

FIRST THINGS

A Newsletter of the First Baptist
Church of Trenton

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A SEASON OF CHANGE Pastor Rev. Powell



September is here where our season changes from summer to autumn.

Eventually the leaves on the trees will turn from green to an assortment of colors such as brown, yellow, red, and burnt orange. Changes will take place as the season shifts. All yesterdays are passed away and a new day will dawn. As we know change is inevitable because nothing remains the same. As I think about these changes of seasons, I've come to the realization that sometime we need to make changes in our lives for the better. Are there any places in your life that needs to change? If so, are you going to seek to be better than you were yesterday?

Even more exact, are you going to make any changes in your life so you can be a better servant for the kingdom of God. I ask because change has always been the message that Jesus preached throughout His ministry. He wanted us to deny our ways in order to become what God wants us to be. In Luke 9:23, Jesus tells us, "If any man or woman will come after Him, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross daily, and follow Him." Jesus is suggesting that as we seek to be more like Him, we're supposed to make changes daily. It's not a onetime effort, but an ongoing process. In fact, as we change to be more like Him, we must realize that our change or transformation for the kingdom of God should be a lifestyle. Now, the question for you may be, "how do we become more like Jesus"? Well, I

Committee Members

Please remember to attend your meeting:

Christian Ed – First Sunday of the month
Trustees – Third Sunday of the month
Deacons – Last Sunday of the month



**Sunday school begins
Sept. 9th**

ESL - TBA

believe Paul sums it up in Philippians 2:5. He said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." This is important because it seems he is suggesting that in order for us to become what God wants us to be, there must be a shift in our thinking. No longer can we think how we previously did. We have to be kingdom minded which comes from having a mindset like Jesus. Now, the question may be, how do we acquire a mindset like Jesus? Well, I believe it starts by having a better understanding of Jesus which only happens by having a better relationship with Him. The more we engage in a relationship with Him, this will result in us having a mind more like His. The only way this will happen is by reading His Word, believing His Word, praying, and fasting. If we do these four things, change is inevitable. So people, if we want to change for the better, a better life in Christ, a better life that has the ability to impact the lives of others, we have to go through a season of change.



A Song of Change

For I'm trapped by my inability to go forward
Like a guitar player with one guitar string playing one chord
For my life is like the same old sad song
One I've been singing long and wrong

Lord knows I would like to change my unchanged melody
Something that's inspiring that will set me free
No longer being confined by my desolate repertoire
I want to be like the music of the Pied piper through the air I'd soar

It's time to rewrite the lyrics of my life
Something that's upbeat and moving in time
Using every musical note climbing the scale of my mind
For a new song is starting to fill my life

A song that's able to make my wrong's right
For His name is Jesus the Christ

So now I'm no longer restrained by my past pain
Because I now dance to the Song of Change

Written by
Pastor C Nadir Powell



Announcements: Health Clinic

A free Health Clinic will be provided for the community at FBCT in the later part of October. Time and date TBA

YouTube Movie

Nick Travers has produced the first ever Karenni-Karen-Burmese-American movie available now on YouTube. The name of the movie is "The Mystery of Spirit Manor." Some of our youth have a small part in the production. Please support his

production.

<https://youtu.be/7Km7AGKcBDg>

Overcomers Outreach

Our new program, Overcomers Outreach Ministry, will be at 7:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of every month. If there's anything that you need to overcome that's been a stumbling block in your life, please come out and get empowered.

Senior Ministry

Hamilton Grove senior ministry is August 19 at 2pm. Rev. Powell will provide senior ministry every other month, on the 3rd Sunday. (October and December)

New Outreach

Rev. Powell will be starting a new Outreach/Evangelism to help spread the word and invite people to church from our surrounding community. More details coming soon.

ABCNJ Annual Session

ABCNJ Annual Session will be on September 29, 2018. The theme this year is "It's A New Dawn." Session will be held from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency on 102 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ. 08540. Please go online for more information.

Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the bible? If so, please come join Powell on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 7PM, for bible study.

Newsletter

We would love to have more people contribute; articles, poems, stories, news, etc. to our newsletter. All information is due by 15th of each month. Please email information to fbctsecy@yahoo.com

Conference Prayer Call

Our conference call prayer line has started. Each Monday at 6:30 am, you will be able to join Reverend Powell on a conference call as he offers prayer. What a great way to start your weekday. Just dial 1-641-715-3580 and when prompted put in access code 365513. Remember, prayer is power.

Donation

FBCT has added a donation button... You can donate directly to our church from wherever you are using a credit card or money. Money is sent through PayPal to keep it secure. Just click on the shop now button. If you would like your donation to go towards a specific area, please note that when making the donation. This button has also been added to our website.

Hallelujah Singers

The Hallelujah Singers are looking for more singers. If you are interested, please see Rev. Powell after the service. The singers perform on the 4th Sunday of the month.



AN INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER

Food Pantry
We are always looking for donations for the food pantry. Due to safety and food preservation, we can only accept canned goods. Please leave donations in the box right inside the sanctuary door.

Pews
It has come to our attention that envelopes, bibles, hymnals, prayer request cards, etc., have been scribbled on and left on the floor. Everything belongs in the rack. Please use these for their intended purpose only. Please be respectful of the church and clean up after your children.

