enrichment Program and the After School Program lost money. We were also able to continue to make payments to TBC on the long term loan. SAMH has truly been blessed this year. We will submit our books for our Annual Review as required by Eastern Bank who holds the mortgage on 23 Moreland Street

President Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. Vice President Rev. Willie Bodrick II

Treasurer Sandra Hines
Clerk Clara T. Bell

Financial Coordinator Henrietta Gerald Members Arthur F. James

> Arthur-Michael Gerald Paige Thompson

Joe Hogan

William (Skip) Janey Tommie Campbell

Edwin Wright Learie Blackwell

Dr. Joshua S. L. Bartholomew

John (Jack) Cooper

Assistant Property Managers William Ruffin

Gerald Green

# **Christian Education Ministry**

2 Peter 3~NIV

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. <sup>18</sup>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

### Mission

The mission of the Christian Education Ministry is to invite people and communities of faith to be transformed as they are inspired and challenged. Ministries and/or programs under Christian Education currently include:

### Adults

School of the Bible

Sign Language

Sunday School

African American History Committee

**New Members Ministry** 

### ♦ Children and Youth

Baptist Youth Fellowship

Children's Choir

Christian Pre School

City Strings (Cello)

College and Career Fellowship

Junior Church

Nursery

Scholarships Afterschool Enrichment Program

Scouts

Summer Enrichment Program

Youth/Young Adult Choir

# **Christian Education Ministry**

### Continued

During 2020, we welcomed the Youth Minister, Dr. Joshua Bartholomew to the Christian Education Ministry. In March, in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all in person activities were reduced and we moved to remote worship and fellowship. During this new remote worship experience, we were encouraged by the Word to "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18). We utilized the Zoom platform to continue inviting members to grow in their Christian faith. Three key ministries include Sunday School, School of the Bible, and Helping Young People Excel (HYPE) offered through Youth Ministries. We also coordinated with the Central Office and Audio Visual Ministry to update this information on the TBC website. Another area of focus was to revitalize ministry check-ins, where Christian Education members volunteered to liaise with our ministries and provide updates on ways we can support their fellowship remotely. This built on our charge in 2019 to formally connect with each ministry and learn ways we could support their spiritual and budgetary needs. We also discussed strategies to engage new and existing members in our programming by developing a more comprehensive ministry webpage. Closing out the year, we discussed providing our youth and children with care packages, including Bibles and Sunday School workbooks to nurture their spiritual growth while we revamp the children and youth programming.

In addition to continuing Christian Education programming, our members also supported ministries within the church. Given the need to support our community during the pandemic, Bro. Darryl Simpson and Sis. Edythe Copeland volunteered at the Food Pantry. Additionally, following Pastor Gerald's announcement to retire as Senior Pastor, Dr. Stacey Lawrence served on the Pastoral Search Ministry from March until August.

As this year comes to a close, we are thankful for the faithful participation of our members. In particular, we thank Bro. Eric Gonsahn and Sis. Zina Nord for their years of commitment to the mission and vision of Christian Education. In addition to her many years of service in the Christian Education Ministry, Sis. Brenda Richardson served in an advisory role this year and we are grateful for her continued support.

# **Christian Education Ministry**

### **Continued**

Lastly, we praise God for the compassionate leadership of the Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald. His wisdom, from his time in the Ministry to Senior Pastor, was a true blessing and we pray God's continued blessing on him and the Gerald family in the next chapter of their lives.

### 2021 Vision and Goals

Under the leadership of Rev. Willie Bodrick II, we will prayerfully build on our foundation and support his strategic vision for Christian education. Key areas include:

- collaborate with Audio Visual Ministry to increase online our presence based on needs of our membership,
- develop Christian programming for the entire family (with focus on men, women, youth, and children) throughout the week
- improve coordination of the entire Sunday School curriculum discuss revisions to the strategic plan