Every other month we will be profiling a member of our church community. Please feel free to submit your story and we will submit it in a future edition of our newsletter.
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Absentee member Alan Wildblood has lived in Berlin, Germany, since 1971. He was born in Trenton in 1943, grew up on Quakerbridge Road, attended Mercerville and Klockner schools and Rutgers University and graduated from Steinert High, Moravian College and the University of

Missouri. He studied journalism and German.

Alan is descended from founding FBC member “saintly” Hannah Keen (1735-1823) of Second Street; church clerk and deacon Gershom Mott (1785-1848) of Nottingham Township, Burlington County; diaconate chairman, clerk, Sunday school teacher and coal merchant Samuel Bennett (1866-1936) of Belmont Circle; FBC Girl Scout leader and telephone operator Dorothy Bennett (1906-84); and accountant, trustee and deacon Harold Wildblood (1913-2000). Alan accepted Christ in the Green Cathedral during his first of six summers at Camp Lebanon, was baptized at Easter 1955 by Rev. John Peterson. After a season of doubting, Alan hit the

sawdust trail during the Billy Graham campaign at the Trenton Armory in 1957.

Until going away to college in 1964, Alan was very active in the church of his ancestors. He was BYF vice president; a delegate to a youth conference in Green Lake, WI, in 1960; assistant Sunday school superintendent for one year, mainly conducting Bible quizzes from the platform. Alan non-soloed in the church choir for six years and played on the YMCA church league basketball and softball teams. He dressed for church Halloween parties as a Thanksgiving bank, Schaefer beer can and a bug in a rug.

In high school Alan excelled at Latin. He read the Bible given him by the Sunday school

primary department on Rally Day 1952 from cover to cover in the course of 16 months, noting the dates he devoured each chapter. The begatitudes (Genesis 5 and 10) were endured from November 21 to 22, 1959. He still prefers the King James version.

Before retiring in 2007, Alan worked in Berlin in data processing, translation and film subtitling. Previously he wrote on sports for the *Bethlehem Globe-Times* and made potters' tools for Lee Wildblood Company, 1420 Hamilton Avenue, Harold's company, which employed a dozen FBC members from the 1960s to 1980s.

Since 2003 Alan has been researching FBC history and began drafting chapters for this envisioned publication

when he turned 70. His other interests are European soccer (rooting for Dortmund), bicycling vacations and family history (www.wildblood.org). Favorite eats include Jersey tomatoes, Maryland crabs, Maine lobsters, Thuringian bratwurst, Belgian mussels and homemade perogies.

When in New Jersey Alan visits the church where he was brought up and he continues to contribute a pensioner's mite to the church. He married Maria Stempak from Krakow, Poland, and lives with her in a third-floor apartment in the former American sector of Berlin. You are all welcome to visit them. Alan begat only one child, Wenonah, who has musical theater degrees from a Munich college and from New

York University. She and her mother were raised Catholic, have attended First Baptist services on numerous occasions at felt at home there. Encouraged by the present chorister, Wenonah sang solos at FBC several times.

Alan proudly identifies with Trenton's First Baptist, as it was in his youth and in its much more diversified present, and fervently hopes to see many more member sketches in this newsletter.

BAPTIST CAMP LEBANON

At camp we have many needs above what we are budgeted for. Donations impact every aspect of Camp Lebanon. \$10 or \$10,000, every gift is appreciated. Unless otherwise designated contributions are appropriated to where they are most needed.

There are many options when donating. You can decide to make a one-time donation or to become a monthly partner.

Another way would be to donate an item from the [Wish List](#) or to [send a child to camp](#).

All donations to Baptist Camp Lebanon are tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration.

We're now able to accept Online Donations. This will open in a new window and afterwards will take you to ABCNJ's website.

At the bottom of the page is a drop down menu that says "Please Direct My Donation To:" Please be sure to do this to direct your donation where you want it within the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. Thanks so much for your support.

Please Send Donations To,
Baptist Camp Lebanon
Web Donation
79 Blossom Hill Rd
Lebanon, NJ 08833

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/7 Ronia Green
9/10 Andrew Kang
9/14 Minnie Juah Wilson
9/15 Grace Musoke
9/17 Angeline Wilson

9/21 Bella Nwokoma
9/23 Ketch Kase
9/28 Keeva Kase

My Summer Work at Baptist Camp Lebanon

This was our tenth year at Camp Lebanon and our first working there. The duration of the work was seven weeks and we enjoyed every minute of it.

Christian worked in the kitchen and Alexander worked in maintenance. Each of us learned an amazing amount of information as well as responsibility. We lived at camp for the seven weeks and made a lot of new friends. We enjoyed giving back to camp while earning money. We were unsure how the experience would be going from camper to worker. It put quite a few things into perspective. It takes a lot to keep the camp running. You need to be a responsible hard worker to keep the camp running smoothly. There are a lot of behind the scenes activities that everyone does and by working together, it gets done. We hope to go back next year!!

Alexander and Christian
Johnson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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23/30 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship 30TH Deacon's Meeting	24 5:00 STSK	25 5:00 STSK	26 5:00 STSK	27	28	29 10:00 ESL

All Things Bright And Beautiful Word Search

This is a bit of a challenge but get Mum and Dad to help!

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September

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