Prayerfully Submitted,

Darryl Simpson, Chair

Dr. Stacey Lawrence, Vice Chair

Zina Nord, Secretary

Alma Wright, Vice Secretary

Dr. Devin Cromartie Bodrick, Treasurer

Edythe Copeland, Vice Treasurer

Brianna Forde, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent

Eric Gonsahn

Dr. Joshua Bartholomew

### **Adjunct Members**

Karen Wier, Sunday School Superintendent

Michael Brathwaite, Deacon Representative

Michel Morency, Trustee Representative

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation



Boston Mayor Walsh, Suffolk County Sheriff Tompkins, Boston City Council President Kim Janey and other officials



Honorary Deacon Hozel Murray ~ Worships: Ferrietta Gerald and Ms. Aisha J. Murray





Deacon Herman Henry and Mrs. Paula Henry



Mr. & Mrs. Dawson, Ms. Vera Franklin



### **Christian Education**

# Sunday School Ministry

Colossians 3~KJV

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;...

This year we saw unprecedented and unparalleled changes locally, nationally, and globally with the arrival of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Such sweeping changes, including social distancing, required us to reimagine and to reenvision Sunday School, as we knew it. We found ourselves in uncharted waters, as we navigated our course toward the future.

In January, Sunday School was open to in-person learning for classes of all ages. In March, all TBC Sunday School in-person classes were suspended due to the pandemic and to safeguard our membership. (Elementary and middle school classes were suspended as well.) TBC Sunday School switched to a virtual, remote learning format for high school and adult learners. Both teachers and students had to familiarize themselves with the new Zoom platform for video and telephonic communications. The advantage of Zoom soon became evident. Teachers and students were able to communicate from the comfort of their own homes. Moreover, Zoom allowed us to reach a larger audience: Those who were not physically in the Commonwealth could participate also.

Min. Rachel Idowu, Min. Ronald Jones, and Rev. Bernard Spencer led our Zoom Co-Ed Adult Class. This class studied the Book of Job and the Book of Hebrews. Min. Elizabeth Crockton, Sis. Leola Phillips, and Sis. Karen Wier led the Adult Women Class. The Adult Women studied the Book of Nehemiah and the Prayer of Jabez. They are currently studying the Book of Ezra. Dr. Joshua Bartholomew instructed the high school students in a HYPE program.

In October, we had Teacher Appreciation Month. At that time, all the teachers on the roster received Target gift cards and donated, devotion journals. In December, the Sunday School held a virtual Christmas Program entitled, "A Christmas to Remember."

### **Christian Education**

# Sunday School Ministry

### Continued

During the Christmas Program, there were teachers and students of all ages in attendance. The program included singing, poetry reading, scripture reading, and teaching about the birth of Jesus. All program participants received Target gift cards in celebration of Christmas.

Although faced with a pandemic we could neither have foreseen nor anticipated, we did not skip a beat, but we continued to teach the living, inspired, infallible, and inerrant word of God to eager students. As we embark upon the 2021 school year, the TBC Sunday School Ministry is here to support and to foster Christian growth and maturity among the Body of Christ, through the knowledge of the Bible, our source and our guide.

To God be the glory!

Karen Wier, Superintendent of Sunday School, Brianna Forde Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School

The Holy Bible



The Holy Bible



### **Christian Education**

# Youth Ministry

### Psalm 119:9

<sup>9</sup>How can a young person stay on the path of righteousness? By living according to God's Word.

### Mission

The mission of the Christian Education Ministry is to win the souls of our young people for Christ. Ministries and/or programs under Youth Ministry currently include:

- Afterschool Enrichment Program/Remote Learning Center
- ♦ Children's Choir
- Children and Youth
- ♦ Helping Young People Excel (HYPE)
- Iunior Church
- ♦ Scouts
- Summer Enrichment Program
- Sunday School
- Youth Choir

### **Activities**

In January 2020, renovations for The MLK House, or "The Spot," were officially finished, and we opened "The Spot" for weekly HYPE Meetings. HYPE (Helping Young People Excel), is a teen development program begun by Dr. Joshua Bartholomew in September 2019 and has been meeting on Wednesdays of every week. Sunday Junior Church for the youth and children of TBC was also begun.

In March 2020, in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, HYPE activities were moved to remote Zoom meetings from 5:30pm to 7pm, whereby the Youth Ministry continued our curriculum of Biblical Literacy, College Readiness, and Political Education.

#### **Christian Education**

### Youth Ministry

#### Continued

Continuing a partnership established in 2019, the Youth Ministry worked closely with Dr. Emmet Price and Gordon-Conwell Seminary's flagship initiative, #EQUIP, by attending workshops and networking with prominent Youth Ministries in Greater Boston, every month in 2020. Through the partnership with #EQUIP, Dr. Bartholomew crafted a grant proposal for HYPE and secured \$10,000 funding for youth programming at TBC.

In August 2020, Dr. Bartholomew became the Program Director of TBC's Afterschool Enrichment Program, reporting updates in monthly SAMH Board Meetings. Darryl "Coach" Simpson became the Site Coordinator. We officially opened the Afterschool Enrichment Program on October 14, 2020. In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines and Early Education and Care safety restrictions, we converted the Afterschool Program into a remote learning center and setup the space to accommodate the appropriate amount of young people and educators. Donna Litz administered our renewal visit on November 17, 2020 and approved the status of the Afterschool Enrichment Program.

#### Comments

As 2020 has come to a close, we are thankful for the steadfast leadership of The Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald. His wisdom was a true blessing, and we pray God's continued blessing on him in the next chapter of his life.



Darryl "Coach" Simpson Christian Education Chairperson



Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Youth Minister

# Youth Ministry Continued

#### 2021 Initiatives

Under the leadership of The Rev. Willie Bodrick II, we will prayerfully build on our foundation and support his strategic vision for Youth Ministry. Key areas include:

- Launch Sunday School lessons for youth ages 12-18
- Extend capacity to young people outside of the church
- Centralize virtual board for announcements to young people
- Develop Junior Church curriculum for youth and children
- Build Youth Ministry team and strengthen high school core
- Revamp Website for TBC Youth Ministry

Prayerfully Submitted,

Joshua S. Bartholomew, Ph.D.

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Youth Pastor



Rev. Willie Bodrick, II, Rev. Jeffrey Brown and Dr. Joshua Bartholomew on Graduate Sunday



Pastor Dr. Gerald, Rev. Brown, Dr. Bartholomew, Rev Bodrick, II, J.D., M.Div.

## **Audio Visual Ministry**

### Romans 10 ~KJV

<sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

#### Psalms 51 ~NIV

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

#### Mission

To distribute the sound and visuals of church worship and special services throughout the sanctuary and various church facilities.

To utilize various media technologies to publish the Word of God, outside the walls of TBC.

#### Vision

To be a multimedia research and learning center for the Christian community.

The Audio Visual Ministry of Twelfth Baptist Church continues to give glory to God for His faithfulness in 2020. The 2020 pandemic caused us to exercise change, and learn to implement live steaming as a new normal of our worship and other AV services. We solicit your prayers for helpers that see the value of this ministry both for their kingdom service, and talent growth, (The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few... Matthew 9:37 ~NIV).

### Highlights

- Major Live Streaming
- Started During Holy Week and has continued faithfully to support the online ministry of Twelfth Baptist Church. Facebook page "TBCBoston" and YouTube.com channel "Twelfth Baptist Church" are the primary content delivery networks

## **Audio Visual Ministry**

#### Continued

- Streaming system software, cameras, along with video and audio interfaces were purchased, and operated from the Sanctuary Balcony.
- Known households reached weekly averaging over 400 known and greater unknown due un-countable referrals.
- Instagram streaming was started in December 2020
- Assisted Church with update to church phone system.
- ♦ BNN-TV Broadcast, the "Lighting the Community Broadcast" on BNN-TV-23 Comcast and RCN remains strong in its Sunday Night 9:00 p.m. time slot for more than 40 years.
- Our website can be found at <a href="www.tbcboston.org">www.tbcboston.org</a> find dates, information, and the word of God from our pulpit.
- Links to TBC streaming and giving can be found on www.tbcboston.org
- Recorded Services, the AV Team recorded more than 62 services events, since March recording is done on our streaming software.
- Visitor CDs and DVDs, as required in respect of safety guidelines
- Sick and Shut in DVDs, as required in respect of safety guidelines

#### **Members**

Administrative Rev. Arthur T. Gerald Jr., Sr. Pastor, Clarence Bell, Trus-

tee and Editor Michael Brathwaite, Deaconate.

Team Leaders Sidney Burton Jr. Director, Brenda Richardson,

Co-Director

Full Time Alma Wright; Jefferson Roach, Markel Crockton

Valarie Jean Brown-Johnson

Photography Denise Burton

Sales & Distribution Clarence Bell, Stephanie Janey, Book Shelf

Broadcast Team Anthony Creary; Brenda Richardson, Brianna Richardson,

Jefferson Roach, Sidney Burton Jr.

Other Members Bryan Richardson, Valarie Jean Brown-Johnson,

George Richardson

Honorary Members Heather Brathwaite; Frances Chalmers; Ruthie Phillip

# **Audio Visual Ministry**

#### Continued

We continue to thank God for His favor and solicit your prayers and support for the vital TBC and Kingdom ministry.

**Humbly Submitted** 

The TBC Audio Visual Ministry Sidney H. Burton Jr., Director Brenda I. Richardson, Co-Director



Church Council Zoom Meeting



Easter Simulcast Announcement

### ~Audio Visual Ministry~





















# Church Women's Fellowship

#### Proverbs 31~NIV

<sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

#### Philippians 2~NIV

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my job complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Thank God, we began the year as we usually do with our Annual Yankee Swap event in January. Our "Love in Action" event in February was a success as we sent twenty two boxes with gifts to our college students. We also provided gift packages to homeless folks in our community.

In March we set measurable goals of what we wanted to accomplish. We planned to grocery shop for at least three of our seniors, send "thinking of you" cards to the women and to mentor younger church members. This was all disrupted by COVID-19, but with God's grace and mercy we made adjustments and thought of other ways to accomplish the goals we put in place.

Because of COVID-19 we were not able to meet in fellowship in March. Thank God we resumed meeting in April via telephone conferencing. Together we reconnected and talked about our worries and anxieties around COVID-19. Unfortunately one of our sisters in Christ succumbed to COVID -19 this year. From the month of May on we met in fellowship via ZOOM. We laughed and cried together as we shared stories about how grateful we were that God provided in spite of the challenges the year brought.

# Church Women's Fellowship

#### Continued

In October we celebrated our 60th Anniversary of the Women's Weekend at TBC by reflecting on sixty years with an historical timeline and pictures. We had over sixty women who attended the weekend's events from prayer meeting on Friday night to Saturday's virtual brunch via ZOOM. Our guest speakers were Deaconess Robin Cook-Nobles and Minister Elizabeth Crockton. We received many testimonies from the women. Willia Cooper, one of our newest members, wrote "Having two dynamic keynotes and accompanying stories from women on how they are spiritually living through these turbulent times was soul healing."

We also celebrated First Lady, Henrietta Gerald tenth year as First Lady of Twelfth Baptist Church and welcomed our new First Lady, Devin Cromartie-Bodrick.

Our meeting topics are always biblically based as we learn together about what God's message is for us in service to the women of TBC. It is my prayer that we will continue to support and encourage one another in Christ as we fellowship together.

Yours in Christ

Paula Henry, President

President of the Twelfth Baptist Church Women's Fellowship



Women's Weekend



Sis. Murray, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald, Sis. Henry

## Men's Fellowship

#### Romans 10 ~KJV

<sup>14</sup> How then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

#### Greetings Family,

The Men's Fellowship of Twelfth Baptist Church thanks God for His keeping power, grace and favor that He continues to grant the men of Twelfth Baptist Church. We may be few in number, but that reminds us to depend on the Lord and not on ourselves.

Our constant desire is to be more effective in building the relationships between the leadership and male laity as well as provide more opportunities for relationship between church brothers and the community.

Due to the pandemic many of our physical meetings and activities were put on hold, or conducted on Zoom due to social distancing and safety concerns raised by public health officials in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The current slate of officers completed the first year of their two-year term. They are:

Sidney Burton Jr., President, Tony Lopez, Vice President Eric Gonsahn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Warren Montgomery, Secretary Markel Crockton, Asst. Secretary, Darryl Simpson, Treasurer Anthony Creary, Correspondence Secretary Jeffrey Jackman, Asst. Treasurer

#### 2020 Highlights

- Theme: for 2020 "First Responders Preparing for The Journey"
- Gift Cards, for College Students
- Laymen's Weekend Theme, "First Responders Preparing for The Journey"
   Colossians 1:10

# Men's Fellowship

#### Continued

Zoom Webinar

Panelists: Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Rev. Willie Bodrick II, Rev. Jeffrey Brown, Sidney Burton Jr., Tony Price, Darryl Simpson, Rev. Arthur T. Gerald Jr.

Special Guest Presenter: Boston Police Commissioner William G. Gross, presented with special commissioned artwork canvas of Commissioner Gross by Brother Anthony Creary.

Sunday Speaker - Rev. Arthur T. Gerald Jr.

- Men's Powerhouse Group Meetings, Various Monday Evenings
- Monday Evening Bible Fellowship: Held weekly on Monday evening 7pm to
   9pm
- Monthly Business Meetings: presentation meetings 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am
- Retirement: of Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald Jr.
- ◆ 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Elected: Rev. Dr. Willie Bodrick II was elected and mentored by Rev. Gerald for commencement of tenure on January 1, 2021
- Honorary Member Named: Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.
- Gerald Family: presented with special commissioned artwork of family on canvas by Brother Anthony Creary.

In summary 2020 was a year of national unrest due to government leadership, racial injustice, as well as health, family loss and economic challenges.

Inside TBC we experienced a gracious and peaceful transition of pastoral leadership led by Rev. Arthur T. Gerald Jr.

The men of TBC look forward to the new season of ministry at the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church, under the fourteenth Senior Pastor, Rev. Willie Bodrick II.

# Men's Fellowship

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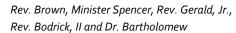
We give glory to God for what He has done, is doing, and will do in, through and with his TBC men.

Amen, Amen, and Amen...

In Christ Jesus,
The 2020 Men's Fellowship Officers



Brother Woodson, Rev. Bodrick, II, Dr. Bartholomew







Honorary Deacon Emerson Brathwaite and Trustee Jeffrey Jackman on Men's Sunday



TBC Brothers on Men's Sunday

### Senior Ushers

Psalm 34~KJV

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ.

As doorkeepers in the house of Twelfth Baptist Church, we are overjoyed to be servants of the Most High God. We feel blessed that God chose us to be doorkeepers, in His house, at this time. As doorkeepers during the COVID19 virus, we were able to:

- Welcome all who entered through the doors of this historic church, with warm courteous smiles and Jesus joy.
- Direct you to a seat (with social distancing in mind).
- We continue to strive to make your experience a pleasant one.
- We further strive to support our pastor and you, our fellow believers.

The ushers' ministry is seeking new members. Please feel free to learn more about our organization by attending a meeting. Our ministry meets via ZOOM on the first Wednesday of each month. Our meeting consists of:

- Welcome all who entered through the doors of this historic church, with a warm courteous smiles and Jesus joy
- Fellowship with one another
- ◆ Time of PRAYER
- Review suggestions
- Discuss the art of practicing radical hospitality
- We also discuss other related church issues
- Our hearts desire is to support our church financially.

### Senior Ushers

### Continued

We are a group of sixteen members:

Mamie Dorsey-O'Neal

Anna Ekpenyong

Frances Glenn-Chalmers

Sandra R. Hines

Clarence Hogan

Jeffrey Jackman

Wanda Hale Jones

Sonia Lawrence

Edna Little

Dorrit Marshall

Walter Mitchell

Olga Morency

James Pinckney

Deloris Rodriguez

Dorothy (Mae) Smith

**Gwendolyn Stewart** 

Honorary Usher ~ Charles Dawson

### Respectfully Submitted



